



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, August 16, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

August 2009

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The summer is upon us and some great flying weather abounds. Pilots—Be sure to bring along some of our non-pilot members for a flight.

Betty and I were fortunate enough to attend AirVenture 2009 at Oshkosh and as usual we had a great time. We were especially pleased to see many EAA Chapter 27 members in attendance. Also, prior to the event, there was much speculation that attendance would be down due to the economy. We were very pleased to see that the attendance at AirVenture was excellent and even up from last year.

It is my understanding that Eileen Drake (EAA Chapter 27 member Chuck Drake's wife) was appointed as an EAA Director. On behalf of the membership of EAA Chapter 27, I would like to extend our congratulations to Eileen and we wish her the greatest success in helping to set the direction and future of the EAA.

As always, Fran Uliano, our Young Eagles Coordinator has been busily recruiting Young Eagles and supporters to keep our



Young Eagles efforts one of the leading groups in the country. I am pleased to report that 8 of the 13 Connecticut based pilots who flew 10 or more youngsters last year were from our chapter. With Fran's continued support I know we are going to beat that number in 2009. Reminder to Young Eagles Pilots – Fly 10 or more Young Eagles in 2009 and we get funds to support our efforts to send kids to the EAA Air Academy. Please make that your personal goal. Last year we earned over \$800 and we are on track to beat that this year.

Young Eagle and Air Academy attendee, Isaiah Tiezzi, will be joining us at our next meeting and sharing his thoughts on his June trip to Oshkosh.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August 16th meeting.

—Jim Simmons

MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2009

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

Recognition of Visitors: Jim introduced Isaiah Tiezzi, Isaiah returned from his trip to the EAA Air Academy and will tell us about his experience at the next meeting.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$998.43. Bill also reported \$521 received in memory of Kevin Jones. 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, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta, and Chuck Drake: Mark reported that 2 tri-wings are under construction. His tip of the month is put a fire extinguisher in your plane, along

with a discussion of extinguisher types. Mike informed us of the Lumberton fly-in and will fill us in at the next meeting.

Chuck will give a Cherry Max rivet presentation at the next meeting.

Tracy Smith informed us about a Corvair College supervising the tear down and rebuild of the 100hp Corvair engine

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: WOW! June was our best Young Eagles Rally ever with 84 flown! The organization of the sign up and certificates was great and the photos

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Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you

There is no sport equal to that which aviators enjoy while being carried through the air on great white wings.—Wilbur Wright, 1905

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produced by the new Canon printer were a great hit. We turned away about 25 because of lack of time. We have flown 99 for the year for a total of 1598 to date. The next rally will be in October, a Saturday date TBD.

We have since flown the Young Astronaut club and Fran will report at the next meeting.

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 gave us an update and progress report of his trip to Oshkosh. Looking forward to Rick's report.

Airport Improvement Projects: The Tetrahedron still looks good and the protective coating has done a good job. Repaint of the airport name and frequency on the taxiway has been completed.

Spring Cleanup was not required this year.

Chapter Picnic—Mike Zemsta: The date of the Picnic will be Sunday September 20th and will also include an abbreviated membership meeting. Mike organized a trip to Rhinebeck on July 12th and will report at the next meeting.

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

Old Business: Dave reported that we have Young Eagle Ts and hats, along with golf and denim shirts for sale. If you have any suggestions for saleable EAA27 items contact Dave.

The framing of the "Spirit of Meriden" has been resolved by Bob Spaulding and it will be at the August meeting

New Business: AirVenture NOTAM is available.

Vigilance and activism are necessary on General Aviation as we are the targets.

We discussed buying a projector and Bogdan Gutowski generously offered one for our use as necessary.

Also discussed was a Chapter PA system and connecting to the CTAF.

Ed Train - Ultralight Flying information (base and flying) 203-247-0850

Zenith Zodiac and Whitman Tailwind plans are available for sale.

Laura Sioholm is now Laura Johnson.

Trial Membership—Any EAA member can sponsor a member into our Chapter and they'll get a free six month membership in EAA.

Discussion on Through the Fence dispute in Idaho. (Through-the-fence operations are those in which a public airport owner authorizes access to the public landing area by a person or entity that owns adjacent, privately owned property.)

Seminar Presentation: Navigating the DC Special Flight Rules Area. Unfortunately the attempt to provide this over the internet was foiled by an internet problem accessing the FAA site.

Meeting Adjourned at approx. 12:00

Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi

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



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