



# The Experimental Flyer

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## Monthly Meetings And Upcoming Events

Meetings are held on the First Tuesday of every month at the Quonset Air Museum, Quonset State Airport, North Kingstown, RI.

**Meetings start at 7:00 PM**

**Our monthly meeting is just around the corner. Stop in and learn a thing or two.**

- May 1- All Myette & Frank Nowak **Hands-on Polyfiber Demo**
- June 5 - Keith Salisbury **Bearhawk construction**
- June 9 - Young Eagles Rally Day [www.eaa1363.org/YE/.index.html](http://www.eaa1363.org/YE/.index.html)
- July 3 - John Sannizzaro **Vans Aircraft Seminar**
- July 7 - EAA Chapter 1363 **Strawberry Pancake Fly in**
- August 7 - Joel Hern **Powered Parachutes**

## The First Expo

Keith Salisbury

Have you ever had the experience where the sight or smell of something will trigger a wave of memories? I have, and lately I've been spending a lot of time thinking about Sun -N- Fun. There's been nothing terribly specific in my thoughts; lots of fleeting snippets have just been floating lazily by. Every time I look at the scraps of aluminum on my workbench or peruse my plans, I am instantly transported back to last April.

Last year, April to be more exact, was my first Fly in / Expo experience. In retrospect, I wish I had planned more time to take it all in. Of course, I'd imagine many say the same even when they have a full week to see the show. I didn't have a whole week. I had the better part of two days to take it all in. And, I tried my best to accomplish just that.

I went to the show with the expressed intention of trying on some kit planes for size. I had been browsing the internet for a couple of months trying to parse down the likely candidates for my first build. The Vans line was a contender, as was Zenith, Sonex, and numerous others. I was even willing to look at the LSA(formerly ultralight)

trikes.

What I didn't bring to the show was any preconceived notions of what to expect. I had nothing to use as a point of reference. I was a total newbie. Up until this show I had only sat in/ flown one plane. I was an open book . . . maybe sponge would be a more appropriate description. I was wide open to all possibilities.

In some respects it's a good thing that I went with no real agenda because any rigid itinerary would have gotten thrown out the window fairly quickly. If you have ever attended one of these events and remember your first time you can appreciate my mindset. If you've never gone, just store this away for future reference.

I looked at hundreds (if not thousands) of airplanes over the course of those two days. I spoke with Phil Boyer, Budd Davisson, and a few other notables. I witnessed aerobatics, the likes of which I had never seen before. I wandered aimlessly through the vendor buildings looking at gizmos and gadgets. I checked out

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## Builder Reports

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### 1363 Project List

Frank Nowak .....	Long EZ, Nieuport
Al Myette/Frank Nowak.....	1940 Aeronca Chief
Joel Hern .....	Powered Parachute
Keith Salisbury.....	Bearhawk
Bill O'Neal.....	Smith Miniplane
Noah Forden.....	Cloud Hopper one man Balloon

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## Your Officers

President: Frank Nowak

V.President: Keith Salisbury

Secretary: Al Myette

Treasurer: Richard Picard

Webmaster: Bill O'Neal

Young Eagles Chairperson:

Al Schmid

Membership Coordinator:

Frank Nowak



## Where Am I?

At what airport am I getting ready to land?

Email your answer to :  
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There might be a prize. There will definitely be bragging rights. . .

## Other Items of Interest & Communications

- The Westerly Airport Association (WAA) fund-raising theatre event of the year is May 4th (a Friday evening) and will be held at the Granite Street Theatre, Westerly, RI. May 4th is the opening night for a rollicking comedy titled: **"The Nerds"**. Ticket price is \$35 per ticket and includes appetizers. There is a cash bar. The show starts at 8:PM and appetizers will be served from 6:30PM. Look for more information in the next WAA (WAAs) newsletter. We have reserved 60 seats so, if you want to go, call/e-mail Dick Morrone at 802-238-5038 / [dick@wstaa.net](mailto:<dick@wstaa.net>) or Rob Wilkins 860-514-7711 / [robert@wstaa.net](mailto:robert@wstaa.net) and reserve your tickets now.
- EAA Chapter 1310 will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning April 14th from 8:30 - 11:00 at Skylark Airpark, East Windsor, CT. We'll be serving hot pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs along with coffee and orange juice.

Visit [www.eaa1310.org](http://www.eaa1310.org) for more information, or contact Eric Dixon at [info@eaa1310.org](mailto:info@eaa1310.org)

- In late March, **Joel Hern** Successfully completed the FAA accepted training course for the rating, **Repairman Light Sport Powered Parachute—Inspection**. This will allow Joel to do the annual inspection on any powered parachute E-LSA he owns. Congratulations Joel!

Want to see your event or accomplishment listed here? It's simple

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## The President's Corner

It seems that our national organization has listened to it's members comments and changed the content of Sport Aviation to more closely match the needs of the majority of us. The recent issues of our great magazine have contained articles definitely more tuned to the "Grass Roots" type folks. In the 1980's/90's I used to read and enjoy each and every page of Sport Aviation, not to mention saving every copy for future reference. Then in recent times, I would read it in 10 minutes and just toss it in the recyclce bin. So, it's very refreshing to see that we have come back to what was the foundation of the homebuilding movement; builders of innovative, affordable, and yes, even futuristic looking fast designs. Articles on the basics of building are certainly a welcome change. Relating this re-direction of EAA to the local level, our chapter, we will continue to do the things that have made us a success; focus on the basics. I know there are a lot of glass cockpit types in our group but, the vast majority still seems to be interested in the more basic designs. Simple and affordable is the key. We in the chapter will continue to strive to provide builder information, hands-on demos, construction presentations, and guest speakers tuned to our mutual interests. Of course our "Techie" members (you know who you are!) should not be dismayed as we will also try to schedule speakers which will be of interest all our members! That's it for now, thanks, and FLY SAFE!

Frank

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prices, compared features, and got to handle numerous products. It really was overwhelming. Actually, I'm fairly sure that I had a deer-in-the-headlights look the whole time I was there. It was fun, but my brain was on overload by the time I got on the airliner for the return trip to RI. While I left Florida last year very, very tired, I left with a smile on my face. I had taken a small step into a much bigger world. I came away with this kernel of inspiration; the notion that it was all possible. I came away with the thought that I could undertake a project like building a plane and actually have a better than decent chance of completing it.

This month I have plans to make my second journey to Florida to take in the sights and sounds of Lakeland. I've added a few days to my vacation this year so I can take a bit more time this time around. I hope I put the extra time to good use. At the very least, this time around I have a couple of points of reference to build on. After last years show I started my own project. I wonder what ideas I'll come home with this year.

Keith Salisbury

## Builders Spotlight

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Vern Knott.....	Zenith 701
Kim Bolkelhide.....	Glastar
Jim Brennan.....	Ercoupe
Roelf Iest.....	Long EZ, Glastar
Scott McCarthy.....	Mitchell Flying Wing
Hank Moretti.....	RV-8
Jim Thompson.....	Luscombe
Joe Rawson.....	Piper Cub
Rick Dyer.....	Dragonfly
Bill Mileski.....	Zenith 701
Bob Schacht.....	Fisher 404 Biplane

I plan on doing individual reports on each project in future issues. I encourage any builder to write me at

[1363vp@bearhawk949.com](mailto:1363vp@bearhawk949.com) with details. If you are a member and I've left you and your project off of the list please email me at the same address and I'll be sure to correct the omission.

## MEETING MINUTES March 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

The April 2007 meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Chapter President Frank Nowak.

In attendance: Ray Andraka, Andrew Andraka, Ed Battey, Norm Blain, Paul Blanding, James Brennan, Barbara Fahey, Noah Forden, Janna Greenhalgh, Roger Duclos, Roelf Iest, Bill Kelly, Francis Kelly, Vernon Knott, Al Myette, Frank Nowak, Bill O'Neal, Richard Picard, Joel Rawson, Keith Salisbury, Pat Twohey, Bill Pine, Jack, Bob Schact, Al Schmid, Justin Serbent

Our guest speaker tonight is Paul Montgomery of the Bridgeport FSS. Paul enlightens the group on the phase out of the FSS facilities in the Northeast

Some salient points on Paul's presentation:

- 300 Flight stations reduced to only 61 in 1985
- By May of '07 FSS Stations will be reduced to 20, with three hubs in Leesburg, VA Ft Worth, TX and Prescott, AZ
- Bridgeport closes 7/9/07
- Bangor closes 7/30/07
- Burlington closes 5/1/07
- Islip will not remain open...will close after lease expires...before end of summer
- All New England calls will be automatically routed to Leesburg, VA, and will also automatically be handed off to an experienced New England briefer. Paul also mentions the importance of using 122.0 ONLY for flight watch and weather,...and using 122.2 for opening and closing Flight Plans.

President Nowak welcomes Mr. Roger Duclas and Pat Twohey to our April meeting.

Motion to accept Secretaries March meeting notes are approved by a majority of yeas

Richard Picard reads the Treasurers report

Member Bob Schact volunteers to offer his 10x20 tent to anyone needing such a cover for painting, covering,etc...you may contact bob at [RMSchacht@aol.com](mailto:RMSchacht@aol.com)

Y.E. Chairman Al Schmid will have his Y.E. Committee meeting after April 15<sup>th</sup>

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Al at [alphaAv7@cox.net](mailto:alphaAv7@cox.net)

Bill O'Neal brings up the fact that early PR work is needed and should be pursued to promote a successful "Strawberry Fly In". Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer or better yet, joining the Fly In Committee should contact Bill at [aim\\_bill@aol.com](mailto:aim_bill@aol.com)

President Nowak makes mention of a Chapter 1363 mailable newsletter that Keith Salisbury will mail out to 90 interested parties.

Frank asks group to consider researching and suggesting "Barn Tours" after the great turnout at his "Barn" last month. Frank says "Having people visit other projects at different stages of development encourages new ideas, different approaches, and renews interest in future projects."

Bill O'Neal and Keith Salisbury both agree we should schedule a "last time tour" of the Bridgeport facility. Paul Montgomery suggests we arrange a mid-week tour, Tue-Wed-Thur between 10am to Noon. Details to follow.

Frank Nowak talks about the Chapters Monerai Sailplane that is being stored at Noah's farm. Frank is working with RIAC and has involved Andrew Andraka in trying to find a suitable location to display the glider. His first choice would be Newport Airport as they have the ceiling height needed for such a display.

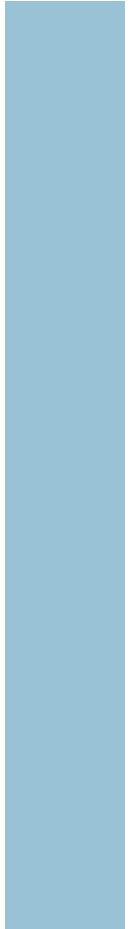
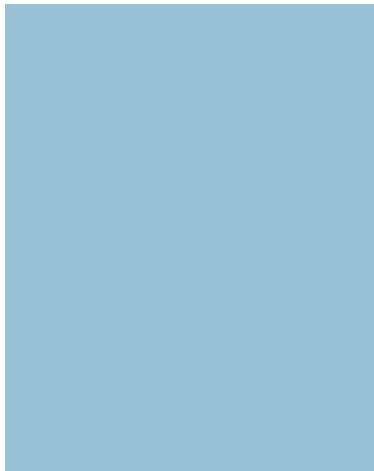
Roelf Iest proudly shows off his picture I.D. name tag and suggests the Chapter issue such tags to members. Rolf also does his best to plant the seed of a Chapter Hanger for the future of Chapter 1363.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm by President Frank Nowak

Meeting notes recorded by Secretary Al Myette



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## OSA Hangar Sale

A photograph showing the two wings of a Cessna 140 aircraft lying on a grassy field. The wings are white with green lettering.	Cessna 140 Wings and Parts	Bill O'Neil Richmond, RI	(401) 783-4388 <a href="mailto:aimbill@aol.com">aimbill@aol.com</a>
<b>2005 Gemini 2 W/APCO 500sq.ft chute.</b> Rotax 582 water cooled engine- 65 hp. TaskEM EFI, Dual Flight Controls, strobe light, manual and electric start, 3.5 hours total flight time. Paid 15,950 asking 13,000		Bob Tichy IOWA	641-479-2588 641-751-6587
<b>1998 Buckeye 503 air cooled w/500 sq. ft. Quantum chute,</b> Chute has not been flown since inspection by a certified parachute rigger.  Dual EGT and SHT gauges, VSI and Altimeter, strobe light, manual start, 35 hrs. TT  Paid 11,250 asking 6,500			