



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, March 16, 2003, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden

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Letter from the President

March, 2003

As we approach the first day of spring, I must say that it seems like this winter has been a longer than usual. Like most New Englanders, I can't wait for the hibernation to be over. I'm sure I can attribute that feeling to the total inches of snow, the amount of snow blower time, and the freezing cold temperatures we experienced this season. However, the bright side of all this is that it will make us appreciate the nicer weather that much more. I personally have done little flying during this winter season, but I know I'll be getting into the air more often very soon.

Our chapter has developed some fine plans for the coming year. The first one we can look forward to is making Meriden Airport, our host facility, a bit cleaner place after the tough winter season. We have tentatively scheduled Saturday, April 12th as our spring cleanup day. During this time we will assist the MMK personnel in their efforts to clean up the grounds of Meriden Airport. So please bring a rake and/or shovel and join us in our project to help our hosts. They have offered to provide a barbecue luncheon following our project. The more members that show up, the easier it is for everyone to complete the effort. I hope to see many of you there.

The various flight restrictions which have been imposed since 9-11 have proven necessary to insure public confidence in the country's efforts to protect our homeland. These restrictions should only remind us of just how lucky we are to enjoy this wonderful privilege of aviation in America. We can all still enjoy this activity, even in these difficult times. We must all however, take the extra precautions to insure that we are obeying all possible rules and regulations. The EAA and AOPA have worked closely with the FAA in an effort to provide us with continued access to the world of flight. I believe that the primary thing that we must do is to check with flight service before every flight to insure there are no new NOTAM's and/or restrictions along our intended route of flight. I will admit to being somewhat lax in the past, but I will state again that that was in the past. In order to protect our flying privileges, we must all make every effort to minimize intrusions into restricted airspace.

See you all at our next meeting,

—Jim Simmons

February Minutes

February 16, 2003

The February meeting was held at the home base of David Pepe, in the garage where the temperature outside was 4 degrees but inside was 75. His RV-6 was there to be inspected and coffee and donuts were served in the main house. We had a good turnout.



The meeting was opened at 10:00 by Jim Simmons, with officers Dave Pepe (me) and Rick Beebe in attendance.

Attendees: Ted Brainerd, Bob Burk, Jeff Davenport, Charles Enz, Steve Fraas, Bill Jagoda, Chris Kohler, Maury libson, Jim Maher, Ray Morgan, Chris O'Connor, Bob Rouse, Bob Ryan, Bob Seeman, Chan Schiller, Dejan Vucinic, Jan Howell, Jim Pepe, Charles Hughes

Treasurer's Report: will wait til we hear from Barb Johnson

Technical Councilor's Report: Bob Burk was able to make a dual purpose visit, as he took a look at my RV-6 while here for the meeting. Bob also had the following items of interest:

- His RV-7 is for sale. Call him for the particulars... his work is second to none; a bargain for someone with a lot of work done and accessories that don't come with the Vans quick-build kit
- Discussion of "what wouldn't you do if building another airplane" and how that would help someone who was building for the first time
- Visited Bob Upson's project and the panel that he is constructing

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Young Eagles Report: Fran Uliano was not present, but will report next month

Golden Eagles Report: Rob Rouse suggests older siblings of Young Eagles previously flown

Website/Library contributions being sought... see Rick Beebe and Mike Okrent

Membership Roster Update: Please update your info on the roster. See Mike Okrent. Have you paid your dues? \$15.00 per year is a bargain, and gets one of the best newsletters around to you

Annual Holiday Party: was voted to be at the HAWTHORNE INN on the BERLIN TURNPIKE... the cost will be \$30.00 per person.. I'm looking forward to it myself

New Business:

Chapter Products: Bob Burk brought a sample of a golf type shirt, and it was suggested that the club logo be monogrammed on a pocket, price yet to be determined

Aviation commission meetings moved to second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Meriden Airport FBO.

Firefighter's Familiarization: Chris Kohler discussed a program to familiarize firefighters and rescue squads with the particular needs and caveats of the rescue of people from small planes... such as where doors are, fuel lines are situated and so forth. Another chapter wrote about the success they had doing this with their local fire department. Chris has discussed it with the Meriden FD and they were interested. He will talk to Wallingford and try to coordinate a program with us.

The seminar was given by me (Dave Pepe) on my personal experiences building the RV-6. I discussed the areas of selecting and ordering the plane I had chosen. I also mentioned the tools, costs, tax implications, and all of the people who were willing and very able to lend a hand during the last eight years. SEMINAR TOPIC for March is AIRCRAFT WELDING

—Dave Pepe

Member Profile: Ray Morgan

In 1896, A.E. Housman, an English poet, published a long poem entitled "A Shropshire Lad." Stanza 50 begins, "Clunton and Clunbury, Clungunford and Clun, Are the quietest places Under the sun." Many years later (we hasten to say) Raymond B.

Morgan was born at Abcott House in Clungunford. At 17 this Shropshire Lad left the quietest place under the sun to become an apprentice at English Electric Company in the City of Stafford. At that time English Electric was an enormous company, comparable to GE or Westinghouse. Through mergers, it has now completely disappeared. A combination of college at Stafford University and practical instruction in the plant resulted in Raymond becoming an electrical engineer. He was assigned to Site Engineering Services, and spent many years at various



Ray Morgan, left, receives letters of thanks sent by grateful Young Eagles from YE coordinator Fran Uliano

power plants, switching sites and other customers in the UK. Eventually he was sent to Mexico, which started his overseas ventures. Soon he was assigned primarily to projects in the USA. On one of his many visits he met his future wife, Mary Ellen, in Syracuse. After a short period of 8 years they were married. He was assigned to a contract with American Electric Power for at least two years, but before 12 months had passed, the President of English Electric Corporation, USA, persuaded him to be seconded to the corporation as Service Manager, USA. He is proud of his more than 50 years with English Electric. Prior to retiring, he decided to get his pilot's license, a life time dream always deferred due to frequent travel. He and Mary Ellen are both pilots and the proud owners of a straight tail Cessna 172.

FAA NEWS

Safety Program On-Line

The New England Region Flight Standards Aviation Safety Program has established an on-line service account for airmen residing in the New England region. Please subscribe by going to the following link:

<https://www.faa.gov/region/ane/flightstandards/aviationsafety/subscribe.cfm>

(note: that should all be on one line)

This will allow us to provide you with Flight Standards Aviation Safety Program safety seminar schedules within the New England region. Please share this information with friends, students, airmen or others who would like to attend a safety seminar.

Together We Can Make A Difference

On-line Directory Updates

The FAA now lets you make address changes to your entry in the Airman's Directory via a web browser. Point your browser to:

<http://registry.faa.gov/amsvcs.asp>

and click the "Establish an Account with the Airman Certification Branch" link.

It's fairly straight forward. Be sure that you type all the alpha characters from your license (name, address, etc) in UPPER case as that's what's in their database. They then email you a password. After logging in you can change the password to anything 8 characters or more.

Now, the caveat is, this merely updates the registry. To get a new certificate with your updated address you have to send them \$2 via U.S. Mail. Information on where to send it, as well as answers to many certificate questions can be found at:

<http://registry.faa.gov/airmen.asp>

Heading To Sun-N-Fun?

If you are planning to fly down to Sun-N-Fun next month, be sure to attend our March meeting. We have a video available of the VFR arrival procedures for Sun-N-Fun, a quick reference guidebook which is very handy in the cockpit, and a copy of the Sun-N-Fun visitors guide.

We would also recommend visiting the Sun-N-Fun website at: www.sun-n-fun.org. This is always a popular and well attended event and preparation for your flight is essential. Have a great trip.

Why not think about taking some photos of the event and sharing them with our membership on your return? That type of first hand "experience sharing" with our members is always welcome.

Sun-N-Fun is April 2 - 8.

AirVenture Vacation Package

Dear Fellow EAA member,

My name is Paul Stumpf and I am a member of EAA chapter 44 in Rochester, NY. Each year our club offers travel and lodging for five days at Airventure with group rates at a very affordable price. Our package offers the following:

- Round trip air transportation on a commercial airline from Rochester to Appleton
- Bus transport from/to Appleton for U of W dorms.
- Lodging at the U of W dorms
- Shuttle bus pass for all 5 days.

We have been doing this trip as a fund raiser for our club now for over 20 years and we find it be very enjoyable and successful. This feeling is shared by many of our repeat travelers. We are trying to get word out to many of the NE US chapters, so that they may take advantage of this great offer. Rochester is located in Western NY only a few miles from the NYS thruway and is worthy of the drive in. Our package this year costs \$549/person. If you're interested, contact me via email at pstumpf@frontiernet.net.

Regards,
Paul Stumpf
EAA44 Airlift coordinator



Gyroplane Conference Lands at Hofstra

First International Conference of its Kind
Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY will present a conference titled From Autogiro to Gyroplane: The Past, Present and Future of an Aviation Industry on April 25 - 26, 2003. Flying pioneers, innovative designers, historic figures and current international industry leaders will be brought together for the first time at this international conference. Nineteen of these honored guests will be presented with Hofstra University Pioneer Awards.

This conference addresses the past, present and future of this unique technology that took America and Europe by storm in the 1920s - 1930s and then all but disappeared with the coming of the helicopter. This will be the first university conference dealing with this seemingly forgotten yet fascinating facet of aviation history. Highlights of the conference will include the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the first flight by Juan de la Cierva in Spain and the 75th anniversary of the first American flight by the aviation pioneer Harold F. Pitcairn. The conference is being presented in cooperation with the American Helicopter Museum & Education Center, the Popular Rotorcraft Association (PRA), the Cradle of Aviation Museum, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

The conference will also feature a museum exhibition on the Autogiro and gyroplane during the months of April and May 2003 in the David Filderman Gallery, located on the ninth floor of Hofstra's Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library. This display will include models of historic and modern gyroplanes that will then go to the Aviation Model Collection of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Hofstra Professor and Conference Director Dr. Bruce Charnov is actively planning for flying demonstrations during the conference. He has completed writing a book for Quorum Books, tentatively titled Gyroplane - The Amazing Survival of an Aviation Technology.

For more information see <http://www.hofstra.edu/autogiro-conference> or call (516) 463-5669.

AirVenture Planning Guide Available Online

Planning to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003, the world's premier general aviation event? You'll want to get your hands on the new helpful AirVenture Planning Guide, available for download on the EAA AirVenture website. In it you'll find all sorts of useful information to organize your visit to Oshkosh, from driving directions, camping and area lodging information to airline contacts and car rental companies. There's also handy information about youth activities, child care, handicapped services and bus service. Just visit www.airventure.org and click on AirVenture Planning Guide to download or print your own your copy in convenient PDF format.

AirVenture 2003 is July 29 - August 4.

Remember how lucky you are to see and touch the sky; the blind may only dream.

Young Eagle Pilots Wanted.

EAA Chapter 1208 in Bridgeport is looking for pilots for their Young Eagles Day. Their 2003 Young Eagle's event has been confirmed for May 10, 2003 at the Stratford School of Aviation Maintenance and they need more planes and pilots to fly the children who are attending.

If you feel you can be a pilot that day or if you would like more information please contact: Chris Monroe at 203-571-8029 before April 20, 2003.

Airport Homes Website

Michele Chambre is a pilot who lives in Arlington, Texas. Her husband is an EAA member who's building an RV-4. She maintains a website which has a lot of handy information about residential airparks. These houses have hangars and access to a runway which is often of great interest to homebuilders because it might give them more time to work on their project. Unfortunately, there's only one airpark listed in Connecticut, Salmon River airfield near Marlborough. The website has listings for every state, Canada and Spain(!) plus a lot of general information about airpark living. If you're looking for that ideal place to retire to, check out www.AirportHomes.com.

The deadline for submission of materials for the April newsletter is April 1, 2003.

2003 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Barbara Johnson, 9 Dillon Rd., Woodbridge, CT 06525
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

EAA Membership No: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

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

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

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

—Bob Hoover



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