



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News



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

November 2008

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PILOTS

Most of you are aware of Laura Hargreaves, a very special 14 year old Young Eagles participant from our Chapter. She is very interested in pursuing an aviation related career. She has participated in Young Eagles flights during the past two years and attended the Air Academy at Oshkosh this past summer. Additionally she has volunteered in support of our past two Young Eagles rallies.

During our October meeting we discussed and approved the suggestion that we provide Laura Hargreaves the opportunity to fly in as many Chapter member aircraft as possible. I am requesting that each pilot consider offering Laura a flight in your aircraft. She and her parents will be attending



Laura Hargreaves flying the flight simulator that Allen Wattenmaker of HotSeat, Inc. brought to our March 2008 meeting.

our Holiday Banquet and I plan to present her with the list of names of pilots offering her a ride at the banquet. The concept is that at some point in the future she will contact you and arrange a convenient time to meet with you for a flight.

If you would like to offer Laura a flight in your aircraft, please contact me and let me know that you wish to participate. I'll compile the list for presentation to her at the banquet.

Please join me in making this a special opportunity for Laura to experience as many different aircraft and pilot experiences as possible.

Jim Simmons

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YOUNG EAGLES TAKE FLIGHT!



We're finishing up a very successful year of Young Eagle flights here in Chapter 27. The national program of the EAA has flown 1,430,349 Young Eagles to date and our Chapter has flown 1505.

This year we flew 146 Young Eagles: 63 during our Spring rally on June 14th, and another 56 at the Fall rally on October 4th. Another 27 were flown at other times during the year.

The pilots that flew Young Eagles this year were: Bill Jagoda, David Pepe, Fran Uliano, Jim Simmons, Rick Beebe, Rick Bernardi, Robert Aiksnoras, Stephen Socolosky, and Tony Villilo.

The ground support for our events were: Rick Merrill, Chris Kohler, Mike Zemsta, Maury Libson, Barbara Uliano, Betty Simmons, Laura Hargreaves, Don Turecek, and Laura Sioholm. Thanks to everyone!

— Fran Uliano, Chapter 27 Young Eagles Coordinator

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PLEASE COMMENT ON ONEROUS TSA PROPOSALS

EAA is asking its members and the general aviation community to follow its lead in requesting an extension of the period during which citizens may comment on sweeping regulatory changes being proposed by the Transportation Security Administration. The TSA's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) would place numerous requirements on the operation of all aircraft exceeding 12,500 pounds.

The current deadline is December 29, 2008. Last week EAA submitted a formal request urging TSA not only to extend the comment period until March 31, 2009, but also to schedule public hearings to examine the potential effects of LASP on owners and operators of personal and recreational aircraft. See comment instructions.

Now EAA is encouraging members to follow suit.

"The TSA's proposal would create a major shift in the role of the federal government regarding the freedom of movement for private U.S. citizens," EAA's request read. "It would, for the first time, require governmental review and authority before a person could operate his/her own personal transportation conveyance. This significant intrusion into the lives of ordinary citizens and vast expansion of governmental authority must not be entered into lightly."

Requirements contained in the proposal include fingerprinting and performing background checks on all flight crews, vetting passengers against the government's terrorist watch lists prior to every flight, and imposing numerous security requirements on airports serving "large" aircraft.

"Such a significant shift that allows the government to review and approve the explicit rights of its citizens to assemble and the implicit right to their freedom of movement pose potentially substantial Constitutional rights issues and significant cost burdens," EAA's request stated.

Accordingly, EAA encourages like-minded aviation enthusiasts to request an extension of the public comment period. Additional time is required to study this comprehensive rulemaking proposal and its potential ramifications in the following areas:

- It could significantly curtail or eliminate numerous historic aircraft operations that bring valuable inspirational, educational, and entertainment benefits to society.
- It threatens to undermine fundamental liberties and privileges of U.S. citizens.
- It could represent only a first step in a broader security policy that would risk suffocating the nation's valuable general-aviation activities.

- It could represent misappropriated attention and focus in our nation's efforts to enhance security, applying disproportionately vast resources and onerous restrictions to a comparatively limited area of risk.

How to submit a comment:

To request an extension of the public comment period, refer to Docket No. TSA-2008-0021, "Large Aircraft Security Program, Other Aircraft Operator Security Program, and Airport Operator Security Program."

- By Mail, In Person or Fax to the Docket Management Facility, US Dept. of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington DC 20590-0001. Fax 202-493-2251.
- Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking portal at www.Regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

To follow all the public comments to the TSA security proposal, visit the docket site located on www.Regulations.gov.

FIRST SOLO!



At approximately 19:00 Z, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at Boire Field (KASH), New Hampshire, Cullen Slocum broke the surely bonds of earth, SOLO, in a Cessna 172! Cullen is attending Daniel Webster College and is a former Chapter 27 Young Eagle! Congratulations Cullen!

EAA CHAPTER 27

HOLIDAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

HAWTHORNE, INN, BERLIN, CT

4:30 - 5:30 PM - HOSPITALITY HOUR, CASH BAR

5:30 PM - DINNER SERVED

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another successful year for EAA Chapter 27 is winding down. All of our planned activities have been completed and we can pride ourselves upon sharing the joy and camaraderie of the aviation community with many members, friends and Young Eagles. I would like to personally thank everyone who has volunteered their time and energy in the support of our Chapter. And I find the best way to do this is at our annual Holiday Banquet. I would like to invite each and every one of you to come and join us for this year's party. If you haven't joined us in the past, I urge you to give us a try. We always enjoy a fine evening of dining and fun. The Hawthorne Inn has been providing us with excellent meals and pleasant accommodations for many years. Be sure to note that this year's banquet will be held on Saturday evening, December 6th. In previous years we have been meeting on Sunday evening. Betty and I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's banquet.

Hoping you and your family enjoy a very Happy Thanksgiving.

—Jim Simmons

FAA RE-OPENS 51% RULE COMMENT PERIOD

The FAA has extended the response period to their Proposed 51% Rule Policy Changes until December 15, 2008. This extension is due to an administrative error on their part and it gives you one more opportunity to be heard on this very important topic. If you have not already personally responded, EAA headquarters urges you to please consider making your opinion known.

MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 10:03 by President Jim Simmons. Vice President Bob Spaulding and Treasurer Bill Jagoda present. Secretary Steve Socolosky absent. Rick Beebe filled in as secretary. There were 14 members present—including officers—and no visitors.

Treasurer Report—Bill Jagoda: Our treasury has a balance \$906.47 at the end of August.

Tech Counselor—Dave Pepe was absent but Mike Zemsta reports that his plane is flying and has 7 hours on it. He has to have 40 hours of test flying. There was a discussion about insurance. His insurance company wants him to have 5 hours in the same kind of plane which leads to a problem—there aren't any others nearby that he could fly.

Mike also saw Jim Pepe's plane. He has the fuselage kit mostly assembled. Mike offered some motivational assistance.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano: Jim offered congratulations because Fran has now passed the 300 Young Eagle mark. Fran showed off the YE jacket he received from HQ.

Our Fall Young Eagles rally is Saturday, October 4. He passed out some posters. Chris Kohler is putting an ad in the paper for 2 weeks before the rally. It's not clear if the paving project will be finished. If not, we'll move the operation to Bill Jagoda's hanger. As usual, the rally is 9-3. Rain date is October 5.

Steve flew 2 kids last month. We're up to 84 this year. Total now stands at 1438.

Jim reports that last month we talked about a plan to give AirVenture admission to kids who become a Young Eagle. He reports a cool reception from HQ on the idea. Rick Beebe is going to bring it to the Board events committee.

Jim would like to invite Laura Hargreaves and her family to our Holiday Party and perhaps give her a certificate good for flights with other Chapter pilots. The idea was met with approval.

Picnic—Mike Zemsta: The picnic is October 19. Mike is looking for volunteers. Chris Kohler is bringing his grills and will cook. Steve Socolosky has also volunteered to cook. There followed a discussion about places to get ice and other setup logistics.

Holiday Party—Maury Libson: We're still on schedule. Jim asked for the menu in the next few weeks so we can advertise.

Old Business: The MMK hangers are still dragging on...slowly. Negotiations with Meriden over the lease terms have stalled somewhat. No hangers before Spring.

51% rule: All members are encouraged to send a letter or email to the FAA encouraging them NOT to change the 51% rule. There's more information on the EAA web site. The public comment period ends September 30.

Officer elections are coming up in November. As always, looking for volunteers willing to be elected to the board.

Membership list: Mike Okrent updated the projects on the membership list. If you have changes or updates to your project please send them to Mike.

We decided to skip the seminar so that people could make their way to the Simsbury fly-in. Bob Spaulding was going to talk about Stewart Systems paint—a waterborne polyurethane—and pros and cons of different aircraft covering systems. He will present it at a later meeting. Mark Scott will be the presenter at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

—Rick Beebe

I never liked riding in helicopters because there's a fair probability that the bottom part will get going around as fast as the top part.
— Lt. Col. John Wittenborn, USAFR.

Glide Distance:
Half the distance from the airplane to the nearest emergency landing field.



AIRVENTURE SITE CONSTRUCTION

Construction has started on the AirVenture site enhancements with the installation of the new roads you can see here. The main entrance will be located at the bottom of the "V". The brown area to the right is the new home of the Fly Market, right next to the campground. Also planned is a new shower building and the refurbishment of four of the existing buildings (with flush toilets!); all to be done before the next AirVenture.

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

2009 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
(Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Receive Newsletter via: Email Paper

EAA Membership No: _____ Expiration date: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

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

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



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