

Explorer Post 62 Calendar January-July 2017

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00PM

- January 8, 2017: Maintenance** - What does it take to keep an airplane flying safely and legally? Who does it? What are the career possibilities? Tour the maintenance shop at Taughannock Aviation and the Crash/Fire Rescue (CFR) Center
- February 12th: The \$100 Snapshot - Aerial Photography for art and fun** - Mike Brown will share his aerial photography pictures and "how to" tips - once you get your pilot's license, or even if you're just going for a ride, taking pictures can a big part of the experience!
- March 12th: A life in Aviation - General Mike Hall** - We'll hear from our airport manager, and former F-106 pilot Mike Hall about his flying life and career. He's the only fighter pilot to ever shoot down an SR-71 Blackbird in simulated combat!
- April 9th: Instrument Flying** - How do you fly when you can't see out the windows? By instruments! Every pilot needs to know a bit about instrument flying, and for many pilots the Instrument Rating is the next step after getting their Private Pilot Certificate. We'll hear from one of the Club's instrument instructors, and get the change to try some instrument flying on the East Hill Flying Club's simulator.
- May 14th: Fly-out to Elmira Tower** - We'll take a tour of the Elmira Tower. This is a busy tower, with radar, so it will be an interesting chance to see the Air Traffic system in operation. If possible, we'll recruit club members to fly us to Elmira. (Syracuse is an alternative, if Elmira's not available).
- June 3rd (Saturday) - Reading Airshow** - World War Two Days - For our first big outing of the summer season, we'll head south to the the Reading Airshow and World War Two Days in Reading, PA. They'll get thousands of people and many WWII warbirds for the airshow. There's also an air museum on the field which we can visit. (Rain date: Sunday, June 4th)
- July (date tbd): Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome** - Where else can you spend a weekend afternoon watching airplanes from the dawn of aviation? Every summer weekend the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome puts airplanes from World War I or earlier through their paces at a fun show. We'll finalize the date for our visit next year after Old Rhinebeck firms up their schedule
- October 6-7: AOPA Regional Fly-in, Groton Connecticut** - two full days of activities, including an expanded roster of learning opportunities and workshops beginning on the Friday of each event at 9 a.m. These workshops will cover a range of topics such as mountain flying or owner-performed maintenance that will help make flying more fun, affordable, safe, and accessible. The aircraft display, exhibit hall, and AOPA Village will open at 4 p.m. on Friday, following the workshops and clinics. The Saturday agenda for 2017 begins with a pancake breakfast (possibly with some new menu additions that the chefs are cooking up), with the AOPA Village and seminars opening after breakfast at 9 a.m.