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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310



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CHAPTER 1310 MEETINGS

Wed 9 September 7:00 PM.

Topic to be announced.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 19th Sep 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Young Eagles Event

We'll be providing introductory flights to children that day in association with Chapter 166.

If you can help with flights or on the ground, please contact Jack Hilditch at 1-860-643-8689

wmjack@t3cs.net

Sat 20 Sep 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

The 24th annual Simsbury Airport Fly-in and Car show.

The largest aviation event of its kind in New England. Over 200 display aircraft and 350 display autos. Antiques, Classics, homebuilt, light sport, ultralight, small warbirds. Skydiving, flyovers, formation flight demo, dealers, rescue demo, live music, wide TV and FM coverage, breakfast, lunch, judging, trophies.

Always lots to do and see.

Contact Joe Bellino at 1-860-308-0040

[The Simsbury Airport -- The Simsbury Fly-In -- 4B9](#)

Sat 10 October, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Taildragger Safety Seminar and Fly-in.



Hear from area experts regarding tailwheel and vintage aircraft operation and maintenance.

A cookout by EAA Chapter 1310 follows.

(Donations are appreciated.)

Also see the absolute best event search at eaa.org:

[EAA - Aviation Calendar of Events](#)

Chapter Project - Call for Volunteers

Fred Goff's newly acquired Ercoupe needs its wings recovered.



Hangar space has been made available to work this project, which will be supervised by Mike Koczera to keep the airplane legal. The Stewart system will be used, making this an interesting learning opportunity even if you already know how to work fabric with dope or PolyFibre. Interested members contact Fred Goff at 1-860-875-4027 fmgoff@yahoo.com

Chapter Project - Call for Volunteers

Now that we know the empty weight and CG of Bob Martin's Spacewalker, it's close to flying. A remaining job needing doing is to fabricate and attach windshield mountings. Interested members contact Linc at 1-860-627-7475 robert.turcotte@pw.utc.com

President's Message

We're getting busy this time of year. We recently had our corn roast, and while we didn't attract the number of people we've had in the past, it could be considered a successful event with the volunteers that helped out, and with the people who did come to the event.

We have quite a few activities coming up with the Young Eagles Day on the 19th and the Taildragger

Fly-In in on October 10th. We're also planning a Christmas dinner. Since we probably can't go back to Elaine's in Broad Brook, we have to look for another facility.

There have been requests for pancake breakfasts to return. While it only takes a day or two to set up a breakfast, we need a minimum of two months notice to get announcements and the insurance request issued.

I believe we need a better way to notify the area pilot community of our events. The Air Safety Foundation gets several hundred people to their seminars, but they go to the expense of mailing cards to everyone in the area. Even mailing notices to area FBO's can cost over \$100 since we don't have the volume of mail that would allow us to qualify for non-profit rates.

Since officer and Board of Director elections will be held at the November meeting, we will have nominations for the positions at the October meeting. Please consider helping out the chapter by offering to become an officer or director this coming year.

CHAPTER SECRETARY'S MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES FOR EAA 1310 MEETING of 12 Aug 2009

13 members and 1 dog were present

The meeting was called to order at 7:04

The minutes posted on the web site for the July meeting were approved

The Treasurer reported July expenses of \$42.67 and income of \$60.00 for a balance of \$7,064.72

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Paul presented requests for the purchase of video player software for \$40, and purchase of business cards for about \$30. Both were approved.

We have been offered space at the Simsbury Fly-In for \$25 which is ½ the regular rate. The members approved that purchase. Jack, Charlie, Pete, Dave and Paul offered to staff the booth. Additional assistance with the booth and volunteering for the operation of the Fly-In is requested. Members attending the Fly-In can stop by at the booth for some refreshments. We'll be promoting the chapter and EAA at the booth

EAA provided a sample travel mug. We can order additional ones for \$3.25 to be used for fundraising. The members decided not to purchase any at this time.

Paul mentioned that our November officer election is only three months away. Please consider running for a position. The chapter in Stratford disbanded last year because they couldn't get four people to be officers this year.

The corn roast is coming up on the 15th. In the past we've had as many as 100 people attending, and the weather looks good for the day. We need people on Friday to set up the canopy and to purchase food. On Saturday we need people to cook, handle the money, clean up, and park planes.

We had contacted Jim Adams to start to arrange speakers for the Taildragger Fly-In on October 10.

We discussed having a Christmas Party that would involve the entire airport community. Dave will approach Alan Witkin to see if he's interested in organizing, and Bob Welch to see what catering options are available.

We discussed Oshkosh. Pete stated the Aeromart has a web site and is well organized. We will get

photos and videos posted on the web site in the next couple of weeks.

Jim Glista brought options on a storage unit. Paul will mail out the document with the options, and we will vote on it at the next meeting. One option may be the donation of a trailer.

Fred acquired an Ercoupe which may be able to become a fabric covering project.

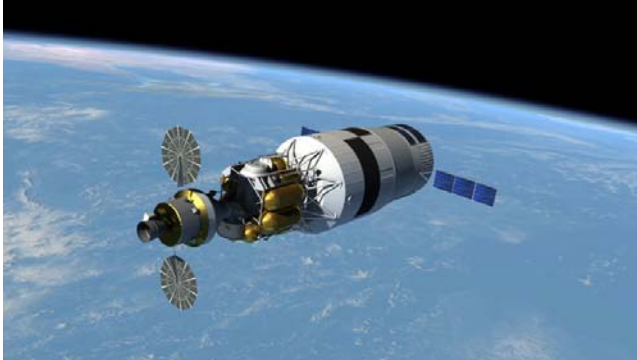
Gary presented information on the Stewart Systems aircraft finishing system. He stated it has been in existence for many years, but was purchased by Stewart and improved. A container he had leaked, but it wasn't much of a problem since everything is water based. Gary stated that the company is very good to work with, and they have a set of DVD's that are low cost, and have excellent training information.

(A package with DVDs was obtained for the chapter's use from Stewart. I can vouch also that Stewarts are friendly to deal with and forthcoming with technical details, including problems that have occurred. They officered the locations of two nearby aircraft with cover using the Stewart system, which the chapter will arrange to visit)

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AEROSPACE NEWS

Augustine Report creates more questions.



Orion CEV on the left, Lunar Lander and ARES V Earth Departure Stage on right.

The Augustine report has been surprising in many ways, but the most surprising is that it is brutally honest. It was widely expected to recommend cancelling the overweight and under capable ARES-1 booster and continuing everything else. The study set out a number of scenarios, but the surprising answer is that what NASA is already doing can't be completed under the present funding levels *with or without* ARES-1. The previous administration's quietly cutting NASA funding busted the Constellation program requirement to fit under the existing NASA funding level. It fit under that level, then.

Nobody wants to bear bad news, so this bit of bad news is just stewing for the present.

[More Uncertainty About Post-Augustine NASA | NASA Watch](#)

AV Week Editorial on Sally Ride report:

[OnSpace](#)

What is needed now is leadership, here is a link to what leadership in space used to sound like in 1962:

[Address at Rice University on the Nation's Space Effort - John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum](#)

787 Update



The 787 Rollout, now 26 months ago

Surprise! It's delayed. The first three airplanes can't be retrofit to production standard, becoming prototypes. The 777 program famously had no prototype, even the first airplane was refurbished and sold to JAL and is in service.

Boeing made a conscious decision, in order to reduce development costs, to remake themselves into a distributed industrial arrangement like Airbus has, with distributed risk and expense, and is now shocked-shocked-do-you-hear to find that they now have similar or worse industrial delays.

[End Of Year Is New Goal For 787 First Flight | AVIATION WEEK](#)

Hudson Midair response

Following the usual foolish political posturing it looks like the combined clout of EAA and AOPA will do everybody a lot of good. Sane proposals are actually getting serious consideration. If I'm reading correctly, most proposals include an airspeed limit of 140 knots and a common frequency for everybody down low, and raising the floor of the New York Airports' Class Bravo to 1300 feet, to get the non-tourism traffic up out of the way. All sane ideas, and when was the last time you heard of a Class Bravo getting *smaller*?

[EAA News - EAA, AOPA Urge Restraint Until Official Reports Issued on Hudson Mid-Air](#)

EAA NEWS

Comment period extended for Homeland Security report

If we don't speak up, we aren't even allowed to say s%^ if we don't like the end result. Get mad and get writing guys!

[EAA News - Department of Homeland Security Extends Online Comment Period for Stakeholders](#)

Oshkosh attendance breaks all records



[EAA News - Overall Air Show Attendance Exceeding Expectations](#)

EAA recycles

We recycled nearly 6 tons, equivalent to about a quarter million bottles and cans during the convention.

[EAA News - EAA AirVenture 2009 'Puts Back' Nearly Six Tons of Recyclables from Weeklong Event](#)

EAA/FAA create "Vintage DER" designation

FAA has approved a new designation for DERs which would specialize in specific types of aircraft, recognizing that expertise in these older types is very specialized. This follows a two year effort of EAA working with FAA.

[EAA receives approval from FAA for vintage DERs](#)

CLASSIFIEDS- FOR SALE / WANTED



For Sale or Partnership: 1962 PA-22-108 Colt. Dual tanks, full night lighting (inc. strobe). Full cabin skylight (field approved). In 2001 @ 207 hours: complete airframe rebuild (with polyFibre w/Polytone) and Prop O/H. In 2007: New Lifetime Sealed struts and new main tires. Very pretty paint and numbers. Custom Fire Rated interior. Newer VAL COM and KT76A xpndr/encoder. Portable 2 place intercom goes with the plane. Full gyro panel (original AN style). STC'd B & C alternator & oil filter. Older Mattituck overhaul, 1540 SMOH. Electric (115VAC) Oil Pre-heater built-in. Auto gas STC. All logs complete, all ADS complied with. Annual due in March 2010. Canopy and wing covers. More pictures at <http://www.trade-a-plane.com/clsfdspeccs/820079> \$15900 or Best Offer 860-983-3221 or E-mail jeff.kamenetz@hs.utc.com

Sennheiser Noise Cancelling Headset.

Little used and in excellent condition. Original cost over\$800. Will sell for \$150.

Dave Gosslin, 860-467-6050.

Any EAA member in the Southern New England area is welcome to list aviation-related

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Send an eMail to [Chapter 1310 email](#)

WANTED

Articles, pictures, etc. for the news letter. You can
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them to me at:

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