

# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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## Updating for the New Year!

I am looking to update our photos and I need your help, but don't worry, it's easy! Anyone who has a plane or plane still in the project stages, please contact me (newsletter@eaa27.org ) so we can meet for photos. That's right, all you have to do is give me a time and I do all the hard work, plus you get some great pictures of your plane!

## Correction to ForeFlight / iPad Seminar information

Jim wanted to add that if you plan on using an ipad for flight planning, that he recommends, **Sporty's iPad Pilot News: [ipadpilotnews.com](http://ipadpilotnews.com)** . On the right-hand side of the page you will find a box to subscribe for the news.

## Letter from the President February 2013

As I pen this missive we are all looking out at the world of white surrounding us following the "Blizzard of 2013" with at least some degree of awe. Compared to our usual winter storms, this one has left staggering amounts of snow most everywhere...a good average being 3 feet! After we do manage to put this prodigious bulk somewhere so as to get on with the necessities of life, perhaps a return to the airport for a little winter flying will be in order. If that is to be the case, please be diligent on taxiways and the ramp areas where there are sure to be some impressive mounds of snow. Wing tip clearances with snow banks, lost traction taking turns at corners due to ice or packed snow, and loose ice and/or snow being lifted and blown by prop blast are just some of the lurking winter hazards.

As is usually my thinking at this time of the year;

when we typically are spending far less or even zero time in the cockpit, safety and proficiency pop to mind. AOPA has recently highlighted fuel management as an area where General Aviation continues to fall short. In the past decade, there have been more than 1,700 accidents related to poor fuel management, a rather startling statistic. Some quick arithmetic tells us that this is about two accidents per week resulting from fuel exhaustion, starvation, or contamination. And although none of us expects or intends to run out of fuel in flight, it is unfortunately a recurring



Next meeting:  
Sunday February  
17th at 10am.

John Boyce will be  
talking about his  
flying career.

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theme with all-too-often fatal results. However, we can use this seasonal down time to tackle some refresher training and specifically target learning more about avoiding easily preventable fuel management accidents. To that end, the AOPA Air Safety Foundation has some excellent resources that can be consulted:

- Do The Right Thing: Decision Making For Pilots Course
- Fuel Awareness Safety Advisor
- Misfueling Safety Brief

Doing so is a great way to get thinking about flying again and earn some Wings credits to boot.

And in closing, coincident with our next monthly meeting on February 17th, on that day in aviation history:

- In 1864 was the birth of Hilda Beatrice Hewlett, the first British aviatrix to earn a pilot's license

### Meeting minutes from January 20, 2013

Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:05. Officers present: Vice president Mark Scott, Secretary Rick Beebe, Treasurer Bill Jagoda. Rick Beebe has agreed to fill the secretary slot for this year. President Bob Spaulding is out of the country.

**Visitors:** George Hines, DC-10 pilot and flight instructor. Keith Russell. Currently flying a Cessna 140 that he restored. Working on his A&P.

**Chapter Awards:** Next week is the 60th anniversary of the first EAA meeting. Awards were given to Mike Okrent for membership coordinator. Charllie Enz for secretary. Mike Zemsta, Dave Pepe, Mark Scott for Tech Counselors. Rick Beebe for Newsletter and Web. And Fran Uliano and Rich Merrill for Young Eagles.

**Newsletter:** Lauren DuBois has taken over as newsletter editor. Her dog Lucy is assistant editor.

**Treasurers Report:** Bill Jagoda reports 14

and a successful early aviation entrepreneur. She created and ran the first flying school in the UK.

- In 1944 was the first night bombing attack launched by an American aircraft carrier. Twelve radar-equipped Grumman TBF1C Avengers launched from the USS Enterprise to attack the Japanese on Truk.

- In 1993 was the death of Johann "Hans" Baur, a WWI flying ace, airline pilot and Adolf Hitler's personal pilot.

See you at the meeting. Stay safe.  
Bob

membership renewals. Balance at the end of December is \$1327.02.

**Tech Counselors:** Mike Zemsta reports that Steve Socolosky is going to re-start working on his RV-7 project. Mark Scott showed an article from the January Sport Aviation talking about how much metal is allowable in your oil filter. It outlines six steps to take based on the amount of metal found.

**Newsletter:** Lauren DuBois has taken over as newsletter editor. Be sure to send any news updates to her. The email address is [newsletter@eaa27.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa27.org)

**Aviation Commission:** Dave Pepe reports that the snow removal storage building is now complete. As part of that project they also installed new pilot controlled lighting controllers.

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

**Merchandise:** We have 24 new shirts and new, dark blue hats for sale.

**Young Eagles:** Fran Uliano says we flew 98 kids for 2012. 2052 since 1995. We have \$440 in credits to use for the Air Academy. Steve Socolosky managed to fly 8 kids in December to reach the minimum 10 before the year ended. Thank you Steve! Eight of our pilots flew 10 or more kids this year. We used the money from last year's credits to buy a new picnic table set and film for the YE camera. Jim Simmons coordinated getting those credits. Thank you Jim.

**Airport Improvement:** The picnic table, of course. When the city finishes the FBO bathrooms the chapter will paint them. The city recently cut down 5 trees at the north end of the runway. The city is working on an RFP for an FBO and maintenance company. Word on our Spring clean-up day will be coming later.

**Old business:** The normal early-January officers' meeting was postponed until the end of the month because of Bob's vacation. New business: The Bridgeport VOR was severely damaged during hurricane Sandy. The cost to repair is about \$8,000,000 so they are considering just decommissioning it. The FAA is currently soliciting comments. It is currently not functioning.

## Thanks to Rick Beebe!

**I wanted to take the time to thank Rick for all of his hard work he does for the chapter. Not only has he spent many hours doing various jobs for the chapter he takes the time to help me get the newsletter ready and sent out to you. So when you see Rick, give him a big thanks for all he has done.**

John Boyce will be talking about his career flying for next month's meeting.

There was a discussion about possible future presentations. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Mark Scott.

Chris Kohler talked briefly about putting floats on a Taylorcraft in Alaska and about an airport on the river where the runway curves. There used to be one in Connecticut—Island airport—in Shelton that was along the bank of the river.

**Seminar:** Jim Simmons demonstrated using Foreflight on the iPad for preflight briefing, flight plan filing and in-flight use. Have instant access to every chart in the country along with detailed airport information and weather really makes flight planning a snap. He also talked about inflight use of the iPad. The charts are stored on the device so it can be used for navigation as-is but if you want in-flight weather you will have to add an external weather receiver. Either XM or ADS-B. Thank you Jim!

--Rick Beebe

## Updated project photos from Mark Scott

Featuring the left side of his plane, Beautiful paint job Mark!



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Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is February 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

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