



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

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YOUNG EAGLE SUCCESS STORY!

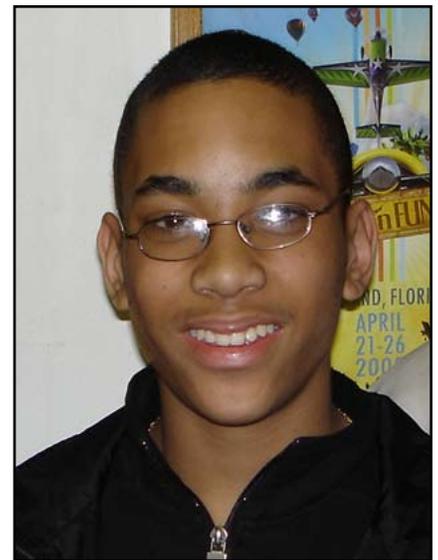
We are pleased to report that as a result of a scholarship from EAA headquarters and EAA Chapter 27 earned credits for 2008 Young Eagles flights we will be able to cover 100% of the cost for Isaiah Tiezzi to attend the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh this June.

Thirteen year old Isaiah has a dream to become a pilot some day and our Chapter is helping to reinforce that dream. Isaiah, his mother Laura and brother Griffin, learned of his confirmed trip to the Air Academy at our April Chapter meeting at the New England Air Museum. Obviously they were surprised and delighted with this information.

Thanks to the success of the "Gathering of Eagles" efforts in Oshkosh and a major donation, funds for the Young Eagles program have increased significantly. Each pilot will earn \$5 credit for the Chapter for each

Young Eagle flown. However each pilot must fly a minimum of 10 Young Eagles during the calendar year to qualify. We are pleased to report that our Chapter earned \$830 during 2008. All monies received under this program must be spent in support of our Young Eagles activities. We are asking that each EAA Chapter 27 pilot establish a personal goal of at least 10 Young Eagles for 2009.

What a sensational program our Young Eagles activities have become. We should all take pride in our contributions to the program.



ANOTHER TECH COUNSELOR

In March I received my paperwork and blessing from the EAA to be a tech counselor.

With a book outlining tech counselor conduct it appears that a tech counselor not only inspects building projects but needs to guide the builder through emotional times with the build (marriage and financial).

My background is in metal aircraft and I have experience in normally aspirated gasoline engines.

Hopefully with the talent we have in Chapter 27 and with our other tech counselors we can do a good job motivating and inspecting projects.

My goal is to head off problems before they become a safety hazard.

Give me a call at (860) 832-8661 and I will do my best to help you along

—Mike Zemsta

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MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2009

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:15am. Officers present: Jim Simmons, Bob Spaulding, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi

The meeting was held at Bradley Air Museum and there were 31 attending.

Recognition of Visitors: Jim introduced Isaiah Tiezzi, Griffin Tiezzi and their mom Laura Tiezzi. Isaiah will be attending the EAA Air Academy in June 2009.

Jim also recognized Stan Solecki. Stan is celebrating his 91st birthday, is a WWII veteran and is one of EAA Chapter 27's founders. Happy Birthday to you Stan, and our thanks for your service to your country and EAA.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1158.91

Bill also reported \$451 received in memory of Kevin Jones. Thank you Bill!

2009 Membership Dues are due so please send a check to Bill if you haven't done so already.

EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481

Technical Counselor Report—Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta, and Chuck Drake: Jim welcomed Chuck Drake as our newest Tech Counselor. Congratulations Chuck. Our Chapter now has 4 excellent counselors. Mark spoke briefly about Aviation Consumer as a resource and overhauling engines. I expect we will be hearing more on the subject in the future.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: Fran has purchased a Canon photo printer to replace the Polaroid.

Fran and Tony Vallilo made a presentation to 20 students at a career fair. We have

\$800+ in Young Eagle credits, and EAA will provide a scholarship for Isaiah and we are picking up the transportation.

Our next Young Eagle rallies;

- Saturday June 13, 2009
- October Saturday date TBD

We have 10 to 12 to fly for the Young Astronaut club, tentatively scheduled for May 30th. Waiting for a response with a final count.

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 is traveling to Oshkosh for a meeting and will give us an update and progress report at the next meeting. AirVenture will have a visit from the Airbus A-380 this year.

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) Due to rain, repaint of the airport name and frequency on the taxiway has been rescheduled for May 8th at 10am.

Spring Cleanup is not required this year.

Chapter Picnic—Mike Zemsta: The date of the Picnic will be Sunday September 20th and will also include an abbreviated membership meeting. Mike is also working on a trip to Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

Holiday Banquet—Maury Lisbon: As a reminder, the Hawthorne Restaurant was selected and the date is Saturday December 5th 2009.

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 Chapter 27 items

contact Dave.

The framing of the "Spirit of Meriden" has been resolved by Bob Spaulding.

New Business: Heather Woiciechowski has arranged the tour of the NY TRACON on May 2nd.

Heather also discussed having a fly-in at Meriden.

Rick Beebe noted the Founders Wing Project requested any old Chapter pictures, documents tools, charts, plans, patches etc. that may be displayed in the museum.

Seminar Presentation: Laura Hargreaves gave us an overview of her 747 flight simulator experience which was arranged by Dorothy Vallee.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:15 and members were then free to visit the Bradley Air Museum.

Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi

HINTS FOR HOMEBUILDERS ON DVD

I just read in my Tech Counselor monthly that EAA is offering DVD's of their popular "Hints for Homebuilders" videos. These are great for people with poor or nonexistent internet connections. The first one is on working with aluminum. More DVD's are expected in the future. The DVD's cost \$9.95 until Aug 1st. Then they go up to \$14.95.

You can order directly from the EAA at http://shop.eaa.org/html/multimedia_dvds_howto.html or by calling 800-564-6322 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central Time.

—Mark Scott

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you all know I generally try to keep my monthly letter upbeat and supportive of our activities and our membership. However this month I feel compelled to write to remind our members of the need for vigilance against the assaults on general aviation. More than ever, the privileges we have enjoyed for many years are consistently being attacked by bureaucrats and our politicians. While they personally enjoy the flexibility that general aviation provides every one of them, they seek to take actions to restrict us in every way.

We've seen repetitive efforts at implementing user fees. The most recent news is that they will not be imposed in 2010, but they are certainly on the table. In an FAA budget brief released by the Department of Transportation May 7, the Obama Administration calls for the air traffic control system to be paid for by user fees: "Starting in 2011, the budget assumes that the air traffic control system will be funded with direct charges levied on users of the system." The obvious effort is to wear down the opposition and implement fees sooner or later.

Under the guise of improved airport security (which I personally find redundant and ridiculous) the TSA has been doing their part to restrict the liberties of general aviation as well. The latest TSA security directive (1542-08F) is featured elsewhere in this newsletter. It most certainly is onerous upon airport management and seeks to further restrict the activities we all enjoy.

I urge every one of you to stay vigilant. Read the newspapers, read the aviation magazines, read aviation related internet updates on these issues. Join the efforts of the EAA and the AOPA when called upon. Write your senators and congressman and become an advocate for general aviation.

It's not too late. I strongly believe that if we don't attempt to fight this now, future generations of Americans will no longer have the ability to enjoy the wonders of general aviation. If not for yourself, think of it as you're doing this for the over 1.4 million "Young Eagles" we've all been working so hard to cultivate. I urge you please, let's not be the end of an era; let's be the protectors of the future.

—Jim Simmons



RHINEBECK AERODROME TRIP

Mike Zemsta is organizing a trip to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. Their season starts on June 14th and all shows begin at 2PM. Mike will be making arrangements beginning in JUNE. This will be a ride-share trip so if you can take a passenger or two in your car, please give him a call.

Mike Zemsta (860) 832-8661.

MMK TAXIWAY REPAINTING PROJECT RESCHEDULED.

Rain showers in our local forecast for the past two Fridays has caused the airport improvement project of repainting the airport name and CTAF on the taxiway to be rescheduled. We are now scheduled for the repainting at 10AM on Friday, May 15th. If you care to join us, just bring an old paint brush or roller. The city provides the paint and we provide the labor. We can always use another pair of hands. Rick Bernardi has volunteered to provide Neil's donuts for everyone assisting in the effort. We hope to see you there.

HOW MANY EAAer's DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

That's the question that was posed by Barbara McKinney, Office Manager at Meriden Aviation Services. The answer is five. During an impromptu gathering of members on Friday, May 8th the following EAA Chapter 27 members assisted Jim Simmons in replacing a defective windsock illumination lamp: Fran Uliano, Rick Bernardi, Bob Upson and Dave Pepe.

While they were there, they also assisted Jim in the repair of the light stanchion which illuminates our tetrahedron. A new windsock was recently installed so now you have no excuse for not knowing which way the wind blows. Good job guys.

FOUR TECHNICAL COUNSELORS!

With the most recent addition of Chuck Drake to the EAA Technical Counselor ranks, our chapter members have an excellent source of technical knowledge and advice available. I'm confident that the combined skills and experience of Dave Pepe, Mike Zemsta, Mark Scott, and now Chuck Drake, will help insure that all of our members projects are meeting the highest of construction standards and practices. Be sure to call upon these men whenever you have a question or could use some advice. They voluntarily became Technical Counselors to provide their assistance, so do not hesitate to call upon them.

On behalf of the EAA Chapter 27 membership, I offer our thanks to each of you for your valuable service to the aviation community.

—Jim Simmons

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

Corvair College

For anyone who might be looking for an inexpensive 100/120 HP, 240 lb. engine, the Corvair conversion might fill the bill.

Corvair College is 2 1/2 day seminar on May 22/24 in Lowell, MA; and it's FREE. Sponsors are Pramod Kotwal & Ken Pavlou of Chapter 106.

Info is available at www.aerovair.com/CC14.html and noted Corvair expert William Wynne of www.flycorvair.com will be there. Email any questions to corvaircollege14@gmail.com

(submitted by Allen Wiesner)



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

2009 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:

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(Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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

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

The most beautiful dream that has haunted the heart of man since Icarus is today reality.
— Louis Bleriot



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