



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



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

March 2009

HELP WANTED: EAA SEEKS NEW PRESIDENT

Last week, the Board of Directors approved the appointment of Tom Poberezny as chairman of the board. EAA's founder and previous chairman of the board, Paul Poberezny, 87, officially stepped down as chairman earlier this month. Tom will continue with his current duties as president while also assuming the chairman's role.

Additionally, Tom announced a leadership succession initiative to prepare the organization for the next phase of growth. He will begin work with the Board to initiate and lead a search for a new president. Continued success and continuity of leadership are key objectives.

After joining the organization, EAA's new president will assume responsibility for day-to-day operations and will focus on enhancing membership value and growth. As chairman, Poberezny will provide ongoing counsel to the organization while focusing specifically on building EAA's endowment, which will lay the foundation to a secure future.

"It is my goal to responsibly secure the future of this organization and provide continuity of leadership," Poberezny said. "I'm very proud of EAA's accomplishments over the past half century. The organization is financially strong and ready to invest in its long-term future. I look forward to dedicating my experience and energies toward ensuring EAA's ongoing success."

If you know any qualified people who would like to be considered for the job, let me know.

—Rick Beebe



Tom Poberezny

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I begin this month's Letter from the President with a personal update. As you know, in November of 2008 I had a serious accident. I suffered the loss of three finger tips on my right hand and had major trauma to my left arm resulting in reduced function of my left hand. I've been steadily recovering, including participating in physical therapy 2 - 3 times a week and regular doctor visits. Throughout this period I had been unable to fly. However, thanks to the efforts of some fine doctors, a super occupational therapist, and the prayers and well wishes of many friends, relatives and associates, I am on the mend. I am pleased to report that last week, with the aid of my friend and flight instructor, George Hines, I was able to take the reins of my Mooney and "slip the surly bonds of earth" for the first time in what seems like an eternity. It was great! I cannot explain the mystique of flying or the adrenalin rush that flying gives us pilots, but I can testify to the fact that it most certainly exists. This elation has transferred over to my spirits and I believe this is also aiding in my healing process. It's great to be back in the air!

The famous poem entitled "High Flight", written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr, a WWII fighter pilot who lived from 1922-1944 says it all far better than I can. The poem is on page 3 for your enjoyment.

Thanks for all of your prayers and well wishes which I know helped in my recovery.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March 15th meeting.

—Jim Simmons



Jim Simmons

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MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2009

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:00. There were 31 members present.

Visitors: We welcomed Al Weisner who is building a KR 2. Which I believe is a two place, wood, foam, fiberglass and composite construction. We also welcomed Scott Turntull who wants to build a RV. I think he will find plenty of support here.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$806.34 Thank you, Bill! Dues are due so please send a check to Bill if you haven't done so already. The form and address are on the back of this newsletter.

Technical Counselor—Dave Pepe: Dave reported that Mike Zemsta has flown off the 40 hrs on his RV 10! Happy Flying Mike! Mike is also working on a RV9.

Dave visited Fred Dube's RV7 project and discussed the tech counselor's publication "Safety Wire."

Spirit of Meriden Award: This award was presented by Mayor Michael Rohde to EAA27 and received by Jim Simmons and Fran Uliano in recognition of our Chapter's Young Eagle program. Along with the award was the Proclamation of January 21, 2009 as "Experimental Aircraft Association Day."

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: Fran reported we flew 147 Young Eagles last year and over 1500 to date. Well done Fran! Young Eagle credits are now up to \$5.

We authorized Fran to purchase a Canon photo printer to replace the Polaroid.

Our next Young Eagle rallies;

- Saturday June 13, 2009
- October Saturday date TBD

Laura Hargreaves has offers of rides from 15 pilots and is taking EAA Aeroscholar Fundamentals of Aviation online course. Laura has, since this writing, flown the 747

simulator in Minneapolis complements of Dorothy Vallee. Dorothy gave us summary of the trip and we can't wait to hear from Laura!

Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe: As always, please feel free to upload pictures of your project and aircraft on our website. www.eaa27.org. Rick would like us to upload some updated pictures of your projects and aircraft.

Rick reminded us July 27 - August 2, 2009 is EAA Airventure in Oshkosh.



Rand KR2

Sikorsky Aircraft Tour- Mark Scott: The date is Saturday, March 7, 2009 approximately a 1 1/2 hr tour. A signup sheet was passed around.

Holiday Banquet – Maury Lisbon: The Hawthorne Restaurant was selected and the date is Saturday December 5th 2009.

Chapter Picnic – Mike Zemsta: The date of the Picnic will be Sunday September 20th and will also include an abbreviated membership meeting.

Airport Improvement Projects: The Tetrahedron still looks good and will be inspected to determine if painting is required. It looks like the protective coating has done a good job. (Day-Glo will be supplied by the City) Repaint airport name and frequency on the taxiway, and Spring Cleanup. Dates to be determined.

Old Business: Dave reported that we have Young Eagle T's and hats, along with golf

and denim shirts for sale. If you have any suggestions for saleable EAA27 items contact Dave.

New Business: Bradley Air Museum meeting, Steve Socolosky has arranged April 19th as a meeting date. There will be a \$10 admission fee.

Heather Woiciechowski has arranged another tour of the NYTRACON on May 2nd. Heather also provided more information on "Old Eagles" effort.

Mark Scott has offered another open house to update his progress on the BearHawk. Date to follow.

Mike Zemsta proposed a trip to Old Rhinebeck and is looking for interested participants

Dave noted that the 6,000th RV has been completed. RV?

New requirement for VFR flight within 60nm of the Washington, DC VOR: The new rule applies to any pilot flying VFR within 60 nautical miles of the Washington, D.C., (DCA) VOR/DME, even though they may not intend to fly into the Air Defense Identification Zone itself. This course focuses exclusively on the DC ADIZ and DC FRZ, and it assumes that you already have a basic understanding of temporary flight restrictions (TFRs). You can take this course at your own pace, exit at any time, and come back when convenient. A DC ADIZ checklist and other documents are available for download.

At the end of the course is a multiple choice quiz that you will need to complete in a single session. When you pass, you can print out a certificate and wallet card of completion for your records.

The course can be found at; www.faaasafety.gov web site.

Seminar Topics for 2009: Leon "Woiciechowski" has volunteered to give us a perspective of local tower operations; Leon works the New Haven Tower.

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WHITEKNIGHTTWO COMING TO AIRVENTURE!



There was great news for this summer's AirVenture fly-in this week, as Virgin Galactic and Scaled Composites confirmed that the spaceship launch vehicle WhiteKnightTwo will be coming to Oshkosh for an extended period during the event. The launch vehicle, named "Eve" in honor of Sir Richard Branson's mother, is scheduled to arrive at AirVenture during the air show on Monday, July 27 and stay in Oshkosh until it departs on Saturday, Aug. 1. This Burt Rutan-designed air vehicle is the latest of his creations to make the journey to Oshkosh over the past 35 years. WhiteKnightTwo is designed to carry the SpaceShipTwo spaceship into the atmosphere as part of the space tourism enterprise planned by Virgin Galactic.

HOMEBUILT AIRCRAFT COUNCIL SEEKS MEMBER

Help wanted, part II. EAA is looking for a member willing to serve on the Homebuilt Aircraft Council. Formed in 1999, the HAC is a group of volunteers that help EAA staff by providing advice and counsel on issues relating to the homebuilt aircraft community. Council members also act as EAA ambassadors in the field.

Council members are appointed by EAA President Tom Poberezny and serve in a volunteer capacity. The council meets annually in Oshkosh each fall, and holds other meetings as needed.

Successful council members are active aircraft builders and fliers who are interested in growing the homebuilt movement. Joe Gauthier is a member.

If you have a passion for the spirit of EAA and homebuilt aircraft, please apply by completing the online application form https://secure.eaa.org/members/hac_application.html. Additional information or questions are welcome at HAC@eaa.org.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of—
 wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air.
 Up, up, up the long, delirious burning blue
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
 Where never Lark, or even Eagle flew—
 And while with silent lifting mind, I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, 1922-1944

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Also on our list is Joe Gauthier, Dave Pepe and possibly someone from the EAA Speakers Bureau. If you have any ideas or requests for a speaker or would like to volunteer, let Bob Spaulding know.

50/50 Raffle Winner: Tom Pillendreigh – Congratulations Tom. (don't forget write your article for the newsletter.)

Seminar Presentation: Mark Scott gave a presentation of the Tech Counselor Program, and a discussion of its goals; 1. Safety 2. Education 3. Completion Rate

Mark also discussed the 'Aero Electric Wiring' handbook by Bob Nuckolls, available at www.aeroelectric.com.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted – Rick Bernardi

The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport.

—Orville Wright

The natural function of the wing is to soar upwards and carry that which is heavy up to the place where dwells the race of gods. More than any other thing that pertains to the body it partakes of the nature of the divine.

—Plato

THE NORTH JERSEY 99'S PRESENTS
The 19th ANNUAL

PILOT FORUM

"For the student in all of us"

(This is a FREE event, open to students, pilots, instructors, and all interested in flying:)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

C & W Aero Services
19 Wright Way; Suite 3, Essex County Airport, Fairfield, N.J. 07004
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

A full day of aviation education.
Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Door prizes, including tower tours, will be awarded.
This seminar qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is April 8, 2009.

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*)

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