



Chapter 968  
**Green Mountain Flyers**  
**Air Mail**  
May 2017

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### Meeting Report – 5/2/2017

*Attendees:* Jim Shires, Charlie North, Carolyn Haley, Gary Joseph, Tracy Adams, Dave Bahnson, Jen Jacob, Mark Jacob, Mike Petralia, Dave Sternberg, Jeff Stewart, Howard Weaver, JJ Wist

- The feature of this month's meeting was an interactive workshop led by Dave Bahnson about flight operations at nontowered airports. It led to some lively discussion and was full of valuable information. Copies of Dave's PowerPoint presentation are available upon request (e-mail [EAA968@vermontel.net](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net)).

- Jen Jacob's **Young Eagles** report:

"Rutland's first Young Eagles rally of 2017 was definitely a success! The chapter flew 69 kids and doled out nearly 3 pounds of popcorn. A huge *Thank You!* to the pilots and other volunteers who came out to make this rally the success it was."

Registration & Organization	Ground crew	Pilots & Number of Young Eagles flown (4/29)
Tracy Adams	Carolyn Haley	Paul Blodorn – 11
	Mark Hamilton	David Hathaway – 14
	Brian Pinsonault	Mark Jacob – 7
	Chris Raymond	Mike Petralia – 17
		Jim Shires – 6
		Jeff Stewart – 13
		David Wilbur (EAA1314) – 1

"Our next mission is on June 10, which is also International Young Eagles day. This is extra special because it's the 25th anniversary of the Young Eagles program. As of this writing, 2,027,498 Young Eagles have flown worldwide. As with our prior rallies, we will set up around 7:30 a.m. and begin flying at 9:00. Please sign up on the Google sign-up sheet if you wish to volunteer. I encourage you to do so, as it is a lot of fun interacting with excited youngsters (and their parents!): <https://goo.gl/forms/leUu3SgbLAP7rPPu2>"

A poster for the June 10 event is appended at the end of this newsletter. Print it out and post it anywhere in your community with a public bulletin board to help spread the word.

### A sampling of smiles



**CALL FOR PILOTS:** Looking for more opportunities to fly and have fun? Join us at a Young Eagles rally! Must be an EAA National member and have participated in their Youth Protection Program. For more information, contact Jennifer Jacob at [taildraggergirl@gmail.com](mailto:taildraggergirl@gmail.com) or 802-322-3767.

Overview of the program at EAA's website: <http://tinyurl.com/mppc4v8>

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### Other news:

- On May 4, representatives from the four Vermont EAA chapters (613, 968, 1375, 1576) and the VT Agency of Transportation aviation division got together in Montpelier at Knapp Airport (KMPV) for a **consortium**, the object of which was to exchange information and brainstorm ways to make Vermont aviation more vibrant and connected.

Everyone reported on their group's doings. EAA chapter activities include breakfasts (year-round and fly-in); fly-outs; project builds; Young Eagles rallies; youth educational programs, such as 1576's eight-week after school program, Introduction to Aviation, and 1375's drone flying club, which is developing into a bridge to the Young Eagles program and other events to help draw the next generation into aviation—with great potential, because it's indoors and can run year-round as well as be brought directly to schools.

The state folks reported that this year there will be events at all ten of the state's airports for the first time. The state has a goal to have at least four events at each airport every year. On the docket for this year is a poker run between all four EAA chapter airports (KRUT, KFSO, KCDA, KDDH), for which you start at your own airport and end up at Franklin County for a barbecue; also a fly-in breakfast at Knapp to kick off the Distinguished Aviator Fly-Out (covering all ten airports, followed by an end-of-season gathering for prizes). Dates to be announced when finalized.

*Consortium attendees:* EAA 968—Charlie North, Carolyn Haley, Jen Jacob, Tracy Adams; EAA 613—John Fitzgerald; EAA 1576—Steve Dolgin and Bruce Dexter; EAA 1375—Leik Myrabo and John Likakis; State—Jen Davis, Aviation Operations Manager, and Chris Raymond, Aviation Education and Safety Coordinator.

The group plans to meet again next year for an update, and work more closely together in general to cross-promote each other's events and involve more people in all of them.

- John Wood of the FAA will be presenting his "Winter Operations" talk, a **WINGS Program**, on Saturday, November 4, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sign-up information to come.
- Dave Sternberg inspected the **Lisa Fall Campground**, to make sure it's ready for anyone to use this season, and provided this status report:

*Firewood.* There is kindling and some cut firewood, and two fire rings. Approx. 15 large pieces, likely too big to use, so they need to be split. As they look very dry, I think a manual splitter wielded by a strong young person would do.

*Tables.* There are two tables, both in good condition. One has a cinder block on top, and there are a number of similar blocks stacked nearby. The one on the table should be moved to the stack. A two-minute job for the same strong young person.

*Sleeping platform.* Relatively clean and in good condition. A scrub with a bleach or wood cleaner would help remove some mildew on the wood. Nice, but not necessary. Could easily be done by an old weak person.

*Area of the platforms.* Some tree shoots and bush growth intrudes very close to the platform. A hand clipper could do the job easily, with one or two branches requiring a small hand saw (like a coping saw). A medium-strong person can do this one.



*Grass.* The area closest to the platform is reasonable length and does not need work. On the airport side of the small bridge, however, the grass is long, partially blocking the view of the bridge. There are lots of stones and debris in this area, so a mower is not a good idea. One or two people with hedge trimmers could do this area in 15 minutes. I suggest one strong and one medium-strength person.

Overview: Need perhaps four people to clean up the site in under 45 minutes.

That said, hands up for volunteers! It would be great to tidy up the area before heavy growing season. E-mail [EAA968@vermontel.net](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net) or come to the next meeting to help assemble a work party.



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- 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. Also, the proposed *Sip & Dip* for June has been postponed.
  - Meanwhile, the *runway improvements* for Rutland (KRUT) and Middlebury (6B0) airports started on time and are under way.
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## Member Projects

Mark Hamilton rolled out his C-180 project plane as a static display for the Young Eagles rally (which was a big hit!), and is moving forward on the project with a goal of having it flying by the next Young Eagles rally in June.

Mark writes: "The plane is a 1953 Cessna 180 (N1585C, serial #30285). It's the first year of production with the evolution from the earlier Cessna 170. It has a 225-hp Continental in it with a McCauley prop. The plane has TT 4996 hrs.



"It had been setting in a hangar in a meadow in Andover, VT, not flown for three years. Scott Draper looked the airplane over, got a ferry permit from the FAA, and I ferried it over to KRUT last November. I knew the previous two owners all the way back to the late '70s. Nate Pond from Andover, VT, was the most recent owner. It will have a new interior, extended baggage with a ski tube, and a tail pull installed shortly. I will be looking to Chapter 968 for assistance with installing the baggage and tail pull. (And polishing)."

When he reaches that point, Mark will set a date and time for a workday(s). If you're interested in helping, contact [EAA968@vermontel.net](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net).



## What's Coming Up Around the Region

It's flying season! 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](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net). Also, if you know of an event not listed here (or see incorrect information), send notice to the same e-address.

### Vermont EAA chapter events

- 6/10 EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland Regional Airport—KRUT), 9:00-noon
- 6/10 EAA 613 Young Eagles Rally (Franklin County Airport, Highgate—KFSO)
- 6/16 EAA 1576 Fly-In BBQ (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville—KCDA), 5:00-7:00
- 6/17 EAA 1576 Fly-Out to Post Mills (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville—KCDA)
- 6/24 EAA 1576 Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville—KCDA), 8:00-4:00
- 6/24 EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Hartness Airport, Springfield—KVSF)
- 8/12 EAA 1375 Antique & Classic Fly-In and Battle Day French Toast Breakfast (William Morse Airport, Bennington—KDDH), 8:30-noon
- 8/19 EAA 1576 Tail Dragger BBQ Fly-In (John Boyland Airport, Island Pond—K5B1)
- 9/9 EAA 968 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT—KRUT), 9:00-noon
- 9/15 EAA 613 Young Eagles Rally (Newport State Airport—KEFK)
- 9/23 EAA 1576 Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast (Franklin County Airport, Highgate—KFSO)
- 9/30 EAA 1576 Young Eagles Rally (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville—KCDA) [rain date 10/1], 10:00-4:00
- 10/4 EAA 613 Fly-In (Morrisville-Stowe Airport—KMVL)
- 10/7-8 Airoctoberfest (Morrisville-Stowe Airport—KMVL) [rain date 10/8], 9:00-3:00
- 10/14 EAA 968 LEAF-PEEPER FLY-IN with possible WINGS program (Rutland Regional Airport—KRUT), 8:00-noon
- 11/4 EAA 968 WINGS Program: "Winter Operations" with John Wood (Rutland Regional Airport—KRUT), 9:00-11:00
- 11/5 EAA 1375 Airport Open House (William Morse Airport, Bennington—KDDH)

### Other Vermont aviation events

- 7/14-16 Green Mountain Aerobatics Contest (Hartness Airport, Springfield—KVSF), 12:00-2:00
- 7/15 Aviation Poker Run (Franklin County Airport, Highgate—KFSO) [rain date 7/16]
- 7/29-30 Air Show (Newport State Airport—KEFK)
- 9/11-15 Soar Vermont CFI-G Encampment (Hartness Airport, Springfield—KVSF)

### Out-of-Area fly-ins, events, and shows

- 5/27-28 Evolution Aircraft Open House (Laconia Municipal Airport, NH—KLCI), 9:00-5:00 [see flyer, p. 9]
- 5/27-28 Bethpage Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds (Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY), 12:00-5:00
- 6/2-4 Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's 27th Anniv. WWII Weekend Airshow and Gathering of Warbirds (Reading Regional Airport, PA)
- 6/3 EAA 146 Fly-In Breakfast (Kline Kill Airport, West Ghent, NY—NY1) [rain date 6/4], 8:00-noon
- 6/3 Parlin Field Annual Open House Fly-In (Parlin Field, Newport, NH—2B3), 8:00-2:00

- 6/3 EAA 1516 Twin State Flyers Young Eagles rally (Laconia Municipal Airport, NH—KLCI), 10:00-2:00
  - 6/3 EAA 294 Fly-In Breakfast (Frankfort Highland Airport, Utica, NY—6B4), 8:00-11:00
  - 6/5 WINGS Webinar: “How NOT to Fall Out of the Sky!—Preventing Loss of Control,” 7:00 p.m. ([https://www.faa.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=76274](https://www.faa.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=76274))
  - 6/10 Chenango County Airport Community Day w/ Fly-In Breakfast (Lt. Warren Eaton Airport, Norwich, NY—KOIC), 7:00-3:00
  - 6/16-17 Wings & Wheels—Collings Foundation American Elegance (Stow, MA)
  - 7/1-2 NY Air Show featuring the Blue Angels (Stewart Int'l Airport, New Windsor, NY)
  - 7/8-9 EAA 1017 Fly-In (Marcellus Int'l Airport, Marcellus, NY—NK71)
  - 7/22 EAA 1599 Young Eagles rally (Concord Municipal Airport, NH—KCON), 9:00-2:00
  - 7/24-30 EAA AirVenture (Oshkosh, WI)
  - 7/14-16 Geneseo Airshow, “The Greatest Show on Turf” (National Warplane Museum, Geneseo, NY)
  - 8/5-6 Wings & Wheels Spectacular (Owl's Head, ME)
  - 8/12-13 Westfield Int'l Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds (Barnes ANG Base, Westfield, MA)
  - 8/26-27 Great State of Maine Air Show featuring Blue Angels (Brunswick Exec. Airport, ME)
  - 9/9 EAA 146 Fly-In Breakfast (Kline Kill Airport, West Ghent, NY—NY1) [rain date 9/10], 8:00-noon
  - 9/9 EAA 602 Young Eagles Day (Fulton County Airport, Johnstown, NY—NY0), 9:00-1:00
  - 9/15-17 EAA's *Aluminum Overcast* B-17 only Northeast tour stop, flights and static display (Hartford-Brainard Airport, CT), 10:00-5:00
  - 9/17 EAA 324 Simsbury Fly-In & Car Show (Simsbury Airport, CT) [rain date 9/24]
  - 10/6-7 AOPA Regional Fly-In (Groton-New London Airport, CT)
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**Next meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 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!

### **NOTICE**

Because the July meeting falls on Independence Day, we will be rescheduling it after discussion at the June meeting. If you've been unable to join us on Tuesdays, here's a chance to suggest an alternate day. E-mail [EAA968@vermontel.net](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net) with your suggestions.

**OSHKOSH IS COMING!** Need a ride share, a fly share, or an accommodation share at AirVenture? Or are you planning to go and have space for a friend? Contact us at [EAA968@vermontel](mailto:EAA968@vermontel.net) and we'll help you connect with one another.

## Chapter Accessories

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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Hats \$20 • Apron \$12 • Short-sleeve T-shirt \$15 • Long-sleeve T-shirt \$18

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*See next page for event flyers.*





*what:*        **OPEN HOUSE / DEMO**  
*when:*    May 27th & 28th, 9am to 5pm  
*where:*    Laconia Municipal Airport(KLCI)  
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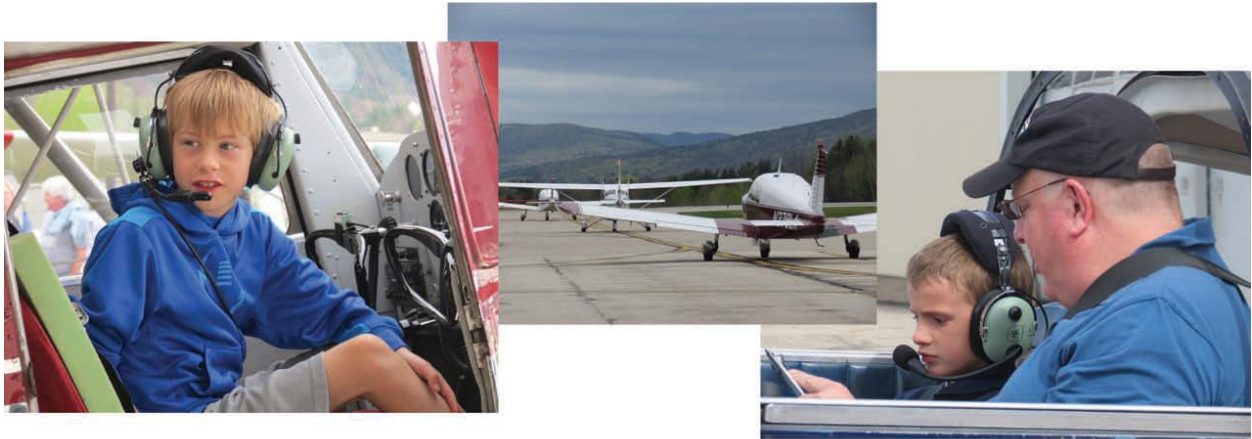
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**WHAT: Young Eagle Rally\***

**WHO: Kids ages 8 - 17**

**WHEN: June 10th 9AM - Noon**

**WHERE: Rutland Airport**

**1002 Airport Rd., N. Clarendon**

**Questions? Call Jennifer @ 802-322-3767**



**\* Parent or guardian signature required**