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## Upcoming Meeting

May 3, 2016  
5:30 to 7:30 RUT

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

President Gail Isenberg  
Vice-President Jim Shires

## President Perspective

Goodness, life is getting busy for the Green Mountain Flyers EAA Chapter 968. As the weather continues to improve and people are getting into the air more, we are gearing up for a variety of activities. At last month's meeting, a group of us went through the National EAA Young Eagles personal safety training. Mark Jacob, walked us through this procedure so that we can now fly Young Eagles this coming April 30th. As more and more complete this easy online safety training, our pool of pilots will grow for future Young Eagle Flying events. Check out the Young Eagles section of this newsletter for more information.

By the way, did you catch Jen Jacobs, Gail, and a young Eagle and her mother on PEGTV last week? If not, you can go online to see what a masterful job Jen did talking about Young Eagles. All this was made possible by Dick Daley, a new member, who came to our last Chapter meeting. He arranged to have the four of us come on his TV show and spread the word about this worthwhile aviation program.

Those who enjoyed our field trip to KBTVC ATC a year ago know the value of meeting local air traffic controllers.

## Have you heard?

A British Airways A320 was hit by what most likely was a drone as it prepared to land at London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday 17 of April. Police said the pilot of the BA flight from Geneva had reported that he believed a drone had struck the aircraft before it landed safely.

Commenting on the latest incident, the British Airlines Pilots Association said that more education for drone users and stronger enforcement of the rules around drones were needed to keep aircraft safe.

Controllers, like to meet pilots as well. This year, our EAA chapter will be making 2 trips to ATC in Burlington. The first will be Wednesday May 18th. If you cannot get off work during the week, you won't have to miss out. Our second trip north to the tower will be on a Saturday later in the summer. For more information, read about it in this newsletter.

Maintaining pilot knowledge can be enjoyable, even when you are not in the air. To prove the point, the Green Mountain Flyers' May 3rd Chapter meeting will test pilots' aviation knowledge with "group" Jeopardy. How well do you know weather, special air space, decision making, and other areas of aviation? Can your team win at the "answer with a question game"? Come and join the fun!

We end April with a Young Eagle Rally, start May with a fun Chapter meeting, and later in the month tour KBTVC ATC. Hope you can join us for these enjoyable and worthwhile aviation events.

Hope to see and hear you in the air.  
-Gail

"It was only a matter of time before we had a drone strike given the huge numbers being flown around by amateurs who don't understand the risks and the rules," BALPA flight safety specialist Stephen Landells said.

British Airways said in its statement that the aircraft, which had 132 passengers and five crew on board, was fully examined by engineers before being cleared to operate its next flight.

*Mark your  
calendar for  
Young Eagles  
Rally Date!*

*April 30<sup>th</sup>*



## Young Eagles - Jennifer Jacobs

April 30th is coming up in just under 2 weeks! That date is important because it is our first Young Eagle rally for 2016. We have a good sized group of kids from the Boys & Girls Club coming. In addition, this rally is open to the public: 9am until noon, so volunteers are appreciated! We will begin setting up between 8 - 8:30am.

Gail and I were honored to be invited guests on PEGTV's 'Monthly Daley' show along with one of our previous Young

Eagles, Kaira. We were able to talk about the upcoming event as well as Chapter 968 and the Young Eagle program as a whole. Kaira was a bit shy but had a big smile when recalling the flight itself. Let's give another group of kids "Bengay grins"!

With that said, please remember to complete your Youth Protection course and background check. This will be mandatory for the next rally on June 11th - International Young Eagle Day.

## Photos of the month



The myth that military aircraft will see small piston planes flying through an MOA was soberingly dispelled. Other valuable information was discussed:

- 1) military routes (you know, those narrow grey/black lines labeled VR # or IR # on sectionals),
- 2) what the military training in an MOA involves and why we might not be seen
- 3) how you can get accurate military airspace activity information (Flight Service is not always in the know).



**Vermont  
Air National Guard  
F16  
Burlington Vermont**



Some of you may know that the Air National Guard (ANG) offered an open house in the afternoon of April 8th. This was specifically for the general aviation community and involved getting up close and personal with the F16's and other aircraft, receiving a "briefing" on MOA and other military airspace, and an opportunity to "fly" one of their many simulators. The guard also provided tasty food from the grill.

This well organized event was not only very informative but great fun. The GA community was well represented, although, as you might imagine, the weekday 3:00 to 5:00 pm time slot prevented many from attending. The ANG staff was welcoming and enthusiastic, making themselves available for chit chat with everyone. Several military pilots fly GA aircraft. This was particularly helpful during the briefing lecture about airspace.

I am sure each visitor had their favorite event activity. Mine was the simulator. I was initially worried about my tendency toward nausea in this responsive "aircraft". But flying is flying. Taking off at KBTW and finding myself in northern NY at 15000' traveling 500 knots in a matter of seconds was pretty fun. The simulator can provide a 360 view. Fortunately for me, G-forces were not a part of this experience. The visual of rapid climbs, descents and turns was challenging enough for my vestibular system. I was my usual cautious pilot self and first in my group of 6 GA pilots to fly the simulator. Others were more adventurous doing dogfight type maneuvers.

All in all, a very satisfying afternoon. While the simulator cannot come to KRUT, the ANG can. The message we all heard was that the Burlington ANG is wanting to be more open with the local community. I am hoping to have ANG representatives come to talk to our Chapter in July or August. We will discuss this at our next meeting on May 3rd.

## Burlington Air Traffic Control Visit



Last year in May, a hearty group of pilots, partners and friends went to the KBTV Control Tower to meet our friendly neighborhood controllers. It was a great success. We learned about the responsibilities of Approach/Departure, Tower and Ground personnel and, better yet, met the people behind the voices we hear in our planes. Everyone thought the experience was valuable and enjoyable. However, many people missed out due to schedules, work, etc. So this year, the Chapter will be making 2 trips to KBTV ATC. The first will be Wednesday, May 18th and the second will be on a Saturday in late summer or early fall.

While at the Air National Guard open house, Gail met the new ATC manager, Ron Bazman. Ron is an enthusiastic guy who has begun implementing several changes at the tower, including staff training opportunities for the new crop of young controllers, and new technology. This may or may not affect GA pilots; however, being “in the know” is a good thing.

As with last year, the trip is a go regardless of weather. Folks can travel via plane or car. Traveling together is recommended. We plan to be in Burlington later in the morning. The specific ETA at KBTV will be determined at the May 3rd Chapter meeting. If you want to join us on May 18th please let Gail know sooner than later. The folks at ATC are happy to welcome a large group. They just want to have an idea of how many to expect.



## Committee Updates

Community Outreach is one of five committees the chapter currently has. The others are:

- Education - putting together WINGs seminars and other education trips like the ATC visit to BUR in May
- Aviation activities - Fly in, Fly outs and other fun flying adventures
- Building - Back to the roots of EAA, Experimental Aircraft Association enjoying learning of aircraft a nut and bolt at a time
- Chapter maintenance - Keeping the chapter going through all sort of venues including this news letter

This month's focus is on the Community Outreach committee one member of which is going to start charging a commission for bringing new members to the group. Steve DeClue has already brought five new members to the group in 2016. The Chapter thanks Steve for this promotion of the group and the fun we have! We would like to welcome those new members as well. We are so glad you have decide to join the chapter and share your interest, on whatever level it may be, in aviation.

The Chapter encourages all members to bring friends with you to the monthly meetings. All are welcome and it is a great time for those unaware of the group to get a feeling for what EAA is.

The Chapter currently has two couples who are members of the group as well. If your partner enjoys aviation and socializing bring them to the meets as well and certainly to the events the Chapter has as we want to be a family friendly group.



If you are one of our new members and you would like to be on one of the committee please feel free to reach out to Tracy Adams (Chapter Secretary) at the Chapter email [EAA00968@gmail.com](mailto:EAA00968@gmail.com) and she will put you in touch with other members of the committee which interests you.



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## What's happening around Vermont?

Hartness State/Springfield Airport (KVSF)

Kick off the 2016 flying season with us in North Springfield, VT on **Saturday, April 23**. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available, and from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm FAA FAAST team member Mike Nesshoever will present a WINGS credit eligible seminar "Are You Ready to Fly" with a special edition of "Airport Markings and Signage Jeopardy."

Springfield Aviation, LLC will hold its Grand Opening Open House throughout the day. Stop in and meet A&P/IA Brian Shepa. With fourteen years experience, Brian set up shop in a newly renovated 5000 square foot hangar and had a "soft opening" last July 1st. Since then Springfield Aviation has completed work ranging from annual inspections, cylinder replacements and prop overhauls on more than thirty aircraft. We believe the involved owner has a better understanding and appreciation of their aircraft, and we encourage owners' participation in permitted maintenance. *Sign up for WINGS seminar at [https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=68608&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx](https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=68608&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx)*

## What's happening around the nation?

2016 Manassas Regional Airport Airshow & Open House  
Manassas Virginia

Saturday: May 7, 2016 10am to 4pm Rain date: Sunday, May 8, 2016  
<http://manassasairshow.com>

## Link to Aviation

### AEROMEDICAL ADVISORY PROGRAM

EAA's Aeromedical Advisory Program provides EAA members who are having difficulty obtaining their medical certificate with the best possible opportunity to get it quickly and efficiently. A group of 150 EAA volunteers - all FAA-qualified medical professionals - is available for consultation. Only EAA members can take advantage of the complementary services of an Aeromedical Pilot Advocate. *Need help navigating the FAA's online MedXPress application? Dr. Greg Pinnell of EAA's Aeromedical Advisory Council and AirDocs is here to help in this in-depth tutorial.*

<http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-communities-and-interests/pilot-resources/ea-aeromedical-advisory-program>

## Upcoming EAA Chapter 968 Events & Suggestion

### APRIL

\* 30th YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT 9:00 - 12:00

### MAY

\* 3rd CHAPTER MEETING 5:30 - 7:00  
\* 18th ATC FIELD TRIP #1 (KBTV) TBA

### JUNE

\* 7th CHAPTER MEETING 5:30 - 7:00  
\* 11th YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHT 9:00 - 12:00

## Message Board

Interested in renting, selling or buying something aviation related? Send a message to [EAA00968@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### FOR SALE

ZENITH CH 701 STOL FOR SALE - 575 hours TT, ROTAX 912 ULS 100 HP - \$34,000 OB  
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