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Upcoming Meeting

July 12, 2016
5:30 to 7:30 RUT

- ◆ 5:30 to 6 Socializing supper
- ◆ 6 to 6:10 Chapter Business
- ◆ 6:10 to 7pm Event Planning
- ◆ 7 to 7:15 Closing chats

President Perspective

Happy summer! I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed the warmer temperatures and terrific flying weather these past few weeks. June has been an active time for the Green Mountain Flyers EAA Chapter 968. As you will see in this newsletter, an ever increasing number of area young people were able to enjoy flights through the Young Eagles program June 11th. The success of this program is due to our EAA member pilots, EAA member volunteers and Jen and Mark Jacobs who continue to do a phenomenal job organizing the Young Eagle events.

June 16th, we hosted a WINGS seminar presented by John Wood, FAA Safety Team Program Manager on Avoiding Loss of Control. It was an excellent presentation that was appreciated by everyone. Along with the seminar, John presented our very own Steve DeClue with a Safety Pilot Award. See the article in this newsletter about Steve.

Finally, we had our first "fly-out" to Saranac Lake (KSLK) Saturday, June 18th. We couldn't have chosen better weather. Folks flew in from

Rutland, Middlebury and Charlotte. I'm hoping we can do this again in the near future.

We do hope you can join us for our Chapter Meeting on July 12th when we will be chatting about a number of other event ideas for July, August and September.

I think I mentioned earlier in the year, that I agreed to become President of EAA 968, only if others would help me with the many needs of the organization. The amount and quality of support given to EAA 968 by it's members has been wonderful. This was particularly true at the WINGS Seminar last week, with regard to setting up, providing food, greeting people, directing traffic, and quickly cleaning up so Columbia Air Services could close up shop in a timely manner. Without, Tracy Adams, Jim Shires, Bob Johnson, Kevin Gecha, Jen and Mark Jacobs, Charlie North, Carolyn North and Hayden at Columbia Air Services, I'm not sure the seminar would have been such a success. Thanks to them all.

-Gail

Have you ever seen this?

Ok hotshot pilots, Jim Shires saw this symbol on his e-sectional when he was flying to Sun N' Fun.



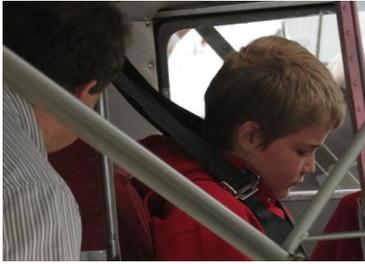
We both now know what it is. Do you? There is some discussion about it online, and it is on select paper sectional keys. The answer is located toward the end of this newsletter.

Young Eagles - Jennifer Jacobs

Another Successful Young Eagle Rally in Rutland



As always, we cannot put on a Young Eagle rally without the support of both EAA Chapter 968 and the airport management, so we want to thank all of our amazing volunteers! A special thanks again to Caroline and Tracy for maintaining organization regardless of the impending rain and the general chaos which characterizes a group of excited young people. Remember that you can find free downloadable photos of the events online at: YoungEagles-EAA968.smugug.com



Young Eagles Rally Dates!

**July 19th or 20th
&
September 23rd**

On Saturday, June 11th, five pilots gathered at the Southern Vermont Regional Airport (AKA Rutland or KRUT) to fly local kids ages 8-17. We had a mixture of airplanes and seating options; from 1 seat up to 3 seats. Our intrepid pilots flew 12 kids before they had to stop due to rain and an additional 5 were being rescheduled for Wednesday evening (June 15th). As always, the response of the kids is thrilling and we also had some very real interest. One young lady is interested in joining the local CAP squadron and a young man will be beginning his glider training this weekend with the New England Soaring Association in Springfield. We are super excited about these developments!



The next Young Eagle event will be in late July in combination with the Starbase Camp either July 19th or 20th, so stay tuned. And our next Chapter 968 Young Eagle rally is planned for September 23rd, again from 9am until noon and as school is back in session at that point, we will be expecting another good turnout. Again, a big **THANK YOU** to all of our ground volunteers and pilots!



Congratulations to Kevin Gecha who passed his "Knowledge Test" this month. This is an important step toward achieving his goal of Private Pilot License.



Photos of the month

The Chapter had a fly out on the 18th to Saranac Lake (aka SLK) for brunch! The food was yummy and the company even better!



LOCAL PILOT RECEIVES WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD



Eligibility

To be eligible for the Wright Brothers MPA, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CCA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot certificate.
- ❖ Have 50 or more years of civil and military flying experience.
 - Up to 20 years of the required 50 years may be U.S. military experience.
 - The effective start date for the 50 years is the date of the nominee's first solo flight or military equivalent.

The 50 years may be computed consecutively or non-consecutively.

He first took the controls of an airplane, a J-3, in 1965 at the age of 20. A year later he had his private pilot's license, and fifty-plus years after that he is still flying. In fact, Steve DeClue of our local EAA Chapter 968 recently was awarded the Wright Brother Master Pilot Award by FAAST Team Manager John Wood of the Portland FSDO at our recent Chapter meeting.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, named after the first US pilots, is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots. It is created to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as "Master Pilots."

It all began for Steve when he was a student at The Citadel: the Military College of South Carolina. There he had the opportunity to fly a number of different kinds of planes including the Piper Cub J-3 and J-4, the T-34, PA 28, Cherokee 6, Cessna 150, 172, and the Aircoupe. Later Steve owned a Cherokee 160 and a Cessna 180.

Fifty years of flying gives a pilot a remarkable perspective. Steve has seen a lot of changes in general aviation. "Today's pilots are more disciplined," he says. But they have to be, he explained. "Just the airspace is more complicated and air traffic control." All these factors mean that pilots need to know more than when Steve began, and they need to be constantly learning. But that, Steve said, was for him one of the draws of flying. It is a hobby that requires you to be learning all the time, always sharpening your skills, and being ready for the unexpected.

One thing that Steve says he misses is the camaraderie you used to see at your local airport. There were more private planes, more pilots, and lots more socializing. But, it was also cheaper to be a pilot many years ago.

Steve has shared flying with his wife Sandy for many years. She took ground school courses and flying lessons so that she could understand and assist Steve in their mutual hobby. Sandy was recognized as well through the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.



For more information about the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, and to find Steven's name on the "Roll of Honor," check out <https://www.faasafety.gov/content/MasterPilot/>

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A distinctive certificate and lapel pin is issued after application review and eligibility requirements have been met. Upon request, a stickpin similar in design to the lapel pin is also provided to the award recipient's spouse in recognition of his or her support to the recipient's aviation career. Once the award has been issued, the recipient's name, city and state will be added to a published "Roll of Honor" located at <https://www.faasafety.gov/content/MasterPilot/RecipientList.aspx>.



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Upcoming EAA Chapter 968 Events

July

- *Meeting 12th
- * Young Eagles date TBA

August

- *Meeting 9th

September

- *Meeting 13th
- *Young Eagles 22th

What's happening for aviation fun?

Join fellow pilots and car enthusiasts and head to Minute Man Air Field every Thursday night this summer (except July 7). Featured cars each week, but all cars are welcome. Great food and libations, including wood-fired pizzas, burgers, and dogs from Nancy's at the Air Field caf. Donations to benefit local and international service projects.

Web site: <http://www.wingsandwheelsma.com/>

Venue: 6B6-Minute Man Air Field Stow, MA

Contact: 978-807-9647

info@nashobarotary.org

Sunday, July 10, 2016 - 9:00am - Saturday, July 16, 2016 - 5:00pm
Warren-Sugarbush Youth Camp 1

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 - 9:00am - Sunday, July 17, 2016 - 3:00pm
Hartness Airport Green Mountain Aerobatic Contest

Saturday, July 16, 2016 - 11:00am - 4:00pm
Franklin County 2nd Annual Pulled Pork and Chicken BBQ Fly-In

The answer for have you seen...



G - Glider Operations
H - Hang Glider Activity

MISCELLANEOUS



Parachute Jumping
Area (See Airport/
Facility Directory.)



Space Launch Activity
Area (See Airport/
Facility Directory.)

This Rocket shows the location of a Space Launch Activity such as private companies e.g., SpaceX and Govt. sites. Jim noticed it on a Florida Sectional. This picture is from San Antonio. Check it out online.

Link to Aviation

<https://aeon.co/essays/the-language-of-the-cockpit-is-technical-obscure-and-irresistibly-romantic>

http://www.wimp.com/rain-bomb-caught-on-camera/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=video/

Message Board

Interested in renting, selling or buying something aviation related? Send a message to EAA00968@gmail.com We will post the information here. If you like something you see here do the same and we will connect you with the seller.

I am the sole survivor of the original EAA 968 champ club. I am entertaining the thought of selling the plane outright, or....restarting the EAA champ club if there was enough interest. 9100 hrs TT Complete rebuild 2000 down to frame by Tom Lloyd/ Lee Morelli of the past EAA 968. 192 hrs on a dons dream machine engine upgrade to 75 hp from 65. 40 hrs on a sensenich wooden prop It will have a fresh annual by Scott draper 7/16 9/10 inside and out Battery intercom and hard wired handheld comm radio. Straight federal skiis Boxes of extra parts and accessories. The champ can stay in present hangar. It is a sweet little plane, LSA qualified. A perfect taildragger for experienced or inexperienced pilots. Weighs in at 895 lbs Auto gas ATC.

Burns 3-4 gallons / hr. Scott draper will entertain any questions re: maintenance. Previously we ran the club selling shares for \$6000 each. \$30/hour wet towards the repair/maintenance kitty. Again I am looking to either sell this plane outright for \$35000 outright or Reactivate the EAA club selling 6 shares at \$6000 each. I would be the first share sold, meaning 5 available.