



Experimental Aircraft Association

# Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, November 18, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

November, 2007

## Young Eagle Rally Volunteers



Carl and Lorraine Eaton brought these snappy "AirVenture Volunteer" shirts for the crew at our Fall Young Eagles Rally, held October 20. L-R, front row: Dave Pepe, Betty Simmons, Rick Bernardi, Barbara Uliano, Lorraine Eaton, Carl Eaton. Back row: Jim Simmons, Mike Zemsta, Rick Beebe, George Anderson, Chris Kohler, Fran Uliano. Not shown, Maury Libson. We flew 19 Young Eagles.

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As is customary in November, we will hold our election of officers for the upcoming year. I am pleased to report that the 2007 officers have agreed to return for another year and will be our candidates for 2008. I haven't found the answer to recruiting new blood into the officer ranks but it will be a priority for 2008.

We are rapidly approaching our Holiday Banquet on December

9th at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. This event has grown steadily into our best attended event of the year. Don't forget to bring your grab bag gifts - they're always sure to produce some fun times. Betty and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Hoping to see you all at our November meeting at MMK where Rick Bernardi will show off some of the new features of the *free* Golden Eagle Flight Planner.

—Jim Simmons

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## MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2007

**Leader, bandits at 2 o'clock!**

**Roger, it's only 1:30 now—what'll I do 'til then?**

**—The Bill Waterson comic character Calvin, of 'Calvin and Hobbes.'**

**Man must rise above the Earth—to the top of the atmosphere and beyond—for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.**

**—Socrates**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:00. All officers and 35 members present. Visitors included Ralph Colavolpe.

Rick Bernardi reports Stan Solecki is recuperating in Wallingford at Brook Hollow Rehabilitation Center after having three stents put in.

Recognition of Carl Eaton: Carl received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from FAAST program manager, Jim Adams. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes the efforts of pilots who have followed and continue to follow the precaution and awareness of safe operations. Most of all, FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft. Carl also has achieved Phase 24 of the WINGS program. Congratulations Carl!

**Treasurer**—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$540.70. Thank you, Bill!

**Technical Counselor**—Dave Pepe: Dave reported that Mike Zemsta hopes to have his RV-10 to the airport before year's end. Jim Pepe is riveting skins to his fuselage. Dave also spoke about the annual on his own RV-6 and mentioned how each year he adds new checks.

**Young Eagles**—Fran Uliano: We flew 16 Young Eagles on Saturday, October 13 and 19 more on Saturday, October 20 giving us 79 Young Eagles to date. Thank you to our ground crew: Barbara Uliano, Betty Simmons, Chris Kohler and Maury Libson. Thanks also to our pilots: Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe, Jim Simmons, Fran Uliano, Dave Pepe and Mike Zemsta.

**Airport Improvement Projects:** We are waiting for the Day-Glo paint (provided by the city) for the tetrahedron. The Compass Rose has been repainted by the city.

**Holiday Banquet:** Sunday, December 9th at The Hawthorne Inn. Forms will be sent out.

**Old Business:** Hangars are being marked out on the ground.

**New Business:** Jim announced that it's time to nominate officers for 2008. If you would like to nominate someone or run, contact Jim.

There was a brief discussion concerning the new, 406MHz ELT because of the satellite supported 121.5 MHz ELT which will go out of service on February 1, 2009. The NTSB recommends using the new ELT.

EAA 2008 calendars are available @ 8.00 each.

New IFR charts will include GPS routes, organized by routing, new issuance by Oct. 25.

Chuck Drake informed the membership that he could arrange a tour of the Sikorsky plant. It was agreed to pursue the possibility.

**Seminar Presentation:** Jim Simmons presented a seminar on airport signage and markings especially since runway incursions continue to be a very serious and usually preventable safety issue which the FAA has made a high priority in the last few years.

Bob Spaulding also conducted a presentation on the Deltahawk Diesel Engine which is designed for general aviation applications and was first run in 1997. <http://www.deltahawkengines.com/>

Respectfully submitted—*Steve Socolosky*

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The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is January 8, 2008.



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