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Upcoming Meeting

September 6, 2016
5:30pm to 7pm
RUT Airport

- ◆ Eating and socializing.
- ◆ Young Eagles Rally prep
- ◆ Fly - In prep
- ◆ Fly out to Simsbury Fly-In and car show

President Perspective

Gosh, It seems like a long time since I have written. In the past month, the chapter has been more laid back. We had a terrific potluck/cookout in early August. It was not only enjoyable to just eat tasty food and socialize, but it was a shared experience, from setting up, bringing food to cleaning up and having pleasant lingering conversations. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We also had a very successful visit to the Burlington Airport tower. Rather than tell you about it myself, two chapter members have written about their observations and experiences. Check it out in this newsletter. A number of our members went to OshKosh this year. We have posted some photos that they have shared. Everyone talked of having a great time. We really do have a chapter of passionate aviation enthusiasts.

Now that we are closing in on the end of summer, it is time to prepare for our October 15th Fly-in breakfast. This annual event is an opportunity to invite pilots from all over to come and see us at the Rutland Airport, show off planes, eat, and schmooze with other aviation "geeks". This is also a time for our chapter members to come together as a hosting "family" to welcome these visitors. In the past, there has been a small group within the chapter who have taken on the lions share of tasks and

Photos of the Month

Fall must be really coming as we have the first glimpse of the Vermont famed corn maze located in Rutland Town. Also this month we have Mark Jacob and Bob Dean flying in the Beech!



President Gail Isenberg
Vice-President Jim Shires

responsibilities for the fly-in breakfast. Some thrive on this way of working. Others have felt exhausted and burnt out by the experience. My hope is for this year's event is to have as many chapter members participate as possible. Our needs are many. Rather than having 1 or 2 cooks, we need several. Instead of one person welcoming visitors and managing money, we need several who can divide tasks. We are thinking of having some children's activities and need volunteers to help with that. We have one person who loves to marshal planes, but it would be smart to have at least one other work with him. As you might imagine, we need people to help set up and clean up. There are several other tasks that can be done more easily with the help of "people" rather than a "person". The Fly-in Breakfast is really a morning party that we are throwing. At the moment we have an enthusiastic committee with creative ideas who will love to have you participate. We cannot do this well with 5 or 6 people. The more of us involved, the more enjoyable it will be for our guests and ourselves. If you are interested in joining us and helping out, let me know by email, isenberg.gail@gmail.com or phone, 802-236-1675. I Look forward to hearing from you.

-Gail



Bob's kid at heart came out in full force when Mark offered to take him for a ride in the Beech...and he even got to fly it a little!

Young Eagles - Jennifer Jacob

I hope that everyone enjoys our Young Eagle rallies as much as I do! To me they are always fun and it is such a joy to see the huge smiles on the kids faces.....but I have a feeling I say that after EVERY Young Eagle rally we hold. On July 20th, our chapter held a special Young Eagle rally. It was special for two reasons: we flew only the Vermont Starbase Camp participants and we held it on a weekday morning. The weather was absolutely perfect and the three pilots who flew, flew 25 kids in right around 2 hours. Tracy was our amazing organizer and registration table assistant and Bob Dean doubled as both a much needed escort as well as our photographer.

Our next rally is on September 24th from 9AM until noon. We are always looking for excited volunteers and keep our fingers crossed for good weather. We are expecting kids from a couple of local schools, so I'm hoping that this final rally in 2016 will be a nice big one. See you all there!



Jim sets out for his first YE ride



A newly minted YE pilot, Mike is helping the kids find their seats



Jim's second group of young men



Mike is getting ready for his second YE flight - these might have been the talkers!



Gail is showing some possible future women pilots her plane



Gail's second group of excited youngsters



Gail is talking her third group of kids through her preflight routine



Tracy is making sure Jim gets his paperwork filled out properly!

Our invaluable rally volunteers!

Registration & Organization	Ground crew	Pilots
Tracy Adams	Bob Dean	Gail Isenberg - 9
Jennifer Jacob		Jim Shires - 7 (+3 adults!)
		Mike Petralia - 9

Young Eagles Flown to Date		
David Hathaway - 5	Mark Jacob - 373	Jim Shires - 22
Gail Isenberg - 16	Robert Johnson - 3	David Sternberg - 3
Jennifer Jacob - 17	Michael Petralia - 9	Jeff Stewart - 8

Oshkosh Adventures - Jennifer Jacob

The Jacob home for 9 days



OSHKOSH. Just the word will bring smiles to pretty much anyone who has been to this aluminum, fabric and tent 'city-for-a-week'. Yes, yes, we all know it is officially called "Airventure Oshkosh" but most pilots still know it as simply Oshkosh. Our Oshkosh trips tend to be adventures. In our college years, this meant getting everything we wanted to take with us to camp for a week into our Cessna 120. This included food, since we just couldn't afford to eat there. These days it has more to do with piloting vintage airplanes over long distances and finding our way (or not) around weather.but we'll get to that.....



The view from our "home" on the grass taxiway to vintage camping

Just as our Oshkosh trips tend to often have a unique element of adventure, Airventure also has themes. In all honesty, in years past I haven't paid that much attention to them. But this year was different. Among all of the amazing airplanes and things to see, learn and experience - two things stood out for me. This December 7th marks the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack which helped greatly to solidify our entry into World War II. But what is less known (unless you read the June issue of the EAA magazine), was that there was a civilian witness to the initial attack. A little blue and yellow Interstate Cadet (NC37266) was doing take-offs and landings near Pearl Harbor; civilian flight instructor Cornelia Fort was trying to solo her student; when she saw an oncoming military plane. She grabbed the controls to avoid a collision, only to see that it was a Japanese zero. Shortly afterward,

they saw the smoke and immediately landed, running for cover while a Japanese plane strafed the airfield.



Tora! Tora! Tora! Air show where the smoke and haze obscured all but the sound of the Zeros

This story was recreated with the very same Interstate Cadet, complete with an airfield which was so covered with smoke that all you could hear was the roar of the zeros flying past. This is the Tora! Tora! Tora! Air show team and coupled with the story of Cornelia Fort, it made that day seem - for just a few seconds - very real. And very sobering. Interestingly, Cornelia Fort went on to become one of the most experienced Women Auxiliary Ferrying Service (WAFS) pilots.



NC37266 that Cornelia Fort flew on December 7th, 1941 at Pearl Harbor



1929 Bellanca CH300 Pacemaker firing up

Oshkosh Fun Continued...

The second thing that stood out to me about this Airventure was the World War I planes which flew two times while we were at Oshkosh. To see these planes, which are now so primitive, flying together was really amazing. In fact, the 1917 Spad VII reproduction flew all the way from Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome to Oshkosh for the week. So that was a true highlight for me! Ryan was very impressed with the Fokker Dr.I triplane. The pilot even turned the La Rhone rotary engine slightly so he could see that the whole engine turned.



Balloon Glow

We also had the opportunity to watch 7,600 gallons of Lake Winnebago get dumped over the airfield on several occasions during the Martin Mars air tanker demonstrations as well as the Monday evening balloon glow. And the night airshows.....just find them on Youtube and watch them. As the Young Eagle coordinator, I cannot fail to mention that the 2 millionth Young Eagle flew with Harrison Ford at Airventure!



The JellyBelly plane- also an Interstate Cadet - flown by Kent Pietsch!

Of course it was a typical week at Airventure - hot, cool, rainy and sunny. So our adventure this year turned out to be a wet magneto and a left engine which refused to fire. So.....many hours later and a can or two of electrical contact cleaner, we finally managed to get airborne and pick our way back to Rutland through the storms. Another fantastic Oshkosh in the books!

ATC Field Trip



Saturday, August 20, 2016, five members of our EAA chapter trekked up to Burlington for a 2 hours visit from 11:00am and 1:00pm with Air Traffic Control. As in the past it was informative and enjoyable. The following are thoughts and observations from two folks in our group.

For me, not being an outgoing in a crowd type, having grown up in a "speak only when spoken to" family; seeing the operation at ATC makes me a lot more comfortable. Knowing that when one calls in from the outside, it is a real person on the other end and not some automaton who will be harsh if you are not spot on with the workings or lingo they require you to be. Clearly the midday lower workload at BTV makes life easier inside ATC, but understanding how their work rotation goes, which allows the personnel to remain fresh throughout their shift, was definitely worth my time to be there.

It was also nice to see that a few of the workers on the shift are student and private pilots, interested and knowledgeable about sport level aviation in their area. It was very interesting to me that tube-fabric and composite aircraft are all but invisible to their radar.

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As a student pilot based in Rutland, I have not yet dealt a lot with ATC. When I would talk to local pilots I would hear mixed reviews on talking to ATC in controlled airspace, so I wasn't really sure what to expect regarding the controllers. Upon arrival, we were met by a friendly younger man in casual clothes who showed us into the building. Once inside he turned us over to a young controller who led us into the radar room and began showing us how everything works. A few minutes later from the other side of the room I hear a controller talking a mile a minute to incoming aircraft. To my surprise it was the young man who brought us into the building. I was very surprised, I never would have guessed he was a controller. I guess I was expecting someone different based off of all the "horror stories" I have heard. After finishing the tour of the approach radar room we headed up to the tower. Again I was surprised to see three guys close in age to myself. It was great to see the airport from their perspective, as well as watching aircraft react to their commands. One memorable moment was when "tower" passed the pilot to "ground". In my mind, I always assumed the pilot would be switched to a controller in a different part of the tower. However The "tower" and "ground" controller were standing about two feet apart.

At least two of the controllers we met were pilots. I would hope if there are controllers that are not pilots, they would take the time to ride in GA aircraft to see the pilot's side of dealing with ATC. The bottom line is, it was great to see exactly how things work on the other side of the headset. I think all pilots should get that experience, maybe even build it into the requirements of a student pilot.

August Meeting Cook Out



Last month's Chapter meeting found the group gathering at the airport camp ground to cook out and in the hangar to eat. It was a lively crowd and a beautiful night. Thank you all who joined in the comradery! We look forward to seeing you all and more in September! Remember the meeting is the 6th and the Young Eagles Rally is the 24th!



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There were no entries for
the board this month!

