



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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Letter From The President

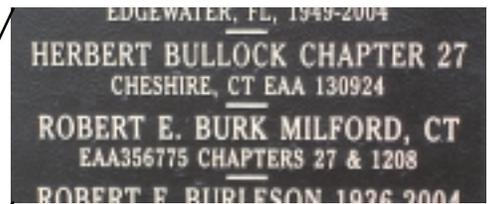
If you haven't heard as yet, EAA Chapter 27's own Rick Beebe has been elected to the Board of Directors of the EAA. Outstanding! I'm sure you'll all join me in congratulating Rick on his terrific success. We couldn't be happier and we all look forward to Rick "bringing home the bacon" for our chapter, and EAAer's everywhere.

If you haven't heard as yet, I had a landing accident in my GP-4 at Oshkosh. The good news is that Betty and I walked away without a scratch. I also have to eat crow and state that it was pilot error and no fault of the airplane. I currently believe that the insurance company is likely to call it a total loss although it's early in the process. That may be a blessing since I currently have no interest in attempting to rebuild the aircraft myself. A side note is that Joe Gauthier had flown my Skybolt out to Oshkosh. The idea was to test the market to sell the Skybolt at a "good" price. Obviously, once the accident happened the "For Sale" sign came down. Joe and Carol Gauthier arranged for their return transportation in another aircraft at Oshkosh. This permitted Betty and me to fly home in our Skybolt. I'd like to extend a very special thanks to Joe and Carol for all their support.

I missed the Memorial Wall ceremony at Oshkosh for Bob Burk and Herb



The Memorial Wall is located in a pleasant grove behind the chapel at the foot of Compass Hill at Pioneer Airport.



Photos: Jim Simmons & Rick Beebe



Bullock. The people that I've spoken with who did attend have stated that it was a beautiful and very moving ceremony. Missy Burk (Bob's wife) stated that she and her family members were

very happy that they attended the event. Betty and I did get to view the wall before our early departure for home.

Our chapter's proposed trip to Mattituck Aviation for their Lycoming Engine rebuilding seminar has been scheduled for October 15th. You should have received a mailing highlighting the specifics of our travel plans and its related cost. We'll be refining these plans at our August meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August 21st meeting.

—Jim Simmons

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2005

The June meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the President, Jim Simmons. All Officers were present.

Two new visitors were recognized; welcome to Collin (RV-7) and Elliot (RV-7).

Treasurer's Report (Bill Jagoda): The current general fund balance was reported to be \$1,386.12. Fran made a motion to accept, Charlie seconded; motion was accepted.

Technical Counselor's Report (Dave Pepe): Dave visited Tim Kelly's RV-6 and Mike Zemsta's RV-10 this month. Please feel free to contact Dave for consultation on your project. Even if it isn't an RV, he can review your project and refer you to an expert in your type of aircraft.

Chapter Membership (Mike Okrent): If your EAA membership number has not been submitted to the Chapter, please contact Mike with that number.

Website (Rick Beebe): Three people have volunteered to help Rick maintain the website. Please get your aircraft/project picture to Rick for the website and you will be registered for the raffle being held at this year's holiday party. Visit the website at www.eaa27.org and send any comments or suggestions to Rick.

Newsletter (Rick Beebe): Fifty-fifty raffle winners are requested to draft personal profiles for the newsletter. As always, anyone else wishing to contribute to the newsletter in the form of articles, pictures, information, events or anything of interest to the chapter is encouraged to do so.

Young Eagles Report (Fran Uliano): Fran reported the results of the June 11th Young Eagles Day. Thirty-one children were flown on that day and 1103 have been flown since 1995, with 43 pilots participating over the years. Fran thanked the pilots and ground

crew for their role in making the day and the program a success. Support was requested to fly Young Eagles at the June 26th MMK picnic; as always, there were many volunteers.

Airport Improvement Projects: Projects discussed were repainting the Tetrahedron with Day-Glo, moving the noise abatement signs and repainting the airport name and frequency on the taxiway.

2005 Chapter Events: The Chapter Picnic and "Share Our Planes Day" have been merged for sometime in September. Mike & Patty Zemsta will be recruiting volunteers for the picnic. Rick Bernardi and Bob Spaulding are coordinating the pilots for member rides.

A Young Eagles Rally was discussed for October.

Old Business: See Rick Beebe's biography regarding his candidacy for the EAA Board of Directors in the latest addition of Sport Aviation Magazine.

Tribute pages and arrangements are complete for Herb Bullock and Bob Burk at AirVenture this summer; the ceremony will take place on July 31st at 11:00 a.m. Chapter 27 is supporting the event to thank Herb and Bob for their contributions to the Connecticut EAA community and Chapter 27 in particular.

New Business: The Mattituck bus trip was discussed; if you are interested in touring Mattituck's facilities, car museum and a free lunch, contact Max Lopez to sign up for August. *[Now scheduled for Oct. 15 —ed]*

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Ron Slossar.

The seminar was a video at the Mattituck facilities showing the rebuilding of a Lycoming 0-320 Engine.

Next month's seminar to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

—James Pepe, Secretary

EAA Biplane For Sale

This is a request from Ned Marziarz, the son of an old friend up in Northampton MA. His dad, Walt, built a really nice EAA Biplane years ago and flew it quite a bit. Life got in the way and it has been in storage for about 20 years. I recently went up to look at it and found it to be in remarkably good condition.

The family has agreed with Walt that the aircraft needs to be removed from the family garage to make room for more "Life after flying." I told Ned that I would try to find a new home for their airplane.

This is a single seat, Lycoming powered small biplane, a bit larger than a Pitts but much smaller than a Skybolt or Starduster Too. The fabric looks airworthy but some testing would have to be performed to make that a certainty. The engine is a basic low power Lycoming with no electrical system. The plane has no radios either. It is truly an "Around the Patch" machine. It is a tailwheel aircraft to boot.

Not the only option but the best bet might be as a group project for a few 3 or 4 tailwheel types or wannabees to take up as a learning experience. The dollar outlay for the acquisition will be a modest 5 or 6 thousand dollars. The only condition of the sale but is that it be to someone who will actually put it back in the air. This is not a resale opportunity. Could cost another 5 or 6 thousand to get it to some point where it could be fun to own and fly. Still pretty inexpensive flying for someone with time and not much money.

I would be pleased to mentor a group of folks bringing life back to this classic homebuilt but as you can imagine, mentoring is all I have time for these days.

Please contact me via email (N22607@aol.com) or phone (860-635-4058 or cell 860-604-1582) to discuss if you or anyone you know is interested.

—Joe Gauthier

August Meeting Agenda: Steve Hackett from Stellar Avionics will discuss radio and antenna installation and AC-43 chapter 1.

Charlie and Joan to be Riveted Together

Well, okay, not really. But our heartiest congratulations to Charlie Enz and Joan Howell on their upcoming nuptials. They are being married September 24th at the home of Bob and Betty Levine in Kent, CT. Charlie says that "Joan is the kindest person I've ever met and a daily joy to be with." Can't ask for more than that.

Jim Townsend Recovering

Former EAA Chapter 27 member, Jim Townsend, is recovering from a weather related aircraft accident near his home in Arkansas. Jim was returning from his trip to Oshkosh 2005 in his Vari-eze when the weather closed in around him and he was forced to make an off-field landing on a road. The wing struck a mail box and the airplane spun and flipped over. The plane was a total loss and Jim received a neck injury. Jim's neck is sore and stiff but will recover. Our best wishes to Jim for a speedy recovery.

Airventure Oshkosh 2005



SpaceShip One and White Knight; Global Flyer; the P-38 *Glacier Girl*; the debut of very light jets (VLJs) from Cessna, Eclipse, Epic and Honda; and a SportPlane mall with 13 newly certified Light Sport Aircraft all combined to make this year's Airventure a very special one. 700,000 people and over 10,000 planes attended. There were 2,927 showplanes comprised of a record 1,267 homebuilts; 924 vintage aircraft; 386 warbirds; 196 ultralights; 130 seaplanes; and 24 rotorcraft. At Saturday's business meeting, Rick Beebe was elected to the EAA Board of Directors. More news on that as we get it.

Help Save a Tree!

Help conserve paper and save the Chapter some money by getting this newsletter via email instead of on paper. The Chapter pays around 70¢ in printing and postage for each copy of the newsletter. In addition to conserving resources, you'll also receive the newsletter sooner. It's always posted on the web site at least two days before it arrives in your mailbox. If you're interested in the electronic copy instead of the paper copy, simply send your email address to Mike Okrent, our membership coordinator, at membership@eaa27.org. Remember, whether you choose to do this or not, the current and virtually all previous newsletters since 2001 are stored on our web site at www.eaa27.org and in a notebook in our meeting room at MMK.

—Rick Beebe



Staying Motivated While Building

I am about nine months into the building of my RV-9. The tail is complete (minus fiberglass tips) and the wings are on their way. I've taken a bit of a breather from the shop and have been thinking about vacations.

I really enjoyed building the tail section and now have more confidence than I did when I started. However, I realize that I have spent a lot of time *out-there* over the past months and that this was just the beginning. So before ordering the wings I weighed my options: Should I build a deck? fix the leaky faucet? pay for a new roof? mow the lawn? trim some trees? spend my spare time on a new deck barbequing? In the end, the wings won the day. Why?

Well, I don't mean to blame y'all, but a lot of it has to do with being a member of EAA Chapter 27. The people there are great motivators. Dave Pepe and Mike Zemsta have taught me the needed building skills and helped me with their direct experience (and tools). Mike and Andy visited my project and lent me videos. Max, Tim and Steve have all given me advice and pointers on RV building. I've flown with Jim, Mike and Dave (Uncle Dave to me). It's been fun volunteering with

and getting to know Rick, Bill and everyone in the Chapter. I'm inspired by everyone that gives their time and makes the EAA a great place for people like me, with an interest in aviation, to get involved at whatever level or time commitment they can afford. Here you are welcome to come and fly, build, talk about airplanes or just have a cup of coffee and a doughnut. It's a pretty nice place to belong.

After the June meeting, my uncle and I flew down to the shore in his RV-6. As we cruised up the Long Island Coast to the Connecticut River, I looked out at the wings and pictured my own wing-kit being crated up at Van's Aircraft and had the thought that they might fly someday too. It seemed like a crazy dream, but when you are riding in someone else's dream come true, you know that with time, effort and support, it is achievable. Support is a big one. Being an EAA member gives me a confidence that I wouldn't have without knowing that Chapter 27 is there to help me if I need it.

So now that the wings are in the mail, I blame and thank all of you for making Chapter 27 a great place to spend my spare time and for keeping me motivated to go forward with the project.

—Jim Pepe

The ultimate responsibility of the pilot is to fulfill the dreams of the countless millions of earthbound ancestors who could only stare skyward ... and wish.

*Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.
—George Bernard Shaw*

Simsbury FlyIn Sept 25

The annual Simsbury Airport FlyIn will be held on September 25. This will be our twentieth year, and we now believe this is the biggest event of its kind in New England. Last year, 10,000 spectators attended, along with about 150 airplanes and over 200 antique cars. We will have a LifeStar rescue demo, parachute jumping, lots of flybys, and judging (with trophies!) in a number of categories for antique, classic, and homebuilt aircraft.

We will have a pancake breakfast, good food and drink all day long, and lots to see and do. This is a family event. You can bring the kids and show them some nifty airplanes and

cars up close, and talk with their owners.

There's no admission, but we do ask for a donation to defray our expenses. We start whenever the first airplane arrives, usually around 7 AM, and end when the last plane leaves, usually around 4 PM. Come any time and have fun. Tell your friends. Better still, why not put together a "formation" and fly over as a group.

Rain date is one week later - October 2

If you have questions, contact Joe Bellino (860-4080040) or Bill Thomas (860-693-4550)

—Bill Thomas, Simsbury Flying Club

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is September 5, 2005.

2004 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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