



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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

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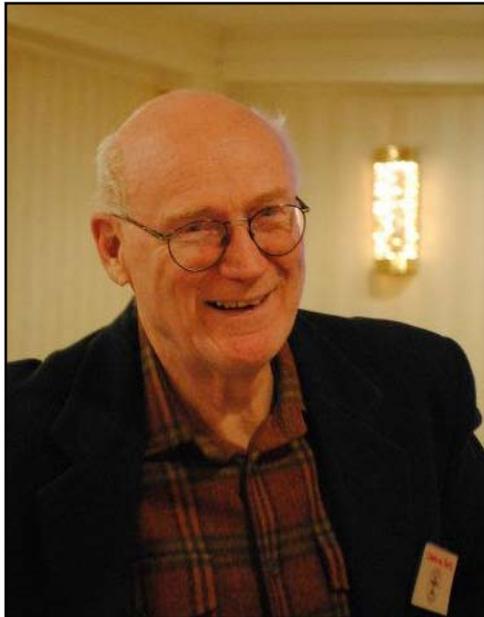
Holiday Banquet 2011

The holiday banquet, at its new location at the Villa Capri in Wallingford, was a great success. 42 people enjoyed the food, the company, the presentation and the grab bag.

At their meeting in early January, the Chapter officers voted to return to Villa Capri for the 2012 banquet. And they promised to find a way to shorten the grab bag process!

Thanks to Maury Libson for once again organizing an outstanding event.

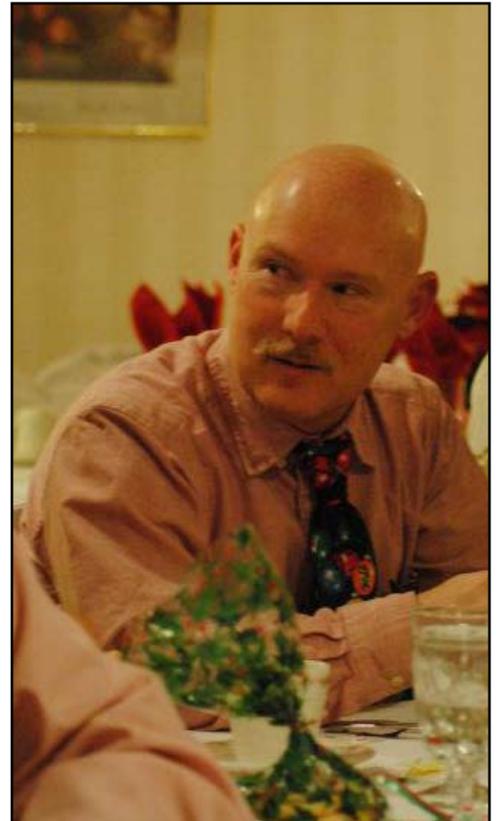
And to Lauren Dubois for taking these outstanding photos of the event. More can be found on the Chapter's Facebook page.



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Meeting Minutes

20 November, 2011

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Spaulding at 10 AM. Officers present were Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, and Bill Jagoda. Mark Scott took meeting notes in Charlie Enz's absence.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Jagoda reported the current checking account balance is \$1482.01. Dues for those still delinquent for 2011 and 2012 are being accepted. Please pay your dues if you're behind. The Calendars are in.

Commissioner's Report — Dave Pepe: The contractual relationship between the City of Meriden and the FBO will be terminated. The FBO is expected to be off the premises by the end of November. Availability of fuel and other services is TBD.

Technical Counselor's Report: Mark Scott discussed a report in Aviation Consumer that rated Concord batteries much better than Gill batteries. Homebuilders also have the option to use Odyssey and Power Sonic batteries which are both very good.

Website, Newsletter and HQ Director — Rick Beebe:

The EAA board of directors is being reorganized. The new flight program for Adults will be called the "Eagle Flight" program. It will have the similar insurance coverage as Young Eagles but will have a one-on-one format like we use for our Young Eagles program. More details will follow in the months to come. EAA is setting up a flying club at OSH as a prototype from which to learn. Rod Hightower and the board is very interested in getting more people flying. If you have any pictures or articles for the newsletter, please pass them along to Rick.

Young Eagles — Fran Uliano, Rick Merrill: Three Boy Scouts and one girl were flown on Nov 19th. This brings us to 90 kids flown this year, 10 short of our goal.

January Seminar

The next meeting is Sunday, January 15 and after the business meeting, Mark Scott will give a presentation on aircraft tires. He will review tire types, care, maintenance, and common failures.



If you only have one or two flights remaining to make 10 please try to arrange flights so we can get the \$50 credit. The EAA and Boy Scouts are working on an agreement to work together on aviation education, presumably through the Boy Scouts Explorers program.

Bulletin Board, Web pages; Lauren will now be maintaining the board. She also reports other Chapters and EAA Headquarters is following our Facebook page.

Airport Improvement: This is a "to be determined," particularly in light of the FBO vacating the premises by the end of November.

2011 Events:

Holiday Dinner: Saturday, Dec 10th at the Villa Capri in Wallingford. There was a metal shaping class in North Hampton, MA on Nov 26th.

Announcements

Dick Dykman, an original founder of EAA Chapter 27 recently passed away.

Elections

The current contingent of officers was reelected to their same positions. Charlie Enz is taking over as secretary.

HS Students Help Restore Corsair

High school students from five Connecticut schools are competing with the task of restoring part of a F4U-4 Corsair in Sikorsky Aircraft's STEM Challenge engineering competition.

Over the course of the school year, 50 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students from the five schools—Amity Regional High School, Bethel High School, Crosby High School, East Haven High School and Kennedy High School—will help to restore the engine mount of the Corsair, a single engine fighter/bomber plane that is also Connecticut's official state aircraft.

As part of the process the students will work with original drawings and specifications along with modern design and analysis tools.

The competing student teams will present their work in the spring to a panel of judges. The winning solution will be announced in May 2012 and will be manufactured and integrated into the aircraft.

The program is geared toward supporting STEM education and workforce development, and encouraging students to pursue engineering careers in Connecticut. It is sponsored by Sikorsky Innovations and supported by Chester-based Connecticut Corsair, as well as Connecticut Innovations Inc. of Rocky Hill. A launch event for the program took place Oct. 28 at Chester Airport.

A Connecticut product, the F4U-4 Corsair is only military aircraft that was designed and built entirely in one state by United Technologies companies, according to Connecticut Corsair president Craig McBurney.

Excerpted from <http://www.conntact.com/manufacturing/11585-high-schoolers-to-restore-wwii-plane.html>

Letter From The President

Having stepped across the threshold of time marking the start of 2012, we begin to anticipate what the coming year may have in store for Chapter 27 and Meriden-Markham Airport; and, with no less importance, how our collective interest and involvement in aviation may continue to grow. To fuel that growth, Chapter 27 will continue to be a significant part, I am sure.

I look back at 2011 with a sense of accomplishment and ahead to 2012 as a year of involvement. Some of the highlights...

We may have just eked out reaching our annual goal of 100 Young Eagles flown (getting the kids into the air was still happening as of Dec 30th). A very enthusiastic "Well Done" goes to all who have made our YE program a successful one in the face of flying days lost due to weather.

Mark Scott put together a great program of seminars last year and we look forward to this year's schedule. However, crafting a monthly seminar schedule for the ten months in which we have a meeting is not an easy task. You can help the process along by letting Mark know of seminar topics that may be of interest to you, or if you are aware of someone who may have a relevant subject and would be willing to present it, likewise give him a heads-up to the possibility.

Our Holiday Party was a grand success again, thanks to our own Maury Libson and the good folks at Villa Capri. I think we may have found our new home for such events and look forward to the next time. The annual picnic was blessed with great weather last year and, of course, great food. When we get the exact date pinned down (probably the second weekend in September), mark your calendars and don't miss this palate pleasing get-together.

The Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge training course and City of Meriden "Beat The Street" Career Explorer program both had significantly fewer numbers of attendees but the kids were no less enthusiastic. We'll continue with both initiatives again this year. And I expect that with program clarification and refinements coming from EAA Headquarters, the adult version of Young Eagles and International Learn To Fly Day will both be given strong consideration this year as programs or events in which we will participate.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that most venerable Chapter 27 group known as the RMWW (Retired Men, Working Wives) Club. This esteemed collection of humorists, kibitzers, aviation experts (self-proclaimed or otherwise), accomplished aircraft builders, fledgling pilots, connoisseurs of fine coffee and doughnuts, and generally all-around fun people meets Friday mornings at the FBO in our normal meeting room. If you're free, stop by and partake of the conversation...you'll be glad you did.

I'm going to repeat some words I've said in the past. Probably the single greatest concern for the EAA is membership, both at the national and local Chapter levels. 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 2012 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 15th. Best wishes for a happy and healthy year. Stay safe.

—Bob

Officers Meeting



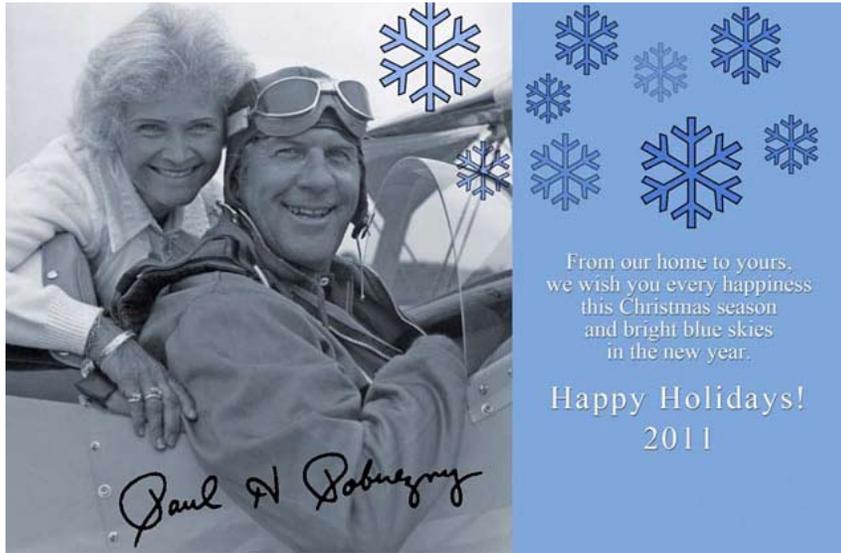
On Sunday, January 8, the Chapter officers met for their annual planning meeting. Areas of discussion included events and activities, membership recruitment and retention, Young Eagles, web sites, and seminars.

We're still in need of seminars for this year. If you or someone you know can present a topic of interest to the membership please contact Vice-President Mark Scott at vicepresident@eaa27.org.



There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth.

— Richard Gordon



From our home to yours,
we wish you every happiness
this Christmas season
and bright blue skies
in the new year.

Happy Holidays!
2011

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is February 8, 2012.

2012 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*)

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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? _____

Science has not yet mastered prophecy. We predict too much for the next year and yet far too little for the next ten.

— Neil Armstrong



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