



Chapter 968

Green Mountain Flyers

Air Mail

March 2017

Meeting Report – 3/7/2017

Attendees: Jim Shires, Carolyn Haley, Gary Joseph, Charlie North, Mike Petralia, Steve DeLuce, Dave Sternberg

A core group gathered on a wintery night for a meal and to start mapping out this year's events.

- Thanks to Jen and Mark Jacob, we already have several **Young Eagles rallies** scheduled. All are on a Saturday unless otherwise indicated on the calendar included later in this newsletter. Jen will present more details at next month's meeting.
- We discussed hosting another **Wings program**. Carolyn Haley reported on an conversation she is having with John Wood of the FAA. He did a presentation here last summer on "Loss of Control," and is hoping to return this summer with a new talk called "Accident Lessons" and again in late fall this year for a presentation on "Winter Operations." Dates for these are in the works and will be announced when firm.
- We're already firm on continuing our annual **Leaf-Peeper Fly-In** as the chapter's main event. It will be held October 14, and may be supplemented concurrently by another Young Eagles rally. A planning committee will be formalized at the August chapter meeting, after key people involved return from EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh.
- There's a cross-Vermont **Sip & Dip** in the works, with updates on this to come at next meeting. This event will promote flying to all ten Vermont state airports.
- Also next meeting: Dave Sternberg will do a presentation about the **changing medical rules** for pilots: what's current and anticipated, and what we all need to know.
- Gary Joseph gave us the **treasurer's report**. We've got a comfortable amount in the kitty, and we're all paid up with EAA National dues and insurance. We will continue donating to EAA's Peter Burgher Fund, which is a dollar-for-dollar matching fund that solely supports "chapter development by providing tools to enhance training and chapter growth." We are continuing our chapter's practice of donating at the Platinum level (\$100). Gary raised the question of whether we should invest some of our capital

into resources, such as tools, equipment, or other items of specialized use to the chapter now and in the future. If you have ideas about this, please share by e-mailing EAA968@vermontel.net, or offering your thoughts at a meeting.

Gary also opened the subject of inventorying and evaluating our hard-goods assets, i.e., the furniture and space in hangar B that comprise a pilot's lounge and supply closets. Also, no one has recently inspected the Lisa Fall campground, to make sure it's ready for anyone to use. Dave Sternberg, Carolyn Haley, and Mike Petralia started planning this initial inspection and developing a work party, but schedule conflicts and recent heavy snow may put that off for a while longer.

- Carolyn Haley reported on an inquiry she made to EAA National about our chapter hosting a stop on the *Aluminum Overcast B-17 tour*. The plane is coming to the East Coast this fall, but it will be too far south to catch us, save for one stop in Hartford (see calendar). We will work with EAA National to host a tour stop when the plane is next in the Northeast.



EAA's *Aluminum Overcast* B-17 at Lawrence, Mass., in May 2015. Photo by Charlie North. With luck, we'll see her again in 2018.

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- Charlie North and Carolyn Haley attended the Airport Committee meeting on 2/23 and learned more about the taxiway *improvements at KRUT* this summer. The construction window is May 1 through September 6, 2017, and will start with ground preparations at the northern end of runway 1-19 then construction of the new taxiway C alongside it. The peak work will occur in July, with a tentatively scheduled closure of runway 1-19 on 7/17–20 and 7/24–27, when there will be 24-hour work activity. Runway 13-31 will remain open.

- There will also be a runway extension at Middlebury 6B0, which will force a closure for sixty days in early summer. The state is hosting a pre-construction *fly-in breakfast and seminar on Saturday, April 8*, 8:00 a.m. to noon. The upgrades include widening and lengthening the existing runway as well as developing a proper 240-foot “safety area” on the southern end of the runway. There will also be clearing of obstructions along the approach paths. Unfortunately, while construction is in process the runway will need to be shut down, including no landing on the grass. Celebrations are being planned for the reopening.

- A reminder on **membership**: The year is advancing fast, so remember to renew your chapter membership! It's good for a calendar year, and costs only \$20. To be a Chapter 968 member, you must also belong to EAA National. Their dues are \$40/year. Any new chapter member not already with EAA will be provided 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, print and return the form attached to this newsletter, or download the form from our website at <http://www.968.eaachapter.org>. Better yet, come to the next meeting!

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Hanger Cafe at Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport (KRUT)

Note that the Hangar Cafe will be catering our dinners for the rest of the year. It's a professional courtesy to give them a semi-accurate head count in advance, so when the meeting notice comes to your inbox, *please* promptly reply Yes, No, or Maybe about attending. The chapter must pay for every meal ordered, so advance notice allows us to order the proper number of meals.

For the time being, dinner will remain \$5/person. We look forward to seeing you!

What's Coming Up Around the Region

Flying season has begun! Many organizations are fleshing out their calendars, and already there's something almost every weekend to enjoy. Going forward we'll list activities by month, concentrating on New England and New York State but also including a few big events elsewhere. Events highlighted in **red** are ours.

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.

Fly-ins, events, and shows

April

04–09	daily	Sun 'n Fun (Lakeland, FL)
08	8:00-noon	Pre-Construction Fly-In Breakfast and Seminar (Middlebury, VT)
13	6:00 p.m.	EAA 740 Twin State Flyers talk on helicopter operation for the DHART (Lebanon Airport, NH)
29	9:00-noon	YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT)
29	10:00-3:00	Thiers Memorial Fly-In & Car Show (Schenectady. Airport, NY)

May

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)
20	9:00-4:00	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)
TBD	TBD	EAA 613 Young Eagles Rally (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville, VT)

June

03	8:00-noon	EAA Chapter 146 Fly-In Breakfast (Kline Kill Airport, West Ghent, NY) [rain date 6/4]
10	9:00-noon	YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT)
16–17	all day	Wings & Wheels—Collings Foundation American Elegance (Stow, MA)
24	all day	Wings & Wheels Fly-In Breakfast (Caledonia Airport, Lyndonville, VT)

July

24–30	continuous	EAA AirVenture (Oshkosh, WI)
14–16	all day	Green Mountain Aerobatics Contest (Hartness Airport, Springfield, VT)
14–16	all day	Geneseo Airshow, “The Greatest Show on Turf” (National Warplane Museum, Geneseo, NY)
TBD	weekday	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)
12–13	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	YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, 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 Cty. 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]
10	8:00-noon	LEAF-PEEPER FLY-IN with possible YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (Rutland, VT)

Wings programs

*All are free seminars unless indicated by **

March 25, 07:30 (Danvers, MA) — New England Aviation Safety Expo
(https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=74686)

March 25, 09:00 (Keene, NH) — [Airspace and Aviation Charts](#) *

March 30, 19:00 (Albany, NY) — [CFI Open Forum](#), Preparing for the Unexpected:
Startle Response

April 1, 09:00 (Keene, NH) — [Airport Operations-Navigation-Flight Computer Use](#) *

April 12, 18:30 (Nashua, NH) — [EAA IMC Club Meeting - Mastering the Art of
Instrument Navigation](#)

April 20, 19:00 (Hooksett, NH) — [Nontowered Case Studies - What Went Wrong?](#)

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, March 30.

Aircraft Corner

Show us your plane or project!

Here we have Jennifer Jacob's beautiful 1947 Cessna 120, enjoying the view at South Oaks Aerodrome in Winterville, NC. Photo by Jen Jacob.



What's *your* aircraft—past, present, or project-in-process? Send photos in .jpg format and include the make/model, any information about it you'd like to share, your name, and a credit for who took the photo.

Chapter Accessories



Logo ballcap: \$20

Also available (photos to come):

Leaf-Peeper Fly-In apparel, in white with multiplane graphic

Short-sleeve T-shirt, \$15

Long-sleeve T-shirt, \$18

Apron, \$12

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.