



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, January 15, 2006, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden

January, 2006

Dues for 2006 are due!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this month's Letter from the President, I am looking forward to another exciting year for our Chapter. Your team of officers will be meeting on January 8th to discuss our direction and goals for 2006. Our Chapter grew to 93 members in 2005; the highest level of membership we have ever had! We will do our best to maintain the steady rate of growth and match the highly successful year we just enjoyed.

During our holiday banquet, I recapped our Chapters' performance during 2005 and also honored members who have been pilots for over 60 years. Those distinguished members are John Boyce, Bob Brown, Carl Eaton, Kevin Jones, Maury Libson, Bob Rouse, and Stan Solecki. Each of these men has a unique aviation background and it was my privilege to share their stories with the attendees.

Also during the banquet, I announced that we have rescheduled the Mattituck Engine Rebuilding Seminar for April 29, 2006. Once again we are planning to charter a bus, meet in Connecticut, travel to Mattituck's facility on Long Island, receive a comprehensive Lycoming Engine rebuild seminar (including complimentary luncheon), visit the private Mattituck antique car museum



Your 2006 Officers: L-R: Bill Jagoda, Treasurer; Bob Spaulding, Vice-President; Jim Pepe, Secretary; Jim Simmons, President

and return to Connecticut via bus on the Bridgeport Ferry. We will be opening this trip up to others outside of our Chapter and you'll need to decide early if you wish to secure a seat on the bus. Stay tuned for further details as they are developed.

A portion of our January meeting will be a discussion of our plans for the coming year. Please try to attend and offer your suggestions and ideas for improving our programs and activities. I believe that we continue to thrive because we attempt to meet or exceed our members' objectives on an on-going basis. Your participation helps us to be informed of your ideas.

Happy New Year and I look forward to another exciting year in our Chapter. Our membership roster indicates that we have 29 members building projects. I hope to see many of these flying this year.

—Jim Simmons

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

First, I want to thank Jim Simmons and the Chapter for the director's chair I received at the banquet. It was an unexpected and very pleasant honor.

It's hard to believe but my first term as director is half over. Normally directors serve for three years, but because of the reorganization the new directors were split into one, two, or three year terms and I got a one. So I have to run for re-election and the first task is to get a petition of 25 signatures of EAA members. I will bring the form to the next meeting. To sign it you will need your EAA number so bring your card.

At the November meeting I talked a bit about an EAA fund-raising effort. Part of that effort is developing relationships with companies who might be interesting in helping the EAA education and outreach programs. To that end I've found some aviation technology companies in Connecticut that I'd like to approach. If anyone has any contacts at them, or any other ideas, please let me know. My phone number is on the bottom of this page and my email address is rick@beebe.org.

The companies are Harco Labs, Branford; General Electric, Fairfield; BE Aerospace, Torrington and Breitling USA, Wilton.

As always, if you have anything you'd like me to bring to the EAA leadership, let me know.

—Rick Beebe

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MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2005

The November meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. All Officers were present.

A total of thirty-seven members and visitors were present. Welcome to our newest member, Laura Sioholm, who is interested in building a Super Cub. Also welcome to visitor Mark Tower of Guilford who is restoring a Mooney.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Jagoda): Membership dues for 2006 are now being collected; as a result, Bill was very busy at this meeting. Bill, thanks for your efforts in keeping the books straight; they are appreciated by all of us. The Treasurer reported an income of \$487.00 and expenditures of \$339.20 for the past month. The current balance for the chapter is \$1,317.55.

Technical Counselor's Report (Dave Pepe): Dave discussed current projects that he has visited as well as Van's new RV-12, light sport aircraft, designed around a Rotax 912 engine. Dave built an RV-6 and is familiar with Van's designs, which is of great value to Chapter 27. However, if you are building something besides a sheet metal aircraft, he is available to answer general questions about the process or to help you find a counselor that can answer your specific questions.

Bulletin Board (Chris Kohler): Chris Kohler continues to do a great service in promoting Chapter 27 activities through the bulletin board display.

Chapter Membership (Mike Okrent): Chapter membership grew to 93 current members as of November 20, 2005. The president noted that in the early 1990s membership was down to less than ten people. Thanks to all those who have encouraged the growth of the chapter.

EAA Director (Rick Beebe): Rick discussed his first board meeting in Oshkosh, review-

ing the process and procedures used by the Board of Directors to accomplish their mission and current goals.

Website & Newsletter (Rick Beebe): Check out the website at www.eaa27.org Submit pictures and articles to Rick for the newsletter and website. Fifty-fifty raffle winners, submit your member profile to the editor for publication. We want to know how you got involved in aviation.

Young Eagles Report (Fran Uliano): This is a great program led nationally by Harrison Ford and at our local chapter by Fran Uliano. Call Fran if you know a child who is interested in taking their first flight and he will make it happen with the help of our dedicated volunteer pilots and ground crew. Fran reported a total of 65 children flown in 2005. Fran also discussed his flight in the AT-6 and thanked the chapter for nominating him to take the free ride.

2005 Chapter Events: Maury Libson indicated that everything is ready for the Chapter 27 Christmas Party on December 11, 2005 at 5:00 p.m., at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin.

He reported that 47 members have paid so far and the hall will accommodate up to 100 people, so send your check to the Treasurer and join us for this fun chapter event.

Old Business:

- The Mattituck spring trip is being arranged.
- T-shirt pricing will be available in January 2006.

New Business: Election of Officers for 2006—The following slate of officers was nominated, Jim Simmons, President; Bob Spaulding, Vice President; Bill Jagoda, Treasurer; Jim Pepe, Secretary. Bob Ryan made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, Fran Uliano seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The officers joined in thanking



Chris Kohler won the "Submit-A-Photo" raffle at the holiday banquet. His prize was an EAA flight jacket. Here the proud winner gets ready to model his prize for an appreciative crowd. Congratulations Chris!

exiting Vice President Max Lopez for his dedication to the Chapter and all of his efforts in 2005.

2006 Calendars are now on sale for \$8.00 each. Get them now.

A motion was made by Bob Ryan to make available fifty dollars for a plastic covering for the new aviation charts in the meeting room. The motion was voted on and passed without opposition.

Mark Scott noted that there are new hangars being built near the grass strip in Plymouth.

Bob Spaulding passed around picture of his new airplane. He recently purchased a Hatz Classic open cock-pit, bi-plane from builder Bob Crook in Canada. Beautiful airplane...Congratulations Bob.

Fifty-Fifty Raffle: Our new member, Laura won the fifty-fifty raffle.

Seminar (Max Lopez): Thanks to Technical Representative, Roger Lehnert of SuperFlite Products, for discussing fabric covering methods and products with the chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted
—James Pepe, Secretary

GRAND TIME

The Hawthorne Inn provided a fine setting and good food for our December Holiday Banquet. This event has been growing in popularity and this year we had 60 people in attendance. Everyone we spoke to commented on the fine selection of meals and the high quality of the food.

Following the dinner, Jim Simmons presented a review of our Chapter's activities during 2005. Brief summaries of those activities were:

- Annual Chapter Picnic—huge success
- Young Eagles—1,131 flown to date
- Library at MMK—continually growing
- PC at MMK—Upgraded
- Tetrahedron at MMK—Painted
- Repainting Taxiway at MMK—many volunteers
- SafetyFest participation—Chan Schillers' RV-4

Rick Beebe's election as EAA Director was recognized and a monogrammed Directors Chair was presented to Rick.

We honored seven Chapter 27 members who have been pilots for over 60 years:

Bob Brown, Maury Libson, Carl Eaton, Bob Rouse, Kevin Jones, John Boyce, and Stan Solecki.

A brief summary of each of their flying careers was very well received.

Chris Kohler won the Pix and Profiles raffle. The "secret" prize was an official EAA leather jacket that was modeled by Chris.

The festivities concluded with our customary and highly popular grab bag, which was a lot of fun. A gift of an EAA Chapter 27 Coffee Mug was provided to everyone in attendance.

Thanks to Maury Libson for his excellent job of planning and coordination for this event.

MEMBER PROFILE: LAURA SIOHOLM

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for such a nice greeting today. It is not often that someone joins an organization and feels welcomed from day one.

Secondly, I'd like to acknowledge that I accept my position as least popular of Chapter 27 members after winning the 50/50 raffle at my first meeting and publicly admitting that I'd rather build a Cub than an RV.

Rest assured that winning the raffle was beginners luck...something that I hope I have in abundance when I start my first project. A CUB...oops...sorry.

So lets see, I guess I should tell you about my background. I am a relatively low time pilot holding the ASEL and ASES ratings. About a year ago now, I was bitten by the Supercub bug and was signed off for tailwheel in February. Most of my training

for the tailwheel was in a 160hp Supercub down at Andover Flight Academy at Andover Aeroflex in NJ. Very nice airport, great people and short trip—especially in your RV rockets.

Anyway, like the rest of you, I love to fly and am eager to build or rebuild a plane. I've joined the EAA to meet like-minded people and learn from the vast knowledge of the group. I've enjoyed my first meeting and look forward to seeing all of you again.

PS: If anyone is working on a project and wouldn't mind someone looking over their shoulder, assisting and hopefully learning....looking to learn as many tricks as I can before I start on my own.

—Laura Sioholm



WE NEED YOUR HELP

At the close of the year 2005, we have succeeded in greatly depleting our Chapter's treasury. Some major factors contributing to the reduced treasury were the cost of gifts and guests for our holiday banquet. We also paid our 2006 EAA Chapter insurance in December. In addition, we also have made purchases of products for sale within our membership and have been slow to recover the costs involved. Lastly, it is time to renew your membership for 2006.

To aid us in the rebuilding of our treasury, we are asking that you please:

- Renew your Chapter membership for 2006
- Purchase your 2006 EAA Calendars
- Purchase your EAA Chapter 27 products

(Our current inventory of Chapter products consists of tee shirts, denim shirts, golf shirts, caps, cups and badges)

By replenishing our treasury now, you will be helping us towards forging ahead with new endeavors for 2006.

C-CLAMP: a device that requires two hands to apply to two pieces already requiring two hands to hold in place.



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OR BY CONTACTING JIM SIMMONS
OR DAVE PEPE

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is February 1, 2006.

2006 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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