



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, January 20, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

January, 2008

Snaps from the Holiday Banquet

Sunday, December 9, Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT



Fran Uliano, Young Eagles Coordinator *extraordinaire*



Chuck Drake gets...oven mitts?



Santa gazes on as Stan Solecki opens a present



Our fearless leader, Jim Simmons was master of ceremonies



Betty Simmons says "Oh no, another kit plane!"



Jerry (and Margaret) Bass came up from Virginia to join the festivities

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I certainly hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season. As usual, Betty and I enjoyed a busy and “waist busting” season. Back on my diet again.

I'd like to recap some of the festivities from our holiday banquet at The Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. We enjoyed an excellent meal and the usual EAA camaraderie. I presented a recap of another highly successful year for our Chapter. My presentation also featured a profile of Don and Peg Davidson's flying activities. They have certainly had some wonderful flying experiences in their Cessna 205. Besides extensive cross country travel, they had a highly successful range of air racing experiences. Thanks to Don and Peg for sharing their experiences with us. Following the presentations we conducted another round of our highly popular grab bag. I believe that everyone in attendance had a fine time.

Your 2008 officers and chairman met at Meriden Airport on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Our aim was to establish the course and direction as we plan to move our Chapter ahead in 2008. Keep in mind that we are always open to your ideas. I urge each member to bring forth your ideas and suggestions for any improvements, which you feel we can make to any facet of our operations to our January 20th meeting.

One topic of discussion among the officers was whether to continue using The Hawthorne Inn for our annual banquet. It was unanimously decided to reserve a December date for next year. Maury Libson, our banquet chairman, has informed me that he has reserved Saturday afternoon, December 6th for our banquet. It was necessary to change to a Saturday evening to keep the costs for our event as low as possible while maintaining the high standard of a full, four course, sit down dinner (The Hawthorne Inn has increased their costs for Sunday usage of their facility).

At our January 20th meeting, I will be conducting a poll of our members concerning the topics for our seminars for 2008. Please be sure to attend so that your voice and suggestions will be considered.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

—Jim Simmons

DUES DUE

Happy New Year means it's time to renew your Chapter 27 membership. If you haven't done it please use the form on the back of this newsletter, on the web site, or see Bill Jagoda at the meeting on Sunday. You must be a current member *and* we must have your EAA number for you to access the members-only section of the web site.

Steve's Safety Tip:

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

In Section 4-2-4, of the 2008 Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM), Aircraft Call Signs, it states that “Call signs should never be abbreviated on initial contact or at any other time when other aircraft call signs have similar numbers/sounds or identical letters/numbers . . .”

Further, in that same AIM section, paragraph “a.” subparagraph “2.” the AIM says that ATC “may initiate abbreviated call signs . . . after communications are established,” upon which, pilots “may use the same abbreviated call sign in subsequent contacts with the ATC specialist.”

Notice the use of the words “should” and “may.” The above statements are suggestions and not requirements. However, in our attempts to fly as safely as we can, it is in our best interest to follow what the AIM is telling us. How many times have we heard of or been involved in situations where a call sign was missed or misinterpreted? It all boils down to COMMUNICATION. (There is much more information in Section 4-2-4 of the AIM – read on!)

When in doubt, never hesitate to ask or verify! Our lives depend on it!

—Steve Socolosky



FOR SALE

2 1/4" VSI. UMA p/n 8-250-10. Range 0-4000 fpm. Working satisfactorily. Removed for additional panel space. Aircraft Spruce price = \$218. Asking \$50. Jim Simmons (203) 272-9346

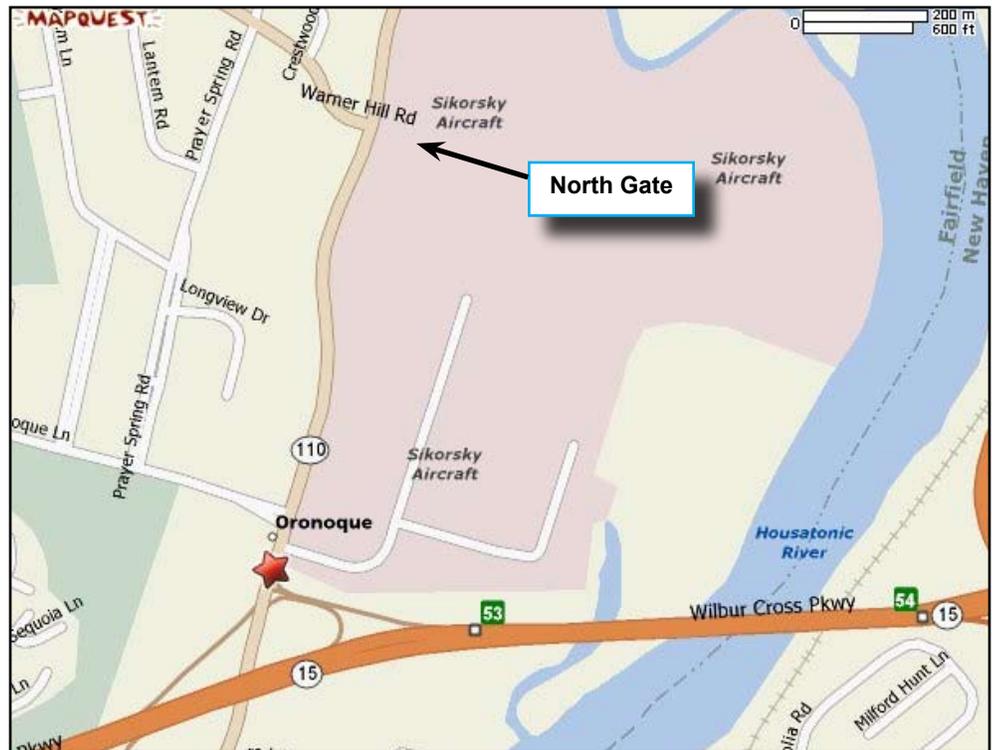
Note, photo is not actual unit.

SIKORSKY TOUR UPDATE

I need to move the tour date to Saturday February 2nd. I will have a sign-up list at the January 20th Chapter meeting. If you cannot make the meeting contact me by phone or e-mail by January 21st so I can get you on the list.

We will meet at the visitors' center at the north gate on Rt. 110 in Stratford at 9:30 am. Take the Merritt Parkway to exit 53 and turn North on Rt. 110. Go past the plant to the north gate. At the north gate guard booth tell them you are there for a tour and they will direct you to the visitors' center on your left. We will get started at 10 am. Please be on time. If you arrive late it will be difficult to join the group once we start. I expect the tour to take about an hour and a half.

—Mark Scott



MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2007

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:00. All officers were present. There were 35 members present.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$529.41. Thank you, Bill!

Technical Counselor—Dave Pepe: Dave reported that Mike Zemsta is progressing on his RV-10 and passed around a few pictures. Dave's nephew, Jim Pepe, continues work on his RV-9A fuselage.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: Fran shared a few thank you letters from Young Eagles who were part of a church group and which were published in a local paper. Fran also explained Mike Okrent's offer to create our own Young Eagles video which could be shown to help promote the program.

Holiday Banquet: Sunday, December 9th at The Hawthorne Inn. As of our November meeting, we have 25 people signed

up so far.

Old Business: Hangars at MMK have been staked out and work may begin in April 2008.

Sikorsky tour: Mark Scott said he will be sending out information, on possible dates, to those interested in attending.

New Business: The 2007 slate of Chapter 27 officers were voted in for 2008.

We still have a few EAA 2008 calendars available for \$8.00 each.

There was some brief discussion about the proposal for 634 condo units to be built within ½ mile of the Sikorsky Airport in Bridgeport, CT. AOPA is strongly opposing this proposal.

Rich Merrill announced that he had some misc. aviation parts to give away.

Jim announced MMK's management's holiday luncheon to be held on Friday, December 21, from noon to 4 p.m.

50/50 Raffle Winner: Mark Tower was our winner for this month.

As is customary for our raffle winner, please submit a brief write-up of about yourself.

We are still anxiously awaiting the profiles to be written from past 50/50 raffle winners which include: Max Lopez, Charlie Enz, Ron Slossar, Bob Brown, Dave Pepe and George Anderson. Everyone has a story!

Seminar Presentation: Rick Bernerdi presented an informative seminar which highlighted some of the many useful features of Golden Eagle Flight Planning. Rick went through and demonstrated several features, from the color graphics to the various views and overlays which make this flight planning tool very easy to use. Rick used his flight from MMK to North Carolina as an example.

Respectfully submitted—Steve Socolosky

Cone of Confusion: An area about the size of New Jersey, located near the final approach beacon at an airport.

Eagles may soar, but weasels never get sucked into jet air intakes—Anonymous

A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

When I read through the history of your EAA, living every day for half a century plus, I truly know how time flies.

I want to share with you some of the thoughts of our members as they appeared in our *Sport Aviation* magazine back in 1963. The organization of dreamers, homebuilders and fellow aviation supporters building/designing their aircraft under the CAA/FAA 51% rule we worked so diligently for and earned is something to be treasured. One can build his or her airplane for educational and recreational purposes and friends can work with you for their own educational value. Really, we can build one half of it—the other half, such as engines, propellers, wheels, brakes, instruments,

radios, items not normally within the capabilities of those who work with hand and mind can be purchased. Now we are faced with a situation of the FAA amateur building program being used for commercial purposes—from building complete aircraft or well over the half mark—not within the intent of the program given to us by those CAA/FAA folks who believed in us. Let's hope we don't lose this privilege.

Paul H. Poberezny

Link to the Article: "Experimental Or Not" by the late Joe Kirk, EAA 2023 Published in *Sport Aviation*, February 1963.

http://www.eaa.org/sportaviation/2007/november/1963_02_kirk.pdf

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is February 8, 2008.

2008 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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