



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, April 17, 2005, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

President

Jim Simmons
203-272-9346

Vice President

Max Lopez
203-467-4826

Treasurer

Bill Jagoda
860-349-9901

Secretary

Jim Pepe
860-878-6834

Membership

Mike Okrent
203-393-2662

Newsletter Editor

Rick Beebe
203-230-8459

Young Eagles

Fran Uliano
860-347-0412

Tech Counselor

Dave Pepe
203-634-4457

Letter From The President

Its April, Sun-N-Fun is upon us, the weather is excellent for flying, our home airport is getting a new runway and our chapter is flourishing. Can anything be better than this? Well, the answer is 'yes.' EAA Chapter 27's newsletter editor and webmaster, Rick Beebe, has just received word that his nomination to the EAA Board of Directors has been accepted. His name will be placed on the ballot for the July election. Rick's biography will be posted in the June issue of Sport Aviation. As Rick says: "I guess it's time to go start kissing babies and shaking hands." I, for one, couldn't be happier for Rick. He has been an extremely valuable asset to our chapter and I'm confident that, given the opportunity, he would perform admirably for headquarters as well.

Meriden Airport is now closed for two months while the latest phase on their improvement project is underway. Repaving of the runway, taxiway and new runway lighting are on schedule to be completed this year. Optimistically, the runway will be reopened to aircraft traffic by June 1st. Note: The Meriden Airport FBO meeting room will be available for our monthly meeting.

The 2005 FAA SafetyFest is coming up on May 14. EAA Chapter 27's Chan Schiller will be displaying his 90% complete RV-4 at the event. We always need additional volunteers and exhibits. If you've never participated in this event, why not consider joining us this year?

Lastly, I would like to remind every pilot within our group that the EAA Young Eagles program is still a high priority for our group. The closure of Meriden Airport shouldn't impede us from taking youngsters aloft. Last year we failed to meet our goal and we must get back 'on track' for 2005. International Young Eagles Day is June 11th and we will be looking for everyone to participate in the event. If you can't pilot a youngster, volunteer to assist. If you can't volunteer to assist, bring a youngster. If you can't bring a youngster, get some parents to bring theirs. Together we can make 2005 our most successful Young Eagles year yet.

PS—Check out the newly revised young eagles website at:

www.youneagles.org.

Happy Spring time! I look forward to seeing you all at our April 17th meeting.

—Jim Simmons

April Seminar



"Aviation Humor" will be the subject of our April Seminar. A video presentation by Rod Machado, professional speaker, humorist, educator, and flight instructor. Rod plays to 'standing room only' audiences in Oshkosh every year and is someone you're sure to enjoy. Don't miss it.

April, 2005

© 2005
Chapter 27,
Experimental
Aircraft
Association, all
rights reserved

Bridgeport Fun Fly

On Saturday April 23rd, EAA Chapter 1208 will be hosting a “Fun Fly” at BDR. This event will allow potential builders and pilots to discuss the pro’s and con’s of various experimental aircraft with those who have built and/or flown them. Of equal importance this gives owners a chance to talk about their aircraft with people who will actually hang on their every word. Those owners that choose to can offer rides to those that may be interested in their particular aircraft type. This should be a great kick off to the flying season.

The event will start at 10:00 a.m. We will fire up the grill around noon for burgers and hot dogs. We will wrap things up by 4:00. Sunday the 24th is the rain date.

Please email me at jcourt@optonline.net if you can confirm you will attend. Please indicate if you will bring your plane. Please forward this announcement to any others you think appropriate. I hope to see you there, feel free to email me with any questions.

—John Courtney

Membership List on Web Site

In the next few weeks, we’re going to be putting the entire membership list on the web site to make it easier for Chapter 27 to contact each other. It will be in a password-protected *members only* section. To access it, use your EAA number as the username and your last name, all lower-case, as the password. This new section isn’t on the web site yet, but keep checking back. The link will appear in the left-hand menu. <http://www.eaa27.org>

If you have other suggestions for things to go in the members-only section please let Rick Beebe know at editor@eaa27.org.

Give us your plane!

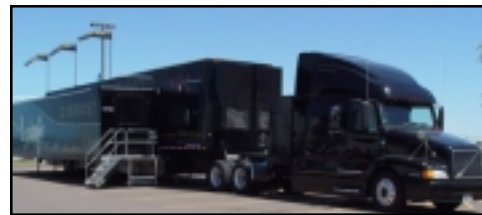
We are going to expand the “Our Planes” listing on the web site and we’d like to include *all* planes that our members are building or flying. Homebuilt or certificated. You can verify or include your listing by contacting Mike Okrent via email at membership@eaa27.org or by seeing him at the meeting. The web site is a great point of contact for potential EAA Chapter 27 members and we’d like to let them know what we’re flying.

Paid your dues yet?

Check the year printed in the upper right corner of the address label. If it doesn’t say 2005 it means we don’t have a record of your dues payment as of April 9. If you’ve paid since then, thanks. If you paid before then, please see Bill Jagoda at the meeting or email him at treasurer@eaa27.org. If you haven’t renewed then please do. We miss you! You can see Bill at the meeting or use the form on the back of this newsletter.

Sun ‘n Fun Photos Wanted

If you’re going to Sun ‘n Fun with your camera, please send a few photos to Rick Beebe for inclusion in the May EAA 27 Newsletter. Digital or scanned photos can be emailed to editor@eaa27.org. Printed photos can be mailed to Rick at the address on the back of this newsletter. Non-digital photos will be returned and appropriate credit (and thanks) given for all photos.



Homebuilt roots...

One of the great aviation success stories of this century is the phenomenal rise of Cirrus Design and their high-tech composite aircraft the SR-20 and SR-22. Brothers Dale and Alan Klapmeier started out designing and selling homebuilt kits but soon turned their focus toward certificated airplanes. Today Cirrus design is the world's second largest manufacturer of single-engine, piston-powered aircraft.

Of course they like to show off their planes and you can see the Cirrus models up close at major aviation industry events like Sun ‘n Fun, and AirVenture. As part of their mission to make Cirrus aircraft accessible to a wider audience, they've developed a unique Cirrus Road Show. Throughout the year, they make special appearances with a giant 18-wheeler that holds a complete fuselage.

Climb inside. Settle into the form-fitting seats. Inspect the remarkable avionics and big-screen displays. Get a feel for the side control yoke. Enjoy the panoramic view from the expansive windows. See how the Cirrus Airframe Parachute System (CAPS) is integrated into the body of the plane. It's a great way to get an inside look at a beautiful plane. Of course, demo flights can also be arranged.

The Cirrus Road Show is coming to New Haven July 8 & 9. Stop by and check out the ultimate homebuilt.

<http://www.cirrusdesign.com/seeacirrus/eventscalendar/index.html>

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2005

This EAA Chapter 27 meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jim Simmons. All of the officers were present.

General Attendance: Thirty-five members signed the roster.

Visitors: Welcome to Chuck Drake (RV-8) and Don Pepe.

Announcements: As of this meeting date there were seventy-eight paid members for 2005. Badges are being made for all paid members (there may be a month or so of lag time on the badges and newsletter once you pay).

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Jagoda reported the club's general fund balance to be \$447.48.

Technical Counselor Report: Technical Counselor Dave Pepe reported visiting Jim Pepe's RV-9, Mike Zemsta's RV-10 and Tracy Smith's Zodiac 601XL projects over the past month. He currently has 85 hours on his own RV-6. If you would like Dave to review your project, he is available for consultation with all members.

Bulletin Board: Visit the bulletin board for a trip into the past; Chris Kohler has on display pictures and newsletters from the 1947-1948 Connecticut Flying Y Club.

Please visit our website at www.eaa27.org. The president made an appeal to the membership for pictures of projects or flying aircraft for the webpage. Chapter 27 currently has approximately twenty-nine projects in progress and thirty-three aircraft flying; only thirteen are on display on the webpage.

As always, if you want to communicate with the membership, the newsletter and website are a great way to do it. If you wish to contribute pictures or articles to the newsletter, please send your contribution to Rick Beebe at editor@eaa27.org.

Young Eagles Report: June 11th is International Young Eagles Day.

Airport Improvement Projects 2005: Most projects are on hold until repaving is complete. The repaving of the runway is scheduled to begin on April 1st. The goal for completion is sixty days. Chapter 27 will still be meeting at MMK during this time.

There was a problem with the Tetrahedron. However, Ray Morgan promptly solved the problem and got the tetrahedron back to working order. Many thanks to Ray for his efforts.

Chapter Events 2005: The Chapter 27 annual picnic is scheduled for September.

Maury Libson reported that the Hawthorne Inn is booked for the December 11, 2005 Christmas Party. Maury announced that the base price will be unchanged (\$30) for the Chicken, Salmon and Roast Pork meals and \$35 for the Prime Rib of Beef meal. The bar will open at 5:00 p.m.

Bob Spaulding and Rick Bernardi are co-chairing the "Share Our Planes" day. Bob announced that the event will likely be held in the fall, due to the runway repaving project taking place this summer. Please contact Bob or Rick if you are willing to "share" your airplane with the membership on that day.

Old Business: The denim shirts are in; see Dave Pepe to purchase a shirt and replenish the treasury (\$20 each). Chapter T-shirts, hats and patches were discussed for 2005.

Membership fees are due now; get all the benefits of membership for only \$15 per year.

The deadline for Bob Burk and Herb Bullock's tribute pages at Oshkosh is June 30, 2005. Steve Socolosky is working on the tribute page for Bob Burk. Jim Simmons has requested assistance from any members who would like to contribute to Herb's page.

Rick Beebe summarized the recent "Sport Pilot Recap" meeting at Robertson Airport.

New Business: The membership voted unanimously to accept the new bylaws. The officers signed the bylaws and Bill Jagoda will file a copy with the national EAA.

Safety Fest 2005 is scheduled for May 14, 2005; volunteers and projects are still needed. The membership voted to allocate fifty dollars toward a prize to support the event.

Joe Gauthier is receiving the "AeroClub of New England Award" on April 28th in Bedford, MA. Also, Joe is still looking to form a partnership on an RV-6 project.

A Poker Run is being conducted by Chapter 166 on May 21, 2005.

Possible new meeting sites for the rapidly growing Chapter 27 membership were discussed. Also, if anyone would like to host a meeting to display their project, please see Max Lopez to set it up.

50/50 Raffle Winner: Charles Enz won the raffle and donated his winnings back to the Chapter. Thanks Charles.

Seminar: The seminar topic was Firewall Protection; stainless steel versus aluminum parts. Charles Enz demonstrated with RV parts. The second half of the seminar gave an overview of the aircraft available from Van's Aircraft.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:55 a.m.

Aviation Services Article Correction

Last month's article highlighting the assistance that EAA's Aviation Services Department provides to you as a member had an incorrect phone number. The correct phone number for EAA Aviation Services is 1-888-EAA-INFO.

One of the beautiful things about a single piloted aircraft is the quality of the social experience.



Spring is a great time to fly and one good destination is the Hudson River VFR corridor. See NYC like you've never seen it before!

Steve Socolosky photo

The deadline for submission of materials for the May newsletter is May 4, 2005.

2004 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

EAA Membership No: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

Do you own an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ Registration No: _____

Are you building an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ % completed? _____

"The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage."
—Mark Russell



EAA Chapter 27
c/o Richard Beebe II
360 Mountain Rd
Hamden, CT 06514-1415
newsletter@eaa27.org

Meetings held on the third Sunday of the month at Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT at 10am unless otherwise noted.
www.eaa27.org