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Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m., New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks CT

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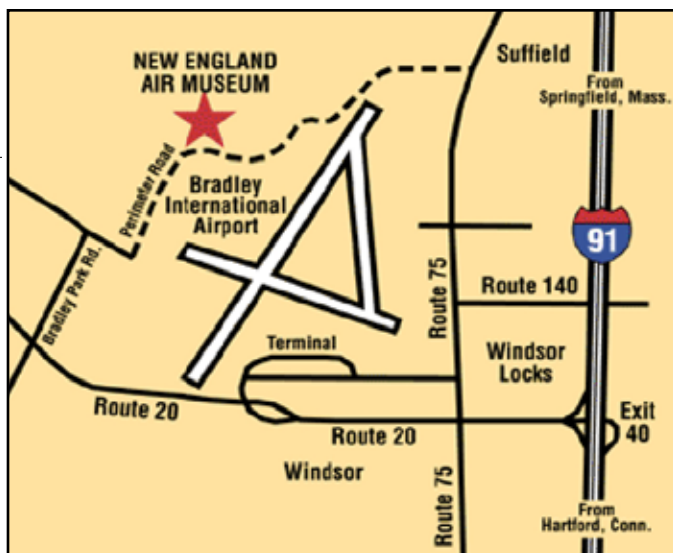
ISAIAH TIEZZI—2009 AIR ACADEMY ATTENDEE

It is our pleasure to introduce Isaiah Tiezzi to the members of EAA Chapter 27. Isaiah is a two time Young Eagle, whom we will be sponsoring to attend this year's EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh in June. Isaiah and his mother Laura recently met with Jim Simmons, Bob Spaulding and Fran Uliano and were informed of our Chapter's offer to assist Isaiah in his pursuit of more aviation knowledge and experience. Isaiah is 13 years old and he has flown Young Eagles flights with Rick Beebe in 2007 and Tony Valillo in 2008. He explained that these flights piqued his interest in aviation and possibly becoming a pilot. During our Young Eagles Rally Isaiah also met with Laura Hargreaves (last year's Academy attendee) which spurred his interest in attending the Air Academy.

Isaiah and his mother plan to attend this month's Chapter meeting at the New England Air Museum. Please join us in making them welcome to our aviation family.



Left to right: Laura Tiezzi, Isaiah Tiezzi and Fran Uliano, Chapter 27 Young Eagles Chairman



NEXT MEETING: NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM

Don't forget: our next meeting will be at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 10am

We'll start with our normal business meeting. After the meeting we'll be free to explore the museum.

Admission will be \$10.



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MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2009

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:00. Officers Present; Jim Simmons, Bob Spaulding, Bill Jagoda, Rick Bernardi

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1048.62 Thanks, Bill!

2009 Membership Dues are due so please send a check to Bill if you haven't done so already.

EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481

Technical Counselor Report—Dave Pepe: Jim welcomed Mike Zemsta as our newest Tech Counselor. Congratulations Mike. Our Chapter now has 3 excellent counselors; Dave Pepe, Mark Scott and Mike Zemsta.

Dave reported there are various tools available for building your aircraft. Also discussed were the proper disposal of ELT's and the new upgrade requirement for 406 MHz units.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: We authorized Fran to purchase a Canon photo printer to replace the Polaroid and he is in the process of doing so.

Our next Young Eagle rallies;

- Saturday June 13, 2009
- October Saturday date TBD

Fran and Tony Valillo will be presenting the Young Eagles program at a career fair and will report at the next meeting.

I reported we had 10 to 12 to fly from the Young Astronaut club at a date to be determined.

Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe: As always, please feel free to upload pictures of your project and aircraft on our website. www.eaa27.org.

Rick reported that the upload was broken

again but should be ok now. Rick would like us to upload some updated pictures of our projects and aircraft.

Rick reminded us July 27 - August 2, 2009 is EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh and also noted that the Homebuilt Aircraft Council is looking for a member.

Sikorsky Aircraft Tour—Mark Scott: The tour was exciting as ever, and get this—we were allowed into Igor's office! It was up close and personal. To stand in his office is a feeling of going back in time.

Holiday Banquet—Maury Lisbon: As a reminder the Hawthorne Restaurant was selected and the date is Saturday December 5th 2009.

Chapter Picnic—Mike Zemsta: The date of the Picnic will be Sunday September 20th and will also include an abbreviated membership meeting.

Airport Improvement Projects: The Tetrahedron still looks good and will be inspected to determine if painting is required. It looks like the protective coating has done a good job. (Day-Glo will be supplied by the City) Repaint airport name and frequency on the taxiway, and Spring Cleanup. Dates to be determined. Phil Hax reported the windsock pole has a slight lean and needs to be looked at. It has a slight effect on the windsock indication.

Old Business: Dave reported that we have Young Eagle T's and hats, along with golf and denim shirts for sale. If you have any suggestions for saleable EAA27 items contact Dave.

Bradley Air Museum: Meeting will be April 19th and a \$10 admission Fee is required.

The framing of the "Spirit of Meriden" will cost more than anticipated, Jim is

evaluating alternatives.

New Business: Heather Woiciechowski has arranged another tour of the NYTRACON on May 2nd. Heather requires your name and Social Security number.

Heather also provided more information on the "Old Eagles" effort and discussed an open house or fly in at Meriden next year.

Mark Scott has offered another open house to update his progress on the Bear Hawk. Date to follow.

Mike Zemsta proposed a trip to Old Rhinebeck and is looking for interested participants. Get on the list, bring a picnic lunch and have a great time and don't forget your camera.

Rick Beebe discussed the Founders Wing Project and requested any old Chapter pictures, documents tools, charts, plans, etc. that may be displayed in the museum.

Dave Pepe has volunteered to be a candidate for the Aviation Commission opening.

A Fly In At Robertson Airport, March 21st to show support for the purchase of the airport by the town of Plainville,

(A very successful turn out, and since this writing the town voted to purchase the airport.)

Seminar Topics for the May meeting. Leon Woiciechowski has volunteered to give us a perspective of local tower operations; Leon works the New Haven Tower.

50/50 Raffle: Two admission tickets for the next meeting at The Bradley Air Museum were raffled.

Seminar Presentation: Bob Spaulding gave a very informative presentation on Engine Failure in Flight.

Meeting Adjourned at noon. Respectfully submitted

—Rick Bernardi

DR. KEVIN RICE JONES

We're sad to report that Chapter member and aviator Kevin Jones has gone West.

Born Dec. 24, 1923, in Schenectady, N.Y. to Laurence D. and Irma Rice Jones, Dr. Jones died March 20, 2009. He was 85.

Jones joined the Navy in 1942, and became a pilot, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He survived training, including crashing an airplane into Lake Washington near Seattle. He went on to hunt German U-boats in the Atlantic while assigned to the carrier USS Bogue.

After the war he married JoAnn (Pete) Peterson on June 11, 1945. They were married for 63 years and she survives him, along with a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Jeff Dysart of Baltimore, Md.; son and daughter-in-law, Lauren and Vivien Jones of Providence, R.I.; son and daughter-in-law, Brock and Jude Summerjones of Columbia, Mo. and Whitney Jones of San Francisco, Calif. Other survivors are grandchildren, Dylan, Hayden and Carson Jones originally from Providence, and Amalia and Bronwen Jones of San Francisco.

Another son, Griffith, preceded him in death.

Jones received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He worked for a time in Oak Ridge, Tenn. on a project to create a nuclear airplane, but left when it became evident that the project would fail. He continued his education and received a Ph.D in Physics from the University of Kansas. He taught Petroleum Engineering at KU from 1957 to 1966, except one year that he spent as a Fulbright Scholar in Medellin, Colombia. After that he held positions as director of,



or working in, computing departments at North Carolina State University (Raleigh), for Perkin Elmer Corporation while living in Ridgefield at the University of Delaware

(Newark), and for the Naval Underwater Systems Center, New London. He resigned from NUSC in the late 1970s to build and manage the SPOK! Racquetball Club with Pete for several years. In the early 1980s, Jones did computer programming and consulting on a part-time basis.

With nicknames from his Navy days "Available Jones," family "Ol' Bear" and locally "KJ, KR." Jones loved sailing, tennis, the UCONN women's basketball team, his tools and gadgets, skiing, playing bridge and poker, computing, his annual vacations to visit beloved friends in Westport, N.Y., reading, and living life in a way that defies description. Among his many memorable experiences, jumping off a roof onto a trampoline, several ocean sailing trips, being on a Selma march with Dr. Martin Luther King, constructing a 90-pound ping-pong table, building a slot-car racetrack, coaching volleyball at the University of Kansas (and recruiting Wilt Chamberlain), creating a "teaching machine," being nationally ranked for his age-group in racquetball, and buying an ultralight plane at age 82. A member of Mensa, Jones was a lifelong defender of going barefoot, a habit begun as a child in idyllic times on a Lake George, N.Y. island.

Contributions in his honor may be sent to Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Rd., Rockfall, CT 06473.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month our Chapter will be holding our monthly meeting at the New England Air Museum. This is a great opportunity to share some of the world's finest examples of aviation history with our fellow Chapter members. This fine facility houses a broad spectrum of aviation related displays. Exhibits ranging from ballooning to our finest jet aircraft; from a Wright engine to a fully restored B29 Flying Fortress; from an exhibit of Glider pilots of WWII to a GeeBee Racer; from a fine Igor Sikorsky display to the 58th Bomb Wing Memorial; essentially something for the interest of everyone interested in aviation. Our Chapter is fortunate to have such a fine museum in our back yard. Be sure to join us for an abbreviated Chapter meeting, some refreshments and a tour of this fine facility. Many thanks go out to Chapter member Steve Socolosky for coordinating our visit with the museum. Don't forget that there is a \$10 admission fee.

Laura Hargreave (Young Eagle and Air Academy attendee from 2008) will be joining us and sharing her story of her visit to Minneapolis and flying the 747 Flight Simulator with Chapter member Dorothy Vallee.

Our newest EAA Air Academy sponsored youngster, Isaiah Tiezzi, and his mother will be joining us at the museum. Please join me in making them feel welcome to our event.

See you at 10AM on Sunday, April 19th at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. Betty and I look forward to seeing you all there.

—Jim Simmons

I ask people who don't fly, "How can you not fly when you live in a time in history when you can fly?"— William Langewische

The engine is the heart of an aeroplane, but the pilot is its soul.— Sir Walter Alexander Raleigh

For Sale

Skybolt

Most of you are aware that my Steen Skybolt has been for sale for some time. As a result of the times and the declining market, I have significantly reduced my asking price to \$69,000. The Skybolt is one of the best sport aerobatic biplanes available and I believe this new price is a bargain for anyone interested in a fine two place aerobatic aircraft. It would cost in excess of \$90,000 to purchase comparable components today (and then you have to build it!).

I could use your assistance in spreading the word to any potential buyers that my Skybolt is available. Thanks, Jim Simmons (203) 272-9346

Vans RV7a

Slow build kits for sale. Will sell at original cost. Empennage complete with electric trim (\$1643). Wings 95% assembled with landing and taxi lights installed (\$6791). Fuselage, tail cone riveted, center section completed ready to attach to tail cone, fire-wall assembled (\$6571). Started assembly in 2001. Frequently inspected by EAA Tech Counselor. Excellent workmanship. Wings and empennage assembled at Bob Burk's.

Will sell all or by kit. Does not include shipping. Save over \$10,000! Call Mike Okrent at (203) 530-3801

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is May 8, 2009.

2009 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 \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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EAA Membership No: _____ Expiration date: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

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