

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

August
2015

Letter from the President:

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Welcome to the second half...the second half of the year, that is, after our July time out. A lot has been going on and the pace is only going to increase from now through the rest of the year.

Coming up on Saturday, September 19th, will be the annual picnic starting at 10 AM, a perennial favorite. As usual, the grill will be stoked for hamburgers and hotdogs, but what really makes it a special gathering is all the potluck offerings brought to the table by many of you. Please consider bringing a favorite summer or picnic dish to share with the gang. And assuming that we will have good flying weather (as is usually the case), there should be opportunity to swap airplane rides. Stay tuned for the flyer and further details.

Saturday, October 3rd is the Meriden-Markham Fly-in and Public Safety Festival. There's a lot of hard work being put in by the good folks from the City of Meriden and the MMK tenant organizations (our chapter included) to make this not only a standout event this year, but also in years ahead. As with any undertaking of this scope, volunteers are always need...parking, aircraft marshaling, admissions, vendor support, and general crew to name just a few. You can make this an all-day volunteering gig or sign up to help out just during specific times. There will be ample opportunity to meet the public and talk up the EAA and Chapter 27, so dust off your ambassadorship skills and be ready to pass on your enthusiasm for aviation. Please save the date!

Our RV-12 Aircraft Build Program (also known as Teens to Flight) is gathering steam. The wings, courtesy of some dedicated folks in Oshkosh are complete and ready for transportation to us. The process to furnish the build shop with tables, tools, etc. is underway. Administration details to finalize our tax exempt status (501(c) (3)) is in the works. In short, we're getting there and expect to commence some serious building starting next month. Well done to all involved!

And finally, Mark Scott completed his fantastic trip to and through Alaska with his Bearhawk and will be giving us a presentation at the upcoming meeting. This will be something you don't want to miss! See you at the meeting.

Stay safe, Bob



**Next meeting:
Sunday, August
16th**

Mark Scott will be presenting about his latest trip to Alaska.

**Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am**

Chapter 27 Teens to Flight project update:

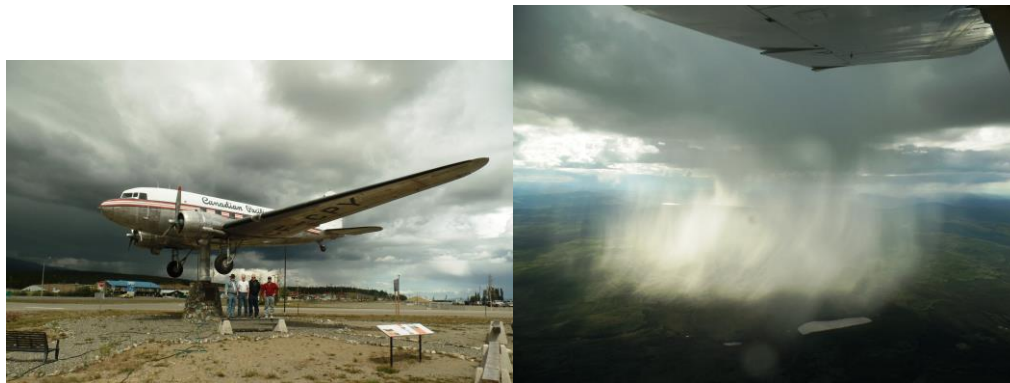
The wings are built and ready to be shipped!

Currently Mark and Steve Fraas are preparing the shop, if anyone has tools they can donate or loan please contact Mark. Tools needed include hand tools for aluminum work, drills, cleos, cleco pipers, squeezers, counter sink tools, and deburring tools. As planned building will be Monday evenings 6-9. The other session will be on Saturday mornings 9-12. Once parts start to arrive Mark will be able to announce more solid plans.

Mark has also provided a link for a write up that Aero-news wrote up about the Oshkosh wing build, along with an all teen team who helped with building.

<http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?do=main.textpost&id=730869f7-20da-4739-9181-8d49a05f0d48>

Meeting presentation: Mark will be talking about his trip to Alaska; he has asked that these pictures be included as a sample of what he will be talking about.



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Meetings are the
3rd Sunday of the
month at 10am at
Meriden Markham
Airport

Meeting Minutes:

June 21, 2015

Officers: President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:05. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 23 attendees and 3 visitors.

Nick Lappos was visiting. He's a new airport resident. He recently bought an Avid Flyer in California and flew it across the country. It took him 9 days and he landed here last night.

Bob reports that only one of our Connecticut congressional representatives are supporting the Pilots Bill of Right. The AOPA web site has a form letter. We should all reach out to our congressman to ask them to support it. A phone call would be even better.

The Chapter is applying for 501(c)3 status—tax exempt status. We need a bylaw change to state that the Chapter's purpose is for education. We are applying for this to help the Teen Build program that Mark Scott is putting together. Among other things it will make donations to the project tax deductible.

The Chapter picnic will be September 19.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Jagoda reports we have a bank balance of \$1691.51

Tech Counselors

Dave Pepe reports that they've started foundation construction on the four new hangers.

Mark Scott talked about cleaning windscreens. You need to be very careful about cleaning the Plexiglas that our windows are made of. Many people here use Plexi. It's good. Aviation Consumer recently did a review and *All Kleer* and *Plexi-Clear* both were good and have rain repellants. Use a microfiber cloth and never use paper towels.

Jim Simmons gave an update on the ADS-B installation on his plane. He had a King KX76 ADS-B out transponder installed. He showed some captures from FlightAware showing how accurately he can be tracked now. He also pointed out a change to the AIM that says that we should have our transponders on in altitude reporting mode BEFORE MOVING ON THE SURFACE. That's because many airports now have ground surveillance tracking.

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Young Eagles

Fran reported on our Young Eagles rally last Saturday. We had a great turnout of pilots and ground crew. However the kid turnout wasn't so great. We started great with 11 kids in the morning and then that was it. We've flown 16 total for this year. We've flown a grand total of 2222. Fran has announced that he will be retiring as our Young Eagle coordinator at the end of this year. Brian Rechiene has volunteered to take over. Our Fall rally is October 10.

Seminar

Rick Bernardi gave a very nice presentation on his Arion Lightning E-LSA. He built the plane at a completion center in Arizona from May to October 2013. He has been enjoying the plane immensely and now has 140 hours on it. He flew it here from Omaha a few weeks ago and now just waiting for a weather window to head home.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

Anyone wishing to send in their 2015 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it 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

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

2015 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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