



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, January 16, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

January 2011

Maury Libson: President's Award Winner



Maury Libson (left) is the recipient of the 2010 President's Award, presented by Chapter President Bob Spaulding. Congratulations Maury and thanks for all your efforts throughout the year.

2011 Chapter Officers

The results of the 2011 Chapter Officer election are in. It was a close vote—unanimous—and here are the winners. L-R: Rick Bernardi, secretary; Bob Spaulding, president; Bill Jagoda, treasurer; Mark Scott, vice-president.



Reminder: 2011 dues are now due

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Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2010

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:09 am. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi. The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 33 members present and 2 guests.

Recognition of Visitors: A new potential member Tony Festa was recognized. Tony is in the final stages of selecting a plane to build. He's thinking RV or Mustang II. Welcome aboard Tony.

Membership—Mike Okrent: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1620.83. Bill was very busy collecting for the December Holiday Party. We have Chapter merchandise for sale and Bill is always available to collect dues.

Technical Counselors Report—“The gang of four” Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta and Chuck Drake.

Mark: Informed us that a POH is not required for experimental aircraft and the EAA is looking for outlines to help builders.

Mike Z: Proposed a trip to Bradley Tower during a weekday. Contact Mike if you're interested.

Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe: Rick reported on EAA board meeting and the budget shortfall because of the weather affect on AirVenture and they have a 5 year plan that is updated yearly. A Young Eagle logo appeared recently on a NASCAR race car, it was donated to the YE program by the winner of the auction. Rick is always looking for pictures to include in the newsletter or the website.
Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill: Fran reported we have flown 138 this year for a total of 1,846 On Nov 6 we flew 22 scouts and a few from our previous rainout. We are also looking for candidates to send to Aviation Camp.

Pilots on Nov 22 were; Bill Jagoda, Rick

Beebe, Mark Scott, Jim Simmons, Rob Aiksnoras, David Pepe, Fran Uliano and Rick Bernardi. The All Important Ground Crew were; Barb Uliano, Isaiah & Laura Tiezzi, Rich Merrill, Chris Kohler, Carl & Loraine Eaton, Maury Lisbon, Lauren Dubois.

Chapter Bulletin Board—Chris Kohler: Chris has done a great job providing a visual look at our Chapter with the board. The board continues to be out of service pending renovations at the FBO. (Chris has a backlog of pictures and is still smiling)

Airport Improvement Projects: The Chapter has purchased a portable ramp and it was christened by Stan Solecki at this meeting. Thanks to Dave Pepe for the research and effort to obtain the ramp.

Work is progressing on the installation of the airport ramp lighting.

Holiday Dinner—Maury Lisbon: The dinner will be held at the Hawthorne Inn Saturday December 4th 4:30 to 9:30pm.

Old Business: Mark reported that the Boy Scout Merit Badge sponsorship and training was a great success and all met the requirements. Mark also told us that many of the parents were impressed with the program. It seems we may have a future project for the Scouts.

New Business: The Election for Chapter officers went off without a hitch, all votes were accounted for and the slate of officers are as follows; President—Bob Spaulding, Vice President—Mark Scott, Treasurer—Bill Jagoda, Secretary—Rick Bernardi.

50/50 raffle: Winner of 50/50 was Walter Adams. He donated his portion to the Chapter.

Seminar Presentation by Jack Hilditch (Chapter 166 & 1310) Gave a detailed presentation on the use of the Wankel Rotary engine in aircraft.

From The Windsock: Carl & Loraine Eaton are on their way back to Florida. Our impromptu Friday gathering has been happily growing.

Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi

Thanks Rob

We are pleased to report that Rob McGuire, a friend of EAA Chapter 27, has donated a Dell computer for the use of EAA and visitor pilots at MMK. It will become the hub of our upgraded pilot briefing station within the MMK training room. We are currently looking for a deal on a flat panel display to modernize the system as well. Thanks Rob

Additionally, Rob spends the Winter at Melrose landing (FD22) in Florida (www.melroselanding.org)

He offers that anyone needing a stop-over or who wants to visit is welcome. He has cot space only for sleeping in the hangar right now but all the other facilities are great. He'll be there until about Feb 20th. The hanger phone is 352-475-1452.

Congratulations Doris

Our congratulations to Doris Bernardi who passed her Private Pilot written exam last week. She has now completed all of the flight and 'written' requirements for her Private Pilot flight exam. She and Rick (and Gizmo) left for two weeks in Arizona on Saturday, January 8th. Doris's FAA flight test awaits.

Condolences

Mr. Harold L. "Hal" Schnerr, Jr., age 80, of 63 Clark Hill Road, Prospect, died Nov. 19 after a long illness at Waterbury Hospital.

Some of you probably remember Hal when he was MMK airport manager. He was a pilot, a flight instructor and FAA Flight Examiner. He was also the Flight School Director and fixed operations manager at Bradley Airport and he later was manager of airports in Simsbury, Meriden and New Haven.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut 2139 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, Ct. 06067.

Letter From The President

If most of you are like my family, there is almost a sense of relief as the holiday season passes and the New Year makes its beginning. The acute sense of time compression coupled with having a myriad of things to accomplish—the dinners to be planned, shopping, parties and get-togethers with families, friends, and work colleagues—make for an accelerated pace of life. Turning the corner into January allows one to throttle back a bit, affording time to put things into perspective and cogitate about the future.

As I look back on 2010 through my Chapter 27 lens, I think all will agree we had a fulfilling (and gastronomically filling) year, most recently culminating in our traditional Holiday Party at the Hawthorne Inn. And at the center-point of any successful endeavor are the people who make it happen—all of you. Every member of our Chapter contributes in some way to its character and that is the essence of making an organization great. I thank each and every one of you for your continued involvement and support.

To look ahead into 2011, what's on the horizon? Well, we will be continuing with a number of things that have been on-going annual events or programs. Young Eagles rallies will continue to be major efforts. Mark Scott has another year of excellent seminars planned for our monthly meetings. Of course, the Annual Picnic and Holiday Party will be there to satisfy our palates and make for some excellent socializing and camaraderie. And the RMWW (Retired Men, Working Wives) donut "quaff" and coffee klatch gets together most Friday mornings at the FBO for an impromptu session of whatever.

We will be looking to repeat some initiatives that were new for us in 2010 and to

get started with completely new ones for us this year. The Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge training course was a big hit last year and we'll follow up with another. I've already been in contact with the City of Meriden "Beat The Street" Community Center about possibly doing another round of Career Explorers training with their kids. Now that we've settled in with the new FBO, a joint program with those folks for *International Learn To Fly Day* may be in the offing.

At the end of this month, I will be attending a meeting of the Connecticut EAA Chapter Presidents. The agenda, although not yet formalized, will certainly focus on the possibilities for joint or mutually supportive activities. There may be excellent opportunities to combine our collective talents, so more to follow on this after we've met.

Probably the single greatest concern for the EAA is membership; the need to retain members and recruit new ones on a national level. That is certainly so for every EAA Chapter also. We need to maintain critical mass to remain a viable and dynamic organization, one that meets the needs and expectations of our membership. I'll ask each of you to please renew your Chapter membership for 2011 if you haven't done so already. And all of us are Chapter 27 ambassadors, so if you know or hear of folks who might enjoy becoming a member, try to get them to a monthly meeting. Recruiting is the most important program we have.

See you on January 16th. Best wishes for a happy and healthy year.

Stay safe,

—Bob

Members in the News

Several of our Chapter members have made the news lately—and they didn't even have to get arrested.

The front page of the December 19th issue of *The Meriden Record Journal* featured a story about Rick Bernardi and also had quotes from Fran Uliano. In addition to being a great story about Rick it was good publicity for our Young Eagles program.

The December issue of *Sport Aviation* magazine had an article about Chuck Drake and the program he set up at the Simsbury Fly-in to have kids learn riveting by building aluminum ID badges. The article was accompanied by a photo of Mike Zemsta working in the booth. Unfortunately the photo wasn't captioned so many people now think Mike is Chuck!

The January issue of *Sport Aviation* featured an article about the Air Force Fly-In that was held at Edwards Airforce Base. Both Jim Simmons and Rick Bernardi are quoted in the article. Earlier we had reported that a photo of Jim's plane on the lake bed at Edwards had appeared on the EAA web site.



Work is progressing on the ramp lighting at MMK by J E Shea Electric of Plantsville.

Workers indicated poles should be up next month. Sure is cold working out there.

Rick Bernardi photo

The most dangerous thing about flying is the risk of starving to death.
— Dick Depew

At that time [1909] the chief engineer was almost always the chief test pilot as well. That had the fortunate result of eliminating poor engineering early in aviation.
— Igor Sikorsky,

Monerai Glider Kit For Sale

I've got a partially completed Monerai glider kit, started by my father years ago, and I'm looking to sell it. The main fuselage and tail boom structures are mostly completed. I have all of the parts and materials along with the plans and documentation. I'm looking to sell it for \$1000 or best offer. I am located in Connecticut and I'm also a pilot, but I just don't have the time to put into finishing this project.

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The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is February 8, 2011.

2011 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 \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Receive Newsletter via: Email Paper

EAA Membership No: _____ Expiration date: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

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

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



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