

# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

November  
2015

## Letter from the President:

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We are shortly upon some important seasonal events. First, at our next meeting will be the annual election of chapter officers for the coming year. I will be stepping down and Mark Scott and Steve Fraas have been campaigning hard to become the next Chapter President and Vice President respectively. Rick Beebe and Bill Jagoda have offered to serve once again as Secretary and Treasurer. All we need is a vote to make things official. So, please stop by the FBO next Sunday morning, enjoy the coffee and doughnuts, and take advantage of the virtually immediate report of the election results.

In lieu of having a traditional monthly meeting in December, we're going to continue with something we started last year. On Sunday, December 13th, we'll have a holiday open house with the FBO and perhaps our fellow airport tenant organizations. This will be strictly a social (and potluck food!) event. Details are being finalized and I'll have more to say at the meeting.

Our annual Holiday Party is booked...we'll be a Villa Capri on Saturday, Jan. 9th from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. As in the past, this will be a sit-down dinner (prime rib, chicken, and salmon are the entrees). And we'll also be having our grab-bag for gift exchange. Stay tuned for the flyer with more details and save the date!

See you at the next meeting.

Stay safe,

Bob



**Next meeting:  
Sunday,  
November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Michael McCann will be speaking about his Airventure experience. Then there will be an update on the latest in avionics by Rob McGuire.**

**Meeting will be held at Meriden Markham Airport at 10am**

## Chapter 27 Teens to Flight project update:

Quite a bit of progress has been made so far! Come out to check out the plane and meet the kids after the next meeting.

Pictured below: Cathy the master riveter.



## Meeting Minutes:

*August 16, 2014*

President Bob Spaulding started the meeting at 10:00am. Officers present were President Bob Spaulding, vice president Mark Scott, Treasurer Bill Jagoda and Secretary Rick Beebe. There were 18 attendees.

Approval of by-laws. In order to complete the process of becoming a 501(c)(3) we need to make a minor change to the by-laws which gives a stated purpose for the organization. Rick has set up a voting system on the web site. An email will be sent out with instructions.

Nomination of officers. Next month is our annual election of officers. The proposed slate has Mark Scott as president, Steve Fraas as vice president, Bill Jagoda as treasurer and Rick Beebe as secretary.

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Meetings are the  
3rd Sunday of the  
month at 10am at  
Meriden Markham  
Airport

Fran Uliano will be stepping down as our Young Eagles coordinator at the end of this year. Brian Retechene will be taking over as Young Eagle coordinator. Rich Merrill will remain as co-coordinator. Lauren DuBois is stepping down as newsletter editor after the November issue. We are searching for a replacement. If you want to volunteer please contact one of the officers.

Teens to flight: Mark Scott gave an update on the plane build. The kid's building skills are improving dramatically. He gave two tech tips. File the edge off a file so that you can file close to a corner without marring the adjoining piece. He also showed a deburring tool that makes it easy to debur the long edge of a piece. The veridical stabilizer and rudder are done. They're starting on the fuselage (empennage section). There are currently six youngsters working on the project. Two are graphic arts students and they'll be designing a logo and making t-shirts to sell as a fund-raiser. We received a \$500 gift card from Aircraft Spruce. Rich Merrill and his wife are making a quilt to raffle off. There would be roughly \$200 expense and most handmade quilts sell for about \$1200. We voted to contribute the \$200 to the project.

The materials for the new MMK hangers have arrived. The assemblers will be here in a couple weeks.

The trees at the south end have been taken down finally and that means the PAPI lights can be turned back on. They've been off so long that they may need to be re-certified.

Young Eagles: We had a young eagles rally yesterday. We flew 28 kids. 29 signed up but one had to leave and will be rescheduled. Steve Socolosky and Bob Spaulding also flew one each for a total of 31. We've only flown 56 this year which is well under our goal of 100. Grand total is 2261. At the MMK open house last weekend we had 31 kids who had signed up but only 10 showed up yesterday. Fran will be reaching out to the others. He read a list of the pilots who have flown kids and who need more to reach the 10 each for EAA Air Academy credits. The rally went well. The weather was a little bumpy but not bad. The stream of kids was steady through the whole day.

Steve Socolosky talked about the new Aviation and Aeronautical Engineering magnet school. There are 800 students, grade 6-12 and they're all obviously interested in flying. He has talked to Jet Aviation Center at Brainard and the owner there is interested in helping the logistics of a Young Eagle rally. Steve will set up a date and Fran will arrange pilots.

In lieu of a December meeting we'll have a holiday get together with the FBO and CAP and other airport parties. Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 13. Our own holiday party is January 9 at Villa Capri.

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Bill Jagoda will be ordering EAA calendars for next year.

Seminar: Jim Adams from the FAA FSDO gave a presentation and showed a video about operations at non-towered airports. It was quite informative. Attendees also received Wings credits. Thanks Jim!

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Anyone wishing to send in their 2015 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it to EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481  
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Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

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## 2015 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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