



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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Letter From The President

Many of our members are anxiously awaiting the completion of the repaving of the runway at our home airport here in Meriden, CT. As of today, the project appears to be on track for the reopening of the airport on June 1st. This is great news and will certainly fit in well with our chapter's plans for participating in International Young Eagles Day on June 11th.

The next major event, which is the rapidly approaching, is the 2005 FAA SafetyFest on May 14th. As you read this edition of our newsletter it will only be days away. I look forward to seeing many EAA Chapter 27 members there. Members will be manning the aluminum fabrication exhibit (featuring Chan Schillers' RV-4) and other exhibits. This year we have a different floor layout than previous years and anticipate much traffic throughout our displays. I will be presenting a seminar of the "Building, Owning and Operating of Homebuilts" at 9AM. I believe that Rick Beebe will be participating in the Sport Pilot Presentation at 12:30. The featured speaker for the event (at 2PM) will be Lt. Col. Graham Buschor, the pilot of the helicopter that actually flew in the rescue attempt of the Andrea Gail,

featured in the movie "Perfect Storm." Sounds like it should be a fun day. If you've never attended a SafetyFest, why not join us? It is held on the grounds of the Pratt & Whitney facilities in East Hartford and is easily accessed from the Silver Lane exit off of I-84.

Since 9/11, I have become diligent about calling Flight Service prior to every flight. Most certainly this is true if you plan to travel any distance. During my recent flights to Florida and back, I was consistently reminded of the need to be sure to get a briefing. Besides the customary information, (weather, notams, permanent TFR's, flight plans, etc) temporary TFR's have become a regular occurrence. Betty and I encountered a TFR for President Bush, as well as a TFR for a flight demonstration by the USAF Thunderbirds. Neither of those activities needed to be interrupted by my GP-4.



How the airport looked during the April Meeting. That used to be a taxiway and runway.... See inside for a progress report.

Our chapter membership has reached 85 currently paid members. I believe that this may be our all time high. If not, it is certainly close to it. (It may surprise some of you to learn that our chapter was as few as 5 members in the early 90's) I believe that this extraordinary growth is a tribute to the success of our hobby and our members' enthusiasm for aviation overall. Betty and I feel the positive vibes at every meeting and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Build safe and fly safe.

See you at our next meeting on May 15th.

—Jim Simmons

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2005

The April meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jim Simmons.

Officers present were Jim Simmons, President; Bill Jagoda, Treasurer; and Jim Pepe, Secretary. Vice President Max Lopez was representing Chapter 27 at Sun-N-Fun.

Two new visitors were recognized; welcome to Mark and Jeremiah. Thirty-four members signed the general attendance roster.

Currently year 2005 Membership Badges have been made for eighty-one paid members.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Jagoda): Please inform anyone that is joining the national EAA that if they mention our chapter, Chapter 27 will receive ten dollars for each new member that signs up; this month Chapter 27 received \$30.00 from EAA Headquarters. Many denim shirts were sold this month; but some are still outstanding. Those who placed an order, please pay the treasurer and pick up your shirt. The current general fund balance was reported to be \$1,006.17.

Technical Counselor's Report (Dave Pepe): The new Van's trailing edge system and airplane to lawn mower battery conversions were discussed. The past month saw visits to RV-9 and RV-10 projects. All members are welcome to contact Dave for consultation on your project.

The Bulletin Board (Chris Kohler): This month's bulletin board consisted of humorous (perhaps not to the people involved) aviation mishap pictures.

Chapter Membership (Mike Okrent): Chapter 27 is up to eighty-one paid members. Mike has updated the membership list and has taken EAA Membership Numbers off the list, since these numbers will be used as passwords on the website's new 'members only' section.

Website (Rick Beebe): A new 'members only' section is being developed for the webpage.

Send your aircraft or project pictures to Rick and you will be registered (up to five times) for the Raffle being held at this year's holiday party. Please visit the website at www.eaa27.org and send any comments or suggestions to Rick.

Newsletter (Rick Beebe): Fifty-fifty raffle winners are requested to draft personal profiles for the newsletter. As always, anyone else wishing to contribute to the newsletter in the form of articles, pictures, information, events or anything of interest to the chapter is encouraged to do so.

Young Eagles Report (Fran Uliano): Fran has drafted posters for the Chapter 27 Young Eagles event on June 11, 2005. Fran gave a summary of the airport runway repaving project and indicated that it is on track to be completed by June 1, 2005. The idea of a having a larger poster to be developed by EAA Headquarters is being explored.

Most airport improvement projects have been put on hold until the repaving of the runway is complete. However, at that time we will be busy with many new projects.

2005 Chapter Events: The "2005 Safety Fest" is being held at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. Chan Schiller will have his RV-4 on display. Other Chapter 27 members will be giving seminars on their areas of expertise. All construction types will be represented. As well as providing several volunteers, Chapter 27 has donated two \$25.00 gift certificates to be used as prizes in support of the event.

Old Business: Congratulations to Rick Beebe for being accepted as a nominee to the EAA Board of Directors. Chapter denim shirts are in and were on sale during the break. Please bring up any other suggestions for chapter products (t-shirts, hats, patches, etc.) during the next meeting. Tribute pages for Herb Bullock and Bob Burk are almost complete for this summer's ceremony in Osh Kosh. Thanks to Steve Socolosky and the families of both

Herb and Bob for their work on these tribute pages.

New Business: EAA Chapter 166 in Hartford is conducting a 'Poker Run' on May 21, 2005. EAA Chapter 1208 is sponsoring a 'Fly-In' at Bridgeport on April 23, 2005, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please help support these events. The AirVenture Planning Guide is now being offered online for those going to Osh Kosh this summer. An announcement was made that "60 Minutes" would be featuring some newer aviation prototypes on Sunday's broadcast. Also an Airshow is being held in Bridgeport on the first weekend in June; more details to follow.

The seminar this month was a video of "Aviation Humor" by Rod Machado. Next month's seminar to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Raffle for PIX

In an effort to get our members to submit photographs of their aircraft and projects for use on our web site, the officers of our chapter have approved a special raffle which will be held at our annual banquet. We plan to offer a 'significant' prize to the winner.

There is only way to participate in this raffle. One raffle ticket will be offered for each photograph submitted for our website (maximum of 5 tickets per member). Rick Beebe will manage the tickets for this raffle.

Photographs can be emailed, snail mailed or hand delivered at our meetings to Rick. Send your photographs to: Rick Beebe, 360 Mountain Road, Hamden, CT 06514 or email to: newsletter@eaa27.org. Rick will return all originals if requested. Please make the effort to support our web site and submit your photographs NOW.

Young Eagles Day—June 11

GREAT NEWS. I was over to the airport on May 5th and watched the new runway get its first layer of paving. I talked to the inspector that was there and he told me that by the 13th of May all of the paving including the taxiway and turn-off should be complete. I will update everyone at our meeting on the 15th with any other information that I can find out about the schedule. With that in mind, it looks very good for Young Eagles Day on June 11th. I am asking all members to talk to their friends,

neighbors, brothers, sisters, and anyone else they can think of to get the word out about this fine event. Last year we only flew 44 youngsters. This year we hope to fly over 100. With your help I know we can do it. If every member encourages one youngster to become a Young Eagle, I know we will be able to see many smiles this year. Total Young Eagles flown to date is 1070.

—*Fran Uliano, Young Eagles Coordinator*

Airventure Ride Wanted

Brett Pilkerton, one of our younger Chapter members, is interested in going to Airventure and is looking to hitch a flight there. He'll share expenses. This will be his first trip to Airventure and he's very excited about this so hopefully some plan can be worked out. If you have a spot in your plane, Brett's home phone number is 203-235-6081 and his cell is 203-213-5138. He can be contacted after 2:30pm most of the time during the week and anytime on the weekends. His email address is Pilky172@cs.com. Everyone looking for or offering a ride should also be aware of the Airventure Rideshare website at: <http://www.airventure.org/rideshare/default.asp>

Fly-In Season Starts

Summer must be nearly here!

May 15—Warick Aerodrome

EAA Chapter 501 in Warick New York will be holding its annual fly-in at Warick Aerodrome (N72) on Sunday, May 15 from 10am to 4pm (you can't go until after the Chapter 27 meeting!). No rain date. Food and beverages available. Trophies will be awarded for best aircraft in each class. Registration for judging closes at 1pm. For more information call (973) 838-7485 or (973) 492-9025 or email flyin05@eaa501.org.

June 28—Mountain View Airport

Former member Bruce Terkelsen writes, we're having a Fly-In at Mountain View Airport on June 25th. It's a private grass strip 3500 feet X 100 feet wide, owned by a close friend of mine, Walt Fawcett. It's on the chart just north east of Lakes Region 8B8 in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

For more information contact Bruce Terkelsen at 603-569-1474 or cell: 603-520-1832 or email: terkelsen@metrocast.net

June 4 & 5—Sussex

EAA Chapter 891 has planned a two-day fly-in at the Sussex, New Jersey airport (FWN). June 4 and 5, Saturday and Sunday. Trophies will be awarded, winners need not be present. For more information go to eaa891.org or call Robert Hewitt at 973-725-1210.

July 9—Danbury

EAA Chapter 130 will be holding its annual Fly-In at the Danbury Municipal Airport (DXR) on Saturday, July 9 from 9am to 4pm. All pilots that fly in and register their plane are eligible for a \$100 drawing at 2pm. \$50 award for the pilot that flies the longest distance! *All PICs receive a free sandwich and drink for lunch!* If in doubt, check it out: Call (203) 746-2248 prior to departure for a recorded message on the fly-in status or check www.eaa130.org on the web. Rain date is Sunday, July 10. Call Alan at (203) 746-2248 for additional info or directions.

Work Tables Available



Chuck Drake—one of the newest members of EAA Chapter 27—bought a lot of stuff at Pratt & Whitney surplus including six 4X4 work tables that he'd like to give away. But in exchange for a "free" table, he'd like you to make a small donation to the chapter. Maybe \$20.00? The tables are wood with steel legs. There is a hard plastic top screwed to the top and they're about waist high. They were JT-9 engine inspection tables. If you're interested in one or more of these tables, please call Chuck at 860-659-2880 or send him email at keywestaero@msn.com. He could bring up to four to the next meeting.

He who demands everything that his aircraft can give him is a pilot; he that demands one iota more is a fool.

Insomnia is thinking at night about the screw-up you already thought about all day.

—Lauran Paine Jr.



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