



Chapter 968  
**Green Mountain Flyers**  
May 2018

## Chapter News Notes & Events

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### \* **Young Eagles program**

On April 28, we held the first Young Eagles rally of the season at KRUT, and it was a winner! After a short delay waiting for the cloud deck to lift, 5 pilots flew 75 young eagles (a record for our chapter!) in a mix of Piper, Cessna, and Beech single and twin-engine aircraft. Thanks to Dave Hathaway, Tom Cahill, Gary Joseph, Charlie Rockwell, and Mark Jacob for piloting, and to Jen Jacob, Tracy Adams, Carolyn Haley, Bob Dean, David Scott, and Rebecca Steward from Starbase Rutland, for ground support.

This was the last rally to be coordinated by Jen and Mark Jacob because they are moving out to Michigan. Big thanks to both for developing the Young Eagles program during their time with us, and best wishes for their new future.

To keep the program going, we're looking for a new Young Eagles chairman.

On an interim basis, YE pilot Tom Cahill, based in Glens Falls, NY, has offered to help with coordinating Young Eagles flights in September in conjunction with the B-17 tour stop.

He's also working on possible dates for additional YE rallies this summer. More on both as they develop.

### \* **Personnel changes**

Also departing the state for a job change was our chapter President, Jim Shires.

Charlie North has stepped into Jim Shires' position as President.

Carolyn Haley has absorbed the Vice President position in addition to her Secretary tasks.

Gary Joseph remains Treasurer.

Many thanks to Jim Shires for guiding us through his term of chapter changes and growth, and we wish him success in his new job out in Wisconsin.

Jim intends to visit us for the B-17 event.

## **\* B-17 tour stop**

The chapter's biggest event slated for 2018 is hosting a tour stop for the EAA's B-17 Flying Fortress, *Aluminum Overcast*. The ship will be visiting Rutland Airport for three days on September 21-23 (Friday-Sunday). Each day the plane will give air tours in the morning then ground tours in the afternoon.

More details at [B17.org](http://B17.org).

Chapter responsibilities as tour host are numerous and diverse. We're looking for volunteers to help plan the logistics of this big public event, including food service, fencing, parking, signage, tents and tables, as well as publicity; also we need to support the EAA tour personnel in their marketing/sales trailer; and to help with the ground tours as guides, gate managers, and escorts.

We will be working with other EAA chapters, the Civil Air Patrol, the airport FBO, and State of Vermont aviation personnel to coordinate all the elements of this event. It's a great opportunity to expand the chapter's presence and relationships in the region as well as attract new members and meet with current members you've not seen for a while.

We are planning to run the grills hosting a fly-in breakfast/lunch during the B-17 tour stop as well as feed the many hungry workers and guests throughout the event.

If the weather is as good as we dream it might be on this equinox weekend, the grill activity could be very lucrative for the chapter. It will also be complex to plan since there are many variables involving the purchase, stocking, and storage of food going into and during the event. We may possibly put a few hundred plates out each day, but then again, if the weather is not with us, we need to make sure we do not overbuy food going in. With this in mind we need a few people to help in the planning and orchestration of this portion of the event, not to mention the whole three days of the event.

We are also planning a two-day Young Eagles rally that will occur during the weekend. This will be two full days and possibly be one of the busiest YE events we may see, offering rides to the young ones who come for the ground tour.

This YE event will also provide a wider range of aircraft, from classic birds to the more common newer aircraft, with the intention of offering a look at and feel for our history of aviation.

Our mission for this YE event:

We feel it is important to do our part to keep the young ones informed about what our parents and grandparents have done for freedom in this world.

We will have historians mingling with the crowd as well, helping to offer the importance of what this aircraft means to the history of our nation and aviation.

There is more developing for this weekend, creating a huge workload. Please contact us if you can help, either in planning or for operations support over the weekend.

For the other chapters around the region, we could use help in getting event posters up in locations beyond our reach.

### **\* Meeting date change?**

We have been changing the time and date of our monthly chapter meetings this year to see if one works better than another for more people to attend. Original routine as we all know has been first Tuesday at 5:30 PM, upstairs in the terminal building; we recently sampled the first and second Saturday mornings with breakfast at the Hanger Cafe. This works well for both the chapter and each person in offering a wider choice of food for each of us, as well as the chapter not having to pay for food that did not get used.

We want to explore other options such as Thursday evenings. A few people have stated they can attend Thursdays, and as we get closer to the B-17 event we would like to have them join us.

If a day or time works best for you, please let us know by Thursday, May 24, so we can tally up preferences and have enough lead time to announce when the meeting will be. If no definitive replies, then we will default to our next meeting to be on Saturday, June 2, at 9 AM.

### **\* Other items**

We are also seeking a chairperson for the Leaf-Peeper Fly-In Breakfast, and help with arranging presentations and WINGS programs throughout the year.

We would like to host a Control Tower tour at BTV as well. We have a great WINGS program to offer leading into the BTV Control Tower Tour, if we can get it all arranged.

Our officers are swamped with the workload and not able to address all these important activities. There is a lot of goodness to offer, but is hard for us to get it all out to you.

For any replies or comments, contact [EAA968@vermontel.net](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net).

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