



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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

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1000 Young Eagles and Counting!

During this past month Chapter 27 flew its one thousandth Young Eagle! What a great accomplishment! We can all take great pride in providing so many youngsters with their first flight experience. This was an especially difficult accomplishment for our chapter since our aim has always been to provide a "one on one" flight experience. The vast majority of these kids had the opportunity to actually fly the airplane themselves.

Since we started this program, we have had the continuous and unrelenting leadership of our Young Eagles Chairman, Fran Uliano. He has kept us focused and insured that we made steady annual progress towards this outstanding accomplishment. Many, many thanks, Fran. But this was also a team effort. Numerous pilots and even more ground support people have made this program a success. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Congratulations EAA Chapter 27—we did it!

—Jim Simmons



Young Eagle Chairman Fran Uliano with another satisfied customer.



It doesn't get any better than this!

2003 Holiday Celebration!

Our Holiday Banquet at the Hawthorne Inn is rapidly approaching and we have had a tremendous year. Let's take this time to celebrate the accomplishments of our chapter. I would like to personally invite you to join me, our chapter officers and their spouses in this fine annual tradition for EAA Chapter 27. Time is running out. We must provide a final headcount by Thursday, November 20th. Please contact treasurer Barbara Johnson with your

money and meal selections (see the back page for details). Barbara will be available at our next meeting on November 16th or you can reach her at:

9 Dillon Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525; Tel. No: (203) 393-3735 or via email at treasurer@eaa27.org.

Also please remember to bring a grab bag gift (approx. \$5 value) for each person attending. We look forward to seeing you all there!

November, 2003

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Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2003

President Jim Simmons opened the meeting at 10:00. All officers were present: Jim, Steve, Barb, Dave and Rick.

In Attendance: George Anderson, Herb Bullock, Harry Carl, Stan Chaffin, Don Davidson, Carl Eaton, Chas Enz, Don Green, Joan Hall, Bill Jagoda, Chris Kohler, Maury Libson, Jim Maher, Ray Morgan, Mike Okrent, Rick Reavely, Fran Uliano, Steve Fraas, Stan Solecki, Don Turecek, Earle Stetson, Vern Carlson, Max Lopez and others who didn't sign the attendance sheet.

Visitors: Dick Deichman, a founder of EAA Chapter 27, gave a personal retrospective on the activities of the early days of Chapter 27, and Stan Solecki filled in any gaps in Dick's memory. Chapter 27 goes back into the 60's and by virtue of the low chapter number you can infer it was among the very first.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Johnson reports a balance of \$3238.89 before income and expenses, with a finishing balance of \$2945.99

Technical Counselor's Report: There was no tech report as such. I finally flew my RV-6, N842DP, on Saturday, November 1, and again on Sunday, November 2 after instruction from Joe Gauthier and Howard Rocklen. That the EAA is actually a support network to help people like me build and fly experimental aircraft was borne out by my first flights.

Experienced in Ultralights? If you are, please see Jim Simmons, as there are people who could benefit from that experience...

Young Eagles Report: Fran Uliano reports that we flew 42 kids on October 18, 2003. The total for the year was 97, and the grand total to date is 997 kids flown. We are so close to

our goal of 105 kids for this year and 1000 total. This was a very gratifying experience for me as it was the first time I had participated as a pilot. There will be more kids flown this year and we're trying for another rally November 8.

Website and Newsletter: We are looking for project info and pix for the member projects section of the chapter website. Please see Rick Beebe to accomplish this. We all want to see what our members are doing in this area.

Holiday party is coming up December 7, 2003. The membership voted to invite Joe and Carol Gauthier and the MMK personnel as a thank-you for their help to the chapter. The cost will be \$30 per person, and the party will be held at the Hawthorne Inn on the Berlin Turnpike. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Golf Shirts: As agreed at the last meeting, I have talked to Max Lopez and we agreed to get the shirts with the Chapter logo from Three Brothers in Milford, because of the quality and low setup costs. The membership can vote aye or nay on this at the next meeting.

50/50 raffle not done. I guess we need to get the tickets to a convenient accessible place.

Seminar: Jim Simmons showed us a great type of heat-resistant materials from the NASCAR circuit that has obvious application in experimental aircraft. See www.virtualinnovations.com. We then adjourned to the maintenance hangar where Jim gave a show-and-tell on his marvelous GP-4 two seat aircraft. He will soon finish the assembly and be ready for test flying. I understand that Jim had 3 hours of flying in a GP-4 recently.

—submitted by Dave Pepe, Secretary

Congratulations Barb!

Our heartiest congratulations go out to our esteemed treasurer, Barb Johnson, who earned her Airframe license last month. Way to go Barb!

Dues coming due

While you're planning for your holiday expenses, don't forget that the Chapter 27 dues for 2004 will be due in January.

Farewell, Concorde

This month marks the end of the Concorde SST as a flying aircraft. Commercial service has already ceased and all that's left are ferry flights to museums. Three of the supersonic transports are ending up in the United States—at the National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy annex at Dulles, at the Intrepid in New York City and at the Seattle Museum of Flight. The last-ever Concorde flight will take place on November 26 and is a short hop from London's Heathrow to Filton, the factory where all the British Airways Concorde were assembled. For a great collection of Concorde photos and historical information check out the website at <http://www.concordesst.com/>



Four British Airways Concorde fly in close formation to celebrate 10 years of commercial operation on Christmas Eve, 1986

Do we have your number?

Have you been getting your newsletter? Moved recently? Make sure that we have your correct address information. Obviously one way to make sure your information stays current is to fill out the form on the back of this newsletter when you renew your membership. At any other time, send any change of address information to our Membership Coordinator, Mike Okrent, 11 Prince Dr., Bethany, CT 06524 or via email at membership@eaa27.org. Mike usually brings a current copy of the roster to the meetings so you can verify your information in person. Finally, if you have an email address be sure to include that. We are considering setting up an email list so you can get important announcements outside the meetings.

Letter from the President

November, 2003

November is election time and our chapter is no exception. We have had a fine year with the 2003 slate of officers and I know that I can speak for them all and say that we are extremely proud of this chapter and its accomplishments during 2003. Due to personal commitments Steve Socolosky will not be able to continue as vice president for 2004. I wish to thank him for all of his support of our chapter during his tenure as vice president. Our slate of officers for 2004 are as follows:

- Jim Simmons – President
- Max Lopez – Vice president
- Dave Pepe - Secretary
- Barbara Johnson - Treasurer

If any members have an interest in becoming an officer in our chapter, I urge you to contact me as soon as possible so that we can discuss the possibilities.

One thousand Young Eagles! Can you believe it? I hope that you feel as proud of our members as I do. Congratulations to each and every one of you who supported this fine program. I know that EAA HQ is

seeking ways to keep this fine program going. I also know that we'll all be looking forward to continuing our participation in such a worthy effort.

Congratulations to our Secretary, Dave Pepe, on recently soloing his RV6. I know how great it feels and it was easy to see the joy in Dave's expression upon informing me of his accomplishment. Dave, we wish you many successful hours of flying pleasure in your new bird.

The windsock backdrop area has been completed and we are currently awaiting the electrician's installation of the proper lighting for the windsock and the tetrahedron. If you are out flying over Meriden, just a casual glance down, and you will not be able to miss the Day-Glo tetrahedron. Thanks again to all members for their time and effort with these worthy airport improvement projects.

Our Holiday Banquet is coming up and I urge you to make your reservations now. The November 20th deadline is rapidly approaching. Please contact Barbara Johnson with your meal selections. This event is always fun for all who attend and I urge you to give it a try. See you all at our November meeting.

—Jim Simmons

November Seminar

Vans RV-9A builder Gary Newsted has agreed to fly down from New Hampshire, pending weather, to our November meeting. Gary has

built a rather unique and special RV-9A powered by an Eggenfellner Subaru liquid cooled, not water. Note I said liquid cooled, not water. It also has a glass panel the centerpiece of which is a Blue Mountain EFIS. You can see more about this project at: http://www.jlc.net/~fcs/Builders_Journal.htm.



Check it out and bring your questions.

Gary built this aircraft in a two car garage, in New Hampshire, mostly during the wee hours

of the morning over a period of three years. Gary was the primary designer and driving force in the generation

of the installation and wiring guide for the Eggenfellner Subaru engine. He was also one of the first buyers of the Blue Mountain EFIS and had to do quite a bit of innovating to get it to work right. He has an A&E in addition to his private license. He flew off his 40 hours in just under 3 weeks, and then flew to AirVenture 2003 in Oshkosh.

If Gary is unable to fly into MMK for our November meeting, Steve Socolosky will present from AOPA's "Seminar in a Box,"

which addresses various aspects of general aviation safety and always sparks very helpful discussion.

—Mike Okrent



The Eggenfellner Subaru 2.5L "e-motor" in Gary Newsted's Vans RV-9A

Holiday Party!

This year's Holiday Party will be held in the Sherwood Room at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT on Sunday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 to 6:00 followed by dinner at 6:00. The price is \$30 per person, tax and tip included.

The dinner will include soup du jour, salad, an entree, dessert and coffee. With the salad you'll have the choice of Zinfandel Vinaigrette or Parmesan

Peppercorn dressing. Our entree choices are Chicken Valencia, Sole Florentine; or Sirloin Tips. There will be roast potato and vegetable du jour (wasn't there du jour in the soup too?). Dessert will be Chocolate Mousse Cake.

Signup has to be by November 20, so contact Barb Johnson soon! Thanks to Barb Johnson and Maury Libson for making these arrangements.

Intoxication:
Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

The deadline for submission of materials for the January newsletter is January 6, 2004.

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 _____

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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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