



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



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

August 2008

Impromptu Chapter Meeting at EAA Airventure Oshkosh



A bunch of Chapter 27 members serendipitously met at Jim and Betty Simmons' plane during Airventure. L-R: Rick Beebe, Heather Woiciechowski (kneeling), Fran Uliano, Barbara Uliano, Betty Simmons, Jim Simmons, Jim Maher, Kevin Minckler. Some other Chapter members spied during the week were Carl and Lorraine Eaton, Chuck Drake, Mark Scott and Earle Stetson. They must not have gotten the meeting notice. Thanks to Jim Maher for the photo.

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EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

Corn Roast & Cookout

August 16th 11:00AM-2:00 PM
Skylark Airpark (7B6) East Windsor, CT
Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1310.

We get the freshest & sweetest corn available-picked the morning of the event. We're also serving hamburgers and hot dogs, along with chips and soda.

\$6 donation requested.

New England Light Sport Aircraft Expo

August 16th and 17th
Sanford Regional Airport, Sanford, ME
Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) manufacturers and dealers have been invited to bring their airplanes to the Sanford Maine Regional Airport so that area pilots and the public can compare the planes wing-tip-to-wing-tip. As an added benefit, they will offer inexpensive flight instruction in this fast growing aircraft category Saturday and Sunday.

Aircraft dealers and pilots who have already committed to attend include the Gobosh 700S, the Legend Cub, Flight Design USA CTLS, the Highlander (on amphibious floats), the FPNAA-22 Valor, Tecnam, Aeropro Eurofox, Jabiru J230, Thorpedo, and X-Air.

The New England Light Sport Expo will offer seminars both days that will provide specifics on Sport Pilot regulations, medical requirements, ownership, and maintenance issues. On Saturday, a representative of the Portland FAA Flight Standards District Office will be available to explain the differences and limitations of the Sport Pilot certificate. There will also be plenty of free informational materials available.

A public pancake breakfast (\$6 per person) will be held on Sunday, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Southern Maine Aviation on the east side of the airport.

The Cockpit Café will be open for breakfast as usual from 7 a.m. to noon both days.

Both afternoons will feature take-off and

landing contests intended to demonstrate the aircraft capabilities.

Pilots are encouraged to bring their Light Sport aircraft and participate in the contests.

Fly in the EAA B-17

August 19 - 20
Waterbury-Oxford Airport, Oxford, CT

You can learn more about the flight experience, history and operation of our B-17 at www.b17.org

Pre-booked flights cost \$359 for EAAMembers, and \$399 for non-Members. Walk-up prices are \$385 for EAAMembers and \$425 for non-Members. Seats are filling up fast, so pre-book your flight today and save \$26 off the walk-up price! It's a great experience you won't want to miss ... plus you'll be helping to support the preservation of aviation history and supporting aviation in your local community.

23rd Annual Simsbury FlyIn

September 21 (Rain Date: Sept 28).
Simsbury, CT

There's a really descriptive article about the Simsbury FlyIn at <http://members.aol.com/cgearannex/SimsburyFlyIn2007.html>.

We have already lined up an impressive list of participants, advertisers, and displays, including Aircraft Spruce, Sportys, Wicks Aircraft, Univair, Cirrus, Columbia, Lightspeed, Cessna, Evector, Highlander, Liberty Aerospace, Jabiru, FlightDesign, Kappa, and others. We have 12 brand new dealer aircraft coming for display, including a number of the new light sport types.

Special attraction: We will be raffling a brand new \$850 Lightspeed Zulu ANR headset. This is one of the very best, and who knows.....you might get lucky!

If you have questions, please contact Bill Thomas, Airport Manager, at wdthomas421@comcast.net, or 860-693-4550. See you there!

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2008

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President, Jim Simmons on a misty Father's Day morning at Steve Socolosky's hangar at Brainard Airport. All officers were present with the exception of Vice President, Bob Spaulding.

Jim mentioned that Paul Poberezny sent a letter to Stan Solecki, wishing him a Happy Birthday.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$884.24. Thank you, Bill!

Technical Counselor—Dave Pepe: Dave explained that Jim Pepe continues riveting as he progresses with his RV-9A. Dave also briefed the members on Mike Zemsta's RV-10 as he prepares it for its first flight.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: Fran happily announced the successful completion of International Young Eagles Day, June 14th, when an all-time high of 63 Young Eagles were flown! In addition to the many folks who helped that day, Fran gave special recognition to Rich Merrill, who was first in and last out, Maury Libson, who photographed and Cris Kohler, who controlled the flight line.

Website and Newsletter—Rick Beebe: Rick reminded everyone that there will be no July newsletter because of AirVenture but you can still upload your pictures.

Airport Improvement Projects: Jim announced that the tetrahedron repainting and airport clean up have been completed. As for repainting the airport name and frequency on the taxiway, they're still in good condition and will be evaluated again in the future.

Old Business: The building permit for the hangars was received and awaiting signatures.

New Business: Jim explained that the NOTAM for Oshkosh was available and stressed its importance if you are planning

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty and I have recently returned from Oshkosh and our visit to AirVenture 2008. I am pleased to report that attendance for the event was very good. Fears that fuel costs would reduce the amount of aircraft and campers visiting the event were not justified. I am also pleased to report that we met many EAA Chapter 27 members at AirVenture enjoying the activities. Notably, Mark Scott was there and was a presenter at the Affordable Aircraft Pavilion on the topic of low cost aircraft ownership. I'm sure we'll request that Mark provide this presentation for our group in the near future.

Sadly little progress has been made at MMK towards the construction of aircraft hangars. It appears that obstacles are unending. Our hopes for construction to be completed this year are rapidly waning.

The repaving of the tarmac on the north end of MMK has begun. I believe that they are projecting completion of the paving project by mid-September. Hopefully this will be done on time. We'll discuss the impact of this paving project on our annual picnic plans at our next meeting.

I am pleased to report that Mike Zemsta's RV-10 is now a flying aircraft. It has recently made its maiden flight and I'm sure we'll learn more about this at our August meeting.

Joel Volovski, a former EAA Chapter 27 member and friend, has recently been certified as a Light Sport Aircraft instructor. He is planning on attending our meeting and bringing us up to date on this program.

Lastly, Laura Hargreaves, the Young Eagle from our Chapter who attended the Air Academy at Oshkosh is planning on reporting back to us on the activities at this event. It will be great to learn firsthand what Laura experienced at this function.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our August 17th meeting.

—Jim Simmons

FIRST FLIGHT!

November, One, Four, Mike, Zulu (One For Mike Zemsta!)

On a beautiful Tuesday morning, August 5, 2008, at approximately 12:40 Zulu, Mike Zemsta's RV-10, piloted by Joe Gauthier, slipped the surly bonds of Earth for the first time! The RV-10 accelerated down runway 2 at Brainard Airport and gracefully took flight just like it was supposed to! After about 20 minutes, Joe radioed Mike that the RV was flying nicely! Congratulations Mike!



Proud Papa



She's ready to fly!



Final checks



Joe gets strapped in



We have liftoff!



It's just like the shots NASA gives us of the Space Shuttle

Steve Socolosky photos

**PHILLIPS
SCREWDRIVER:**
A tool used
to round off
the inferiors of
Phillips screw
heads.

People think it
would be fun
to be a bird
because you
could fly. But
they forget the
negative side,
which is the
preening.
—Jack Handey
'Deep Thoughts
from Saturday
Night Live.'

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to fly out. Jim also reminded everyone that there will be NO July meeting because of AirVenture.

50/50 Raffle Winner: No raffle this month.

Seminar Presentation: Mike Zemsta gave a very thorough presentation on the final tasks at hand in order to prepare his RV-10 for flight. Mike began this, his second RV, about three years ago as his son, Austin, outgrew the RV-6A. After all the updates from Technical Advisor, Dave Pepe, over the years, it was now getting close to that magical moment. Everyone was able to investigate Mike's craftsmanship after his presentation in the hangar.

Meeting adjourned approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted—Steve Socolosky

For Sale

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\$18,500

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Glass missing but works
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The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is September 8, 2008.

2008 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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