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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310

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Next Meeting

Wednesday May 10, 2017 – 7:00 P. M.

Skylark Airport Pilot Lounge

Next Event

Safety Seminar – Saturday June 24

10:00 AM - Noon

2017 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

Sometimes I'm excited to write the message as I have good news to present. Sometimes I have no idea what to write. Today I have two items, neither of which I could have ever thought we would have to face.

As I sit here I am still trying to cope with the loss of our good friend Bob Plourde and his close friend George Janssen. I keep asking, why? They were known to be good pilots and safe pilots. These things don't happen to safe pilots I say. Was it the "impossible turn", a sudden gust from the South as they turned cross wind, a medical issue? I'm not trying to guess what happened for we don't have any information on which to base our thoughts. We don't know and may never know. I'm just verbalizing random thoughts running through my mind. And then it happened again in Meriden.

Flying is a magical experience that only pilots get to experience. But it can bite hard and we must do all in our power to minimize the risks. We MUST take something away from these tragedies. Give yourself every advantage all the time. Don't leave unused runway behind you. Maintain Vy until one thousand feet. Self brief every takeoff and landing – straight ahead until one thousand feet. Go around if not on the ground by taxiway alpha. Abort the take off if not at Vr by Bravo. I know Bob and George would expect no less from us.

The news media has finally tied Skylark Airpark and Mr. Bemer together. A few members have expressed concern regarding our relationship with him given the current circumstances and suggest we refrain from public events etc. I understand their concerns. However we live in a country governed by law and one of the most treasured laws states "*a person is presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law*", not the court of public opinion nor the media. We owe Mr. Bemer this right. My position is "we have a professional business relationship with Mr. Bemer". We have appropriate safeguards in place though the Youth Protection Policy. I feel confident we can move forward while the legal process moves forward. Progress only occurs when obstacles are overcome.

Stay Safe,
Jack

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

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

EAA CHAPTER 1310 MEETING MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1310, Monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Jack Olsen, President, at 19:00 hours. 14 Members were present.

Routine Business

We welcomed two new members: **Gary Kiser**, built an RV-12, just moved from Delaware up to Windham; Gary has flown it all around the country. **Barry O'Grady**, who is an Engineer studying to be a pilot.

Alan Witkin pointed out that there are a lot of pilots that do hanger flying every morning. For the new members, they are welcome to go for a ride, if he has a seat.

No project updates. Jim Glista pointed out that the Wilga has new propeller blades.

Secretary's Report accepted as published with minor mistake found by Paul Dowgewicz regarding the trailer still needing to be cleaned out.

Membership Report: There are 40 paid members

Old Business

Witkin Memorial: No update.

Young Eagles: We gave \$300 to the Meriden chapter, in cash to lieu of points.

Christmas Party: Proposal given to CT Flight Club. They are looking for places and plan to keep the price the same.

Hanger: Jack O. Met with engineer to discuss the plans. The engineer agreed to do it pro bono. The contacts will come from Bruce by the middle of next week, which will include a lease. We cannot move forward with the permits until we have a lease. We have light fixtures, furnace, and a 200 amp panel. Letter will be going out to members and friends of Skylark asking donations. There are two hanger size programs (42x36 & 42x48) being run in parallel to understand the costs for either side. We'll need a lawyer to look at the contract. We would like to protect our investment in the event the airport is sold. Permitting is estimated to cost us \$600. The site approval is good for 10 years; permit 2 years.

Young Eagles: May 29, is the date, out of Brainard. Paul Dowgewicz is looking for volunteers for pilots and ground crew. They are also looking for Young Eagles.

QB Picnic: June 6, Jim Glista will Chair.

Skylark Work Day: Scheduled for April 22, 2017.

New Business

Safety Meeting: The date is in conflict with the fly-in in Meriden, on May 13th. Jack is proposing we swap the May and June events. Paul Dowgewicz. Looked to see if we could host a rusty pilot seminar on June 24th.

Nominating Committee: Paul Cappa to chair. Needs some more members.

AOPA Seminar: April 18 in Hartford.

Oshkosh: Paul D. has rented a condo and has one slot open. Contact him if you're interested.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 19:29 and the monthly chapter video was shown and the meeting was adjourned.



In Loving Memory of

Robert J. Plourde

November 22, 1955 -

April 18, 2017

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of
smiles when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun

Of happy memories that I
leave behind when day is done.

 Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home

Request for Aircraft Partnership

We received a call from a gentleman named Tim Lakata. He's looking to form a partnership in a flying RV-8 or similar aircraft to be based in the local area. Tim can be reached at 860-997-1585

AirVenture Cup Race Looking for Pilots

We are writing you to ask your help in recruiting pilots and airplanes to participate in the 20th Annual EAA AirVenture Cup. It is an annual cross country race that ends in Oshkosh on Sunday prior to the convention. We are accepting applications to race and the application deadline is June 1, 2017. Below is some information about the race that could be sent out via email or included in as a short article in a chapter newsletter. Thank you for considering helping us in our recruiting efforts.

Joe Coraggio
Vice-Chairman, EAA AirVenture Cup

Air Racing, Come try it, you'll like it.

This year is the 20th anniversary AirVenture Cup (AVC) cross country air race. This event was started as a grass roots effort by a group of very active EAAers, and has become a traditional kickoff event for AirVenture. This year we are returning to Mt. Vernon, IL for our starting line, and the finish will be at Wausau, WI. After lunch in Wausau, hosted by the local EAA chapter, racers reposition to Oshkosh for the convention.

I am a volunteer for the event, and am admiralty biased, but the AVC is the thing I most look forward to every year. Not because of the awesome variety of airplanes, or the excuse to fly, or the fun that can be had going balls to the walls, but because of the people.

Our mission, as race organizers, is to foster an atmosphere of camaraderie amongst fellow pilots, while giving a venue to showcase our airplanes, in a structured competitive flying event with safety as our number one priority. As such, you will find that everyone from the person racing the J-3 Cub, to the newly minted private pilot, to the ex military guy going 400 MPH in a Turbine Legend become fast friends.

Sitting down to dinner at the pre-race banquet, or having a beverage at the traditional post race party, conversations flow amongst pilots of varying aircraft and experience levels as if they were lifelong friends. Discussion of strategies, aircraft modifications, flight planning, and good old hangar flying stories are abundant and engaging.

Think you're not a race pilot? Think your airplane isn't a race airplane? Think again! This event is really just a cross country flight you are trying to fly as smartly and accurately as possible. Of course, your chances of placing improve going, "balls to the walls," but not everyone pushes their airplane that hard. We have had folks race in the past just to be a part of it. We have had others that come to race against themselves, trying to be faster than they were last year.

In addition to the race, we have an entire weekend of fun with like-enthused people. In addition to the two parties already mentioned, we have an airport open house at the starting line on Saturday where formation flights, and low passes are abundant. We have an informal meet and greet for all the participants, and we have an awards ceremony. We also have a hospitality area on the grounds at Oshkosh for racers to grab a cold refreshment and meet up with their friends, both from the race and otherwise.

We are accepting applications to race now. They can be found on our website, www.airventurecuprace.com. We are expecting record numbers of racers this year (last year we had 78 racers), and may have to limit participants. So get your application in soon. There is a 100% refund policy if you can't make it, but we can't add racers after the deadline. Apply today.

New England Air Museum Announces Upgrading its Wings

Work has begun on major improvements at the New England Air Museum adjacent Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks. The \$1.9 M project will greatly enhance the visitor experience and is being funded by a state bond, grants from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Pratt & Whitney, and other additional raised by the Museum. The project includes creating lofty mezzanines in two of the massive aircraft hangars. Complete with grand staircases and elevators, they will provide amazing vistas over the Museum's aircraft collections and provide much needed space for additional exhibits, public programs and events.



Figure 1 The museum's executive director Jerry Roberts and a group of trustees kick off the new construction at NEAM. The "golden shovel" held by board president Scott Ashton, was used to begin construction on the original hangar in 1981

The project will also include new energy efficient HVAC systems providing heat and air conditioning as well, as new LED lighting in all three of the museum's public hangars and the new mezzanines. Aircraft will be relocated to take advantage of the new perspectives. At the same time, new exhibits and graphics will revamp the Museum's galleries while new exterior signage and branding will help make the museum a more attractive destination, year round. The Museum will remain open throughout the construction with completion slated for mid August.

Meanwhile, the Museum continues to offer special family friendly programs including weekend build-and-fly activities and flight science demonstrations. Visitors can also get up close and personal with dozens of historic aircraft. The Museum's mission is to preserve, study and celebrate New England's amazing

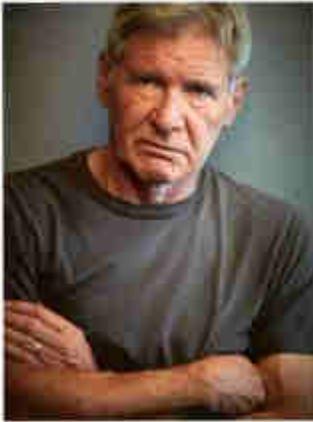
aerospace legacy and inspire the next generation of pilots, engineers, astronauts and visionaries!

Visit neam.org for more information

The 2017 Godfrey L. Cabot Award Luncheon

The Godfrey L. Cabot Award is presented to an individual or team who has made unique, significant, and unparalleled contributions to advance and foster aviation and space flight.

Please join us for this wonderful event. The 2017 Godfrey L. Cabot Award recipient is Harrison Ford for his pioneering efforts to promote aviation to the youth of America through the EAA and the Young Eagles Program.



Mr. Ford is a nationally recognized leader and promoter of Youth in Aviation. Thousands of youngsters, through the efforts of Harrison Ford's support and passion for aviation, have gone on to pursue careers in aviation. And countless more youth have benefited from the boundary-challenging experience.

Mr. Ford has been able to use his skills as a pilot and his celebrity to help bring America's youth into the world of aviation. Mr. Ford, served as Young Eagles volunteer chairman from 2004-2009, has personally flown more than 300 young people himself. In 2016 Mr. Ford generously volunteered to fly EAA's 2 millionth Young Eagle at the annual EAA convention in July. Mr. Ford's lifelong commitment to aviation transcends commitment to youth. He has piloted his Bell 407 helicopter to provide rescue missions on numerous occasions, and has gone to Capitol Hill to advocate for general aviation on several issues.

Mr. Ford has made a major contribution to the general aviation flying community and to the aviation public. He has helped to bring both aviation outreach and the spirit of flight to our next generation of aviators.

Date & Time:

Sunday, June 4, 2017

11:30 AM - Reception (cash bar)

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Luncheon (New England Scrod)

Location:

The Seaport Hotel

One Seaport Lane

Boston, Massachusetts

Directions:

Directions and maps are available on the hotel's website. Parking is available at The Seaport Hotel's garage.

Cost for Tickets:

ACONE members are \$75 per person or \$750 per table of 10. Non-members, \$90 per person or \$900 per table of 10. Join ACONe today by [CLICKING HERE](#), then receive the member discount with your membership confirmation. Please consider purchasing additional seats to allow a Young Eagle to attend this event.

For the 2017 Godfrey L. Cabot Award Luncheon, ACONe members are eligible for a discount of \$15 per seat (off of the non-member price of \$90/seat), or \$150 per table. If you're not a member of ACONe, then please join today at the level of "Regular Member" or above, and you'll be eligible to use the member-only discount code. (See link above for details)

Reservations:

Reservations required by the close of business Wednesday, May 31. Seating is limited to 300, so please reserve your seats early. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your seats and pay via credit card by using our secure online form.

You can also send your check with the full name of your guests to:

Ms. Georgia Pappas
ACONE Cabot Award Luncheon
209 Lynn Shore Drive
Lynn, MA 01902

If you have questions or need special accommodations, please contact Georgia via CabotAward@ACONE.org or by telephoning her at 781-592-9357.

For more information:

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LUNCH SERVICE AT SIMSBURY AIRPORT!!

Looking for a flying destination where you can enjoy an interesting lunch? Simsbury Airport (4B9) is welcoming The Comfort Zone lunch wagon on four Sundays in May and June. It will be located on the airport grounds to serve a nice selection of specialty lunches to visiting pilots. The Comfort Zone has served us at the annual Simsbury Fly-In, to rave reviews.

The Comfort Zone will be available on May 7 and 21 and on June 4 and 11. Hours of operation will initially be 11 AM to 3 PM.

Their May 7 offerings include large (4"x4") soft pretzels with a variety of delicious toppings, including choices of Baked Brie, Spinach Artichoke, Sausage/Onion/Pepper, Chicken Marsala, Sugar and Cinnamon, Garlic Butter, or Plain Salted. Also available will be New England clam chowder, assorted soft drinks, and water.

This is, frankly, a trial run to test interest in this kind of service. If successful, our plan is to expand it to additional days and times, and possibly to schedule a variety of lunch wagons that offer menus of interest.

We have plenty of space for transient aircraft. On landing, you'll see The Comfort Zone wagon parked near the road. Taxi in that direction and park anywhere convenient. Stay for a few minutes or a few hours. If you need to refuel, we have self-serve 100LL at competitive prices, and our pump accepts all major credit cards.

We look forward to your visit. Enjoy!

Simsbury Airport
860-693-4550

2017 Local Aviation Event Schedule

Reoccurring Events

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

Chapter 166 Meetings – Last Sunday of month 7:30 PM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at UTC
Customer Training Center

Chapter 27 Meetings – 3rd Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport

Chapter 324 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury Airport

Chapter 1310 Events (Subject to change)

Saturday June 24 – Safety Seminar 10:00 AM - Noon
Saturday July 15 – Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 11:00 AM
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

Saturday May 13 – Meriden Fly In and Safety Festival 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

May 13 – Rusty Pilot Seminar at Simsbury

5/20-21/2017 RI ANG Quonset Point Air Show - Snowbirds

6/3/2017 Chapter 146 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Kline Kill Airport (NY1)

6/24 – Rusty Pilot seminar at Northampton, MA

7/24 - 30/2017 EAA EAA International Fly In & Convention, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Featuring Apollo 50th
Anniversary, Bare Naked Ladies and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

8/12-13/2017 Mass. ANG Westfield International Air Show, Featuring U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds,
Westfield, Massachusetts

9/9/2017 Chapter 146 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Kline Kill Airport (NY1)

9/17/2017 (Rain date 9/24/2017) Chapter 324 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show

10/6-7/2017 AOPA AOPA Fly-In, Groton / New London, CT

7/14-15/2018 Galaxy Community Council Great New England Air Show, Featuring the USAF
Thunderbirds, Westover ARB, Chicopee, MA

***If you have a topic you would like to see covered in our monthly newsletter, please send a note to
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