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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310

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Next Meeting

Wednesday May 8 7:00 PM

Skylark Airpark Lower Pilot Lounge

Topic to be announced

This month's chapter video covers the Zenith CH 750 and then identifying aircraft screws.

Next Event

IFR/VFR Club Planning Meeting - Mastering the Art of Navigation

Saturday May 18 10:00 AM - Noon

EAA/IMC Club, through the EAA's global Chapter structure, provides organized "hangar flying" focused on building instrument flying knowledge and skills. The program's network promotes a safety culture through continued education and believes that we develop safety and proficiency through education and real-life experience. Monthly meetings offer an opportunity to share in-flight experiences and valuable safety tips. Through the FAA Safety Program, aviation professionals provide informative WINGS presentations. Membership in the EAA is encouraged but not required to participate in this meeting. For more information and to take part in this event, click the [link](#) and register TODAY!

Lunch will be available following the meeting

2019 May EAA 1310 President's Message

Well, we know the calendar says it is May, but the upper atmosphere wind currents still seem to think we can do without warmer weather. Hopefully, that will change soon so we can dispense with the extra clothing layers and enjoy sitting outside on the porch once again. On that note, thanks again to our volunteers who turned out for some maintenance and 'spring cleaning' around the FBO's 'front yard' and back porch.

We have a few activities coming up this month, one of which is a safety seminar on Saturday, May 18th. The program format will be an open IMC/VMC meeting so attendees can explore various in-flight scenarios and decision-making situations, hopefully becoming better pilots by discussing possible solutions. Our presenter will be [Radek Wyrzykowski, Master CFII](#) who recently gave a presentation at a chapter 1620 (KBAF) meeting on how chapters can organize IMC/VMC clubs to help improve pilot proficiency. Radek and some fellow instrument-rated pilots started the first [IMC club](#) in Norwood, MA a few years ago. Their idea was to improve proficiency and safety by sharing knowledge and experiences. It proved to be popular with pilots and spread throughout the country, largely by word of mouth.

Eventually, EAA brought Radek and the program in-house where it continues to grow. [EAA VMC Club](#). I wanted to see how an actual IMC meeting worked so I joined Alan Witkin and Seth Seidel for the April Hartford IMC club meeting at KMMK. I liked the 'open mic' format and dialog about the issues presented in the monthly situation sent out by IMC club HQ. I came away with knowledge about situations and approach plate details I had never considered. The hour I spent in the meeting was time well spent. I highly encourage all members to attend the May 18th meeting and see for yourself whether having our own branch at Skylark is something you think would benefit our local aviation community.

As I mentioned last month, not every pilot is interested in flying in IMC, so the concept was ported over to support pilots who only fly VMC. When I recently asked a few instrument-rated pilots at Skylark if they had any interest in forming a local IMC club, they said they really prefer (and usually only fly) under VFR conditions. That makes sense, so maybe a VMC club chapter at Skylark would benefit our pilot base and the type of flying they are interested in. It might also help us engage members who otherwise don't regularly attend chapter meetings. The requirements to set up a VMC club at Skylark are straightforward and simple. Simsbury currently has one so why not start one here?

The BDL FAAS Team recently hosted a seminar at Northampton (7B2) about getting the most out of ForeFlight on your iPad. Dave Strassburg, CFII, gave the presentation and showed us functions and features that don't readily appear to casual users. Skylark had a solid turnout for the seminar and our time was well spent. For those of you who missed that event, the current edition of Sporty's iPad Pilot News covers quite a bit of the same material. If you are not on their mailing list, Sporty's content is available online at <https://ipadpilotnews.com/>. It is well worth spending some time exploring their site.

Finally, I am once again the bearer of sad news. Our condolences go out to member Gary Altenhein whose wife Vicky went west on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Victoria A. "Vicky" Altenhein's [obituary can be found here](#). We wish her blue skies with fair and following winds forever.

See you at the monthly meeting next Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – 7:00 PM.

Jack

MINUTES OF EAA 1310 Meeting April 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Jack Hilditch. There were 22 people present including 4 guests.

Jack announced that the meeting will be abbreviated to accommodate a guest presentation by Dan Strassburg, CFII on how to use WINGS credits for biannual flight review requirements when flying with an instructor.

Gil Milford and John LaRoche gave progress reports on their projects.

We will hold a Friends of Skylark work day this Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 09:00. A hot dog/hamburger cookout will be included around noon. Project ideas include painting (if weather permits), sod leveling, power washing. and shrub trimming.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:00 PM

The minutes from last month and the Treasurer's Report were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Jack described that he recently attended a chapter 1620 meeting at KBAF that explained what it would take to start an IMC or VMC club at Skylark, assuming there's interest. He just heard back from Radek Wyrzykowski, EAA's Manager of Flight Proficiency. He offered to hold a demonstration 'open IMC/VMC meeting' at Skylark (see below) to show everyone what is involved and how a typical meeting works. Jack felt this could be a good presentation for our May Safety Seminar. Therefore, the May 18th Safety Seminar will be a sample IMC and VMC Club meeting. Radek will take care of marketing to bring more pilots from the area and will make the presentation. Alan Witkin noted that the Robertson Club has more members than just those based at Robertson – many pilots from the area participate.

Jack Olsen heard from Bill Bonney, our hanger engineer. He gave us pro bono services by reviewing, modifying, and signing off on our hanger plans. The engineering fee would have been \$4,600 if he billed us for his services. He has professional insurance so that lease requirement is a non-issue. Jim Glista is sending a tax credit notice and thank you letter to Bill for his help with our hangar project. We contacted Sutton James and EAA insurance to discuss our overall strategic insurance profile and options. Once we hear back from Sutton James we can evaluate the EAA ideas.

Ken Godin reported that John Eagan, the EAA Chapter Coordinator that visited Skylark last year and experienced a fun lunch flyout, has written an article about "His Day at 7B6" that will appear in a future EAA publication. (*The article appeared in the April 23 [EAA ChapterGram](#)*)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M

Dave Strassburg presented an excellent program on how to get the most out of your WINGS credits. Many of us began to get an understanding of how Wings works for the first time. Wings appears to be an excellent way to stay current and to reduce the time and expense requirements for BFR's. Jim Wysocki (860-803-0777 jameswyco@aol.com) and Peter Schwarzenbach (413-567-6365 piet.schwarzenbach@comcast.net) volunteered to serve as Wings Support Persons for the Chapter. Members may contact them for help with any Wings questions.

Fred Goff
Acting Secretary

D-Day Commemoration

The Yanks are coming....

They appropriately call themselves 'The D-Day squadron', a group of eighteen American Dakotas that will cross the Atlantic to take part in the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Invasion in Normandy (France).

Possibly the largest group of C-47s since the end of the Second World War will follow the historic 'Blue Spruce Route' from the USA to Scotland. The US contingent will gather in Waterbury-Oxford, Connecticut from 13 to 17 May for final preparations, which will include a formation flight around the Statue of Liberty. Scheduled on 19 May, the armada will fly to Goose Bay in Newfoundland, Labrador (Canada), using the original airfield that was the main North American staging base for Europe-bound aircraft during the war. Some will go to Narsarsuaq (Greenland), while longer-range models will go straight to Reykjavik (Iceland) the next day before heading to Prestwick, Scotland (UK) and finally Duxford (UK), where the British part of the D-Day event is held from 2 to 5 June.

At Duxford the American Dakotas will be joined by 17 of their European cousins. In the afternoon of 5 June the massive Dakota fleet will cross the Channel for parachute jumps by re-enactors using round canopies. After this re-enactment of the first stages of the D-Day invasion the aircraft will land at Caen-Carpiquet (France). From 5 to 9 June the largest gathering of Dakotas since the Berlin Airlift can be seen, both on the ground and in the air. After Normandy, many of the aircraft will take part in anniversary events marking the Berlin Airlift and other European side trips are planned. It's expected most of the DC-3s will be back in the US in time for AirVenture 2019 in Oshkosh.

DD aircraft that are confirmed
DC-3 N41CQ "Congo Queen"
DC-3A N18121
C-47 N3239T "Tico Belle"
C-53D N45366 "D-Day Doll"
C-47 "That's all Brother"
C-53 N534BE "The Duchess of Dakota"
C-47 N473DC "Drag 'em Oot"
C-47 N47SJ "Betsy's Biscuit Bomber"
C-47A N47E "Miss Virginia"
C-53DO N8336C "The Spirit of Benovia"
C-47B N836M "Luck of the Irish"



DC-3 F-AZTE
DC3A N472AF "KG668"
DC-3 N24320 "Miss Montana"
AC-47 N2805J "Spooky"
C-47A RA-2944G
DC- 3 TF-NPK "Páll Sveinsson"
DC-3S N29TN
DC-3 N877MG
DC-3C N25641 "Liberty"
DC-3A OH-LCH
DC-3 N33611 "Clipper Tabitha May"
DC-3 N431HM
C-41A N341A
DC-3 N28AA
C-47 N834M
C-47 ZA947 "Kwicherbichen"
DC-3 SE-CFP "Daisy"
C-47A RA-05738
DC-3(C-53D) LN-WND
DC-3 "Gamle Dame" OY-BPB
C-47 "Flabob Express" N103NA
DC-3 "Prinses Amalia" PH-PBA
C-47 "Virginia Ann" N62CC
C-47 "Placid Lassie" N74589
Lisunov Li-2 "Kármán Tódor" HA-LIX
DC-3 F-AZOX
C-47 N147DC

Delta Hiring Maintenance Technicians

Delta Air Lines plans to hire 500 aviation maintenance technicians this year, during a period when aircraft mechanics are in high demand.

Atlanta-based Delta runs the largest airline maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operation in North America, and expects to double the size of its TechOps business over the next five years to \$2 billion in revenue.

Many of the job openings will be at its largest hub in Atlanta, where Delta has its largest TechOps facilities. The airline expects to grow its maintenance business through agreements such as one designating Delta as an authorized Rolls-Royce aircraft engine maintenance center and in expanded facilities including a new engine shop and massive new engine test cell.

But aircraft maintenance companies around the country are struggling to motivate enough young people to enter the profession to fill their pipeline of openings expected in the years and decades to come. One big motivator: Delta says its aircraft mechanics can make a salary of as much as \$100,000 a year. The job calls for an FAA airframe and power plant license, but doesn't require a four-year college degree.

More than 30 percent of aviation maintenance technicians (AMTs) at Delta TechOps are forecast to retire over the next decade. To prepare to replace them and expand, Delta works with the U.S. military

and regional airlines and has partnered with nearly 50 aviation maintenance schools. Through the partnerships with the AMT schools, Delta offers tours, job shadowing and training for instructors, and donates parts, engines and airframes for students to practice working on jet aircraft components. Aviation maintenance is one of the categories eligible for HOPE Career Grants, which allow students who are qualified to get up to \$500 toward college tuition. Robert Ireland, managing director of engineering and maintenance at industry group Airlines for America, said the aircraft mechanics the industry will need to fill its ranks in the future are in 5th grade today. “We have to grow from the bottom,” Ireland said. “The technician population needs to be cultivated at all ages to ensure we don’t hit that cliff.”

Pedal Plane World Record Attempt at Oshkosh

We got a letter from Rob Peterson from Chapter 333 in Ann Arbor, MI . Rob is organizing a pedal powered airplane event. On July 24 of this year, during EAA’s AirVenture, a group of pedal plane builders will attempt to establish a new official Guinness World Record for the largest parade of pedal powered toy airplanes, and we need your help. In order to establish this record, we must have a minimum of 50 planes complete the parade route. We are closing in on this number but still need more planes. There are no costs or fees associated with this event, beyond your admission to the airshow. In addition to planes, we are also in need of volunteers to act as independent witnesses, stewards, and videographers. If you or your chapter are able to help in any way, please let me know via email with the subject line PedalVenture.

Contact Ron at robdtw@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/311922356269636/>

EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter

Chapter 27’s April newsletter is available to view by visiting our newsletter page on the Chapter 1310 web site.

This month’s issue features Tech counselor Tip on spark plug care, an update on their Teens to Flight RV-12 Build Program, reminder for their June 9 Young Eagles flights, and information on the Meriden Airport Master Plan.

2019 Local Aviation Event Schedule

Visit the eaa1310.org Calendar page for updated listings and more information about these events.

Reoccurring Events

Chapter 1310 Meetings – 2nd Wednesday 7 PM April-October
2nd Saturday 10 AM November-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 – 3rd Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport <http://eaa27.org/>

Chapter 324 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury
Airport <https://www.facebook.com/ea324/>

Chapter 1620 Meetings 1st Wednesday 7:30, Barnes Airport Hangar 3, 111 Airport Rd.
Westfield, MA. 01085 aircrafttech7583@gmail.com

Chapter 1310 Events

Saturday May 18 10:00 AM - Noon Spring Safety Seminar and Cookout
IFR / VFR Club Planning Meeting – Mastering the Art of Navigation
Register at https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=92107

Saturday June 15 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Hamburg & Hot Dog Cookout **New******
All you can eat hot dogs and hamburgers for a \$7.00 donation.

Saturday August 17 11:00 AM– 2:00 PM Annual Corn Roast and Cookout
We get the freshest corn available. Picked the morning of the event. Also hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill.

Saturday September 28 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Young Eagles Flights
We will be providing complementary introductory flights to kids 8 – 17 years old.

Saturday October 19 10:00 AM – Noon Taildragger and Experimental Safety Seminar
Topic to be announced.

Saturday November 2 8:30 – 11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
Enjoy our hot pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs. Plus fruit cup, coffee, tea, juice.

2019 Aviation Events

Sat. June 1 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM New England Seaplane Safety Seminar
Pittsfield Maine Municipal Airport - Insurance, Floatplane Flying in Maine, Invasive Species,
SPA Scholarships. BBQ luncheon available. <http://www.seaplanes.org>

Sat. June 1 (Rain date June 2) 8:00 AM – Noon Pancake Breakfast – Kline Kill, NY
Presented by EAA Chapter 146 We put on a great pancake & egg breakfast, and a fun time is
guaranteed. <http://www.eaa146.org>

Weekends June 15 – October 20 Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Rhinebeck, NY
Saturdays - **History of Flight Air Shows** feature aircraft of the Pioneer, WWI and Golden Ages
of Aviation. Sundays - **WWI Air Shows** highlight the first warbirds, but also include Pioneer
and Golden Age machines.
<https://oldrhinebeck.org/>

July 22 – 28 EAA AirVenture Whittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, WI
USAF F-16 Viper Demo, F-22 Heritage Flight
<http://www.airventure.org/>

August 24 – 25 New York Air Show Stewart International Airport, Newburgh, NY
US Navy Blue Angels, US Air Force F-25A Lightning II Demo Team
<http://airshowny.com/>

September 7 – 8 Beverly Regional Airshow Beverly Regional Airport, Beverly, MA
Aerial Performers, Aircraft on Display, Military, Kid's Activities, Food, Airplane Rides,
<https://flight4cf.com/events/beverly-regional-air-show/>

Sat. Sept 14 (Rain date Sept 15) 8:00 AM – Noon Pancake Breakfast – Kline Kill, NY
Presented by EAA Chapter 146 We put on a great pancake & egg breakfast, and a fun time is
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September 22 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show Simsbury, CT
www.simsburyflyin.com

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