



Chapter 968
Green Mountain Flyers
Air Mail
April 2017

Meeting Report – 4/4/2017

Attendees: Jim Shires, Charlie North, Carolyn Haley, Gary Joseph, Tracy Adams, Dave Bahnson, Steve DeClue, Gail Isenberg, Jen Jacob, Mike Petralia, Kevin Rushing, Dave Sternberg, Jeff Stewart, Howard Weaver

- The feature of this month's meeting was a presentation by Dave Sternberg about the new **Basic Med** option allowed by the FAA. Copies of this presentation were sent to everyone on our distribution list; if you did not receive one and would like it, let us know by e-mailing EAA968@vermontel.net.
- Jen Jacob presents our first **Young Eagles rally of the season:**

April 29 is coming up fast and we are ready!!

The popcorn machine will be spewing buttery goodness and Rebecca Steward from Star Base will be hosting a table of activities to keep the non-flying kids entertained. We have been fielding calls from interested parents and some Facebook comments on the Rutland Community Bulletin Board page, so it looks like we will have a fairly decent turnout for our first rally. The rally itself will begin at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting) and we generally register names for rides until noon. In the event that it rains, we will try and fly the kids on Sunday or at our June rally.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer and anyone who can make it. Here is the link to the Google sign-up sheet, if you need it:
<https://goo.gl/forms/n0beGQ5TVbNNq4xG3>.

Just as a reminder, all pilots will need to have completed their Youth Protection Training. Please contact Jen (taildraggergirl@gmail.com) if you have any questions on how to get the training completed.

Our other Young Eagles rallies scheduled are:

- June 10 (International Young Eagles Day)
- The third week in July (Star Base camp)
- September 9 (the weekend following Labor Day)



Jen Jacob, Young Eagles coordinator, with a happy new eagle at last spring's Young Eagles rally, in Jen's Cessna 120.

Other news:

- Carolyn Haley is working with John Wood of the FAA to present his “Winter Operations” talk, a **WINGS Program**, on Saturday, November 4, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Pencil in the date for now, as we have to wait until August for a solid confirmation.
- No update on the **Leaf-Peeper Fly-In** for this month. The October 14 date is firm, and an organization committee will be formed in July to pull everything together.
- Jen Jacob from the **Sip 'n Dip** committee reports: “The idea of this came about last year when we were talking about how fun it would be to fly around the state to several airports—including all the EAA chapter homes—and meet people while snacking. While Sip 'n Dips usually involve wine and hors d'oeuvres, since we are flying, obviously this would not involve wine. However, we were thinking we could suggest other beverages. At this point, the committee has identified a possible route involving six airports, primarily on the east side of Vermont. Our tentative date is June 24, and the next steps for the committee are to contact each sponsor and determine the menu and timing. Stay tuned!”

- Gary Joseph gave us a brief **treasurer's report** for the quarter just ended. As he reported previously, we're all paid up with annual expenses such as EAA National dues and insurance, and donation to EAA's Peter Burgher Fund. Gary also reiterated the need to inventory and evaluate our hard-goods assets, i.e., the furniture and space in hangar B that comprise a pilot's lounge and supply closets. We also need to start thinking about ways to invest our capital in any tools, equipment, or other items of specialized use to the chapter now and in the future. Let's discuss this at next meeting.
- Spinning off from this topic, Jennifer Jacob reported on a new workspace in Rutland available for build projects: Makerspace. This is a **shared workshop** being developed by Rutland economic development groups and local schools, and will provide inexpensive work areas and equipment for metalworking, woodworking, and electronics. More information will be provided as it comes available.
- Another responsibility that needs to be addressed is inspecting the **Lisa Fall Campground**, to make sure it's ready for anyone to use. We are looking for work party volunteers to attend to this. E-mail your interest and availability to EAA968@vermontel.net or come to the next meeting and help round up a group.
- Two major **runway improvements** will be occurring this summer, at Rutland (KRUT) and Middlebury (6B0) airports. At KRUT, construction will be starting in May and running into September, first with groundwork at the northern end of runway 1-19 for preparation of construction for the new taxiway A alongside it. The peak work will occur in July, with two multi-day closures of runway 1-19 in mid to late July when there will be 24-hour work activity. Runway 13-31 will remain open. The actual construction of taxiway A will commence in 2018.

Meanwhile, the runway at 6B0 will fully close starting April 24 to widen and lengthen the runway. Work will start on the north end and construction will be done in three installments. The planned construction window for the runway is 60 days but the contractor is aiming for 45 days and everyone is crossing their fingers. After the runway construction is done, work will commence on rebuilding the taxiway, during which time the improved runway will be open. There will be a grand reopening celebration when all is done. Many Middlebury-based folks will be moving their planes to Rutland, giving us fresh faces to welcome.

Information on the Middlebury closure was presented on Saturday, April 8, at a fly-in breakfast held at 6B0. Unfortunately, the weather made flying unfeasible, but there was plenty to do on the ground. 6B0 staff and volunteers hosted a fine feed, and Dr. Dave Bahnson gave a fascinating WINGS Program on the effects of sleep deprivation on the body. Chapter 968 was represented at the meeting by Carolyn Haley, Charlie North, Jeff Stewart, and Mike Petralia.

- With our own events on the horizon, we will be incurring expenses, so we need to earn some income to offset them. Discussions are in process among different parties about event-specific and general chapter shirts to sell; take a look at our current **chapter apparel** inventory (photos on page 8-9), and be ready at the next meeting to talk about what's desired and appropriate for the group.

Remember, too, that a portion of the chapter's annual income comes from **memberships**. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so.

To be an EAA chapter member, you must also belong to EAA National. Their dues are \$40/year. Any new chapter member not already a member of EAA is eligible for a complimentary six-month trial membership to EAA National upon joining the chapter.

To join EAA National, see <https://www.eaa.org/eaajoin-eaa/individual>. To join the chapter, come to a meeting or event and sign up in person, or print and return the form attached to this newsletter. You can also download the form from our website at <http://www.968.eaachapter.org> and send to the address on the form.

Member Events

Chapter 968 president Jim Shires took a tour in his 1975 Grumman AA-1B. Original desired destination was his annual homage to Sun 'N Fun. On his way southbound he did an overnight in Delaware, where he says, "My blue bird was happy in my friend's really nice hanger at DLZ."



Jim then flew in the Washington SFRA for his next destination to see the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, which he describes as "awesome!".

Here are Jim's shots of an SR-71 Blackbird and the *Discovery* space shuttle.





From Washington, D.C., Jim's southbound journey was hampered by weather. He didn't make it to Sun 'N Fun in Florida; he only got as far south as North Carolina before he decided to change plans and visit a friend in Ohio.

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What's *your* flying adventure—planned or completed? What's your aircraft—past, present, or project-in-process? Send photos in .jpg format with captions and story, and if possible include credit for who took the photo(s).

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Hangar Cafe, Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport (KRUT)

Please continue to RSVP "Yes," "No," or "Maybe" when meeting notices come to your mailbox, so we can give best possible estimate of headcount to the Hangar Cafe providing our food.

The chapter must pay for every meal ordered, so advance notice allows us to order the proper number of meals.

Dinner remains \$5/person. We look forward to seeing you!

What's Coming Up Around the Region

There's no shortage of aviation activities to enjoy now that flying season has resumed. Events listed are in New England and New York State, with ours highlighted in **red**. We've also included a few major ones farther afield.

Details for most events are available online. If you need help finding info, or want to fly out to any as a group, let us know at EAA968@vermontel.net. Also, if you know of an event not listed here, send notice to the same e-address.

Fly-ins, events, and shows

April

20	7:00-9:00	WINGS Program: Nontowered Case Studies—What Went Wrong? (Southern New Hampshire University, Hooksett, NH)
22	11:00-3:00	Columbia Air Open House featuring Piper aircraft and presentations on flying, owning, and medical reform (Groton, CT)
23	9:00-11:00	EAA 613 Pancake Breakfast (Franklin County Airport, Highgate, VT)
29	9:00-noon	EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT) [rain date 4/30 or 6/10]
29	10:00-3:00	Thiers Memorial Fly-In & Car Show (Schenectady Airport, NY)

May

10	7:00-9:00	WINGS Program: Nontowered Case Studies—What Went Wrong? (Marriott, Albany, NY)
13	9:00-3:00	Meriden Fly-In & Safety Festival (Meriden Markham Airport, CT) [rain date 5/21]
20–21	9:00-4:30	R.I. National Guard Air Show featuring the Snowbirds (Quonset Point Airport, N. Kingston, RI)
21	7:00-1:00	Apple Blossom Festival Fly-In Breakfast (Williamson-Sodus Airport, NY)
20	9:00-3:00	Wings & Wheels for Warriors (Resnick Airport, Ellenville, NY)
27–28	12:00-5:00	Bethpage Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds (Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY)

June

02-04	all day	Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's 27th Anniv. WWII Weekend Airshow and Gathering of Warbirds (Reading Regional Airport, PA)
03	8:00-noon	EAA Chapter 146 Fly-In Breakfast (Kline Kill Airport, West Ghent, NY) [rain date 6/4]
03	8:00-11:00	EAA 294 Fly-In Breakfast (Frankfort Highland Airport, Utica NY)
10	9:00-noon	EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT)
10		EAA 613 Young Eagles Rally (Franklin County Airport, Highgate, VT)
10	7:00-3:00	Chenango County Airport Community Day w/ Fly-In Breakfast (Lt. Warren Eaton Airport, Norwich, NY)
16–17	all day	Wings & Wheels—Collings Foundation American Elegance (Stow, MA)
24	TBD	EAA 968 SIP & DIP Vermont airport tour (Rutland, VT)
24	8:00-4:00	Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville, VT)

July

24–30	continuous	EAA AirVenture (Oshkosh, WI)
14–16	12:00-2:00	Green Mountain Aerobatics Contest (Hartness Airport, Springfield, VT)
14–16	all day	Geneseo Airshow, "The Greatest Show on Turf" (National Warplane Museum, Geneseo, NY)
3rd wk	weekday	EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Hartness Airport, Springfield, VT) (part of Star Base camp, July 31–August 4)

August

05–06	9:00-3:00	Wings & Wheels Spectacular (Owl's Head, ME)
12	8:30-noon	EAA 1375 Antique & Classic Fly-In and Battle Day French Toast Breakfast (William Morse Airport, Bennington, VT)
12–13	all day	Westfield International Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds (Barnes ANG Base, Westfield, MA)
26–27	all day	The Great State of Maine Air Show featuring Blue Angels (Brunswick Executive Airport, Brunswick, ME)

September

09	8:00-noon	EAA 146 Fly-In Breakfast (Kline Kill Airport, West Ghent, NY) [rain date 9/10]
09	9:00-noon	EAA YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT)
11-15	all week	Soar Vermont CFI-G Encampment (Hartness Airport, Springfield, VT)
15-17	all day	EAA's <i>Aluminum Overcast</i> only Northeast tour stop, flights and static display (Hartford-Brainard Airport, Hartford, CT)
17	all day	EAA 324 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show (Simsbury Airport, Simsbury, CT) [rain date 9/24]
23	all day	Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast (Franklin County Airport, Highgate, VT)
30	10:00-4:00	EAA 1576 Young Eagles Rally (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville, VT) [rain date 10/1]

October

06–07	all day	AOPA Regional Fly-In (Groton-New London Airport, CT)
07	9:00-3:00	EAA 1576 Young Eagles Rally at Airoctoberfest (Morrisville-Stowe Airport, Morrisville, VT) [rain date 10/8]
14	8:00-noon	EAA LEAF-PEEPER FLY-IN with possible Young Eagles rally (Rutland, VT)

Rutland Airport Committee meetings

Keep up with what's happening at our home base. Meetings are the last Thursday of every month, noon to 1:00 p.m. at KRUT, Hangar Cafe. Next up: Thursday, April 27.

Chapter Accessories

Two hats, two shirts, and aprons:

GMF logo (embroidered)



Leaf-Peeper (screen print)



GMF logo (embroidered)



Leaf-Peeper (screen print)



Hats \$20

Apron \$12

Short-sleeve T-shirt \$15

Long-sleeve T-shirt \$18

Available at meetings or events. Send a check to EAA Chapter 968 to Gary Joseph, Treasurer, P.O. Box 401, Ludlow, VT 05149, or cash/check in person.

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Chapter 968 Membership Application

New members and renewal form

(National EAA membership is required; non-EAA members will be given a complimentary 6-month membership.)

Date: _____ EAA National member #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (work/home/cell): _____

OK times for phone contact: _____ E-mail: _____

Member since (mo./yr.): EAA National _____ Chapter 968 _____

Licenses/ratings held: _____

Planes owned (current/past): _____

Any homebuilt or restoration projects? (If yes, please specify): _____

Other aviation interests: _____

Volunteer interests (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Setup/support for fly-ins and other events | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking for fly-ins/other events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setup/pickup for meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating food for meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating and leading fly-outs | <input type="checkbox"/> Working on build projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating or presenting content for meetings (speakers, videos, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Working on restoration projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with the Eagles programs |

Chapter dues are \$20 and good for the calendar year.
Payable in cash or check at a meeting, or check mailed to chapter Treasurer,
Gary Joseph, P.O. Box 401, Ludlow, VT 05149.
Make check to EAA 968 and include your EAA member number on it.