



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, November 20, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

November 2011

More Young Eagles!

On October 23, we flew members of a church youth group from Middletown. As usual, the kids and pilots alike had a great time. We're still short of our goal of flying 100 kids this year — mostly because of weather — but Fran Uliano and Rich Merrill are trying mightily.

These photos were taken by Lauren DuBois and are also available, along with many others, on our Chapter Facebook page.



Clockwise from top left: Rob Aiksnoras (L); Mark Scott; Bill Jagoda's Cessna; Fran Uliano (R, back to us) conducts a pre-flight ground school; Chris Kohler, ground chief

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October Meeting Minutes

16 October, 2011

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Spaulding at 10 AM. Officers present were Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, and Bill Jagoda. Charlie Enz served as interim Secretary following Rick Bernardi's departure. There were 28 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Jagoda reported that the current checking account balance is \$1529.30. Dues for those still delinquent for 2011 and 2012 are being accepted. Please pay you're dues if you're behind.

Commissioner's Report—Dave Pepe: The contractual relationship between the City of Meriden and the FBO continues to deteriorate. Most likely, the contract will be terminated and FBO evicted in the near future.

Technical Counselor's Report: The use of LED landing lights was discussed. The continued disagreement between Lightsquared project and the aviation GPS community regarding potential interference continues with no apparent solution in sight.

Website, Newsletter and HQ Director—Rick Beebe: The EAA Board meeting will take place in two weeks. The EAA and AOPA are forging a closer working relationship to deal with the various issues confronting General Aviation.

If you have any pictures or articles for the newsletter, please pass them along to Rick.

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Rick Merrill: The make-up rally held on 8 Oct resulted in 17 being flown. That makes 66 the total flown this year thus far and brings the total flown in all years to 1916.

Jim Simmons has passed 300 Young Eagles flown...great job, Jim!

Chapter Bulletin Board—Chris Kohler: If you have some new pictures taken at Chapter events or perhaps project updates, please send them on to Chris so he may post them.

Airport Improvement: This is a "to be determined", particularly in light of the ongoing uncertainty regarding the FBO.

2011 Events:

- Boy Scout merit badge training on Saturday 10/22, 10/29, and 11/5 at MMK. This will be for a smaller number of Scouts this year.
- Holiday Dinner—Saturday, Dec 10th at the Villa Capri in Wallingford. Please bring your checkbook to the Nov 20th meeting.

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EAA Chapter 27 Holiday Party

December 10th, 2011

Villa Capri

906 North Colony Rd (Rte 5)
Wallingford, CT 06492

- Cash bar opens at 4:30 PM, complimentary cheese platter
- Dinner at 5:30
- Please bring a grab bag gift (one gift per person, \$5 to \$10)
- Menu: Full course dinner—Entrées (selections below), minestrone soup, Villa Capri garden salad, mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, bread basket, peach melba ice cream, coffee, tea
 - Roast Prime Rib of Beef—\$39
 - Chicken Breast Piccata sautéed with lemon, butter, and capers—\$33
 - Baked Atlantic Salmon Filet with lemon dill sauce—\$33

RSVP required!
See form on page 4

Letter from the President

With autumn upon us (or dare I say winter, given the calamity of the Great Snow of October 2011!) we come to the beginning of the end of another successful year as an EAA Chapter with a great history and a bright future. 2011 marked our 55th year of continuous operation, thanks to a lot of dedicated folks along the way. Our membership is the largest of all of the Connecticut EAA Chapters, although by just a small margin, and we will continue to be a “going concern.” Yet November always seems to provoke within me a few moments of reflection about the year shortly coming to a close. No doubt the upcoming holidays provides for some of that stimulus, at least on a personal note...and penning these words for the final 2011 newsletter adds to the emphasis.

We’ve said goodbye to some old friends: Heather Woiciechowski and Rick Bernardi, and we’ve said hello to newcomers who have sat in on a monthly meeting or two, to the many parents who have entrusted their children to our Young Eagles pilots, and to folks stopping by the airport and chatting just to satisfy a curiosity about getting into flying. We’ve talked it up with transient pilots who, attracted by the aircraft on the flight line which are owned (and in many cases built) by our members, want to look the machines over and compare notes as we check out their ships. And perhaps our monthly meetings, although having the obligatory business session and seminar, provide their greatest benefit by offering a chance for members and visitors alike to schmooze about our common interests. At the risk of waxing philosophical, it’s the people connection that provides the energy that keeps our organization going. We’ve all elected to make aviation a part of our life’s journeys and as many others have said, it’s the path taken that’s important, not the destination. I’m thankful that many have chosen Chapter 27 to be along that path.

Kudos to our Young Eagles coordinators Fran Uliano, Rich Merrill, and all of the folks who made the make-up YE rally last October 8th a success. This has not been the easiest year to hold YE events as the weather has more often than not forced a cancellation. But perseverance won out and the job got done. Likewise, many thanks go to Mark Scott and helpers for running the Boy Scout aviation merit badge training program. Although the number of Boy Scouts participating this year was significantly smaller than last, it was nonetheless successful. And the small scale, home-built wind tunnel (constructed by Mark) was absolutely brilliant. The Scouts and instructors had

a “blast” playing with airfoils and angle of attack, making for a superb demonstration of how wings generate lift.

The City of Meriden and the FBO (Meriden Aviators) continue to have a difference of opinion with respect to fulfilling the terms of the contract. Unofficially, that contract will be terminated and most likely that action will be completed by the time you are reading this. Details of a transition to an interim manager are not known at present. Needless to say, we are essentially back to where we were in 2010 with the departure of Meriden Aviation Services and expect that, once again, the operation of Meriden Airport will go out for competitive bid. More to follow, I’m sure, as this situation unfolds.

Let me end this note by making an unabashed plug for our closing event of the year, the Chapter 27 Holiday Party on December 10th. We’ll be at a new venue this year, the Villa Capri in Wallingford, CT. Many thanks go to Maury Libson for making all of the arrangements with this fine restaurant. See the details on page 2 and the RSVP form on the back page. Please send in your attendance form and dinner selections, with payment, to Bill Jagoda or see him at the upcoming meeting. This is a perennial favorite, don’t miss it!

See you at the Nov 20th meeting...and at the party!

Stay safe,

—Bob



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New Business:

- A reminder to all that election of next year’s officers will take place during next month’s meeting. We are still seeking a volunteer to be Chapter Secretary.
- We celebrated Isaiah Tiezzi’s 16th birthday...Happy Birthday, Isaiah!
- Bob briefed the EAA dinner with Rod Hightower hosted by UTC’s Eileen Drake at Pratt-Whitney. This dinner further highlighted the continuing close cooperation between the EAA and our sister General Aviation (GA) organizations.

Seminar: Jim Simmons gave a great presentation on his experiences getting started in competitive aerobatics at the sportsman level.

Respectfully submitted—Charlie Enz

Experience is the knowledge that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

No one can realize how substantial the air is, until he feels its supporting power beneath him. It inspires confidence at once. —Otto Lilienthal

Holiday Party RSVP

Please fill out and bring to the 20 November meeting or mail to:
 Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Rd., Rockfall, CT 06481 or call 860-349-9901
 Make check payable to: EAA Chapter 27

Name: _____

Entrée selections: Prime rib _____ x \$39 = _____

Chicken _____ x \$33 = _____

Salmon _____ x \$33 = _____

Total: _____

(tax and tip included in price)

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is January 8, 2012

2011 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*)

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