



# The Experimental Flyer

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## President's Message

With March comes more thawing than freezing, so comes more outdoor projects, hopefully some aviation related. I know some projects are at the flight testing stage and some are very close, so over the next few months we should hear about those aircraft. Best wishes for all the test pilots.

For the April meeting we have Dr. James Ross to discuss medical concerns for pilots. Dr. Ross will give a presentation and then as most meetings go, questions and debates will come up.

If there are any specific questions that anyone has that Dr. Ross might need to do some investigating, please give them to me and I will pass them along.

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## First Flight!!

Congratulations to Vern Knot on the completion and first flight of his new Zenith 750.

In his own words, "I got it back on the ground with out hurting it or me".



## Upcoming events:

**April 5 - Chapter Meeting.** This month will feature Dr. Ross . Dr. Ross is an AME and will be talking to us about that all important Medical.

Jun 4, **EAA Chapter 1478 - 3rd Annual Fly-In** Northampton, MA  
<http://eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=9373>

Jul 9, **1363 Strawberry Pancake Fly-in** Richmond, RI  
<http://eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=9498>

From the Desk of Jim Thomson:

At the March meeting, I suggested the chapter members consider a group trip to one of the air museums in the area. The response of the leadership and members present was “go for it”. Based on that response, I did some research on the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT. I haven’t been to this museum in probably 20 years, so I can’t provide any current information beyond what is available at their website ([www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org)) and what I gathered from phone calls. The following is the plans to date and the information currently available.

**Where:** New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT. The museum is open from 10 am to 5 pm.

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2011

**How :**

**Flying:**

For those who have an aircraft and want to fly, with or without passengers, the museum is located off Bradley Int’l airport (BDL). This is a mode C airport, with significant commercial traffic.

**Signature Flight Support** can provide a shuttle between their facility and the museum. Signature Flight Support is located on the same side of the airport as the museum. Signature Flight charges \$18.75 per a/c for parking. In addition, they have a \$29.00 handling fee per a/c. The \$29.00 handling fee is waived if the a/c operator buys seven or more gallons of fuel. They will drop off and pickup at the museum when those who fly in are ready to leave the museum.

**TACAir** can also provide a shuttle between their facility and the museum. TACAir is located on the opposite side of the airport from the museum and takes a few minutes longer to be shuttled between their facility and the museum. TACAir charges \$17.00 per a/c for parking over 1 hour. In addition, they have a \$10.00 facility fee. The facility fee is waived if the a/c operator purchases 10 gallons of fuel. Their current (3/24) fuel cost is \$6.43 per gallon for 100 LL and a reduction of \$0.50 per gallon on weekends.

**Driving:** We will need members to volunteer to drive their own vehicles and carpool. The preliminary plan is to have two meeting points to establish car pools.

For those who would be coming from the southern part of the state, there will be a meeting point at the Park and Ride Lot at Ten Rod Rd near Home Depot in North Kingstown. The second meeting point would be the Park and Ride Lot at Lincoln Mall off Rt. 146 on Route for those coming from the East Bay and more northerly portions of the state.

Meeting time: P&R North Kingstown: Meet @7:00 am, leave @ 7:30 am. The group can either make their own trip route via Rt 44 or whatever a GPS suggests or meet up with those leaving from Lincoln Mall.

Those leaving from P&R Lincoln Mall: Meet @ 7:45 am, leave @8:15 am or thereabouts.

Travel time by carpool is estimated to be 1 ½ hours via Rt. 146N to Worcester, then Masspike west to Sturbridge and I-84W to Hartford and I-91N to Windsor Locks. Alternate is Rt.146N to Worcester, then Masspike west to Springfield, then I-91S to Windsor Locks. I would guess the travel times to be similar either way. I don’t have a trip time estimate for those leaving from North Kingstown.

If you are interested in going, I need to know if you are willing to drive, and how many seatbelts you want occupied in your vehicle and which meeting location you plan to leave from. If you want to go but don’t wish to drive, please indicate that fact so we can work out the carpooling numbers.

Those planning to fly to BDL are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. If the WX doesn’t cooperate, those who planned to fly could readily modify plans to go with the group driving over with minimal change of plans since we should have some leeway on available seats and the departure times from the P&R’s is not far from either Quonset or North Central.

The driving contingent would meet up with the flying contingent at the museum main entrance with a planned meeting time of 9:30 am to 10:00 am when the museum opens.

**Costs:** For groups of 15 or more, we can get a group rate of \$8.00 per person. This would include admission to the museum and a guided 2+/- hour tour by a docent. This can include access to the restoration hanger by prior arrangement. The museum also has available an audio tour for a \$3.00 charge per person. After the docent guided tour, people can look around any areas or exhibits that they would like to revisit. I don't know if that includes the restoration hanger area.

**Lunch:** This can be a bring your own lunch, buy off-site (there are fast food restaurants nearby), or by prior arrangement, we can have lunches catered. The cost for a catered lunch which includes museum admission is \$20.00 per person. The museum needs to provide two weeks advanced notice of head count to the caterer if we go the catered lunch option.

**Questions or comments?** Contact Jim Thomson ([Sainfly2@cox.net](mailto:Sainfly2@cox.net)) or 401 437-3106. This will also be discussed at the April meeting.

Jim Thomson

## Getting closer: Noah Forden shares some update photos of his build:

2 weeks of work to do these access panels, but a lifetime of restful sleep knowing if I ever have to get to the wiring I won't have to lie underneath the panel with the rudder pedals in my face, reaching up into darkness. Nice to be able to check off "rivet front top skin in place". Only 83 more things to do before being ready to fly - hopefully this spring!

Highest Regards,

-Noah Forden

