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EAA 225 & 1210 BBQ Dinner-Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012, at Southern Maine Aviation, Sanford, ME.

**Were back! Join us for another
exciting evening at Southern Maine
Aviation**

*Please join us for another great BBQ dinner
to help support our Annual Aviation
Scholarship program. President John Ricciotti's
BBQ Dinners speak for themselves, but don't
take my word; come early (this month's dinner
starts around 6pm), or come later, there's
usually something on the grille ready to eat for
the hour leading up to the meeting.*

*As a kick off for the late spring on through
to the fall flying season, EAA 225 has the
pleasure of welcoming Mike J. Conaboy as guest
speaker who will do a Seaplane presentation at
around 7 pm. Mike will give an informative talk
and give the floor any member for a question &
answer period after his presentation.*

*June 2012 Work Sessions will be held the 5th,
19th, & 26th; all at 7 pm. Come see what the
crew is doing and lend a hand while picking up
something new. You'll never regret what you can
learn at the EAA 225 Chapter Clubhouse.*

Compass Headings for the next few weeks

Mon, June 11 - 6 pm for EAA 225 & 1210 Joint Chapter BBQ
Dinner-Meeting in Sanford, Maine at Southern Maine Aviation
(KSFM).

Sat., Jun 16 - 22nd Annual Taildragger Rendezvous - Rutland
State Airport Rutland, VT (KRUT).

Sat., June 23 - EAA 225 Young Eagle Flight Rally 8 - 4 pm,
Pancake Breakfast & BBQ Lunch with proceeds funding their
Annual \$1000 Aviation Scholarship. All kids 8 - 17 years old
welcome (parent/guardian signature required).

Fri-Sun, Jul 6 thru 8 - Yankee Ultralight Fly In - Sanderson's
Field, Greenland, NH

(Please notify your editor if you know of any changes to our
Calendar dates, Thanks!)



Newsletter for
members and
friends of EAA
Chapter 225.

From the President's Seaplane Shop:

Greetings to all,

This past month has been a busy one for EAA225 & myself. EAA 225 & 1210 held their first joint Young Eagles Rally at Southern Maine Aviation in Sanford, Maine. Even though the weather cut the day short, it was still a resounding success. My thanks go out to all members of EAA225 & 1210 and the staff at Southern Maine Aviation. Unfortunately, I missed the day due to a family funeral I had to attend. One high point of the day was one of our Young Eagles has applied for our EAA225 flight scholarship. Please pass the word to any young aviators/aviatrix' that the application period is still open.

Our May meeting with Dr. Paul Turnquist meeting was well attended and lots was learned about keeping your medical. Our thanks go out to Dr. Turnquist and Bambi Miller for setting up the program.

The month of May I decided to use my tax return to finally obtain my single-engine sea rating. What a blast! I went to Twitchell's in Turner, Maine and received great instruction in their 172's on floats. Their seabase located on the Androscoggin River allows for ample room for multiple takeoffs & landings. We also used many lakes in the area for practicing many sea state conditions. We were fortunate over a 3 day period to get everything from glassy water to 15 knot wind landings. It was truly a fun and very educational time. Float flying is a real seat-of-the pants type flying so it tends to bring you back to basics. It was a very satisfying experience and I had a wide smile on my

face the entire time. The folks at Twitchell's are great, making you feel right at home. One benefit of getting your rating there is that if you fly 10 hours dual with one of their instructors, they will rent their 172's to you. There are very few operators that will rent you a floatplane. They have many europeans who come every year to rent floatplanes and spend time at camps on the lakes of Maine. Floatplane access is even more restricted in Europe & the rest of the world. Once again it reminds me of just how lucky we are in the US with our freedom to fly. We have to support both EAA & AOPA who advocate on our behalf to keep us free to fly & build. Also a membership in the Seaplane Pilot Association helps keep our waters open to flying. I have been a SPA member for 10 years even though I'm a brand new seaplane pilot.



That topic brings us to our June meeting. Our joint EAA225/1210 meeting will be held at Southern Maine Aviation on MONDAY, June 11th. Our presenter is Mike Conaboy from MJC Plane Ventures. Mike has over 25 years of float plane experience and gives training in his Cessna 180 up on Moosehead Lake. It should be an informative meeting on float flying.

Come join us for our traditional BBQ starting at 6PM & followed by Mike's program at 7PM. A small chapter business meeting will immediately follow the program. Come early and enjoy the BBQ & hangar talk.

Happy Flying and Safe Building,
John Ricciotti
EAA 225 chapter president



Time for some flying & to get out and enjoy the days of summer with family and friends

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