



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, June 21, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

June 2009

Record Breaking Young Eagle Rally



Chapter 27's Young Eagles Rally on June 13th was a great success. We flew 84 Young Eagles, breaking our previous record of 67. In addition, we gave flyers to 20 to 25 more youngsters and asked them to get in touch with me to get them flown because we couldn't take any more that day. The FBO also received a number of calls about the rides and they passed on my name and telephone number.

We had a great pilot turn out with 12 flying YE's and I helped by pre-flighting for them. The ground crew help was also great!!! There were 13 in all and they all did a wonderful job. Mark Scott

remarked "I thought the rally was really well run today. The tape barrier kept every one where they should be, having someone escort parents from the plane before start up is very important, I saw lots of adults with chairs which is great so they can watch the action, the chalk drawing area was fun for the kids, and all the Chapter members inside and out did their job. There is no way we could have pulled this off with so many kids without good organization."

—Fran Uliano

Chapter 27 Young Eagles Coordinator



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What is an EAA Chapter and why should I join one?

Well that question would not have been asked yesterday at Meriden Markham Airport.

Our Chapter proudly participated in the June 13th International Young Eagles Day. The weather gods shined upon us and enabled our most successful Young Eagles rally ever!

However when I looked out upon the crowds and the activities, I must admit that I was completely impressed with the overwhelming support this event received from members and friends of EAA Chapter 27. We had volunteers ranging from Chapter members, their family members, friends of our Chapter, former Young

Eagles and even MMK pilots previously unaffiliated with our Chapter. The many tasks required for such a successful event are numerous. Volunteers handled everything from start to finish very smoothly. Besides pilots and aircraft, some of the tasks requiring support were advance publicity, Young Eagle registration, aircraft control, crowd control, picture taking, picture processing, certificate printing and much more. On behalf of the officers of EAA Chapter 27 I would like to express our thanks to each and every volunteer who participated in making this event run so well. We absolutely could not have done it without you!

My only disappointment was that we needed to turn away so many youngsters

that showed up for the rally. Obviously we will extend the option for a Young Eagles flight to these youngsters in the future. I plan to bring up this subject at our next meeting and will be seeking suggestions on how best to handle a similar situation in the future.

Also present was Isaiah Tiezzi who was leaving to attend the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh on Monday, June 15th. It was obvious he was very excited and looking forward to his trip. Our Chapter can feel very proud in offering this opportunity to this fine young man.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Chapter meeting on Sunday, June 21st.

—Jim Simmons

JUNE SEMINAR: WASHINGTON DC SFRA COURSE

This month's seminar we plan to take the online FAA course "Navigating the DC Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA)." Jim Simmons will lead our group through the actual FAA course required for all pilots planning to operate within a 60 mile radius of Washington DC. We believe this will lead to a very interesting discussion for all members in attendance.

A reminder that there's no meeting in July. See you at EAA Airventure Oshkosh instead!

CHAPTER TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

A question asked during every Chapter Leaders Academy is "How do we grow our local chapter?" Based on YOUR input, EAA has recently unveiled a useful new tool which will make recruiting members into your local chapter much easier. The new program—Chapter Complimentary Trial Membership—will allow you to recruit new members into your chapter without them having to immediately pay dues to EAA headquarters.

I wanted to take just a moment to hit the highlights and start you thinking about how you can use this tool. This membership entitles the recruit to all the benefits

and privileges of EAA membership, including a monthly copy of EAA Sport Aviation or EAA Sport Pilot, as well as the ability to participate in ALL EAA activities at the local level and beyond. This includes participating as a Young Eagle pilot or involvement in another chapter's activities. It also includes member discounts during AirVenture. In short, trial members are full-fledged EAA members AT NO COST to them or to your chapter for their first six months.

Start thinking of all of the opportunities to invite those people who seem interested but may be intimidated by dues, or per-

haps those who were not formally asked to join because of the "...and it will cost..." statement. Maybe it's that co-worker who you talk to at lunch about your flying and chapter activities. Or perhaps that curious parent who is waiting, while their child experiences the thrill and enjoyment of their Young Eagle flight. Or that person who is always "around" but has never joined. Ask and give freely this wonderful opportunity to learn more about your chapter and EAA.

—Barry Elk

Director of Membership Marketing

GRAFFITI ARTISTS AT WORK

FINALLY! On Friday, May 15th—after being postponed twice for rainy weather—EAA Chapter 27 members finally got to repaint the airport name and frequency on the taxiway at Meriden Airport. Although they had problems with paint that was years old and difficult to mix, the team persevered and got the job done. The finished product was a huge improvement over the faded images that existed. Chapter Secretary Rick Bernardi provided the donuts and M.A.S. Office Manager Barbara McKenney provided the coffee.



Jim Simmons photo



Jim Maher photo

The laborers included: Rick Bernardi, Fran Uliano, Bob Spaulding, Chuck Hughes, Jim Maher, Stan Chaffin, Al Weisner, Bogdan Gutowski, Jim Simmons and Frank Lewandowski. Sidewalk Superintendents included: Dave Pepe, Bob Upson and Chapter 27 mascot "Gizmo." Missing from the repainting project was "The Dot Man." You know who you are.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who supported this airport improvement project.



Jim Simmons photo

Pilots track their lives by the number of hours in the air, as if any other kind of time isn't worth noting.
— Michael Parfit



Come see
CarolAnn Garratt's
presentation

ALS World Flight

July 9, 2009 7:30pm
EAA hanger at Westerly State Airport

EAA chapter 334 is pleased to host guest speaker CarolAnn Garratt for a presentation about the record breaking around the world flight which she and Carol Foy made in a Mooney 21 in November, 2008. This is CarolAnn's second flight around the world—the first was a solo journey—the second was a race!

Come hear about this record breaking endeavor and the fight for a cure to ALS. Bring some friends and your kids for a truly inspirational evening.

RAFFLE Prize: 2 Nights at Newport Inn and Spa

Proceeds will be donated to ALS World Flight

For more information check out www.alsworldflight.com

Event details at www.eaa334.org

2009 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 _____

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

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

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