



## CHAPTER 613

### December 2023

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#### Message from the Chapter President by John Fitzgerald

Greetings all!

Another holiday season, wow where does the time go? It has been a very interesting year for all of us. I am looking forward to 2024 with the great changes that we have planned for our Aviation Center. With new lights and heat in the hanger area we will be able to work on projects year-round. Stay tuned, more to come!

I want to thank our Officers, Directors, Committee Members, and Volunteers for a great year! Safe travels this Holiday Season.

Shirley and I would like to wish all of our Chapter members, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John FitzGerald , Chapter 613 President

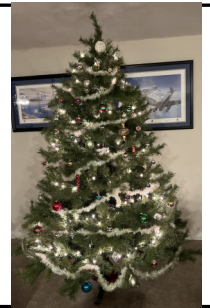


#### Christmas Elves Descend Upon the Aviation Center!

Christmas elves (operating under the guise of John and Shirley Fitzgerald), descended upon the Taylor Aviation Center and put up the Christmas Tree. Wow, does it look beautiful!

The Christmas Tree will add the perfect touch to next Sunday's Holiday Pancake Breakfast.

*Thank you John and Shirley!*



#### Join us for our Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, December 17th!

Where: EAA Chapter 613 Aviation Center, Franklin County State Airport (KFSO)

When: Sunday, December 17th, 9:00—11:00 AM

Who: Chapter 613 members, guests and friends are warmly invited to join us

What: Pancakes (with or without blueberries), sausage, bacon, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, coffee, orange juice.

Prices: Breakfast: \$8.00,

Breakfast with Three 50/50 Raffle Tickets: \$10.00.

Raffle Tickets only: \$1.00 each or Six for \$5.00.

We hope you can join us in celebrating the Holiday Season!



## Minutes from the November 19th Board of Directors Meeting

**Attendees:** Ian Bradette, Marge & John Butterfield, George Coy, John and Shirley Fitzgerald, Steve Green, Miguel Marin, Armina Medic,

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** With no further comments, the October meeting minutes were accepted as written.

**Young Eagle Program:** A PA system was purchased using \$242.34 of the \$1,060 2023 YE Credits. Options are being explored for utilizing the remainder of the 2023 credits for qualified purchases. **Note:** Following this meeting EAA Headquarters approved the use of credits to purchase a wi-fi booster for the Aviation Center, and YE event flags. Chapter 613 has flown over 200 Young Eagles this year. Chapter 613 plans to host two major 2024 YE events, one at Plattsburgh and the other at Franklin County. Ray Scholarship 2024 applications are now open.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was included in the November newsletter. Bethany and John F will replace Marge and George as signees on the Chapter checking account. Convenient chapter renewal is essential for retaining active members and keeping up with collection of dues. Being able to pay via credit card rather than PayPal, check or cash adds to the convenience. Credit card payment is being explored as part of the Chapter's migration to Quick Books Online.

**Aviation Center Maintenance/Upgrades:** The two interior space heaters have been replaced. Contracts have been signed for hangar insulation and lighting. We are waiting on an estimate for installation of hangar heating. It was recommended that a mesh wi-fi system at the Aviation Center would improve reception in the hangar area for YE events. Dual channels would provide a Chapter-only access, without network overload from the public during large events.

**Chapter Donations:** Thanks to Roberta Haskins for her \$2,500 donation to the Chapter on behalf of George's birthday.

**Advertising Chapter Events:** It was agreed to announce our December 17th Pancake Breakfast and IMC/VMC Club meeting through both Social Flight and EAA's Chapter Blast. Miguel will contact EAA regarding the Chapter Blast. Chapter members were reminded that Genevieve Gallagher is our Chapter Facebook Coordinator and event notifications should be forwarded to her.

**Eagle Program:** The Clarkson University Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) contacted George about hosting an Eagle event for 8-10 of its members. Plans are to host the event in Vermont, combining the Eagle Program with a possible tour of BETA. Steve and George will coordinate. John F will order additional Eagle packets from EAA. Date to be determined.

**2024 Chapter Officers and Directors:** Chapter 613 members approved the 2024 slate of officers at this morning's pancake breakfast. Officers are: John Fitzgerald-President, Miguel Marin-Vice President, Susan Levaque-Secretary, Bethany Fronhofer-Treasurer. The Chapter President will now appoint (3) Director positions from the membership to complete the 7-member Board.

**New Chapter Member Welcome Package:** It was agreed at our last meeting that new member information will be forward to John and Marge Butterfield. They will enter the member information into the Chapter Roster and send out a welcome email. New members will be recognized and publicly welcomed at the next chapter event. A "Welcome to EAA Chapter 613" video is recommended. The video link would be included in the welcome email to new members.

**EAA Northeast Leadership Workshop:** John F. Is working with EAA Headquarters on the possibility of hosting a Northeast Chapter Leadership Workshop in Burlington. Potentially this workshop would be held at BETA facilities in Burlington.

**VMC/IMC Club Meetings:** Steve Green has generously offered to work with Miguel on hosting aviation safety events.

**Next Meeting** Because of the IMC/VMC meeting after the breakfast, our next Chapter 613 meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 14th.

***Members are encouraged to review these meeting minutes and contact any officer for more information. The decisions made by the Chapter Officers will be considered final after the next Board Meeting, unless a member requests that decisions be tabled at the meeting for further discussion by the entire membership***

### Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2023 by George Coy, Treasurer

INCOME	
Hangar Rent	\$800.00
Breakfast Income	\$527.00
General Scholarship	\$2,500.00
Membership Dues	\$213.51
Book Sales	\$25.00
FTD Fees	\$100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,165.51</b>

EXPENSES	
New Space Heaters	\$5,406.12
Purchase PA System	\$242.34
Electricity	\$27.68
Supplies	\$127.90
General Scholarship	\$2,686.91
Ray Scholarship	\$1,119.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,609.95</b>

Hangar Contingency Fund	\$14,873.50
Mary McGrath Fund	\$27,738.07
CD#1	\$10,000.00
CD#2	\$10,000.00

Ray Scholarship Balance(*)	-\$6,305.93
General Scholarship Balance	\$41,623.20
General Fund	\$18,941.01
Checkbook Balance	\$24,917.84

(\*\*) Negative balance due to timing of Ray Scholar disbursements

### As The Prop Turns by George Coy

- We received a \$2,500.00 donation from Roberta Haskins. Thank You Roberta.
- We are expecting the insulation of the hangar ceiling this coming week and also the electrical and heater installations to happen before the new year.
- Each month I have been putting out the last month's treasurers report. I plan to put out a year-end report for the January Newsletter.
- I will be retiring as Treasurer on January 1 of 2024. I have been working with the treasurer elect Bethany Fronhofer to make the transition. Looking back, I was elected in 2017 at a time when the treasurer's job was only a few things. Our Chapter has grown significantly with our aviation education programs. This has resulted in a significant increase in the treasurer's workload to keep up with the income and expenses. It has been a privilege to serve our chapter during this time of significant growth.

### Meet our New Chapter 613 Treasurer—Bethany Fronhofer!



Bethany went to school for Biomedical Engineering and Design, and focused her thesis on designing education solutions for hands-on learners. She has a passion for learning and a keen interest in the past, present, and future of Aviation.

For her day job Bethany works as the Creative Lead for a small start-up company.

Bethany has also been working with George to earn hours towards her A&P License.

he is excited to take over from George as Chapter 613's new Treasurer next year and work to support the chapter and the KFSO community!

Congratulations Bethany, and thank you so much for taking on this key role for Chapter 613!

## Out With The Old and In With The New!!

By Marge Butterfield

No, it's not New Year's Eve yet! I just wanted to say how much I have enjoyed being secretary of Chapter 613 for 24 years. How fast the time has flown. The chapter has grown and expanded in so many ways. I've had the pleasure to work with so many officers and we all worked as a team. The camaraderie and working together on chapter events has been a very special part of the "job". I am so happy that Susan Levaque has volunteered to serve as chapter secretary. Susan will be bringing in new ideas and new technology to our chapter.

Thank you Susan for taking over the chapter secretarial reins!

## November Pancake Breakfast and Chapter Meeting

By Marge Butterfield

We certainly had a record turnout for the November 19th pancake breakfast. It was also George Coy's birthday, so we all had something to celebrate. The cooks for the day did a tremendous job keeping up with the demand. Shirley Fitzgerald cooked up the scrambled eggs, just the way Earl Taylor had showed her and they were delicious. Armina Medic and Susan Levaque kept up with the blueberry and plain pancakes and sausage. Marge Butterfield made a coffee cake and cooked up some bacon at home and brought it for the breakfast. No one went hungry. After the breakfast, we all celebrated George's big 80, with two Ben and Jerry's ice cream cakes, courtesy of Beth White and Marge Butterfield. We were then treated to a wonderful video made by Beth White that featured members expressing birthday wishes and thanks for all George does. Everyone was very touched when watching it, especially George.

We had a short chapter meeting and held the officers' elections. John Fitzgerald was running for another term as President and Miguel Marin was running for another term as Vice President. Marge Butterfield decided not to run for another term as Secretary and George Coy decided not to run for another term as Treasurer. The two new candidates for secretary and treasurer were Susan Levaque and Bethany Fronhofer, respectively. All four candidates were unanimously elected. We are all happy to welcome Susan and Bethany as the new officers and thank them for volunteering for these positions.

Armina Medic, Miranda Gallagher and Calla Senesac volunteered to be the cooks at the December 17th pancake breakfast.

### \*\*\*\*New Member\*\*\*\*

We'd like to welcome Ethan Hubbard from Swanton as our newest member. Ethan is currently working on getting his pilot's license.

*Welcome to EAA Chapter 613!*



## EAA Chapter 613

### Youth Aviator Program Corner

December 2023

## EAA Chapter 613 Youth Aviator Program



As December descends upon EAA Chapter 613, the youth aviation program is abuzz with activity. The hangar heaters hum, battling the winter chill as dedicated young aviators engage in flying lessons and work diligently on aircraft maintenance. The air is crisp, and the ground, sometimes slippery with ice, demands sure footing when pulling the aircraft out of the hangars. It's a season where passion meets perseverance, and the lessons learned extend beyond the cockpit.

Amidst the frosty air, there's a warm opportunity for aspiring aviators — scholarship season. A simple Google search results in so many scholarship opportunities for our youth members, opportunities that help our youngest fliers realize their dreams of soaring through the skies. It's a time when the community comes together to support the next generation of pilots. The cool weather, while challenging, brings a unique joy to the aviators-in-training. The airplane engines, seemingly happier in the cold, "bite" more air with each propeller swing. It's a lesson in engine care — watching oil temperatures and avoiding the risk of shock cooling.

Reflecting on the past six years of our youth aviation program, our progress is remarkable. The statistics tell a story of growth, with an increasing number of young aviators joining the ranks each month. The pancake breakfasts, a cherished tradition, see a blend of fresh faces and seasoned members, creating a vibrant aviation family where the enthusiasm of the youth injects new energy into the longstanding passion of aviation enthusiasts. We love hearing from new aviators, for through them, EAA Chapter 613 has an atmosphere that resonates with the excitement of exploration and the joy of flight.

### Scholarships Available

**The Lyons Aviation Foundation:** Now-January 13, 2024. <https://lyonsaviation.org/>

**Leroy Homer Foundation:** October 31 - January 31, <https://leroywhomerjr.org/scholarships/>

**ENE 99s Scholarship:** Now-December 15th, [https://www.womenpilotsene.org/05\\_Scholarship/2024ScholarshipApplication.pdf](https://www.womenpilotsene.org/05_Scholarship/2024ScholarshipApplication.pdf)

**EAA:** November 1-March 1, 2024, <https://www.eaa.org/eeaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships>

Do you or someone you know dream of becoming a pilot or pursuing an aviation-related career? Make your dreams a reality and apply today for an EAA Flight Training or Post-Secondary Scholarship!

Our flight training scholarships help support students interested in a private pilot certificate or additional ratings, while post-secondary scholarships support students pursuing an aviation-related program, such as aeronautical engineering, air traffic control, aviation management, or A&P maintenance. Apply for a scholarship today!

**AOPA:** September 5-February 9, <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships>

**Tuskegee NEXT Summer Flight Program:** a full-time, residential program in the Chicago area that runs from mid-June to mid-August (ages 18-20), <https://www.tuskegeenext.org/Tuskegee-next-apply>

**Multiple Av Fuel Scholarships:** <https://www.avfuel.com/AVTRIP/Maximize-AVTRIP/Scholarship-Opportunities>

**Flying Musicians Scholarships:** Closes January 31, <https://flyingmusicians.org/fma-solo-program/>

**Make-A-Pilot.org:** <https://make-a-pilot.org/scholarship-requirements>

### EAA Air Academy Preliminary Participant Registration Form

The EAA Air Academy is a fun-filled aviation camp experience for youth ages 12-18. Since 1984 experienced instructors and dedicated staff have shared the knowledge and lore of aviation through hands-on workshop, classroom, and outdoor experiences.

The registration fee includes all instruction, materials, meals and lodging in the beautiful EAA Air Academy Lodge, located at Pioneer Airport on the grounds of the EAA AirVenture Museum at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Participants will share a bunkroom with three other campers and bathroom facilities centrally located on the same floor. High standards of safety, appearance, and cleanliness are an EAA tradition and backed by American Camp Association accreditation.

Transportation to and from Oshkosh is the responsibility of the participant, with free pick-up provided from the Appleton, Wisconsin airport. All necessary Oshkosh area transportation is provided in EAA vehicles.

**EAA Air Academy Campership Application Form** (Continued on next page)



**EAA AIR ACADEMY CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

- The campership funds can only be used toward the camp tuition fee.
- Camperships are awarded not as a cash award, but as a reduction in camp fees.
- Camperships awarded may not be the amount requested.
- Camperships are available up to the following limits: Advanced Air Academy \$1200, Basic Air Academy \$1000, Young Eagles Air Academy \$750.
- Camperships will not be awarded until mid to late March of 2023.
- Additional information, and application for an EAA Air Academy Campership, can be found at the following link:
- [EAA Air Academy Information | EAA](#)

**Habitat for Aviation Update, Beth White**

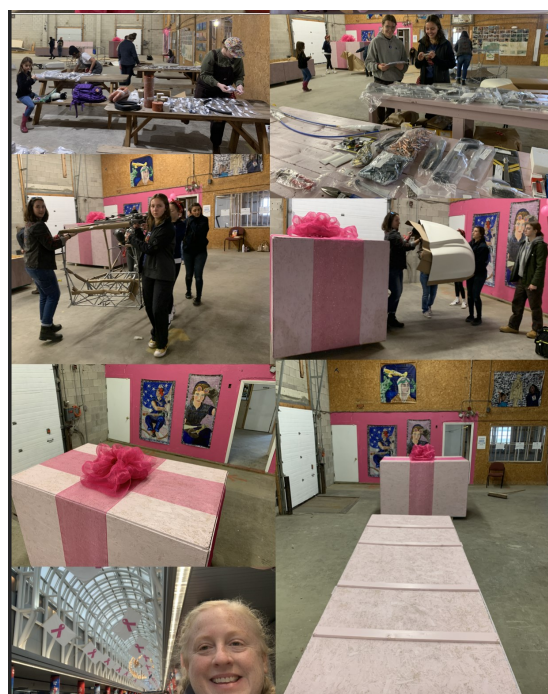
Just a year ago, in the midst of recovering from my last surgery and navigating a 10-month battle with breast cancer, I could not have foreseen the incredible journey and strides that Habitat for Aviation would make in these months since forming our non-profit. The progress is a testament to the unwavering support of our aviation family.



At the heart of our mission is the cultivation of meaningful relationships between youth and adults, united by their shared passion for aviation. We've witnessed beautiful connections form as they work together, whether flying or building an airplane. Our approach also emphasizes relevance and practice with real work being done alongside mentors who are experts in the field.

Reflecting on our recent endeavors, in September, our Rans S-21 kit arrived. Special appreciation to Kevin Dwyer, Danny Marcotte, and Cliff Coy, who unloaded and kept it safe in their space until we could move it into our building. Heartfelt thanks go to Andrea Clark and JoAn White for promptly painting the shipping crates pink in preparation for our "kit opening ceremony." This celebration honored the trailblazing women who came before us — The Rosies — who broke seemingly unsurmountable barriers in the field during WWII – and all the women who came after them to build, fly, and flix aircraft.

Amidst the meticulous unpacking and cataloging of the thousands of pieces of our Rans S-21, the energy and excitement within our Habitat for Aviation family was palpable. Donning our red and white polka dot Rosie The Riveter bandanas, we channeled the spirit of the women who built aircraft in factories during WWII. As we went through each item for our airplane, led by the expert guidance of Jane Thomson and Bianca Marrier, both A&P mechanics and invaluable mentors, the connection to the legacy of women in aviation became vivid. In a series of four build days since, we have made significant progress and are on the cusp of completing the rudder and vertical stabilizer.



***Habitat for Aviation Update (Continued)***

The excitement generated from our build has been nothing short of extraordinary. A special nod of appreciation goes to Hangar Mom, Genevieve Gallagher, an extraordinary thorough librarian we are lucky to call our own, who, through diligent and meticulous research, has yet to find an example of an all-female youth-adult team who has built an airplane together. This unique endeavor has ignited enthusiasm within our community and beyond. As we progress with the build at Franklin County State Airport in Vermont, we acknowledge the historical significance of our all-female team, and we are keenly aware of the incredible talent and dedication each member brings to the project.

Our quest for diversity and inclusion in aviation extends beyond the build site. We recognize the trailblazing women who have taken on this challenge, building an airplane individually, and are reaching out to them for mentorship and guidance. It's an honor and privilege to be on this aircraft construction journey together, building not only a plane but also lasting connections and opportunities for aspiring female aviators and aviation mechanics. With each rivet and piece assembled, we are contributing to the broader narrative of women in aviation, creating a space where dreams take flight and barriers are gracefully dismantled.

Our journey at Habitat for Aviation has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by milestones that resonate far beyond the walls of our hangar. An incredible honor came our way as PBS Newshour's Brief But Spectacular series on the future of education invited us to share our story. A dedicated team, flown in from across the country, spent the day with us, capturing the heart and passion we bring to our work. They interviewed Miranda Gallagher and her mother, shedding light on Miranda's inspiring journey from a STEM camp at Franklin County State Airport at age 11 to becoming a vital member of our Women Build Planes team and the EAA Chapter 613 family. The affirmations of our efforts were further celebrated as Bianca Marrier was featured in Inspire Girls USA's Finding Your Inspiration series, sharing her experiences as an airplane mechanic with a national audience of young women.

Our community's support has been overwhelming. To date, we've received over 70 individual donations, each a testament to the belief in our mission. In addition to individual contributions, we are honored to have garnered support from several foundations. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Big Picture Learning's Harbor Freight Fellowship Initiative, the Robert and Rhea Brooks Family Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation, Vermont Community Foundation, Green Mountain Power, George W. Mergens Foundation, 100 Women Who Care Franklin County, and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for their generous grants. These foundations have not only bolstered our financial resources but have also become integral partners in the realization of our vision.

We've hosted quite a number of esteemed visitors, and each interaction has further enriched our community, fostering connections and collaborations that extend the reach of our vision for aviation education and gender diversity in the field. We were proud to host Congresswoman Becca Balint, who spent the afternoon visiting not only our hangar but also the Taylor Aviation Center and George Coy's incredible space where a lot of the magic happens. Vermont's Lt. Governor, David Zuckerman, was a notable highlight. He left inspired by our Women Build Planes team, especially Aubrianna Mayette, who taught him a thing or two about clecos, and gaining insights into Ian Bradette's BD-4 project. We've hosted the magnetic team from Green Mountain Power, friends from BETA Technologies, Gisela and Adam Alpert, folks from the Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation, a representative from the U.S. Department of Economic Development, a team of awesome ladies from 100 Women Who Care Franklin County, and others. If you are interested in visiting and seeing what we're all about, please let us know!

This week, we had the privilege of presenting our work at the Vermont State House in celebration of Vermont's Flexible Pathways to Graduation, Act 77, aiming to inspire schools across the state to incorporate relationships, relevance, and practice into their offerings.

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**Habitat for Aviation Update (Continued)**

As our Habitat for Aviation family continues to grow, both in numbers and impact, we are grateful for the encouragement and endorsement we've received from our community and these esteemed foundations. With your support, we are not only building an airplane but also constructing pathways for aspiring aviators to soar to new heights. The collaborative spirit evident in our project extends beyond the hangar doors, reaching into the hearts and minds of those who share our passion for aviation and gender diversity in the field. We acknowledge that while we've made strides, there's much work ahead, particularly in increasing gender diversity. With only 2.6% of airplane mechanics and 5% of pilots being women, we're eager to create welcoming and supportive environments for more girls and women to explore aviation. Special thanks to Steve Green for sharing the latest statistics from the Royal Aeronautical University Study, highlighting the ongoing need for progress in achieving gender diversity in flight training – to take a look for yourself, check out the link below.. And thanks to our EAA Chapter 613 aviation family, without which, none of this would be possible. Happy Holidays!

<https://www.aerosociety.com/news/achieving-flight-training-gender-diversity/>

**EAA Chapter 613 Youth Flyers: Reflections from Flight Training****Miranda Gallagher, High School Aviator**

This month I've been able to work more on the Woman's RAN S-21 build. So far we're almost done with the rudder and vertical stabilizer. Some girls have joined and everyone seems to be figuring things out. Besides that the finals for the electric aviation class taught by BETA and VSU are coming up. I'm currently working on making my slides for the final presentation for the class. Overall it's been a good month and I'm excited to keep working on the Women Build Planes build and hopefully finish the vertical stabilizer soon.

**Calla Senasac, High School Aviator, Ray Scholar**

So far this last month I've only had a couple lessons, and it's been hard to get some solo time. The last time I flew solo I had a hard time with landings because usually Ryan is also in the plane weighing me down, but now that I'm just going by myself it's tricky to get the hang of landing because it feels so much different. A couple weeks ago I flew to Burlington, and we were on short final, about to land, when ATC called a go-around for an emergency and that was my first go-around ever! Last week I took the SAT, which was causing a lot of stress, so thank goodness that's over. Now, this month I really need to find time to go up to the airport and get some solo time!

**Ian DeVries, Aviator, Instructor**

As stick season here in Vermont draws to a close, temperatures have begun to fall, and with it, snow. While it can be hard to get up in the air sometimes on those low, overcast days characteristic of our state's winters, the cold, dense air is wonderful for flying when rewarded with a bluebird sky. I'm proud to say that over the past month, I was able to solo another two of my students! They both did very well and had been eagerly anticipating that day for a long time. Earlier in November, I also had the opportunity to fly myself to Rutland to meet a friend from NetJets. He showcased his warbirds to me, and we got to have a great conversation about his career and my potential pursuit of the corporate/business aviation world. I can't wait to see what is in store for me next year!

**Spencer Levi**

I've been very busy this past month. I took my first solo flight to Burlington controlled airspace. It was exciting and nerve racking at the same time. The fear of not knowing what to say and not having my instructor there to tell me was the worst part. In reality it was not that bad and I had no problems understanding and following their instructions. I have also been working in ground maneuvers preparing for my check ride. It has been hard to practice these maneuvers in the stronger winds we've been having but it is a blessing in disguise because if I can master the maneuvers in windy conditions they will be easy in calm conditions. We are lucky to have had such a nice November with lots of sun and few clouds. I am looking forward to finally becoming a licensed pilot hopefully within the next few months. I will continue to study for the written and oral exam and keep building solo flight time. I hope everybody has a good holiday season. Fly safe everyone!



**Ian Bradette, High School Aviator**

Hello wonderful aviation people! I hope everyone has been doing well. This month has been going quite well for me, and despite not being able to appear at the airport all too often due to school work, I have been able to make a bit of progress on my BD-4 project. More good news is that I'm almost done with everything I need to get my FAA medical certificate, and I hope to have it before my 16th birthday on February 9th so I can solo. Once again, thank you to everyone who makes aviation possible for me.

**Brody Hammond, High School/Early College Aviator, AOPA Ray Scholarship Recipient**

Well, unfortunately this month has been underwhelming when it comes to flying. I have one more module to complete in my instrument training before taking the end of course test and subsequent checkride. I'm waiting to complete a >250 nautical mile three-leg cross-country flight with one leg's destination being more than 100 miles away in a straight line. Due to IFR minimum altitudes, this has proven extremely difficult to complete. It seems that just within one hour of my departure time, cloud ceilings always drop just low enough to prevent me from completing it due to potential icing. Apart from trying to fly, I've fortunately been quite productive in college and in ground school. I took the instrument rating written exam and passed with a 97% and I passed the instrument flight instructor written exam with a 98%, which I'm pretty happy about. I'm now in finals week for college so I'm understandably quite busy, but thankfully the end of the semester is in sight. I'm looking forward to being able to spend more time with friends and family over winter break after this busy semester wraps up.

**Kyra Becker, Ray Scholar, Instructor, Commercial Otter Pilot**

This month we I hosted a pot luck for WAI VT chapter. Chapter 613 graciously let us use their space. We had a great time but I'm definitely hoping for more involvement in later get togethers. Thank you to Beth and George for attending. Also a huge shoutout to Genevieve Gallagher for making the most on theme spectacular cookies (picture featured).

I've been flying the Syracuse route this month. Which is KPBG - KSYR. Then in the morning KSYR-KPTD-KPBG. I've gained a lot of night IMC time. My instrument skills have gone up immensely as we have no autopilot. We hand fly all approaches. Some days I'll get 3 approaches in almost down to minimums (great for the logbook)!!

**Silas Scheckel, Aviator**

So far in my commercial training I've been shown almost all of the maneuvers that will be on the checkride. After all my instrument training I've found it hard to remember that I'm actually allowed to look outside. I've also found that I'm a little out of practice in my pattern work after focusing so much on instrument approaches. In my last lesson went to a non-towered field to practice landings and I realized it's been a while since I've done this. For now I'm going to be backing off flight training so I can get through finals then picking back up again over break so I can get a checkride done in early January before classes get too difficult.

**Memphis Everest, High School Aviator**

Hello! I've had a really busy time here, and it's all culminating next week! In addition to finals week I will also be taking my private pilot checkride, something I am both thrilled by and dreading. I've loved being able to fly here and it's been such a formative experience. When I first started I didn't really have a clear path ahead of me for what I wanted to do in life, but all it took was one flight on a very very snowy day to convince me that aviation was the right path for me. And the community of FSO is such a fantastic addition as well! Being able to meet and talk with other pilots really has been a great addition to my journey from student to solo and beyond. Thanks for making the ride to my checkride so great and I can't wait to see y'all in the skies soon.

**Gabe Merrill, High School Aviator**

I had a flight this past week that stuck out to me because it reminded me of the reasons why I fly and I think why many others choose to fly during the flight over the lake. The sun got right into that spot many Vermonters know creates the most spectacular of light shows.

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**Gabe Merrill (Continued)**

This is the magic of flying that can be lost in the shuffle of preparation sometimes. I think it's necessary to take a few steps back from time to time and appreciate where we live and that we get to view it from an angle most will not ever get a chance to.

**Ishir Agarwal, Ray Scholar, Aviator**

I can't believe the semester is almost over! It is unreal that I've been in North Dakota for three and a half months...and it only snowed twice??? Even in early December it's hitting 50 degrees which I just cannot believe (in a good way!). Although I am sad that this amazing first semester is coming to an end, I am ecstatic to be back in Vermont for the winter to see family, friends and Chapter 613! I am so looking forward to sharing all of my UND flying stories with everyone in Franklin County and hearing about all of the amazing stuff that is happening in the chapter. I am especially excited to hear about Beth's amazing progress with Habitat with Aviation and everything she is doing to bring the possibility of aviation to a lot of Vermonters. Flying-wise, I finished up my first flying course which is the first half of the instrument rating training! It was definitely a change of pace learning about a whole new dimension of flying with no reference to the outside world...just me and my instruments! Thank you so much for reading what is happening in my life and I look forward to writing about my experiences in Vermont for the next newsletter!

**Adel Medic, Ray Scholar**

This month I have only had one lesson due to terrible weather. As a result, I only had the ability to practice touch and go's. I am at the point where I am almost 100% certain that I can solo comfortably in the future. I do hope the weather clears up soon so I can get more time doing what I enjoy the most.

*To all our Chapter 613 Members  
and Friends, we wish you the  
happiest of Holidays, and a healthy,  
safe and prosperous New Year!*

**Lightspeed Aviation Supporting Chapter 613**

Are you thinking about purchasing a new headset? EAA Chapter 613 Youth Aviator Program is honored to be an affiliate of Lightspeed Aviation. This means, with every Delta Zulu sold through our dedicated URL or QR code, EAA Chapter 613 will receive a donation of 10% of the headset value for our youth programming. Please share this far and wide and help our youth access opportunities to fly! (<https://tinyurl.com/EAA613Lightspeed>)



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LIGHTSPEED AVIATION

Lightspeed will donate 10% of the  
sale of every DELTA ZULU to  
EAA Chapter 613's Youth Aviation  
Program at KFSO when purchased  
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Click the QR code above to purchase your headset  
today and support our young aviators

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