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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310

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## Next Meeting

**Wednesday August 9th, 2017 – 7:00 P. M.**

Lower Pilot Lounge at Skylark Airport

There will be a free hamburger and hotdog cookout for members and guests beginning at 6:15. Come early for dinner.

## Next Event

**Saturday August 19 – Corn Roast & Cookout**

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

We get the freshest corn available. Picked the morning of the event. Also hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill. Chips and soda too.

It's all you can eat for a \$7.00 donation

## 2018 Membership Renewals

Renew your chapter membership through the online store at <http://www.eaa1310.org/store>, or mail a check payable to EAA Chapter 1310 to the address at the bottom of this page. We'll get your membership card back to you.

Save the hassle of renewing every year, and save some money. We now offer a 3 year membership for \$60. Save \$15.

## Chapter Clothing

New chapter logo T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats are in, and will be available at our next meeting and event.

Purchase items online at our [store](#).

**Credit cards can now be used for purchasing memberships and clothing at our meetings and events.**

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's that time of the year again, time for nominations for Chapter Officers.

None of the offices are difficult or require a lot of time because we do receive a lot of help from our members. Fresh ideas are good for all organizations and ours is no exception. If you have some ideas you would like to see implemented, let us know.

*Our nominating committee chair is Paul Cappa. Please give him your support filling our slate.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

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There was no Board of Director's Meeting in July.

## EAA CHAPTER 1310 MEETING MINUTES

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Date: July 12, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Jack Olsen, President, at 19:02 hours. 15 Members were present.

### **Project Updates**

No progress reports given.

### **Routine Business**

**Secretary Report:** Accepted as published

### **Treasurers Report:**

Total General Fund: \$20,450.17

Witkin Memorial Fund: 2,359.52

An additional \$450 in donations was received in Bob Plourde's name

**Membership:** 41 paid, 2 new members

**Property Report:** No update.

### **Old Business**

#### **Hanger**

No update on the contract Shawn is working on.

## **New Business**

The upcoming schedule is as follows:

7/15 Pancake breakfast

8/19 Corn roast

9/14-9/17: B-17 Flying into Hartford (volunteers needed)

9/14: Simsbury Fly-In

9/25: Simsbury Fly-in rain date

9/30: Annual Skylark Taildragger Seminar

Blast Fence: We have to thank Brian Boles for donating the manpower and expertise to make the blast fence look fantastic. Thank you!

The business portion of the meeting ended at 19:16.

Jim Simmons gave a fascinating talk on his "from plans" home built GP-4; what a beautiful aircraft.

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## **Treasurer's Report - July 31, 2017**

MAIN Account Gross Balance	\$ 21,928.27
Soda Machine / PayPal Account Balance	831.48
TOTAL All Balances	\$ 22,759.75
Reserved Balance	
Witkin Memorial Fund	\$ 2,359.52
TOTAL GENERAL BALANCE	\$ 20,400.23

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## **JETS AND VETTES CAR SHOW AT NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM**

The New England Air Museum will host a Jets & Vettes Car Show on Sunday September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Chevrolet Corvettes are welcome to show. All in attendance have the opportunity to take a photograph with one of the Museum's historic Jets. Registration begins at 9:00a.m.; show field gate closes at 3:30p.m. Show Car admission is \$20.00 for the driver and one passenger, museum admission is included. General admission to the museum includes admission to the car show. Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Vintage and Best of Show. All proceeds will benefit the New England Air Museum's Aircraft Restoration. Rain Date: Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

*The New England Air Museum is the largest aviation museum in New England comprised of three large public hangars, outdoor exhibits, and more than 100 aircraft ranging from early airships and flying machines to supersonic jets and helicopter. NEAMs mission is to celebrate and preserve New England's air and space heritage. The museum offers special events and programs including open cockpits, flight simulators, and tons of hands-on family fun. The New England Air Museum is located on 36 Perimeter Road (off Route 75) on the North end of the Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Conn. For more information please visit [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org), call (860) 623-3305 or find us on Facebook.*



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## **SIMSBURY Fly-In and Car Show – September 20th**

Hi, Fellow EAA'ers

Could you please let your members know that we will be holding the 32nd Annual Simsbury Fly-In and Car Show on Sunday, Sept. 17 (rain date 9/24). Be advised that the FAA will have special arrival procedures in effect for the show. These are described, along with lots of other info about the show, at [www.simsburyflyin.com](http://www.simsburyflyin.com). Click on the Pilot Info link for the arrival procedures.

We expect 750 display airplanes and cars, 15,000 spectators, and about 150 businesses participating as Sponsors, advertisers, and exhibitors. Here's an overview of this year's activities, with more to be added:

- World War 2 B-17 Bomber Flyover
- Flying Tigers artifacts and seminar by New England Air Museum
- Gyrocopter demonstration flight
- Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome - World War 1 aircraft
- Airplane Rides: AT6 World War 2 Trainer, and Waco Biplane
- Aerial Banner Tow Pickup and Drop-off demonstration
- Radio Control Model Airplane Aerobatics
- The Real Story of the JFK, Jr. Accident - Presented by the NTSB
- Yankee Clippers Formation Flying Team
- LifeStar Medivac Helicopter on display - Come meet the crew
- Powered Parachute demonstration (winds permitting)
- The United Flying Octogenarians gathering - (Pilots age 80+)

- Live Music
- Ben and Jerry's and many other specialty food vendors
- New Cars and Airplanes on display by their dealers
  
- Judging and trophies
- Kids' activities - Kiddeland, face painting, and more

We welcome any aircraft for display, but especially encourage EAA'ers to bring their antique, homebuilt, or unusual aircraft. If you're proud of it, let's see it !

Best  
 Bill Thomas  
 EAA 324

## OSHKOSH PRESS RELEASES

Here are links to many of the Oshkosh press releases. Our readers may find some that are interesting.

Another Airventure is history, but in case you didn't get to every press conference or receive every press release the Exhibitors issued, well, here's a list of what went on.

As with all 121five.com stories, these press Releases are direct from the issuers, unedited, unmolested, so you can tailor them to your audience without fear of using someone else's edited edition.

Of course, if you have questions, need additional artwork, etc., feel free to go directly to the issuer cited in each PR. Please mention that you saw their PR at 121five.com.

- [Airmate, the free and social flight planning app celebrates its US launch at Oshkosh](#)
- [Stratolaunch, Carbon Fiber, and Homebuilts - Scaled Composites' Sunday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [Levil aviation agrees to collaborate with Detour Flying Cars](#)
- [Ever wonder what you are flying over? Flyover Country™ has an APP](#)
- [Two Days Left In Summer Sale](#)
- [Stratolaunch, RC, and Homebuilts - Scaled Composites' Saturday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [SUPERBIRD PAINT RESTORATION SYSTEM NOW AVAILABLE AT AIRCRAFT SPRUCE!](#)
- [Surface mount solution now available for panel mounting an iPad](#)
- [ROCK STEADY UNIVERSAL WING STRUT MOUNT AND RUBBER STRAP](#)
- [Blue Sky Network Now Available At Aircraft Spruce](#)
- [Lift Aviation Now Available at Aircraft Spruce](#)
- [Red, White and Blue/Shooting Star](#)
- [Stratolaunch, RC, and Homebuilts - Scaled Composites' Friday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [Round Engines that Spin - New Rotaries for Early Aeroplanes](#)
- [Rough Jungle Airstrips? No Problem! MAF Airplanes Are a Lifeline for Those in Remote Areas](#)
- [Open Flight Solutions and DroidEFB Partner To Reduce GA Costs, Enhance Safety](#)

- [Embry-Riddle Worldwide, CETYS Partner to Meet Growing Aerospace Industry in Mexico](#)
- [Phillips 66 Aviation Names Inaugural Winner for Flight Training Award](#)
- [Eric Whyte Named Recipient of Phillips 66 Aviation's EAA Young Eagles Leadership Award](#)
- [Cuba Welcomes Experimental Aircraft](#)
- [Gogo Business Aviation makes connectivity affordable for light jets and turboprops; plans starting as low as \\$39 per month](#)
- [SUMMER SALE ENDS SOON](#)
- [Scaled President Ben Diachun talks Scaled Philosophies at EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Scaled Composites's Thursday showcase](#)
- [MROinsider.com is creating buzz at Oshkosh!](#)
- [CEO XYLON SALTZMAN RETURNS TO ONE-G HEADQUARTERS TO CONCLUDE FAA APPROVAL ON SWISS12](#)
- [Lighter-Than-Air in the Great War](#)
- [Proteus aircraft celebrates 19th Birthday at EAA Airventure!](#)
- [Embry-Riddle and City of Prescott Team Up to Host Airshow, Tech Fair, Fly-In](#)
- ["THE HORNET'S NEST"](#)
- [EAGLE CREEK AVIATION SHOWS G950 GARMIN TWIN COMMANDER, 2016 TECNAM P2006T AT EAA AIRVENTURE & PLANS TO GIVE AWAY FREE ADS-B INSTALL & OTHER PRIZES](#)
- [Stratolaunch, RC, and Homebuilts - Scaled Composites' Wednesday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [one-G simulation's Creative Solutions Studio Unveils Torrance44 Prototype at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)
- [DARcorporation Announces Reseller Agreement with Research in Flight for FlightStream Aerodynamics Software!](#)
- [Flying on the Western Front - 1917](#)
- [Ag Planes Are Becoming Popular At Air Shows](#)
- [Embry-Riddle Offers Cybersecurity Certification to Protect Industry from Hackers](#)
- [Aircraft Spruce is your source for THE CLAW](#)
- [Samson Motors unveils Switchblade flying sports car prototype](#)
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- [Hartzell Propeller and Raisbeck Engineering Team Up for Better Performing King Air 350s](#)
- [Belite Introduces Safety Enhancing Fuel / Water Discriminator: Groundbreaking product instantly detects presence or absence of fuel; Indicates if water is detected.](#)
- [Belite Previews Engine Monitoring System: Low cost system captures engine information to display on vivid LCD screen](#)
- ["COMING HOME, ENGLAND 1943"](#)
- [GlobalFlyer, Proteus, RC, test flight, and more – Scaled Composites' Tuesday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY TO HIGHLIGHT ITS COLLEGE OF AVIATION AND VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE DURING EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2017](#)
- [Aircraft Spruce's Poberezny Estate in Oshkosh](#)
- [Soloy/SMA Compression-Ignition Powered C182 Travels 1485nm to EAA on 8.5 gals/hr](#)
- [Companies combine strengths to provide total product solution](#)
- [SPRUCE'S OSHKOSH PAGE](#)
- [ZEN PILOT - FLIGHT OF PASSION AND THE JOURNEY WITHIN](#)
- [ICON Aircraft Delivers Six A5s to Customers](#)
- [AIRCRAFT SPRUCE 2017 CATALOG IS HERE](#)

- [Innovative Solutions & Support Partners with Blackhawk Modifications to Distribute and Install Retrofit NextGen Flight Deck and Integrated Autothrottle for the King Air 200 and 350](#)
- [The New Zenith Aircraft Magazine is Now Available](#)
- [Announcing The Zenith Banquet Dinner - Thursday July 27th](#)
- [Schweiss Doors to show new product development at Oshkosh](#)
- [Soloy Debuts SMA Compression-Ignition C182 & Offers Special Pricing](#)
- [Embry-Riddle Hosts Drone Cage Obstacle and Speed Course at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh booth 2126](#)
- [Samson Motors unveils Switchblade flying sports car prototype](#)
- [Winners Tied: Two Aviation Scholarships Awarded](#)
- [Phillips 66 Aviation Launches New Mobile App](#)
- [Tungsten Bucking Bars - Midwest Tungsten Service, Booth 4121 in Hangar D](#)
- [Building Aeroplanes of the Great War, Then and Now](#)
- [Production of Sopwith Aeroplanes and Gnome Rotary Engines Resume after 100 Years](#)
- [WELCOME TO OSHKOSH!](#)
- [Belite Aircraft's "Chipper" 2-Place Experimental Arrives at EAA17. Now faster with increased useful load](#)
- [Detroit Flying Cars unveiling their concept prototype July 24 10am at the EAA Innovation Center](#)
- [FreeFlight Systems offers RANGR ADS-B lease program during EAA AirVenture](#)
- [Proteus, composites, and test flight – Scaled Composites' Monday EAA AirVenture showcase](#)
- [Samson Motors unveils Switchblade flying sports car prototype](#)
- [NEW Zenith STOL CH 750 "Super Duty" with added rear seat and "Unpanel" design for maximum space, utility and technology](#)
- [China GA Specialist Francis Chao Explains Developments in China's GA Industry and Announces an Industry Consortium led by the Flight School Association of North America](#)
- [Ready for Liftoff In Hangar A Booth 1030](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [MROinsider.com to give away Factory Direct Model Gift Certificate to aircraft owner/operators registering for the website at EAA Airventure Oshkosh!](#)
- [Astronics Ballard Technology Will Preview the Vertical Power Primary Power System \(PPS\) at AirVenture](#)
- [EAA AirVenture Attendees Offered Special on Cessna 172/182 Parachute Recovery Systems](#)
- [Samson Motors unveils Switchblade flying sports car prototype](#)
- [Hartzell Propeller Expands Global Footprint](#)
- [Hartzell 2-Blade Aluminum Scimitar Prop Approved as Replacement for Cardinal RGs](#)
- [Hartzell Propeller, Raisbeck Engineering Plan Joint Press Conference at EAA 2017](#)
- [Ever wonder what you are flying over? Flyover Country™ has an APP that can let you know. Working with Aero1217, a new aviation innovation company, Flyover Country™ comes to EAA's AirVenture 2017](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [Kick Off AirVenture with Flying Musicians](#)
- [Approach Aviation Announces FlexAlert Multi-Function Annunciator](#)
- [Maintenance Website Revolutionizing Aviation Industry](#)
- [Dare to Fly Apparel at EAA 2017](#)
- [PPG](#)
- [Mooney International Provides One-Year Subscription to SiriusXM Aviation Weather & Audio with Purchase of All New Aircraft](#)
- [BendixKing Pavilion #292](#)

- [uAvionix reveals SkyBeacon-the first zero-install ADS-B Out Solution](#)
- [Air Tractor Brings the AT-802A to AirVenture Oshkosh 2017](#)
- [FIRST 7-bladed composite full feathering reversing propeller on a General Aviation Airplane designed by MT-Propeller](#)
- [FAA STC for Twin Commander 690 / 695 Series with 5-blade MT-Propeller MTV-27](#)
- [AEA to award \\$1,000 toward an ADS-B Out installation to five aircraft owners at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)
- [AEA's 2017-18 Pilot's Guide to Avionics unveiled at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)
- [The Abingdon Co. Reveals New Products for 10 Year Anniversary at Airventure](#)
- [AMAZING FIND - Battle of Britain](#)
- [Capt Santa Claus Aviation Gifts, "Everyone's Favorite Pilot" guarantees fast delivery with many unique gifts at your finger tips! For pilots and aviation enthusiasts of all ages.](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [DroneTerminus To Showcase 'Last Mile Solution' At EAA Air Venture](#)
- [GAMA Fights Air Traffic Control Privatization at AirVenture](#)
- [GAMA to Highlight Hybrid and Electric Propulsion Technology at AirVenture](#)
- [Dual Electronics to debut XGPS170D Dual-Band ADS-B Receiver](#)
- [Phillips 66 Lubricants Becomes the Premier Sponsor of Aerobatic Flight Team](#)
- [Garmin® unveils revolutionary, cost-effective retrofit autopilots for general aviation aircraft](#)
- [Garmin® introduces another unique, cost-effective solution to ADS-B Out for general aviation](#)
- [Garmin® introduces industry-first, all-in-one portable ADS-B and SiriusXM Aviation receiver](#)
- [Garmin® brings unique style and increased functionality with the next-generation D2™ Charlie aviator watch](#)
- [Garmin Pilot adds synthetic vision to Android mobile devices](#)
- [AWI Set to Launch New E-commerce Website](#)
- [New Beechcraft and Cessna PMA Exhaust Stacks](#)
- [SALE through 30 July](#)
- [SPOT SATELLITE DEVICE REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE WITH 5000 RESCUES WORLDWIDE](#)
- [Need to Weld? - Midwest Tungsten Electrode, Booth 4121 Hanger D](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [TCW Technologies receives FAA approval for Back-up Battery Systems](#)
- [Cessna Owner, Piper Owner magazines team with sponsors for Get-It-All Giveaway](#)
- [LIFT Aviation Continues Growth as a Leader in Innovative Aviation Products](#)
- [MYGOFLIGHT ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE TO MGF](#)
- [DON'T MISS SKYCHICK'S PHOTOBOOTH FUN AT AIRVENTURE](#)
- [CHARGING STATIONS AT EAA FOR CELL PHONES & MOBILITY VEHICLES](#)
- [Human Touch® to Showcase Exciting Product Lineup at the Experimental Aircraft Association \(EAA\) AirVenture Show](#)
- [DOCOL ULTRA HIGH STRENGTH STEEL AN ALTERNATIVE TO 4130 CHROME MOLY - VISIT WITH A.E.D. AT BOOTH 1054 TO LEARN MORE.](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [Tungsten Bucking Bars - Midwest Tungsten Service, Booth 4121 in Hanger D](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence providing tower-like services for smaller airports around the world](#)
- [Release® Aviation Cleaner](#)
- [This is it](#)
- [BEAT THE HEAT AT OSHKOSH 2017](#)



- [TEXAS TURBINE CONVERSIONS ANNOUNCES 100th TPE331-12JR ENGINE MODIFICATION](#)
- [Frasca Reports Strong Demand for Flight Training Devices \(FTD\) from Collegiate Flight Training Colleges and Universities](#)
- [RFSC offers free Rotax information sessions at Airventure 2017.](#)
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- [EarthX now working with Safari Helicopters](#)
- [EarthX and Backcountry Supercubs are working together!](#)
- [EarthX and Murphy Aircrafts working together!](#)
- [SEAREY ATD UPDATE](#)
- [EarthX and Zenith Aircrafts are working together!](#)
- [EarthX batteries is now working with Pipistrel Aircraft!](#)
- [EarthX now available in the all new Van's RV-12is!](#)
- [THE UNEXPECTED AND EXCITING VULCANAIR V1.0](#)
- [Strong Para-Cushion Event Pricing & Other News!](#)
- [The latest news and developments in China GA](#)
- [A.E.D. Aviation Products introduces professional quality welders with 115V power requirements. See us at booth 1054](#)
- [Guardian Avionics Unveils smartPlane System – an iPad-Based Multifunction Display & Flight Data Recorder with AHRS and Voice Command Capability – an MFD for Under \\$1000 for Your FAA Certified Aircraft](#)
- [New simulator makes Oshkosh debut](#)
- [Alsim opens US office, comes to OSH](#)
- [DCX MAX Cockpit Simulator Demo's](#)
- [RFSC offers free Rotax information sessions at Airventure 2017.](#)
- [Free Pain Relief Tube Offer](#)
- [MIRACHECK COPILOT IS THE FUTURE OF AVIATION SAFETY](#)
- [Best LSA Value](#)
- [Oshkosh Is Not The Time To Feel Under The Weather. Stop To Get Your Fix Booth 748](#)
- [Sonex Aircraft AeroConversions Product Line Introduces Rotax Engine Mount Attach Bars](#)
- [Helicopter Flight Training in Hawaii](#)
- [NEWEST ADDITION TO LIGHT SPORT - AEROSPORT S-L600. MORE AFFORDABLE WITH CUSTOM OPTIONS](#)
- [Oxygen for Safely Flying Higher, Flying at Night and Flying Longer](#)
- [NEWEST ADDITION TO LIGHT SPORT - AEROSPORT S-L600. MORE AFFORDABLE WITH CUSTOM OPTIONS](#)
- [Desser's 31/11.00-10 4 ply Bigfoot Tundra Tire & Grove Wheel Deal](#)
- [Eurocast Premium Line Induction Cookware](#)
- [Outbound and Raven News](#)
- [Enter to win \\$50,000 in windows and doors](#)
- [Gemco Offers Hourly Piston Engine Programs](#)
- [Free Torque Tool Verification](#)
- [SCHWANKE-KASTEN AND BREITLING WILL BE AT EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH FOR THE 18TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR Breitling's Legendary DC-3 Aircraft and Iconic Pilot Watches to be Presented](#)
- [PRESENTATION](#)
- [Oshkosh Special - \\$149 Stratux Dual Band ADS-B Receiver w/ GPS and AHRS](#)
- [Sonex Aircraft, LLC Holds 14th Annual Open House and Homecoming Fly-In July 23rd in Oshkosh!](#)

- [Alpha Systems AOA: Helping Pilots Fly Safer, One AOA at a Time](#)
  - [Merlin PSA Quick-Build Kit Earns FAA 51% Approval](#)
  - [RAPCO introduces their New FAA-PMA RA2J4-X Series Pneumatic Filters](#)
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## YOUNG EAGLES

People who volunteer for Young Eagles flights will be pleased to know that there's something bigger going on in the program. Here is some information regarding the Leadership Award and the Flight Training Award.

Phillips 66<sup>®</sup> Aviation is pleased to share this year's Flight Training Award winner and Leadership Award winner. Both recipients received their awards at last night's EAA Banquet Dinner. Please note there are two announcements included in this email.

### **Phillips 66 Aviation Names Inaugural Winner for Flight Training Award**

*Wisconsin native accepts honor during AirVenture 2017 EAA Banquet dinner*

'Freedom' and 'integrity' are the two words that Ben Van Handel uses to describe what flight means to him. Van Handel is the first recipient of the Phillips 66<sup>®</sup> Aviation Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Flight Training Award. The award provides \$13,200 to help make an individual's dreams of flight a reality.

Van Handel is currently pursuing a degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and economics from St. Norbert College. He's made the National Honor Society Academic Dean's Honors List the last two semesters. His extracurricular activities include interning for the EAA Young Eagles as well as flying through the program as a participant. He's also active in school-sponsored sporting clubs and volunteers his time giving back to the local community including participating in canned food drives benefiting the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

"On behalf of the entire Phillips 66 Aviation organization I'd like to extend a sincere congratulations to Ben on being selected as the first recipient of the EAA Flight Training Award," said Sarah Bolding, Senior Director, Brands, Phillips 66 Company. "His impressive academics coupled with his passion and involvement in aviation made his application stand out from the 200-plus highly qualified candidates that were reviewed for this opportunity. I hope this award propels you forward in the aviation industry."

Van Handel is interested in pursuing aviation both as a hobby and as a career, with aspirations to one day sell general aviation aircraft.

“Sharing the passion and excitement of aviation with others would bring me great joy,” said Van Handel. “I would love to be able to give back through my pilot certificate to give others the experiences I have been so grateful to experience as an EAA Young Eagle. Being able to share flight experiences and knowledge from this Flight Training Award will certainly make me a better pilot and mentor as well as help grow the aviation community.”

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## **Eric Whyte Named Recipient of Phillips 66 Aviation’s EAA Young Eagles Leadership Award**

*Wisconsin native accepts honor in home state during AirVenture 2017*

OSHKOSH, Wis. July 27, 2017 – Phillips 66<sup>®</sup> Aviation is happy to announce this year’s Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles Leadership Award winner, Eric Whyte, of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Whyte’s experience with the [EAA Young Eagles](#) program is unique, holding the distinction of being the first individual to transition from Young Eagle to Young Eagles volunteer pilot. He took his first Young Eagles flight on August 5, 1992 and has been active in multiple capacities with the EAA for the past 25 years. To date he’s flown nearly 600 Young Eagles.

“You can tell when you have an impact on a kid participating in the Young Eagles program,” said Whyte. “One flight in particular comes to mind. There was a child who was on the autism spectrum. He wanted to fly, but he was hesitant. We taxied around until he felt comfortable enough to go up. Once we were in the air he had a ball. When we landed I noticed his mom, who had been sitting in the backseat, was in tears. She said she had never seen her son so engaged. There are many very cool moments in the Young Eagles program, and that was just one of them.”

For the past 24 years Phillips 66 Aviation has proudly sponsored The EAA Young Eagles, an organization whose sole mission is to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation by providing youths ages 8–17 their first free ride in a general aviation aircraft. Last year, at AirVenture 2016, the program announced the flight of its 2 millionth Young Eagle. To date, more than 2.3 million children have flown through the EAA Young Eagles program at events held throughout the country.

“I’m proud to recognize Eric as this year’s EAA Young Eagles Leadership Award Winner for his unwavering dedication to the Young Eagles program,” said Eric McMurphy, Director of Sales, General Aviation, U.S. “On behalf of Phillips 66 Aviation, I sincerely congratulate him for all that he’s contributed to the EAA Young Eagles and to the future of aviation.”

### **Location, Location, Location**

Growing up in close proximity to Oshkosh, in Brookfield, Wisconsin, Whyte attended AirVenture annually with his father, a teacher by trade who belonged to the local flying club and volunteered at the yearly aviation event. 2017 marks Whyte’s 35th year as a volunteer at Oshkosh.

“At seven years old I was able to start ‘volunteering’ at AirVenture, stacking chairs for VIP events and other small tasks,” reminisced Whyte. “Paul Poberezny, EAA’s founder, watched me stacking chairs and said ‘it looks like you’re doing something very important here,’ then he took off a pin from his cap

and gave it to me. That really resonated with me. It made a big impression. In fact, just being at AirVenture was inspiring. That's really why I've been so involved with the Young Eagles program. As I got older I realized how fortunate I was to be able to attend AirVenture, so I'm always trying to get more kids involved with the program to expose them to aviation like I was."

### **Giving Back for the Greater Good**

In January 2010, following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Whyte volunteered through AERObridge to be a dispatcher and coordinate all civilian relief flights in and out of Port Au Prince. Working 20 hour days, seven days a week for approximately four weeks, Whyte and his team operated 715 flights, delivering 1.4 million pounds of supplies to Haiti and evacuated 3,800 passengers, all using general aviation aircraft. Today he serves as the Vice President of Aviation Community Relations for AERObridge, an organization dedicated to assisting in times of catastrophic emergency by coordinating donated aircraft to provide a powerful, immediate response to disaster.

Additional noteworthy aviation accomplishments include founding the [AirVenture Cup Cross-Country Air Race](#). The race is held annually on the opening weekend of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in and convention in late July, and most participants fly into Oshkosh at the race's conclusion. This year marks the race's 20th anniversary.

As a pilot, Whyte has logged nearly 10,000 hours in 127 different makes and models of homebuilds, antiques, warbirds, turboprops and jets. He has been a Certified Flight Instructor for more than 20 years. He is presently employed at One Aviation as a Demonstration and Instructor Pilot in the Eclipse jet. When he is not working, he flies as a volunteer pilot in the EAA Ford Tri-motor, and the Collings Foundation's B-24 Liberator and B-25 Mitchell.

"To date, one of my Young Eagles is volunteering for the Young Eagles program, making him the third-generation," said Whyte. "We've flown several Young Eagles events together. It's pretty cool."

**Part of Phillips 66 Aviation's commitment to the Young Eagles program is to offer Young Eagle pilots a \$1 rebate on every gallon of fuel they use for Young Eagle flights. Click [here](#) to learn more.**

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## **2017 Local Aviation Event Schedule**

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### ***Reoccurring Events***

Chapter 1310 Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7 PM April-October  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10 AM November, January, February, March at Skylark Airport

Chapter 166 Meetings – Last Saturday of month 10:00 AM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at Hartford Jet Center, 20 Lindberg Drive, Hartford. <http://166.eaachapter.org/>

Chapter 27 Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport <http://eaa27.org/>

Chapter 324 Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport <https://www.facebook.com/eaa324/>

***Chapter 1310 Events (Subject to change)***

Saturday August 19 – Corn Roast & Cookout 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
Saturday September 30 – Taildragger & Vintage Safety Seminar  
Saturday October 14 – Young Eagles flights  
Saturday November 4 – Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00 AM

### **Other Aviation Events**

Now through 10/22 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Weekend Air shows [www.olderhinebeck.org](http://www.olderhinebeck.org)

8/12-13 2017 Mass. ANG Westfield International Air Show, Featuring U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Westfield, Massachusetts [www.westfieldairshow.org](http://www.westfieldairshow.org)

9/9/2017 Chapter 146 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Kline Kill Airport (NY1) [www.eaa146.org](http://www.eaa146.org)

9/17/2017 (Rain date 9/24/2017) Chapter 324 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show [simsburyflyin.com](http://simsburyflyin.com)

10/6-7/2017 AOPA Fly-In, Groton / New London, CT  
<http://aopa.org/community/events/aopa-fly-ins/2017-aopa-fly-ins/groton>

7/14-15/2018 Galaxy Community Council Great New England Air Show, Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, Westover ARB, Chicopee, MA [greatnewenglandairshow.com](http://greatnewenglandairshow.com)

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