

2012 Holiday Dinner

A great time was had at our annual holiday dinner and we celebrated Isaiah's solo flight! Congratulations Isaiah!



Rich with his dancing tree hat.

EAA PROVIDES NEW PICNIC SET AT MMK

We are pleased to report that through the efforts of EAA Chapter 27 in support of the EAA Young Eagle program, we have purchased a new picnic table and four benches for use at MMK. The items are currently being stored in the maintenance hangar until springtime. The set has been painted to match the existing set. The actual funding of the \$400 is a result of using Young Eagles credits accumulated during 2011. Thank you to Fran Uliano and Jim Simmons for getting the credits for the purchase, and to all the pilots for your hard work this year!

Letter from the President January 2013

The arrival of the New Year generally causes me to adopt a rather bi-directional view of our chapter as I reflect upon the year just past and consider the course for the year ahead. Looking in the rearview mirror at 2012, there is much that we can surely be proud of and bask in the afterglow of success. We've had great Young Eagles rallies, excellent seminars at our monthly meetings, and managed a few

inaugural Eagle flights. We've helped our home airport work its way through a period of uncertainty and lent ready hands to keep the infrastructure in fine condition. Our annual picnic and Holiday Dinner were wonderful events, both gastronomically and socially speaking. Lauren, Kira, and Isaiah, our resident young folks, have taken significant steps in advancing



Next meeting:
Sunday January 20th
at 10am.

Meeting Agenda:
ForeFlight on iPad,
presented by Jim
Simmons. Jim's been
using "ForeFlight" for
over two years and
he plans to
demonstrate it's use
for preflight
planning, flight plan
filing and in-flight
capabilities.

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their involvement with flying and we collectively salute and celebrate their accomplishments. These three represent our future and Chapter 27 will do all in its power to help them pursue their dreams. And I think, most importantly, that 2012 again showcased the strong sense of community and camaraderie that have long been defining elements of Chapter 27. May it always be so. With 2013 at the doorstep, we begin to plan for the journey ahead. Surely, we will be doing many of the same things that have become traditional annual events. We will revisit some initiatives that we missed last year such as Scout Aviation Merit Badge training and working with the Meriden "Beat The Street" Community Center. I'm quite sure that we'll be conducting many more Eagles flights. Young Eagles rallies will continue to be core events. And it goes without saying that our monthly seminar topics will be informative and interesting. Additionally, we will be looking for new events to add to the lineup this year. Your chapter officers will be convening the annual planning meeting shortly to explore the possibilities. For any of you who have an idea or two that you want to see tossed on the table for consideration, please let me know.

There are many among us whose lives have been inexorably involved with aviation. It is a passion...or perhaps an addiction. While cruising about the internet checking out other EAA (Experimental Aircraft Addiction) chapters, I ran across this gem written by Pete DeCraene, President of EAA Chapter 95: [EAA Chapter 95 Twelve Steps](#)

1. Admit we are powerless over aviation and just do it.
2. Believe that sanity is for everyone else.
3. Make a decision to change our lives over to all things that fly.
4. Make a searching and fearless effort to (embrace) all things aviation.
5. Admit to ourselves and our spouses that \$6.00/gal is not too much for aviation fuel.
6. We're entirely ready for God to enhance our aviation abilities.
7. Humbly ask Him to improve our landings.
8. Make a list of others that we have corrupted in our lives.
9. Give direction to those people we have corrupted to keep them on the right course.
10. Never admit to being flawed on topics of aviation.
11. Seek through meditation and bathroom materials to improve our flying consciousness.
12. Having had an aviation awakening, try to carry the message to all ground-bound mortals.

Yea, verily, Pete!

If you'll not be flying much through the winter months, please consider using the time to brush up with ground training. It's a great opportunity to complete a few Wings courses. Read your Airplane Flight

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Manual (AFM) or Operator's Manual (POH). Review emergency procedures. Get into the performance charts and practice a little preflight planning. The goal is to stay mentally involved until it's time to get in the cockpit again.

Happy New Year to all. May it be one of health and peace.

Stay safe.

Bob

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Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2012

Bob Spaulding called meeting to order. Charlie Enz absent. Mark Scott acted as secretary.

Treasurer's report: October 2012 balance of \$2,160.51.

Technical counselor Mark Scott discussed his experience with FOD getting into a fuel tank drain. Make sure the fuel nozzle is free from very small pebbles if you lay it down on the pavement before fueling.

Rick Beebe reported on the transition from Rod Hightower to Jack Pelton who is now the interim EAA President. The EAA board is looking for a permanent president. The EAA bylaws are up for review as they have not been updated in 20 years.

Fran Uliano reported no kids were flown last month. The chapter has flown 88 kids this year. **We have \$340 credit towards EAA air academy.** In regards to who we will be sending this year, despite multiple attempts to contact Alex Bamford, he has not responded. If he does not contact Jim by the

end of November the chapter's offer to provide tuition will be withdrawn.

IFR flight plans are now required to file in ICAO format. Jim Simmons reports there are difficulties doing so with flight service and with Fore flight due to the new format.

Bob Spaulding reported to date there have been over 300 eagle flights in the country. The Chapter needs to decide how to conduct Eagle flights. Bob also said that AOPA has a section on their web site that tracks Senators' and representatives' voting record on general aviation and overall aviation bills.

Officer elections were conducted at the November meeting. Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, and Bill Jagoda will continue in their current positions. The annual Officers planning meeting will be held in the second half of January. John Boyce's presentation had to be postponed. Mark Scott filled in and discussed collision avoidance.

News about Bridgeport:

Jim Simmons has reported that the FAA has proposed to decommission the Bridgeport VOR, which serves 14 airports. The reason for decommissioning I due to upgrades and repairs estimated to be about \$8.3 million. Pilots are being encouraged to submit comments about the impact of the proposal; you may do so in writing, and sending them to **Federal Aviation Administration, Eastern Service Center, Operations Support Group (AJV-E2), None Rule Case No. 12-ANE-209-NR, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Ga. 30320.**

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Letter from the new editor:

I just wanted to introduce myself, I'm Lauren Dubois and I'm taking over for Rick Beebe as the editor of the newsletter. If you aren't sure who I am, you may recognize me as the young lady with the camera running around during Young Eagles, or you may have seen my dog Lucy when she visits the Meriden airport on Fridays, but if it turns out we haven't met, I look forward to meeting you. I'd like to apologize in advance as I get used to taking care of the newsletter, you might see some changes over time as I work out the lay out. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please feel free to email me at newsletter@eaa27.org I look forward to hearing from you!

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Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is February 5th 2013

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