

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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The EAA Chapter 27 holiday banquet

Since I could not make it to the chapter holiday banquet this year, Rick Beebe sent a report-

The EAA Chapter 27 holiday banquet was held at the Villa Capri in Wallingford this past Saturday. Unlike last year's pouring rain we only had to deal with cold weather this year.

We had 35 people in attendance including, MMK airport manager Connie Castillo, her husband, and Cathy Batista from the Meriden Legislative Counsel.

Fran and Barbara Uliano once again baked airplane cookies for everyone and Steve Fraas won a lottery ticket prize for getting the bag with one less cookie than everyone else. Fran gave a summary of our Young Eagle activity for 2014 and President Bob Spaulding did his annual re-cap of the year's activities. We should be proud of everything we accomplished this year.



Congratulations Patty!

This year Bob awarded the President's Award to Patty Zemsta, for her years of volunteering. He also handed out EAA service awards to Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe, Fran Uliano and Rich Merrill. Lauren DuBois will get hers later. The evening ended, as usual, with the Yankee Swap gift exchange.



**Next meeting:
Sunday, January
18th**

**Jim Simmons will be
speaking about ADS-B.**

**Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am**

Letter from the President

January 2015

Another year completed...Seems like just yesterday I was penning the same thing for 2014 and here we are about to mark the beginning of 2015. Time goes by quickly when you're having fun, as the saying goes, and we did have some fun along the way. To the entire membership of Chapter 27 let me say thank you for making it so.

And thank you is indeed in order for the work done by the good folks of the City of Meriden and airport FBO staff. All of us who call MMK home have become beneficiaries of a renewed sense of community fostered by the airport management and the desire to make and keep MMK a going concern. Whether unaffiliated tenants, a member of a tenant organization, or just an aviator passing through, MMK has something to offer. Kudos to Cathy, Wilma, Connie, Jake, Lauren, and all those behind the scenes in Town Hall for a job well done.

The 2014 Meriden-Markham Airport Fly-In & Public Safety Festival was a resounding success thanks to all who planned the event and made it happen. This first effort has formed the basis for follow-on fly-ins, and we begin the ground work for 2015 this month. Again, Chapter 27 will be integrally involved and we look forward to making this year's event even better. Stay tuned for more details...and, of course, we'll need volunteers to make it all run smoothly so please be prepared to offer your time.

2015 will also be another year with the many core activities you've come to associate with Chapter 27 hopefully; we'll have a banner year flying Young Eagles. We'll have a new round of excellent monthly meeting seminar topics (Jim Simmons will be speaking about his experience ADS-B this month). Our social gatherings will continue to follow the seasons and we'll share in the camaraderie of our chapter membership and airport community. Get involved...MMK is a fun place!

For those who take a winter hiatus from flying, please consider using the time to brush up with ground training, perhaps by completing a few Wings courses. Getting into your Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) or Operator's Manual (POH) or reviewing emergency procedures are excellent non-flying activities. Conjure up some what-if scenarios to think through. Check out the performance charts and practice a little preflight planning. The goal

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is to stay mentally involved until it's time to get in the cockpit again.

Best wishes to all. May this year be one of peace and health.

Bob

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2014

Officers: President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:05. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Rick Beebe. Bill Jagoda arrived late. There were 22 attendees.

Election of Officers: Despite a vicious campaign, the existing slate of officers was re-elected unanimously. The motion was made by Jim Simmons, seconded by Max Lopez.

Membership: It's time to renew for 2015. The rate remains \$20. Don't forget you need to belong to EAA to be a chapter member.

Air Academy: We have about \$300 in credits to send someone to the Air Academy. There is a boy we've identified to send.

Tech Counselors: Dave Pepe has gotten recognized by EAA as a "permanent" tech counselor. With people from the town he went to look at Morton Buildings as potential hangers. They look good. The plan is to build 4 hangers between the north hanger and the maintenance building.

Mark Scott talked about an "Aviation Consumer" report on air filters. Their conclusion was that Donaldson filters allowed more than 10% more air into the engine. They're considerably more expensive but basically give a free performance boost.

Mike Zemsta is working on an RV-7 project. It was originally Mike Okrent's project. It's coming along slowly.

Bob talked about use of non-PMA'ed, but aircraft-worthy, parts on vintage airplanes. The manufacturer can issue a letter of conformity and you may need to find an amenable IA to sign off on it but there's not really a legal issue.

Director's Report: Rick Beebe returned from the Fall Board meeting yesterday. Overall, EAA is in good shape financially. AirVenture ended up about \$57,000 above budget.

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3rd Sunday of the
month at 10am at
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The Thunderbirds were a big hit increasing attendance in the last weekend by 20%. Next year's lineup is looking good. It's the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain so they're going to bring in a bunch of British bombers and fighters. Lancasters, Hurricanes, Spitfires, etc. There's a new Chapter Coordinator, Patrick Webb. Jeff Skiles has left the organization and his duties have been taken over by Rick Larsen.

Newsletter: Lauren wants to convert to the newsletter to be purely electronic. She will be sending out letters to anyone she doesn't currently have an email address for. Anyone who doesn't have an email account will, of course, still receive a paper one but hopefully the number will be small enough that she can print it on her home printer.

Young Eagles: Fran reports that of the 47 kids we had interest from at the Fly-in we flew 14. We have a grand total of 2196. The grandmother of two of the kids they flew sent a thank you letter. And then one of the kids sent one as well. Fran read them at the meeting. Rich reports that some of the members of his church donated \$50 to Young Eagles. So Rich printed up some thank you cards that we could send to them.

Airport Improvements: Too late, weather-wise, to do much more outside. We want to do paving bricks under the picnic tables in the spring. The tetrahedron may need repainting next year. If you have any other thoughts for projects, feel free to suggest them

Events: There is no December meeting. Instead there is a joint open-house/social gathering arranged with the FBO on Sunday, December 14 at MMK from 12:00 – 3:00.

Holiday party is January 10, 2015 from 4:30 to 8:30 at Villa Capri in Wallingford (it was incorrectly cited as being in North Haven in the last newsletter). A flier will be coming soon. Same price as last year.

Chapter Officer's meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2015 10am to noon.

For sale: Jim Maher has a bunch of old issues of Kitplanes available for free. Don Davidson has a box of flight instruments for free.

Seminar: We are in need of presenters for our meetings. If you, or anyone you know, has a topic that would be of interest to our members, please let Mark Scott know. We always need presenters!

Andy Figura gave us an enthralling presentation on flying around the Kenai Peninsula in Southeast Alaska. The info and photos were wonderful.

Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Anyone wishing to send in their 2014 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it 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

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

2014 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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