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Newsletter for
members and
friends of EAA
Chapter 225.

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Joint Chapters Dinner/Meeting for EAA 225 & 1210 being held on July 9th, "Wednesday" in Sanford at 'Southern Maine Aviation'

**EAA 225/1210 Dinner/Meeting
in Sanford at SMA** begins at 5:30
pm with the meeting following
around 7:00 pm or so. There will
be plenty for all with reports from
recent fly-ins, EAA videos & updates
on recent Young Eagle rallies plus
much more. Come join in the Food
& Fun!

For more info: Call (603) 781-6572

Exodus to Oshkosh

Aviation enthusiasts from around the
globe are nearing their journeys to the
'mecca' and homebuilding capital of the
world. If by bus, car, train, plane,
helicopter, or floating down from the
heavens; ... build it and they will come!



Members's Mission: Eliminate Bad Tiedowns

The Claw is a
popular aircraft
tiedown, but
instructions call for
the strap to be
vertical from the
wing anchor point,
which this example
clearly violates.



July 3, 2014 - It's stated clear as day on Page 13 of
the FAA's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh NOTAM: "All
aircraft must be tied down." And it's an official rule
that all visiting aircraft are secured via tiedowns.
However, the manner and equipment in which pilots
tie their aircraft down are not equal, and that has
Gene Morris, director emeritus of the EAA Vintage
Aircraft Association, on a mission.

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From the President's Shop

Well we've already had a remarkable Young Eagles season this year and we have 2 more events to follow in the fall.

We have flown about 200 Young Eagles and had lots of excitement generated at both the Boy Scout's Camporee and the Skyhaven Wings & Wheels events. We have an amazingly dedicated group of pilots and volunteers that we are most grateful for. Two of our events ended at 7PM due to a weather delayed start. That is true dedication!

This coming weekend will be the EAA Ultralight Chapter 67 annual Fly-In at Sanderson's Field in Greenland, NH. I hope many EAA 225 and EAA 1210 members can make it down for the festivities. They too will be hosting Young Eagle flights and can always use more pilots. The Fly-In starts on Friday, July 4th and ends on Monday, July 7th.

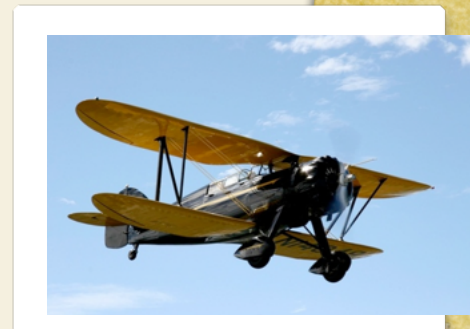
EAA 225's July meeting will take place at Southern Maine Aviation in Sanford, Maine on WEDNESDAY July 9th. Our EAA BBQ will start at 5:30 and the meeting to follow at 7PM. Please note this is a day later than our normal meeting night.

We have a very full meeting planned with a quick Young Eagles recap, the

American Waco Club Fly-In and Museum pictures, EAA's Chapter video magazine and an introduction to ForeFlight Navigation for your mobile devices. If you've never used this app, you will be amazed at the power you have in your cell phone or mobile device. It is truly immense. Come and learn how to harness this powerful program. You don't have to bring a mobile device but you are certainly welcome to. We will plan on displaying the program on the big screen so all can see.

We hope to see many members of EAA 225 and EAA 1210 at the meeting in the pilots lounge of Southern Maine Aviation. It's always a wonderful location for sharing our passion for aviation!

Happy Building and Safe Flying!
John Ricciotti
EAA 225 Chapter president
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Presidential Aircraft of John & Pupae Ricciotti





EAA AirVenture Oshkosh's Camp Scholler opens Friday, June 27.
Photo by Mike Steineke

June 25, 2014 - Early AirVenture arrivers are expected to be lined up and ready to stake their claim the morning of Friday, June 27, as registration for Camp Scholler opens for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014 – just over a month before opening day.

All campers can register at the main campground entrance located off Poberezny Road for basic or electric/water sites.

Improved electric/water sites may also be purchased by phone. Call 920-230-7725 starting Friday to secure your improved site, which typically sell out prior to opening day. Please note that improved electric/water sites incur a charge of \$55 per day from the time they are reserved, and unlike camping credentials for unimproved sites, there are no refunds for unused days on improved sites.

Registration hours are as follows:

- Opening Friday, June 27: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 28- July 23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- July 24: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- July 25: 7 a.m.-12 midnight
- July 26-August 3: 6 a.m.-12 midnight

For more information on AirVenture camping, as well as all Oshkosh lodging options, visit the [AirVenture website](#).

UPCOMING EAA WEBINARS

July 9 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Building and Flying the Amateur-Built KR-2S](#)

Presenter: Mark Langford

July 16 - 7 p.m. CDT

[EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014 Features and Attractions](#)

Presenter: Jim DiMatteo

August 13 - 8 p.m. CDT

[Resolving Owner/Mechanic Disputes](#)

FAA AMT & Wings Credit

Presenter: Mike Busch

August 20 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Keeping Flying Affordable](#)

Presenter: Scott Sky Smith

August 27 - 7 p.m. CDT

[Pushing Your Limits: Tips for Flying Long Cross Country Flights](#)

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“One day at AirVenture 2013, I made a survey in the Vintage area,” he wrote in an e-mail to EAA. “There were some 70 rows of tiedowns, which included 216 airplanes. What I found was 69 of the 216 were not what I would call properly secured.” Morris, EAA 81175/Vintage 1877, also provided several photos as evidence of shoddy tie down practices. Of those 69 improperly secured airplanes Morris counted 39 tied down with what are frequently referred to as “doggie” stakes – those notorious cheap spiral metal corkscrews used for pets. Even worse, in seven of those instances, the airplane lines were secured to the little ring that’s fastened by a small rivet.

“I cannot see how these stakes would even hold a doggie, let alone an airplane with a 40 mph wind,” he stated. He’s right: There have been several instances in which these pet stakes have failed, causing damage not only to an owner’s aircraft but others in its vicinity. Several commercially available tiedowns are available, including [The Claw](#); however, they weaken greatly if not deployed properly. The tie-down rope needs to be vertical from the aircraft down to the tiedown itself. Morris saw several examples of improperly deployed Claws in Oshkosh last year.



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If you arrive at Oshkosh sans tiedowns, you can rent them from EAA Chapter 444, which shares Morris' mission of properly tied-down aircraft. The chapter supplies what they claim is the best system for the Oshkosh grounds: 18-inch pieces of metal reinforcement bar (rebar) that the chapter creates and then rents, along with rope, to aircraft owners from the Tiedown Shack just off the North 40 at Oshkosh.

Chapter 444 stake sets are rented for \$25 a set, and users recoup \$10 when they turn them in at the end of the show. Proceeds are used to fund youth scholarships to the EAA Air Academy. Morris plans to be on patrol for suspect tiedowns again this year, so if you plan to use one of those doggie stakes, don't be surprised to find a stern but friendly note on your airplane.

If you plan to attend **Oshkosh** and haven't already purchased your tickets, please click on the web site below for helpful information:

<http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/eaairventure-tickets>

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