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Upcoming Meeting

August 2, 2016
6pm to 8pm RUT
Camp Ground
Lisa Fall

- ◆ Enjoy a pot luck cook out at the camp grounds on the airport. Bring a dish to share and the Chapter will be providing grilled items. RSVP to EAA00968@gmail.com

President Perspective

Gosh, what a nice summer this has been. Flowers and gardens look terrific, the weather has been terrific for outdoor activities and folks have been up in the air. At least that's what it sounds like on the radio.

Once again, EAA Chapter 968 pilots have provided Young Eagle Flights to children in our area. As recently as July 20th a "bunch" of kids from Star Base Summer Camp were able to fly in a Cessna, Piper or Grumman around the Rutland/Chittenden area. Both young people and adults were excited being able to fly. It was a universal success. I really encourage you pilots who have the time and interest to join us in this very satisfying and enjoyable activity. See more in the Young Eagles section of this newsletter.

Other than our monthly meeting on July 12th and the Young Eagles flight, it has been relatively quiet for the chapter. This is in part because folks are enjoying the summer in different ways. It is also because several of our members have been preparing for the annual sojourn to Oshkosh for the National EAA week long aviation extravaganza. Are you going? If so, please bring back pictures and stories for the rest of us.

At our July meeting, not only did we enjoy sharing thoughts about June's EAA activities, e.g. fly-out to SLK, Young Eagles and the terrific WINGs Program with FAA John Wood present-ing, but we also made plans for August, September and October. In August we

Have you heard?

There is a Virus at RUT? No not the computer kind! The design weight of this Virus SW is 1210 lbs and with a huge useful load and fuel capacity of 26 gallons means that you can cover distances in excess of 1000 nm! The exclusive kevlar-reinforced safety cockpit with luxurious leather interior will keep you both comfortable and safe.

President Gail Isenberg
Vice-President Jim Shires

will have a cookout/potluck on Tuesday the 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We hope everyone can come share food, stories and all things aviation.

Toward the end of August (on a Saturday) we will have another field trip to Burlington ATC. We are hoping that those interested can make this worthwhile trip to meet and chat with controllers. Regardless of the group size, we will be visiting the tower. A confirmed date will be sent out within the next week.

September is filled with another Young Eagle flight, and a fly out to Simsbury Airport. Several people are quite enthusiastic about flying to see the Simsbury plane and car show. October we have our annual fly-in breakfast. Last year, we had people travel from all over New England for our "famously delicious" morning meal. We are looking for members to help volunteer with this event. If you are interested let us know. More about all of these in the weeks to come.

It's hard to believe that the year is more than half over. We have accomplished so much as a group. Fly-out, WING's program, monthly newsletter, updated website, active Young Eagles, etc. One student pilot member has recently solo'd and another has received an award for piloting for 50 consecutive years. We plan to keep up the pace as time goes on. Please join us in making this the best EAA Chapter.

-Gail



Mark your



calendar for



Young Eagles

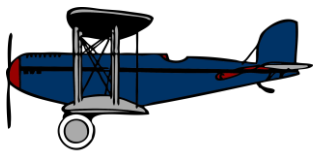


Rally Date!



September

24th



Young Eagles

The Young Eagles Rally on July 20th was a grand success. 26 Starbase Campers were flown. Big thank you to Mark, Jen, and Ryan Jacobs for allowing the use of their hangar and toys! Bob Dean was hiding behind his camera taking all sorts of great pictures. Thank you Bob!



Thank you to the flying pilots, without which the day could not have happened, Gail Isenberg, Jim Shires, Mike Petralia. David Sternberg was also there in spirit as he let Mike use his plane for the day! Finally thank you again to Jen Jacobs who wished she was flying but settled for keeping Tracy Adams company as part of the ground crew corralling kids and pilot signatures.

Photos of the month



Congratulations to Kevin Gecha, who solo'd recently. You may remember that he also passed his knowledge test a few weeks ago. Pretty exciting! Onto cross-country flights. Way to go, Kevin!



There will be more photos to come. Hope you enjoy the selfies of Gail's three groups of Young Eagles! Don't forget the next rally is Saturday the 24th of September. Three pilots flew the 26 Young Eagles in just under two hours so that would be at least 56 kids if we just had three more pilots take part. A child's first flight is a memory that will last a life time! Remember you have to be a national member and have taking the youth protection training.



Lessons Learned



When I was a very new student pilot, I was told by my instructor that pilots had a tradition of sharing their flying mistakes as a way to prevent others from doing the same. This form of confession was believed to improve aviation safety. I have found this to be true. Most of us have told other pilots of our chagrin when we did something stupid in the plane and then talked about what we learned from the experience. Well, I recently erred and thought I would use this forum to share with you. Hopefully it will be instructive to us all.

This past week I took three groups of Young Eagles up in my C172. All 9 youngsters had a wonderful time. They were joyfully excited. In the first two flights I took selfies of us. Easy and fun. On the third flight I realized after landing that I had forgotten to take our pictures. No problem. I decided to take our selfie after I stopped the engine, but before they took their headsets off. It would look like we were still in flying mode. So, I pulled the mixture out, the engine and prop stopped. I then took then selfie. Perfect. Before the three passengers disembarked I reminded them to exit the plane appropriately which they did. Before leaving the plane I fastidiously tidied up the seat belts and made sure things were ok.

Committee Update

While summer is finally getting into full swing it is time that we start thinking about fall and the Chapters annual fundraiser Foliage Fly-in Breakfast. This event has traditionally been held in September or October when the colors are at their best showing off the great Green Mountains of Vermont. This year the date has been set as Saturday October 15th, with a rain date of Sunday the 16th. Breakfast is provide to guest from 8am to noon. While this event falls under two committees as it is an Aviation Activity and a Community Outreach, we need more than just the members on those committees to help.

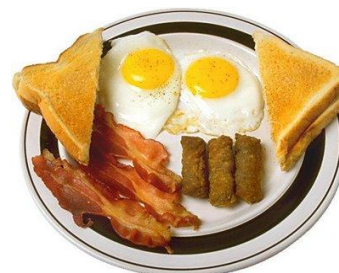


Since it was my last flight, smiling, I walked over to Bob D. who said to me, in a gentle but earnest voice, "Gail, you left the master switch on." I looked back at the plane and saw the beacon flashing patiently. I ran back, turn off the switch and noticed that I had also not taken the key out of the ignition. Yikes! Sigh! What a blunder.

Now I am usually pretty thorough when it comes to my after landing checklist. What happened? I am sure you have figured it out. I interrupted my routine shutdown with my desire to take a photo and was distracted. Gosh, it was such a simple change in behavior, with a not so simple effect on my piloting. My take away from this incident was, fly the plane even when on the ground and avoid those impulse distractions.



In hope this was thought provoking and helpful. Do you have a similar kind of learning experience from your own flying that you are willing to share? If so, let me know. You can write about it and send it to me at isenberg.gail@gmail.com, or you can call and we can chat. I can write it up anonymously.



The day of is when we need volunteers the most, flip pancakes, scramble eggs, direct plane, sign in guest. There is something for everyone. In order to make this event a success we need at least 15 volunteers. You don't have to commit for the whole time, there will be three hour window, breakfast prep and take off 6:30 to 9:30, full swing fun from 8:30 to 11:30 and feed up clean up from 10:30 to 1:30. Send an email today claiming your spot as part of a fun day of food and flying! EAA00968@gmail.com



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Link to Aviation

As a pilot you might find this 5 minute video interesting - You will learn a lot about convection, and not a single word is spoken.

<https://vimeo.com/174312494>

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.

There were no entries for the board this month!

What's happening around Vermont?

Warren-Sugarbush VFA Aero Camp
Monday, July 25 - 9am - Saturday, July 30, 5pm

Springfield ACE Camp
Monday, August 1, 9am - Friday, August 5, 5pm

Bennington Airport Antique and Classic Fly-In
Saturday August 13th, 8am to 1pm

Warren-Sugarbush Youth Camp 2
Sunday, August 7, 9am - Monday, August 15, 5pm

Wings Over Vermont Burlington International Airport
Friday, August 12, 9am - Sunday, August 14, 5pm

What's happening around the nation?

You are invited to attend the 31st Annual Simsbury Fly-In And Car Show, to be held this year on Sept 18 at Simsbury Airport (4B9) in Connecticut. This year, we are inviting your members to fly to our show in a group. We'll park their aircraft together in our display area, where they will be welcome to display signs to advertise their Chapter affiliation. We'll be back in touch in early September to ask how many members you expect to attend, so we can reserve space for your Chapter.

We are the largest Fly-In in New England, attracting 15,000 spectators and displaying 750 beautiful airplanes and autos of every type and vintage. We especially welcome antiques, amphibians, classics, small warbirds, rare and unusual aircraft, and of course homebuilts, light sports, ultralights, and helos. If you're proud of it, bring it and show it, even if it's a spam can !

Our show is designed to be like a special kind of country fair. There are lots of activities for the entire family. Over 150 businesses participate, including many of the "national" aviation names. We feature new aircraft and car dealer displays, two live bands, Ben and Jerrys and many other fine food vendors, kids activities, free aviation seminars, formation flying, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, judging and trophies, a banner tow pickup demo, crafts, souvenirs, biplane rides, LifeStar medivac helicopter, radio control model aerobatics, a championship robotic team, the Flying Octogenarians, powered parachutes, breakfast, lunch, and much more. Handicapped parking and restrooms are available. Pets on leashes are welcome. You can see full details at www.simsburyflyin.com.

