



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, February 16, 2003, 10 a.m., Dave Pepe's House in Meriden

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January Meeting Minutes

All of the new officers were present:

Jim Simmons—President
Steve Socolosky—Vice President
Barbara Johnson—Treasurer
David Pepe—Secretary
Rick Beebe—newsletter/web site editor
Mike Okrent—librarian & membership coordinator
Bob Burk—Technical Counselor
Fran Uliano—Young Eagles Director

Visitors: 4 visitors to this meeting; see attendance sheet.

Please wear your name tags at our meetings. It helps us and our visitors get to know each other.

FRED CAPUTO was recognized for his leadership as president of the chapter for the last 4 years.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance: \$3156.91

Expenses:

donuts	33.47
calendars	227.50
mailing	30.00
newsletter	96.87
Xmas dinner	773.46
Total Expenses	1161.30

Income:

50/50	20.00
donation	10.00
dues	180.00
Xmas dinner	500.00
Total Income	710.00

Ending Balance in Treasury: \$2705.61

Attendance:

Jim Simmons	Fran Uliano	Chan Schiller
Barbara Johnson	Herb Bullock	Jeff Davenport
Stan Solecki	Rick Beebe	Chris O'connor

Fred Caputo	Chris Kohler
Geo. Anderson	Mark Scott
Ted Brainerd	Chas Enz

Bob Burk	Joan Howell
Jim Maher	Bob Upson
Maury Libson	Max Lopez

Rob Rouse	Jim Pepe
Ray Morgan	Mike Zemsta
Bob Seemann	Patty Zemsta
Chas Sweeting	Bill Jagoda
Don Green	Don Turecek

Visitors

Robert Fierberg
Joanne Brainerd
Dejan Vucinic
Charles Hughes

February Meeting Location:



map courtesy of MaQuest

The February 16 meeting will be held at Dave Pepe's house at 1146 West Main Street, Meriden.

Directions: Route 691 to exit 4. If exiting 691W, turn left. If exiting 691E turn right toward Meriden. Go approximately 1/2 mile and it's a big white house on your right. You shouldn't park on the road. Use the driveway, lawn or the green house's driveway on the right. *Don't park at the brown house.* Car pooling is suggested. His phone is 203-634-4457.



Austin Zemsta checks out Dave Pepe's work. Come to the February meeting and you can too!

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Tech Counselor: Anyone with wood or composite experience (or whatever skills you might have) interested in becoming a tech counselor please see Bob Burk or Jim Simmons.

Young Eagles: Fran Uliano notes 901 kids to date. We have a goal of 1000 by the end of this year. We seem to have a good number of pilots, but we need to get more kids to the rally: [June 14, 2003](#).

Golden Eagles Project to take interested adults flying...any interest? (Bob Rouse)

Flight Advisor/Flying Start program: If interested in chairing or helping see Jim Simmons.

Bulletin Board: Mike Okrent is seeking themes, suggestions, pictures for the bulletin board

Chapter Library: Mike is seeking books and aviation-related materials for use by all aviation minded folks in the chapter and FBO. We hope to set up an honor-system lending library for use by anyone coming through the airport.

Web site: Rick is looking for pictures of projects for the site and for the newsletter. If you have aviation parts for sale, they may be listed in the newsletter.

Education Center: We are still following the activities of the Meriden Aviation Commission. We need further information on OPTIONS, BENEFITS, COSTS...

Gone West...

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Maureen Maxted, wife of former EAA Chapter 27 member, Charlie Maxted. Maureen died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 18, 2003. She was 70 years old. Maureen and Charlie were attendees at many Chapter 27 functions.

Charlie is a past bulletin board chairman for Chapter 27, a private pilot and builder of a Wichawk Biplane and an RV-6. Our sincere sympathies go out to Charlie and his family.

New Business: Spring cleanup day at the airport: Tetrahedron painting to improve the contrast for better visibility: Perhaps a window A/C for the meeting room.

Please note: You have to be a national EAA member to be a member of Chapter 27.

Are your dues paid for 2003?

Mike Okrent keeps the chapter membership roster. Please make sure your data is correct.

New Chapter products were discussed: golf shirts, possible logo redesign, 2003 EAA calendars are available for \$15 each.

Note: the AVIATION COMMISSION meets second *Tuesday* of the month @ 6:00 pm

The annual picnic will be chaired by Mike Zemsta. Let's all pitch in and help.

The annual year-end party will be chaired by Maury Libson. New venue?

The February Chapter meeting will be held at Dave Pepe's house on February 16. We'll look at his RV-6 and discuss construction techniques and planning.

50/50 Raffle: was won by Stan Solecki who will provide a personal profile for publication in the next newsletter (*editors note:* Stan's profile was delayed and will appear in a future newsletter).

Seminar: Presented by the owners of *Aero Composites*, manufacturers of high quality constant speed propellers for experimental aircraft, both 2 and 3 bladed. It was very informative and the samples they brought were of excellent quality.

Project Pictures Needed

We are actively seeking pictures of your projects for use on our EAA Chapter 27 website. Every member with a project is asked to participate. We know that you all take pictures of your projects; share some of your favorites with your fellow members. If you have digital pictures, you can email them to newsletter@eaa27.org. Regular photos can be sent to Rick Beebe, 360 Mountain Rd., Hamden, CT 06514; or given to him at a meeting. They will be returned. Include some captions or a brief description to make the site interesting for everyone!

Carl Eaton is Number One!

We are pleased to report that long time EAA Chapter 27 member Carl Eaton is the very first pilot within the FAA's Windsor Locks FSDO to receive the Phase XX WINGS Award. Twenty years of consistent participation in the FAA safety oriented flight review program is an excellent achievement and Carl must be very proud of his accomplishment.

Congratulations from your fellow members of EAA Chapter 27.

10 for 2002

The EAA has published its annual list *10 for 2002* which lists all the pilots who flew more than 10 Young Eagles during 2002. We're proud to report that five of the fourteen pilots from Connecticut are from Chapter 27. Way to go guys! They are Bill Jagoda, Jim Simmons, Steve Sokolosky, Fran Uliano and Bob Upson.

Ray Morgan to the Rescue

During our January 19th meeting we established a plan for maintenance and upgrade of the tetrahedron at Meriden Airport. As luck would have it, on Tuesday, January 28th, I received a call from Meriden Airport that the tetrahedron was not functioning.

I knew that Ray Morgan had previously been instrumental in the installation and maintenance of the tetrahedron. So I gave Ray a call and asked if he was available to look into the problem. Ray was available and immediately went over to the airport to assess the problem. He went directly to the store to purchase the necessary materials, brought them home and did the necessary cutting and fabricating to create the parts. He then returned to the airport and made the necessary repairs. Oh yes, did I mention that this was on a day when the temperatures were in the teens?

Before long, the tetrahedron was repaired and functioning properly.

Congratulations to Ray Morgan for a job well. His support for the the EAA, Meriden Airport and our local chapter is always outstanding.

On behalf of the members of EAA Chapter 27, I wish to thank Ray for helping to make us all look good in the eyes of those at MMK.

—Jim Simmons

Letter From The President

February 2003

During our January meeting we discussed plans for our chapter activities for the coming year. For those of you who may have missed the meeting, I'd like to recap some of the major activities:

- **Young Eagles Program:** Chairman Fran Uliano, has established a goal of 100 children for 2003. Achieving this goal will bring our chapter to over 1000 youngsters flown by us. A worthy achievement and certainly this couldn't be possible without the support of many members. Let's all make it happen.
- **Flying Start/Golden Eagles Program:** Chairman Bob Rouse, has accepted the challenge to create a chapter program to encourage introductory flights for adults who we might encourage to go on to obtain their own license. I look forward to the opportunity to support Bob in this endeavor.
- **Chapter Picnic:** Co-chairmen Mike, Patty and Austin Zemsta, have accepted the task of organizing plans for this very popular event. Our picnic has always been a success because of the collaborative efforts of many members and we look forward to sharing our aircraft and experiences. The Zemstas have assured me that weather will not be an issue.
- **Airport Improvement Projects:** Tetrahedron maintenance and improvement. Chairman Max Lopez, along with Ray Morgan, will formulate a plan to create a more visible background for the tetrahedron. In addition, MMK will sponsor (via a barbecue) a spring cleanup of the airport grounds. These projects are a small way we can thank Meriden Aviation for their support of our chapter.
- **Christmas Party:** Chairman Maury Libson is looking into a new location for this year's event. The initial suggestion, which appeared popular among many in attendance, was the Hawthorne Inn. Maury will report to us at our next meeting with his progress. It's never too early to plan for this event.

That's some of the good news. Now for some 'not so good' news. I have examined our membership roster for 2003 and find that 42 members have paid their dues for the coming year. Our membership rolls for recent past years have been averaged over 90 members. Please review your status with our treasurer and become a paid member now.

Regarding our membership, we will be publishing the latest hard copy of our membership roster at each meeting. We are also planning to make the roster available on our website. Rick Beebe has plans to make the website version password protected. Please take a few moments to review your status and data for accuracy.

Steve Socolosky, our vice president, is setting up his seminar schedule for the coming year and it looks like we have more topics than available meetings. I know he'll be calling upon 'experienced' members to share their knowledge and skills with our group. Please accept the challenge. Our chapter's greatest asset is the wealth of aircraft knowledge and experience within our membership.

In addition to all these plans, I know that, I, and other members, will be completing new aircraft this coming year. As I look ahead, it looks like another exciting year for EAA Chapter 27.

Happy building and flying,

—*Jim Simmons*

Seminar Schedule

Seminars for our upcoming meetings:

March 16 – welding – Paul Socolosky

April 13 – flight testing – Fred Caputo

May 17 (Sat.) – NEAM

\$1.00 off admission

Date changes:

Our April meeting on will be held on the *second* Sunday, April 13th, as the third Sunday is Easter. The May meeting at the New England Air Museum will be held on the third *Saturday*, May 17, because the restoration shop will be open.

Are You a Security Risk?

If anyone in the TSA or the FAA decides that you are, FAA Proposed Rule # 14293 will allow the FAA to revoke your airman certificate without recourse. It will also allow the FAA to refuse to issue an airman certificate without recourse. These actions can be accomplished without even an explanation. The only appeal process is an appeal to the FAA. This rule has already been implemented without prior notice or the normal period of public comment, but they are accepting comments which may cause changes in the rule in the future.

Please make your voice heard by responding to Proposed Rule # 14293.

Use the following instructions to comment on-line. You can also read a copy of the entire rule there. Request a paper copy of the rule by writing to the Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-1, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-9680. Make sure to identify the docket number: FAA-2003-14293.

1. Go to <http://dms.dot.gov>.
 2. Look for the title "Dockets Open for Comment".
 3. Click on the line that says "Open Docket".
 4. On the next page, and on the left side under "Agency," scroll down to the FAA section. Look for rule #14293. You do not have to register to comment but there is no reason not to. The FAA already knows all about you and it will make your comments more relevant if they know who they are talking to.
 5. Click on the blue part that says FAA #14293. This will take you to the posted comments.
 6. At the top of the page, in the middle, click on the "Comment/Submissions" to leave your own comments.
- There are 600,000 pilots in the US and only 259 have left comments so far. The FAA is considering the elimination of any and all due process, allowing them to simply revoke your airman certificate without proving any reason, or explanation. Is that acceptable to you?

—*David Faile*

Video Course Wanted

I'm looking for a self-paced ground school refresher course.

Anyone have a Sporty's, King, etc. video or DVD course I could borrow for a few weeks?

Contact Mike Okrent
okrent@adelphia.net
(203) 393-2662

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

Hanger to Share

I have an end hanger at the Northwest Tees at Waterbury-Oxford airport that I'd like to share.

It currently houses a Christian Eagle so the remaining space is most suitably sized for another experimental.

Your half: 138/mo
Contact Dorothy
203-264-4065

The deadline for submission of materials for the March newsletter is March 6, 2003.

2003 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Barbara Johnson, 9 Dillon Rd., Woodbridge, CT 06525
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

EAA Membership No: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

Do you own an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ Registration No: _____

Are you building an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ % completed? _____



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