



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, May 18, 2003, 10 a.m., Tweed-New Haven Airport, East Haven

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Meeting Notes April 13, 2003

Meeting opened 10:00 by President Jim Simmons. All officers present.

Visitors: David Bowen from the Meriden Fire Dept and son Sean also Bob Licata from Monroe.

Attendance: Bob Brown, Bob Burk, Stan Chaffin, Bill Jagoda, Chris Kohler, Maury Libson, Jim Maher, Ray Morgan, Chris O'Connor, Mike Okrent, Herb Bullock, Bill Simon, Don Turecek, Fran Uliano, Bob Upson, Rob Rouse, and others who didn't sign the sheet.

Chris Monroe is seeking aircraft for static display at BDR Young Eagles Rally 5-31-2003.

Wearing of nametags is requested at our meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Barb reports \$3,218.16 in, and after income and expenses, a balance of \$3183.84

Technical Report: Bob Burk looked at Chris O'Connor's Aerocomp Comp Air 6, with up to 6 seats.

Golden Eagles: Rob Rouse is working on it. More to come.

Young Eagles: Fran has "Learn to Fly" books (100). Rally is June 14th.

Dues not paid: I have called several people, and most of the time it's simply a matter of having forgotten. Paying the dues of \$15.00 gets you the best newsletter around and a nice membership card too.

Rick Beebe is still seeking material for the newsletter and the website, pix, articles member profiles, etc.

Education Center: We are trying to decide what the issues would be if the old hangar were available and we were to avail ourselves of it... more input/ thought needed.

Change of Venue for May Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 18 at Max Lopez's hanger at Tweed-New Haven airport. The hanger entrance is off Victor Street in East Haven. Find your way to the airport then follow the signs for General Aviation on Thompson Avenue. Victor Street is immediately before you get to Robinson Aviation. Take it all the way to the end. There will be parking behind the wooden fence. Max's hanger is the end one on the right-hand building. Max will be bringing us up to date on the progress of his RV-7A.



The hangers

Robinson Aviation

Airport cleanup day is delayed to May... try to participate.

Tetrahedron upgrade by Max and Ray. Compass calibration pad... anyone have surveying skills or know someone who would help?

EVENTS:

- FAA Safety Fest May 17th. If you want to help, call Joe Gauthier
- **Young Eagles Day** Rally June 14th
- Picnic Sept 6th/raindate is the 13th. Mike and Patty to co-chair
- Firefighter Training Day. We will set a date best suited to the MFD schedule. Doing it during the picnic was suggested
- Christmas Party Dec 7th, Maury Libson to chair

Note that the Meriden Aviation Commission meets 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 pm.

Joe Gauthier becoming Amateur Built DAR, a new EAA sponsored position.

Pinch hitter course is being explored by Patty Zemsta, call her for any details.

Mike and Patty Zemsta are one of four Connecticut candidates for the "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" program.

Barbara Johnson points out that the Stratford School of Aviation is closing due to state cutbacks.

Apparently the *Silver City Flying Club* is going to park one of their planes at MMK.

After the 50/50 Raffle and coffee break, we were treated to a *very* interesting delineation of **Flight Test Procedures** by Fred Caputo, our former president. He could write a book on the subject. Thank you, Fred!

Submitted by Dave Pepe, Secretary

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Letter From The President

May, 2003

I'm pleased to report that this month my comments are much more favorable than last month. Last month we reported on the Meigs Field fiasco and the closing of Cape Cod Airport.

This month I'm pleased to report that, as a result of the winding down of the war effort in Iraq, the threat level has been reduced in the United States. This results in a more favorable condition for general aviation overall. The most notable change locally is the re-opening of the VFR corridor within New York City's Class B airspace. This is one of the most scenic flight areas I have ever flown. I have enjoyed flights along the Hudson River many times in the past and I'm looking forward to flying there again.

For those of you who may have missed our last meeting, I offered the following comments regarding the documentation of your construction projects. Joe Gauthier has informed me that the FAA made some revisions in the documentation requirements for amateur-built aircraft. Specifically, we are required to provide as much evidence as possible of our participation in the actual construction of the project. One of the best solutions is that when taking photographs of the project, be sure to have photos of you actually performing the various tasks in the construction phase. These photos could later be used to verify your compliance with the 51% rule.

I would also like to report that our chapter is nominating Rick Beebe for national recognition for his efforts as Newsletter Editor and Website Editor. Rick has done an outstanding job and we hope that we can get him the recognition he so richly deserves.

By chance, I happened to be at MMK when I observed surveyors working near the south run-up area. I visited with them and asked if they could help in our effort for creating the Compass Calibration Pad and they were very cooperative. They are currently doing some research and will be getting back to me shortly. I hope to report at our next meeting that we can move ahead with the project.

Enjoy the great weather, keep building and flying, and I'll see you all at our next meeting.

—Jim Simmons

Member Profile: Bob Upson

I started flying in 1967, out of Robertson field in Plainville. Back then there was a very narrow paved runway, and everything else was grass and mud! With family commitments and other distractions, I didn't get my license until late 1974. I finished my private training, and took my flight review out of Johnnycake airport.

I've been an active EAA member since 1973 when I met a couple of guys flying completed projects out of Johnnycake. After all these years of wishing I could build an airplane, I'm in the home stretch on an RV-6A project.

I started the project after taking an early retirement package from Ensign-Bickford, in Simsbury, where I was employed for 26 years. For the most part the project has been very enjoyable, and my wife and I are looking forward to touring the country after completion. Since starting the RV project, I've developed an interest in sheet metal forming, and would like to pursue this further after the RV is complete. If there are any chapter members with this sort of experience, I would enjoy talking to them about it.

—Bob Upson

SAFETY FEST/MAINTENANCE FEST 2003

Featuring-Voyager pilot **Dick Rutan**

Saturday, May 17, 2003

08:30AM-3:30 PM

"Charting the Next Century of Flight"

Sponsored By:

The Federal Aviation Administration,
Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA),
United Technologies/Pratt & Whitney & PrivatAir

This year's event will be conducted at Pratt & Whitney's Customer Training Center and Hangars, East Hartford, CT

DIRECTIONS: Take Interstate I-84 to East Hartford, CT. Use Exit 58. Cross Silver Lane into Pratt & Whitney Complex. Parking is a half mile on left.

SPEAKERS..WORKSHOPS..AVIATION VENDORS

Featuring: AOPA's "Ups and Downs of Takeoffs and Landings"

Maintenance Training good for IA Renewal.

Aviation Hall of Famer Dick Rutan

EAA "Hands On" Learn a Skill Area

Static Display Aircraft and more

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Contact: Bob Martens (860)654-1002/Pete Lindberg (860)654-1033

DOOR PRIZES!



Become a Young Eagle

<http://www.youneagles.org>

Free Airplane Ride!



Meriden Airport
Saturday, June 14, 2003 9 am - 3 pm

(Rain Date June 15, 2003)

All kids ages 8 thru 17 are eligible

Parent or guardian must be present in order to participate

Sponsored by Chapter 27 of the
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Meriden, Connecticut

For more information contact Fran Uliano, the Chapter 27
Young Eagle Coordinator at 860-347-0412.

If you want to grow old as a pilot, you've got to know when to push it, and when to back off.

- Chuck Yeager

*EXCESSNA:
flying a 206
when a 172
would do.*

FLY-IN! at Warwick Aerodrome

EAA Chapter 501 is sponsoring a fly-in at Warwick Aerodrome (N72), Warwick, NY on May 18 from 10am to 4pm. There's no rain date. Food and beverages will be available. Trophies will be awarded for best aircraft in each class (judging registration closes at 2).

(973) 838-7485 for more information.

(N72 is a 30 minute flight from HVN if you want to go there *after* our meeting)

Phillips66 to continue Young Eagle Support

Phillips 66 is continuing its fuel rebates for the Young Eagles program even after it reaches its goal of flying a million young people by Dec. 17 of this year. Under the program, those taking Young Eagles for a flight can get a \$1 per gallon fuel rebate for all the fuel used to fly Young Eagles. To qualify you have to purchase Phillips66 fuel with a Phillips66 credit card. Details at <http://aviation.phillips66.com>

Young Eagles—Spread the Word!

Page 3 of this newsletter is a flyer for our Young Eagles Rally on June 14. Cut it out, copy it, hand it out, send it to your friends, send it to your enemies, hang it on your office door, give a copy to your Aunt Ida who knows *everyone*.

Help spread the word about this fun and important event!

The deadline for submission of materials for the June newsletter is June 5, 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)

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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? _____



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