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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Steve Socolosky

Hello to all our EAA 166 Members and Student Members!

Our next meeting will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 23th at 10:00 AM, at Brainard Airport (KHFD) up in our meeting room in H1. Please enter through the Hartford Jet Center main lobby and SIGN IN. We are one week earlier than usual due to the following weekend being Easter.

As I explained at our last meeting, we were not selected to receive the Ray Scholarship this year, but we will certainly apply for it again next year and we will continue to grow our Chapter with aviation enthusiasts!

One way we continue to grow our Chapter is by promoting Young Eagles at the New England Air Museum. A few of our Student Members who are Young Eagles, shared their experiences when they flew and became Young Eagles at the "Women Take Flight" event, held a few weeks ago. Thank you to Isabella, Kaitlin and Julia (and their parents!), along with our Young Eagles Coordinator, Manu, and Brenda and Norm Rossignol! This continues to be a great opportunity for us to spread the Spirit of Aviation! Not only did Isabella, Kaitlin and Julia relate their thrill of flight to future Young Eagles, but they also engaged the many women pilots at the event and made many connections to help guide them on their journey to becoming a pilot!

Continuing with our promotion of Young Eagles at the New England Air Museum, we will once again promote and sign up Young Eagles at the Museum's "SPACE EXPO" event on Saturday, April 27th! You can learn more [HERE!](#)

Holy cow! Our RV-12 is up and standing on its landing gear! Check out Build Leader Rick Montero's update on our RV-12!

Finally, please join us on March 23rd, when our Ray Scholar, Logan Vidal, will share his experiences as a Ray Scholar and explain the many challenges and rewards on his journey to become a Private Pilot!

See you all on Saturday, March 23rd at Brainard Airport!

Thank you and BLUE SKIES!

Steve

NEXT MEETING

**March 23,
2024, 10:00am**

**EAA 166 Meeting
Room in H1**

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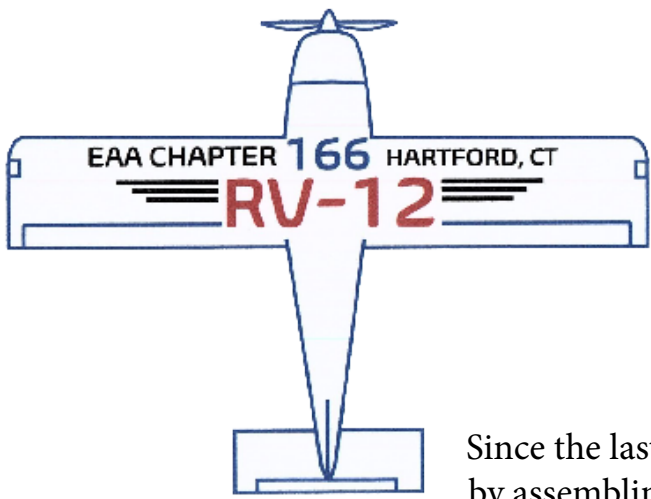
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EAA 166 RV-12 BUILD UPDATE

update and photos from Rick Montero

Since the last update, the RV-12 Build Team has made good progress by assembling the wheels, installing the nose and main landing gear legs, wheel axles, installing brake lines, and the engine mount. The main wheel axles suffered from a Toe-in condition, so 3/4° shims were installed to bring the axles into alignment. Service bulletin SB-00023-REV 1 was also completed with the installation of the WD-1221-1 Engine Mount Standoff. Following installation of the landing gear, the fuselage was lowered onto its wheels so the airframe is now standing on its own legs...a major milestone in our build!!

Over the next few weeks, we will fill and bleed the brake lines, install the fuel tank and start work on the canopy.

If you wish to join the build team, we meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in Hangar 2 at 6:00 p.m. All prospective RV-12 build team participants must be members in good standing of EAA Chapter 166. Please contact me at rick.montero@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in participating in our build activity.

Rick Montero
EAA166 RV-12 Build Team Leader



Left: Nose wheel, gear leg, and engine mount following installation.

Above: Kai Trenkner and Seth Varrato next to RV-12 after it was lowered onto its main gear.

Right: Brake line installed on left wheel.





Left: Kai Trenkner and Jackson Howarth standing next to installed Nose Wheel and Engine Mount.
Right: Nate Claudio de-burring wheel fairing mounting plate under the guidance of Steve Oakley.



Left: Jude Murphy installing the main wheel axle nut under the guidance of Mark Welch.
Right: Main gear axle and shim installed to correct a Toe-in condition.

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build updates on our
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BUILD SPOTLIGHT

from Larry Anglisano

Powering up a new avionics suite for the first time is a big milestone in any build project, with a lot of work to get to the long-awaited stage that brings a kit to life. To capture the big event with RV-10 and EAA166 member Mark Welch, EAA166's Larry Anglisano had cameras rolling for part of one this chapter Build Spotlight, while Welch had some words of advice for other builders. [WATCH HERE.](#)



NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM CORNER



Isabella, Julia, Kaitlin, Manu, Brenda and Norm engaged many at New England Air Museum's latest event "Women Take Flight"

Jackson Howarth and Aiden Long take Young Eagles flights!





Did you fly an interesting route this month? Land for a good \$100 hamburger? We want to hear about it! Submit any photos to [THIS NEW DROPBOX](#) to be featured in our monthly newsletter column, Member Activity!



EAA 166 Members Josh Snow and his son Trevor flew out to have breakfast/lunch at Greenwood Lake (4N1) in New Jersey. They have a Constellation permanently there—it's now the office for the skydiving operation there. Fun flight and really good meal too (S'mores Pancakes).



“You almost hit me!”