



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

April 2010

Gone West...

Charlie Maxted, 1928 - 2010

Charles A. Maxted Jr. 82, died in Hendersonville, NC following a battle with melanoma.

Charlie was a long time EAA Chapter 27 member who served as our Chapter secretary and bulletin board chairman. Charlie built two homebuilt aircraft; an RV-6 and a Wichawk biplane. The Wichawk is a two place, side by side, open cockpit biplane. Charlie and Carl Eaton shared many hours flying together in the Wichawk.

Charlie was also a long time member of the Silver City Flying Club.

Charlie Maxted was a former resident of Cheshire, Ct. He was born and raised in Hamden, CT. He was a graduate of Hamden High School, a career educator and guidance counselor. He leaves several cousins and dear friends. Charlie was predeceased by his wife, Maureen (Swift) Maxted in 2003.



A Wichawk similar to Charlie's. This photo comes from <http://www.pilotfriend.com/experimental/acft7/47.htm> and is not Charlie's Wichawk.

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Workshop held on the Third Sunday of the Month at Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

RV-6 IN PROGRESS

Photo shows Charles Maxted resting his arm on the motor mount of his nearly completed RV-6. Charlie figured he needed the rest after his strenuous efforts in trying to round up an engine for his bird.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, DEC. 18

The December meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, December 18, 1994. Time 10:00 A.M.

CHAPTER 166 MAILING

We would like to take this opportunity to thank EAA Chapter 166 of Hartford for mailing their newsletter to Chapter 27 members these past several months without charging us for the service.

CAA SERVICES TO GIVE AVIONICS UPDATE

"AVIONICS OPTIONS FOR 1995" will be the title of our seminar on Sunday, December 18, 1994 at 10 AM. Our chapter is fortunate to host Mr. Fred Webster, President and Mr. Larry Angilano, Avionics Sales Manager, of Connecticut Avionics (CAA), East Granby, CT. Their company sells and installs most major brands of avionics available today. These gentlemen will provide us with an update as to "what's new in avionics for 1995," as well as a general question and answer session for our members. This will be a fine opportunity for you to gain insight into planning, selecting, and installation of your avionics systems. Everyone is welcome to attend.

REMEMBER—IT'S DEC. 18 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

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Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2010

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:05am. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi.

The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 26 members present and 5 guests.

Recognition of Visitors: Two new visitors introduced were Walter Adams former USAF pilot and now flying for United, wants to build his own plane. Also a former Young Eagle, Dustin Young, now taking lessons wants to join. Welcome to EAA27!!

Membership—Mike Okrent: A discussion on advertising our organization and some ideas to increase membership. A reminder we offer a free trial membership.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1946.66 and a mysterious donation of 25 cents. Thanks Bill!

Bill is always collecting dues for 2010.

Chapter products were on display Hats, Mugs, Shirts and Young Eagle items. Support the Chapter and buy a gift for a family member or a friend.

Technical Counselors Report—“The gang of four” Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta and Chuck Drake:

Mike Z. attended a Mattatuck engine build seminar and discussed anti-flow and full flow oil filters. Dave P. talked about seatbelt use and safety. He had a personal experience with turbulence that reminded him and us of their proper use during flight. Mark S. discussed EAA webinars on www.Oskosh365.org. These are live discussions you can participate in.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill: New materials are on the way

for Young Eagles Certificates, pamphlets, etc.

We have \$970 in YE credits, \$1040 including Bob Upson's credits. A motion was made and approved to split the \$1040 Between Mary and Kara for tuition to the EAA Fight Academy.

Phillips66 is still offering \$2 rebate for gas used for YE flights.

We have flown 208 Y/E for 2009 with a total of 1707 since 1995. Our goal for this year is 100. Saturday June 12th will be our next YE Rally, rain date June 13th.

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 is always on the lookout for pictures articles etc. If you have anything in mind pass it on to Rick.

Rick informed us preparations are under way for AirVenture July 26 - August 1, 2010. Check out the web page at www.airventure.org.

Rick gets requests to send emails to all. A show of hands indicated not to send us more email.

Airport Improvement Projects: The airport sign is on hold pending a FBO decision. The tetrahedron and taxiway paint are in good condition. Spring cleanup will be determined in late May. We are looking into building a handicap ramp into the building. If you have any other suggestions please pass them along at the next meeting.

A suggestion was made for some landscaping to improve the appearance of the area. If you are interested in chairing this let Bob Spaulding know.

2010 Events:

- **Chapter Picnic—Mike and Patty Zemsta:** The date for the picnic is Sunday, September 12th.
 - **Holiday Dinner—Maury Libson:** The dinner will be held at the Hawthorne Inn on Saturday December 4th 4:30 to 9:30pm.
 - **International YE Rally:** Saturday June 12th. Rain date June 13th.
 - **USAF Thunderbirds—**June 26-27th at KOQU or August 21-22 at KBAF.
 - **RED BULL Air Races—**June 19-20th in NY Harbor. Ticket information at www.redbullairace.com
 - **Simsbury Fly-in—**Sunday September 19th
 - **New Haven (Tweed) Fly-In—**September 25-26th
 - **International Learn to Fly Day—**Saturday May 15th.
 - **Greenwood Lake Airport Fly-In (4N1)** is May 22-23rd.
- Old Business:** KMMK FBO status, Aviation Commission meeting was held Feb. 23rd. No change in status.
- 50/50 Raffle:** Stan Chaffin won. Stan you now owe us a profile for the newsletter.
- New Business:** Paper certificates will no longer be valid after March 31st. You can upgrade on-line at faa.gov. Wings Forum has a new LSA section at www.wingsforum.com.
- Seminar:** Whelen Engineering provided a very interesting and enlightening presentation of LED lighting and some of the rigorous requirements for FAA approval.

Respectfully submitted – Rick Bernardi

Letter from the President

The continuing legal gunfight between the Connecticut cities of Bridgeport and Stratford regarding the Sikorsky Memorial Airport remains a topic of much angst for the major players involved. As most of you are probably aware, the airport, wholly owned by the city of Bridgeport but located entirely within the boundaries of the town of Stratford, is in a politically dicey situation fueled by a legal agreement made in 1978 that requires Stratford's agreement to any perceived expansion of the airport.

There have been two accidents—one just last July—that involved overruns and a crash into a barrier fence. To meet Federal airport safety guidelines, an overrun safety zone is required but that has been repeatedly blocked by Stratford. This is in response to the wishes of an adjoining residential community that views any improvement to the airport as expansion which will serve as a catalyst for increased air traffic. Indeed, if the airport were to close, I suspect that there would be a collective sigh of relief from the neighbors, as they see the airport to be a nuisance rather than a regional economic asset. The rhetoric, misrepresentation of fact, remarkably disingenuous comments by various town officials to the media, and half-truths expounded by the community to support their position is nothing short of mind-boggling. And those in political office will not do what is right but rather what is necessary to appease a minority constituency for a vote. Alas, this saga continues.

But this is not just a local phenomenon. It was seven years ago this month that

Miegs Field in Chicago was permanently shut down by the unilateral action of the mayor and city council in bulldozing a large 'X' in the runways to render them permanently closed. Many cited fear-mongering in response to 9/11 as the culprit for this unprecedented action.

There are many facets to this national drama of airport resistance and closings that could also be told here, but that is well beyond the scope of this letter and not my point.

When we look at our own home field, Meriden-Markham, it straddles the town/city boundary between Wallingford and Meriden. The impact of that dividing line can be seen in the effort required to procure the nod from both municipal governments to proceed with constructing new hangars. But the political reality within which MMK exists continues to work after a fashion...and Chapter 27 is often stepping up to the plate to offer support. We, as tenants of the airport, are an extremely important element in its continued success. And with a new FBO on the horizon, our support is a vital part of keeping MMK a going concern. Pro-activity is not an option, it's required.

This is our home and we are among its best ambassadors. We are indeed fortunate. Following our January seminar, our speaker remarked to me that our monthly meeting site was just perfect for such occasions...the right amount of informality and being totally surrounded by things pertaining to airplanes and flying. I couldn't agree more.

Stay safe.

—Bob

Upcoming EAA Webinars

Mark Scott talked about EAA webinars—web-based seminars—at the last meeting. EAA has added several new webinars on a host of subjects ranging from homebuilding to new aircraft offerings, medical issues, and AirVenture 2010 updates. All you need to participate is a computer and an Internet connection (broadband recommended). Here are the topics they'll cover in the coming weeks:

- April 13: "Sonex, Waix and Xenos - The Sport Pilot Reality Check," with Sonex's Jeremy Monnet
- April 26: "High Blood Pressure - Taming the Silent Killer and Keeping Your Medical," with Dr. Greg Pinnell, EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council
- May 5: "Basic Spray Painting," with Ron Alexander
- May 12: "Liability of Selling Your Home-built," with Pat Phillips
- May 18: "How to Get Started in Ultralighting," with Timm Bogenhagen

All webinars begin at 8 p.m. EDT, and space is limited so sign up today! See the complete list of upcoming webinars at Oshkosh365.

To register for any of these Webinars, go to http://www.eaa.org/news/2010/2010-04-08_webinars.asp



**APRIL 13-18, 2010
LAKELAND, FLORIDA**

"Bums on seats" was how Captain Eddie Rickenbacker of Eastern Airlines liked to describe the airline business.

The most beautiful dream that has haunted the heart of man since Icarus is today reality. — Louis Bleriot

Airport Spring Cleanup

The informal *Airport Spring Cleanup Committee* met at MMK on a recent Friday morning and attempted to find any "airport springs" that needed cleaning. A discussion and internet search to define an "airport spring" were fruitless so there was nothing to do. The committee excels at that.

There were some miscellaneous hazardous materials to be disposed of and the committee devoured the task with their usual expertise.



The committee has a few springs loose if you ask me. L-R, Rick Bernardi, Jim Simmons, Dave Pepe and Fran Uliano

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is May 8, 2010.

2010 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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