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## **EAA 225 & 1210 September 11 Tuesday Evening BBQ Meeting in Sanford at Southern Maine Aviation**

Newsletter for  
members and  
friends of EAA  
Chapter 225.

**EAA Chapter 225 invites  
everyone to a BBQ Dinner/  
Meeting**

**with Thai treats beginning  
around 6:30 pm with the  
meeting to follow at 7:30 pm,  
served up by resident chefs John  
& Pupae R. On the docket for  
the evening: relive the  
Greenville Maine 2012 Seaplane  
Fly In with pictures from  
friends and members who  
attend the greatest seaplane fly  
in the world and help set plans  
in place for the upcoming joint  
chapters September 15th EAA  
Young Eagle Flight Rally.**

September work sessions will be  
on Tuesday evenings 4, 18 & 25; at 7

### **EAA Webinars**

**September 5 - 8 p.m. CDT**

[All About Spark Plugs](#) - AMT & Wings Credit

Presenter: Mike Busch

**September 11 - 7 p.m. CDT**

[Don't Let Fear Stall Your Flying](#) - Wings Credit

Presenters: Chelsea Stein Engberg

**September 12 - 7 p.m. CDT**

[Young Eagles- 20 Years and Growing](#)

Presenter: Brian O'Lena & Michelle Kunes

**September 19 - 7 p.m. CDT**

[Flight Testing Homebuilts](#)

Presenter: Chad Jensen

**September 25 - 7 p.m. CDT**

[Aircraft Insurance – MUMBO JUMBO](#)

Presenter: Bob Mackey



## From the President's Shop:

Well our summer at EAA225 ended with the hugely successful Wings and Wheels event at Skyhaven Airport. The day brought perfect weather and lots of crowds enjoying the airport. What a great job Tracy Hayes of the Rochester Police Department and the Skyhaven Airport community did to showcase the important resource that Skyhaven is. EAA 225 was invited to cook for the four hour event. We served over 70 sausage with pepper and onion subs to the crowd and met lots of future Young Eagles and their families. Peter Bruckner, Drew Gillett and Ken Ortmann flew Young Eagle flights and were busy all day. Due to insurance requirements this event was not a Young Eagles Rally but we hope to correct that for next year. It brought a lot of people out to the airport that we don't normally see which was fantastic. Kudos to Tracy Hayes, the Rochester Police Department, Bambi Miller and the good folks at Aero Works. Between this event and our two earlier Young Eagle rallies, we have raised about 600 dollars towards our 2013 Flight Scholarship.

August also brought two 'new' airplanes into the EAA 225 livery. Unfortunately past EAA 225 member, Richard Gilchrist, passed away on May 31, 2012. His widow, Alice Gilchrist, also a pilot and EAA member, called me and asked about donating two projects to the chapter. We headed over to Northwood to look at the projects and found a treasure trove of aviation projects, airplanes and information. Dick was an avid model builder and collector of aviation literature. He also embarked on a journey of building a KR-1 in 1974. He progressed quite far with the fuselage, wings, tail surfaces and retractable landing gear built. The workmanship is impressive. Dick was also a trained machinist and it shows in the precision of the wood joints on the KR-1. Also donated

to the chapter by Alice was a Mitchell Flying Wing. A number of the ultralight chapter members know quite well what this aircraft is as they had one at the Yankee Ultralight Fly-In in Greenland this year.

Both projects are available for purchase from the chapter. The workmanship and quality materials in these projects make them a great choice for someone that would want one of these efficient aircraft. Neither aircraft presently has an engine but the KR-1 only requires a 60hp VW to cruise between 140-160 mph. Quite a performer. Call or email the chapter if you or someone you know is interested. All proceeds benefit the chapter general fund and our flight scholarship fund.

One other sidelight, Dick Gilchrist had quite a bit of antique radio gear and the family would like to find a home for the equipment. Anyone interested, please let us know and we'll get you in touch with the family. Gerry Peterson and Dick Jackson both had fond memories of spending time with Dick Gilchrist both at his home and in Rochester. He made numerous trips to Oshkosh with Alice and certainly loved aviation. Dick is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

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Rand Robinson KR-1

### The Rand Robinson KR-1

#### Specs

Span	17'6"
Length	15'9"
Engine	1835 60 hp VW
Empty Wt.	410 lbs
Useful Load	340 lbs
Wing Area	75 sq ft
Seats	1

#### Performance

Take Off	600 ft
Stall	45 mph
Landing	58 mph
Cruise	140-160 mph
ROC	900 fpm



Autumn, calm waters, blue skies and this view of seaplanes at West Cove on Moosehead Lake, Greenville, Maine; how wonderful.

## 'GREENVILLE, MAINE' ... THIS IS MY KIND OF TOWN

Originally, I hail from Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes. In actuality, there are 11,581 lakes of ten acres or more. You won't find floatplanes inhabiting all of them, though a great number of them have had a floatplane touchdown on or make use of them in one way or another. Minnesota isn't alone, a similar number of lakes can be found in both Michigan and Wisconsin. Practically every weekend up on those lakes, you would find friends, families & seaplanes gathering for bonfires and cookouts.

This coming weekend in the Greenville, Maine region and around Moosehead Lake, the very same thing will be happening. The 39th International Seaplane Fly-In will be held September 6-9, in Greenville. It is the oldest continuously running annual gathering of seaplane enthusiasts.

Schoening & DeVries say it best of all: "In the warming sun, we were constantly entertained by the never-ending barrage of low altitude fly-bys. What a great town this is! Cubs, Taylorcrafts, ultralights, Cessnas of all types and colors buzzing right down Main Street, all eyes upturned. But instead of folks running to the phone to call the local FAA office to report low flying aircraft, there is a reverence expressed by the onlookers, and an occasional "Ouuu" or "Aaah". It seems as if everyone in this town loves airplanes. It got me to thinking about how many thousands and thousands of times I have watched an airplane take off or land or fly by; and yet when I hear that sound, I am impelled to turn my head and watch, regardless of what is going on in my life at that moment. In Greenville, Maine, there is no shame in it. People fly, drive, walk, or canoe to this beautiful little town on the south shore of Moosehead Lake in droves from all over the country to sit on the docks, or in lawn chairs, or on the tops of their RV's, to watch airplanes. This is my kind of town."

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*Our September meeting will once again find us joining EAA1210 of Biddeford for our joint meeting at Southern Maine Aviation in Sanford, Maine. It will be at our normal date of the second Tuesday of the month which is September 11th. Our meeting will feature a slide show of the Greenville International Seaplane Fly-In which is being held this weekend, September 6th thru 9th. Of course, you really want to go the Fly-In but if you can't make it at least you'll see a recap of the weekend at our meeting. The usual BBQ starting at 6PM followed by the meeting at 7PM. We will also discuss our Young Eagles Rally which will be held the following weekend also at Sanford.*

*Well, it's been a very busy month for EAA 225 and hopefully you'll be able to come to the meeting at Southern Maine Aviation on September 11th. Come enjoy the camaraderie and a recap of the fun-filled weekend at Greenville.*

*Happy building and safe flying,  
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Pictured here are a Mitchell Wing homebuilt and an Ultralight version sporting a parasol wing.

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