



CHAPTER 613

Franklin County State Airport (KFSO)
Swanton, Vermont

August 2024

Message from the Chapter President by John Fitzgerald

Greetings all. Shirley and I had a great time this year at Air Venture '24. Sadly, I only saw a couple of fellow Chapter 613 members this year. I know everyone is so busy these days, but it was the best AirVenture yet. According to EAA stats: 686,000 attendees, and over 10,000 airplanes. My Father and the late Harry Yawney teased me for many years to get out to Oshkosh and I have been going every year since. There is so much to do along with a wealth of aviation information.



Great news! Our airport is open again and I can't wait to land on the new 4000 ft runway. To celebrate our chapter is having a little get together this coming Sunday the 18th at noon. It will be nice to catch up with all who can come and enjoy burgers, dogs and a few homemade salads. As we head into the fall foliage time of year, I hope to see you out flying its normally better flying weather. Seasons change fast in Vermont so let's all get together. For some of you it will be a good time to check out all the nice changes in our Aviation Center.

By the way, check out this EAA video on YouTube: [EAA: The Spirit of Aviation® \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Fly safe,

John

Chapter 613 Summer Picnic—Sunday August 18th Marge Butterfield

It's been a while since we've gotten together, so why not have a picnic at our Taylor Aviation Center? Franklin County Airport has reopened and it's time to celebrate together!

If you are able to make it, would you please let me know so that we will know how many people to set up for. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and ask if you could bring some side dish of a salad of your choice (potato, pasta, fruit, noodle - whatever you'd like). Baked beans, etc... Let me know what you would like to bring so we don't get too much of one thing. There are some members who have food allergies, so if you are bringing something home-made, could you write down the ingredients on a notepad piece of paper? Thanks.

Some type of drinks would also be needed. We will have coolers and cups. So lots of choices - Whatever suits your fancy!

The picnic starts at noon. We will be needing some help setting up beforehand that morning - probably around 10:30. If you are available please come early and give us a hand.

It will be great to see everyone on Sunday the 18th. We hope you can make it!

Cheers,

Marge



September 8th Trip to ICAO Headquarters in Montreal

As most of you know, Miguel Marin, our Chapter 613 Vice President and Young Eagles Coordinator, works for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) that is headquartered in Montreal.

Miguel has graciously offered to host Chapter 613 members and friends for an ICAO tour on Sunday, September 8th. In addition to touring the ICAO facilities, we will be able to visit the exhibition area that is preparing for the FIRST ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY SYMPOSIUM (AAM 2024) . [FIRST ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY SYMPOSIUM \(AAM 2024\) \(icao.int\)](https://www.icao.int)

The plan is that that groups of us would carpool to Montreal and meet at the designated place and time for the tour. Details are still being worked out, and will be published as soon as they are available.

Chapter 613 had a wonderful ICAO tour some years ago, and we are really looking forward to coming back.

Green Mountain Field Days Coming Up—September 13-15

Hello Everyone! We are just 44 days out from our Green Mountain Aviation Field Days. There have been a few changes from my e-mail last Oct, but we are pretty excited about how it has come together. There are no "asks", we just wanted to let you know it is happening and share these various links so you can see what we have going on. Feel free to forward to anyone you may think is interested.

Website [Green Mountain Aviation Field Days](https://www.gmafielddays.com) The Website is getting updated daily and will continue to improve as we get aircraft and others confirmed.

EventSprout [Green Mountain Aviation Field Days | EventSprout](https://www.eventsprout.com) Tickets went on sale two weeks ago. They start at \$15. We have incorporated dynamic pricing, so have folks buy early

New Duds [Store 2 — Merch \(newdudsmerch.com\)](https://www.newdudsmerch.com) Our swag store is open. If folks buy anything prior to 16 Aug, they will receive it time to wear at the Field Days

EAA 613 [Young Eagles Day - Registration System](https://www.eaa.org) Registration is up and running. We will add a Sunday event as well.

Facebook [\(20+\) GMA Field Days | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gmafielddays) Social media campaign is running well so join in and help spread the word here as well. Full marketing campaign will start in a few weeks

Instagram [Green Mountain Aviation Field Days \(@gmafielddays\)](https://www.instagram.com/gmafielddays) • [Instagram photos and videos](https://www.instagram.com/gmafielddays)

Earl and Donald Taylor's Appreciation Luncheon

Chapter 613 members were honored to be invited to attend the July 29th Donald and Earl Taylor Appreciation Luncheon that was held at the Holy Trinity Church in Swanton.

Holy Trinity Members and members of community groups celebrated Earl and Donald Taylor and their lives of establishing generosity to the Swanton Community.

It as heartwarming to learn about Donald and Earl's their many contributions to area nonprofits and how they continue to ensure that their dedication to God, Country and Community continues.

Our heartfelt thanks to Donald and Earl for their generosity to Chapter 613. Our Chapter will continue to maintain and promote their legacies.



Instructor's Corner — by Ed Scott

Bar Harbor Airlines Flight 1808 was a scheduled flight from Logan International Airport to Bangor International Airport in the United States on August 25, 1985. On final approach to Auburn/Lewiston Municipal Airport, the Bar Harbor Airlines Beechcraft Model 99 crashed short of the runway, killing all six passengers and two crew on board.

This crash took the life of 13-year-old “Goodwill Ambassador,” Samantha Smith. She was famous for writing a letter to the Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union expressing her worry about the Soviet Union and United States getting into a nuclear war. Secretary Yuri Andropov invited her to visit the Soviet Union thus gaining her international attention, roles in Disney films, and a role in a British TV series. She was returning to her home in Maine from England with her father when her flight, Bar Harbor Flight 1808, crashed short of the runway at Auburn-Lewiston Airport in Maine killing everyone on board.



A Similar Bar Harbor Airlines Beech 99

Whenever I get together with my friend, Wayne Chase, he mentions this accident. He was flying for Bar Harbor at the time, and he turned down a request to fly first officer on this flight. Instead, a younger less experienced pilot took the assignment.

Wayne was my student long ago. After he got his private, he went on to get his ATP, built up his resume, and got a job flying for Bar Harbor. He knew the captain of flight 1808, and he believed the captain was incompetent. The flight path on approach bore out his opinion. It was erratic, and the plane was flying below the ILS glide slope for the entire approach. The NTSB determined probable cause as, “The captain’s continuation of an unstabilized approach which resulted in a descent below glide slope.”

Wayne believes that had he been on the flight, he could have prevented the accident. He would have had the confidence and experience to take action, but the less experienced first officer would not.

The idea of Pilot In Command carries with it total authority over the airplane and its passengers, and it can stymie any temptation to jump in or to say something. However, all of us, including student pilots, need to feel free to speak up if we’re uncomfortable with a scenario unfolding that could pose a danger to the safety of the plane and passengers. None of us is perfect, and none of us will be offended if you speak up. You may be saving your life and ours.

For further information on this crash, and Samantha Smith, please visit the following links: [Bar Harbor Airlines Flight 1808 - Wikipedia](#) and [Samantha Smith - Wikipedia](#)

Memories from Chapter 613 Members at AirVenture 2024





EAA Chapter 613
Youth Aviator Program Corner
August 2024



Despite the airport being closed, we remained incredibly busy at EAA Chapter 613. Our youth aviators have been spreading their wings beyond the familiar 36-18 runway, as they continued their flight training in Morrisville and Plattsburgh. Miranda Gallagher, a shining example of our program's success, was at Oshkosh marshaling airplanes with the Civil Air Patrol—a testament to the leadership and skills she's honed during the time we've known her.



Our Women Build Planes team is making fantastic progress on the Rans S-21 with the dedicated mentoring from George, Cliff, and Doyle. With determination and a bit more work, we're aiming to complete the aircraft next year, ready to fly it out to Oshkosh. Personally, I can't wait to see the famous pink jet in person and thank the inspiring women who use it to raise awareness about breast cancer—a cause close to many of our hearts.



Recently, we were honored to attend a beautiful luncheon and memorial service for Don and Earl Taylor, where we filled an entire table with both youth and adults who came together to remember these extraordinary individuals. The legacy of the Taylor brothers continues to support and inspire the next generation of aviators, ensuring their passion for aviation lives on.

As the airport reopens, the buzz of activity is back. With planes and helicopters performing touch-and-goes and jumpers fluttering down, the energy here is palpable. We're looking forward to a few more Sundays with the hangar door open and the sky full of activity.

We are also excited to celebrate another crop of EAA Chapter 613 Youth Aviators heading off to college and early-college programs, ready to embark on their careers in aviation. There's so much to be thankful for and even more to celebrate as we look to the future. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared mission of nurturing the aviators of tomorrow and hope to see many of you at the Chapter 613 Summer Picnic next Sunday the 18th.

Scholarships Available

The **Aerial Tribute Project**, Inc. was organized (2023) in Massachusetts to incentivize growth within the aviation community through marketing and scholarship programs. Our mission is built on three pillars: increase the pilot certificate completion rate, support diversity within the aviation industry, and incentivize giving back to the community. We joined their network and there is a \$2,000 scholarship available through their website: <https://aerialtributeproject.org/sky-scholars/> and lots of other scholarship resources here: <https://aerialtributeproject.org/scholarship-resources/>

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>)

EAA Chapter 613 Youth Flyers: Reflections from Flight Training

Ishir Agarwal, Ray Scholar, Aviator, UND Student

After such a rewarding first year at UND, the cherry on top has been my summer back in Vermont. Nothing is better than seeing your family after a long time, enjoying Vermont's beautiful nature, and decompressing after a whole year of classes. Although I don't have to worry about classes till the end of August now, I have kept extremely busy for the past few months. My family's Indian food truck was such a hit last summer that we decided to buy another truck and our trucks have not had a break from events in a long time. Every single day at least somebody in our family is serving up chicken biryani and mango lassi, while the others are busy making the food. Although running the food truck requires an immense amount of time and energy, every minute of serving the community has been worth it. The opportunity to bring generations of Indian recipes to the Champlain Valley and beyond is something I will not take for granted.

I originally thought that I would be able to stay current in Vermont after receiving my instrument rating a few months ago, however, the food truck has taken up a lot of time. Nonetheless, I am extremely fortunate to be the new president of EAA Chapter 1342 (UND/Grand Forks Chapter)! The chapter was created a few years ago for UND aviation students to be a part of, but participation has dwindled. My goal is to rebuild the chapter with newly elected officers, weekly meetings, fly-ins, and anything else that we can put together. EAA, especially Chapter 613, has been instrumental in my aviation career development, and running a high-potential chapter is truly an honor, and I'm glad that I can continue to learn from and be mentored by all the people who keep Chapter 613 one of the most active in the country!

Miranda Gallagher, High School Aviator

This month has been incredible. I had the opportunity to attend AirVenture in Oshkosh for the first time. Not only did I get to be present, I got to work all over the airshow with the National Blue Beret (NBB), a program through Civil Air Patrol that allows cadets to marshal the aircraft, work with pilots, find ELTs, keep accountability of aircraft, etc. This was an incredible experience and I



intend to go back next year. I'm also currently at the Aviation & Aeronautics Business Academy (AABA), another Civil Air Patrol national activity at Vaughn College in Queens, NY, which is next to the LaGuardia airport. I've met and learned from professionals from all parts of aviation both commercial and private. I'll have more updates about this activity next month. I've missed going to the Women's Build on Sundays but it sounds like the other girls are doing a great job so I look forward to coming back to help them where I can.

Calla Senasac, High School Aviator, Ray Scholar

Hi everyone! I hope this finds you well. This month I've been busy doing active summer activities with family and friends, as well as starting some work for my parents "changing the drops." This is a sugaring term that describes cutting off the old line and attaching a new clean 3 foot line to the tree, and it's done every few years. I haven't flown much, but my little sister has been begging me to take her, so I'm going to do that soon!

Spencer Levi, High School Aviator

July has been another month of check ride prep and oral exam prep. I am now more confident with my private pilot related knowledge and my maneuvers are improving! At the end of August I am headed out to Prescott AZ to continue my flight training at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. I am very thankful for the scholarship I received from EAA 613 and their donors. I have had an amazing experience with getting my PPL and I am thankful to have been able to be part of EAA chapter 613. I also wanted to thank my instructor Ryan. He is an extremely talented pilot as well as instructor. I am glad that he was the one to train me and I know that I have a very strong skills base to continue with my pilot career and the additional training that is required. I hope to be able to stay connected with EAA Chapter 613 in the future. Fly safe everyone!

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

I've taken the last month or so off from flying after getting my commercial license and I've thoroughly enjoyed it. It's been great to reconnect with many friends and family after being so focused on studying this past year. I'm hoping to enjoy this last month of summer before I start with CFI training in the fall.

Even though I've been taking it easy this month, I am happy to report that I have still been productive. I studied for and knocked out my first flight instructor written exam, acing the FIA (Flight Instructor Airplane) exam with a 100%! It's the first FAA exam I've aced, big shoutout to Sheppard Air for their test prep software.

I was able to take my mom and dad flying for a nice scenic flight through the Northeast Kingdom, where we flew between the cliffs of Lake Willoughby. It was amazing to expose my family to the wonderful world of aviation again!

Aubrianna Mayette, Aviator and Mechanic in Training

My name is Aubrianna Mayette, I am 16 and turning 17 in October. I go to Enosburg Falls High School where I'm a Junior and live in Sheldon Springs Vermont. I do JROTC at my school, where I am a Let III, and I plan to enter the military for an aviation career.

As a kid I never thought I would grow to love the aviation world so much. My first interest in aviation was in October of 2023 when the Air Force Guard brought a Black Hawk helicopter to my school's soccer field for the JROTC to fly in. After the first flight, I was slightly obsessed with the idea of flying but thought I would never have the chance to become a pilot.

That's when my mom met Beth White at an event at BFA for her work in November and where my mom shared that I was in JROTC and planned to join the military. Naturally, Beth invited both of us to visit Habitat for Aviation. When I first came into Beth's hanger I was super nervous to touch anything because I didn't know how to handle any of the tools and didn't want to ruin anything. Jane, a female mechanic who was volunteering, had assured me that she would help me till I felt confident enough to do it by myself.

After riveting for the first time in my life I became like a duck in water. I loved it! A few weeks later, Beth asked if I would be interested in a Discovery Flight which I accepted. Two weeks later I was sitting in a two-seater Cessna 150 with a pilot by the name of Ed, and after thirty minutes of flying above St. Albans and Swaton, I was amazed by the view and the feel of the plane. Ever since that first Young Eagle's flight, I have been working on getting my private pilot's license. Habitat for Aviation and EAA Chapter 613 has given me something I thought impossible to be possible.

Silas Scheckel, Aviator

As I am writing this I am in a hotel on my way back to Purdue for my senior year. Next May I will graduate with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering Technology. Over the summer I passed the fundamentals of instruction written exam and got signed up for CFI ground school for next spring. In the meantime I plan on getting my commercial multi and passing the second CFI written test. For years I've been looking up at the Piper Seminoles flying over campus and looking forward to having all that horsepower. I am very excited to be escaping academia soon and working as a CFI at Purdue Aviation next spring.

Owen Mongen, Aviator and Mechanic-in-Training

During the past month I was lucky enough to make it to Oshkosh. Going to Oshkosh was an experience that I will never forget. I gained lots of knowledge in aviation while I was there, and became even more excited for the future to come in hopes that I will have my own plane someday. I also have been making good progress with my ground training to prepare me for my written exam. Lastly, I applied to the college that I have always wanted to go to in Utah, where I will be in their aircraft maintenance program. I just got the news that I was accepted!

Abby Demar High School Aviator, Ray Scholar, Mechanic-in-Training

This past month has been very busy but unfortunately not with as much flying as I would like. Good thing I have a EAA Ray Scholarship Flight Simulator though, I've been using it and learning more about the program every time. Additionally, I completed my Harbor Freight Fellowship with Habitat For Aviation, officially logging over 120 hours working with the woman build planes team, and I can say I have learned an insane amount! It's unbelievable really how much I have learned over the past year through being involved in aviation.

Sam Longstreet, Grade 8, Mechanic and Pilot in Training

This past month I helped George wire an antenna for a C 150 then wire the fuel and oil pressure gauges on that plane. The following week I went to ACE camp in Springfield, Vermont, at Harness State Airport. I got to do lots of cool things like ride in a UH-6 helicopter and a CJ4 citation jet. Now, I am in Warren, Vermont at the Sugarbush Soaring camp getting better at flying in gliders.

Kyra Becker, Ray Scholar, Instructor, Commercial Otter Pilot

In February, I embarked on a pivotal journey back to Nevada for Upgrade training, a significant milestone in my aviation career. I seized the opportunity to ascend to the rank of Captain, achieving this at 1,200 hours total time. An ATP is not required as I am not carrying passengers. This elevation not only fills me with excitement but also grants me the privilege of logging PIC multi-turbine time, a highly esteemed asset in the aviation realm.

Situated in Boulder City, NV, just a brief 20-minute drive from Las Vegas, the atmosphere was bustling upon my arrival. The city was abuzz with activity, compounded by the presence of a TFR over Vegas due to the visit of the POTUS, followed by the Super Bowl hosted in this vibrant city. Amidst this dynamic backdrop, I found solace in indulging in jet watching.

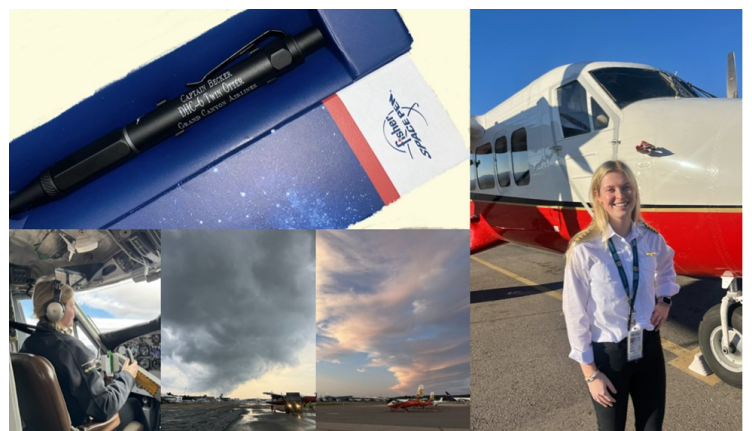
During my two-week stint in Boulder City, NV, I found the training to be notably smoother this time around, owing to my prior three months' experience in the right seat of the aircraft. The transition to the left seat brought forth some procedural variances, including taxiing using the tiller and some different paperwork required in my daily job. However, the most notable change was the newfound authority to make final operational decisions as Captain. Operating within a two-person crew setup underscores the essence of teamwork in our endeavors. While the PIC holds ultimate authority, every decision is a collaborative effort.

The journey of advancement in aviation is an ongoing odyssey of learning and growth, and ascending to the role of Captain has been a profoundly humbling and gratifying experience. Upon returning to New York, I embarked on two days of Initial Operating Experience (IOE), followed by assuming the mantle of PIC with a First Officer by my side.

In a gesture of congratulations, our Chief Pilot gifted each of us with a Fisher Space Pen, engraved with "Captain Becker, DHC-6 Twin Otter, Grand Canyon Scenic Airlines". For those unfamiliar with the remarkable history of the Fisher Space Pen, I encourage you to explore its captivating narrative at this link: <https://www.spacepen.com/our-story> (<https://www.spacepen.com/our-story>). A fitting symbol for our journey in aviation especially because Fisher Space Pen is manufactured in Boulder City, NV.

I haven't been on a hiatus. I assure you, I've been thinking about my EAA family recently. In a month from today, I will have officially been with Grand Canyon Scenic Airlines for a year. I feel incredibly blessed for the experience—hand flying approaches, navigating through icing conditions, and maneuvering around thunderstorms. It's all truly invaluable.

I've been a Captain on the otter for 7 months now and just completed my recurrent 6-month check ride. Interestingly, I found this check ride to be the easiest of the three I've taken at my company. Not that any part of the check ride was easier than the others, but I felt completely in my element flying out of Plattsburgh and performing approaches I've done a hundred times before. My previous check rides were at the Grand Canyon, which presented a completely different scenario. I will attach a couple photos I've recently taken. Tailwinds and good health to everyone!



Minutes of the August 8th Chapter 613 Board Meeting

Present: Marge & John Butterfield, Chris Chicoine, John & Shirley Fitzgerald, Bethany Fronhofer, Steve Green, Miguel Marin, Ed Scott

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 8th, 2024. The following was discussed:

Chapter Picnic – August 18th

- A Chapter Picnic is planned for Sunday, August 18th, starting at noon.
- Hot dogs and hamburgers are being provided. Marge to send out notices for attendees to bring side dishes.

Young Eagle Events During BTV Aviation Field Days

- It was agreed that Chapter 613 would support Young Eagle events for both Saturday 9/14, and Sunday 9/15.
- Additional support is being provided by BETA Technologies.
- Burlington ATC has capped Young Eagle flights at 8 flights per hour to mitigate air traffic congestion.

Treasurer's Report

- Bethany has encountered reporting issues with the online version of Quick Books. It was agreed that the Chapter will pay for support services to assist Bethany in resolving these issues. Bethany will set up the Quick Books subscription renewal through Tech Soup.
- Thanks to Bethany's efforts, the Chapter has collected \$1,400 in dues for this year.
- Discussion on existing CDs, as well as investment of future funds from the Donald and Earl Taylor estates to continue.

Taylor Aviation Center

- John B will investigate a lockable cabinet where valuable chapter supplies and equipment can be securely stored.
- Purchase of a new kitchen range and exhaust hood was approved. Marge and Shirley will select the kitchen range.
- The existing hot water tank does not have sufficient capacity. John B will work with other chapter members to obtain quotes to upgrade to a gas fired water heater.
- The Town will be installing town water, and possibly sewer to the airport. The existing water well will be decommissioned requiring the Aviation Center to connect to town water. We need to clarify whether a hookup to the town sewer will be required, or if we can continue with our existing septic system.

Chapter Activities

- Miguel has offered to host a September 8th visit to ICAO headquarters in Montreal. Details to follow.
- John Fitz requested that he see all incoming Chapter 613 mail. Details to be worked out.
- Personal email addresses have been removed from the back of the monthly newsletters due to recent hacking. Chapter officers and directors can be contacted through the chapter email address eachapter613@gmail.com

Next Meeting

- The next Chapter 613 Board Meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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.

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