



## Chapter 736 Newsletter for January 2018

### **2018-Maine Aviation Forum**

Invitation: Maine Aviation Forum – 2018

Maine Aviators,

Happy New Year!

The tenth annual Maine Aviation Forum will be held in the auditorium of the Owls Head Transportation Museum located at 117 Museum Street Owls Head, Maine 04854 adjacent to the Knox County Airport (KRKD) in Owl's Head, Maine on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> (weather alternate is the 18<sup>th</sup>).

Registration starts at 9:30 and the Forum runs from 10-4.

For those of you who haven't attended, this one day Forum, recognized by the Aero Club of New England for its commitment to promoting General Aviation in Maine, gathers the leadership of the various Maine based aviation organizations together to share ideas, concerns, and information and to coordinate activities for the coming year.

In case of adverse weather I will send an e-mail out by 1200 noon on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you will be travelling, unattached to your e-mail or are unsure of the Forum's status please call my cell at 207-323-0616.

There will be coffee and pastries in the morning and also lunch will be provided at no charge but of course donations are appreciated.

As in the past, we will need some help with lunch; contact me for details if you can help.

Also, as in the past, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING AT LEAST A WEEK AHEAD OF TIME TO PLAN FOR THE FOOD.

***If you represent an aviation organization, business, or interest and would like a few minutes to make a brief ( 10-15 minutes max.) presentation, let me know, no later than 2 weeks before, so I can put you on the Speakers List.***

All are invited, spread the word.

Fly safe,

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### **Volocopter flying taxi lifts off onstage at CES**

The flight controllers inside Intel's drones have enabled some incredible spectacles, but can they safely carry passengers across town in an 18-rotor aircraft? That's the end game of the company's partnership with Germany's Volocopter, and onstage at CES in Las Vegas it gave an early glimpse of what such a feat might look like.

The Volocopter first emerged as a pretty out-there flying taxi concept back in 2013, but since then it has made some serious strides. It has completed manned test flights in Germany and unmanned flights over Dubai, a city that hopes to use them as part of an autonomous flying taxi service sometime in the next decade.

But the flight at CES in Las Vegas marks its first steps in the US. Toward the end of Intel CEO Brian Krzanich's keynote, the Volocopter lifted off on a short flight live on stage inside a theater, although it was tethered to the ground and behind bars as a safety precaution.

Intel's flight control software at the heart of the Volocopter has also been adapted for use in its Falcon 8+ drone and the smaller Shooting Star drones used in its record-breaking light shows.'

Volocopter also revealed today that Krzanich rode aboard the aircraft as its very first passenger, in a remotely piloted flight at an exhibition hall in Germany last month.

"That was fantastic," Krzanich said once back on the ground. "That was the best flight I have ever had. Everybody will fly one of these someday."

### **Transferring a dream**

On Dec. 21, 2017, several members of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 534 were involved with transferring a dream.

Members traveled from the chapter's hangar at Leesburg International Airport (KLEE) in Florida, to the home of an 87-year-old gentleman in The Villages.

There, they picked up a project from Harry Farmer, who admitted that he would probably never finish his Thatcher CX-4.

He had been working on the plane for the last 15 years, while undergoing the traumas of life — moving, the loss of his wife, and the changes that come with the aging process.

Harry decided that he would donate the Thatcher to the chapter, and the project is to be used in its Youth Program.

Although knowing that he would not fulfill his dream of finishing his plane and one day flying it, he will pass it along to a younger generation that will hopefully follow his dream and finish the plane — with the ultimate goal of seeing it fly.