



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, October 16, 2005, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden

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## Letter From The President

You can read Fran's article about our Fall Young Eagles Rally at MMK. The event was blessed by beautiful weather and the good news is that those youngsters that participated enjoyed some wonderful flights. The bad news is that, for a good part of the day, we had pilots and planes waiting around for participants and as a result, we are short of our YE goal for 2005. We need the help of every pilot in our chapter to take some kids up for a Young Eagles ride. You do not need to wait for a rally to continue to participate in this fine program. Please try to seek out youngsters and spread the joy of flying. If you do fly some Young Eagles, be sure to notify Fran Uliano so that the Chapter gets credit.

During the rally, the fine people from "Discovery Flight" donated a flight in one of their T-6's to our chapter for use as we saw fit. Given the short notice and the need to select a participant within 10 days, the members present at our Young Eagles Rally unanimously approved the idea to give the ride to Fran Uliano. Fran has been our Young Eagles Chairman since the program began. No one has done more for the program than Fran and as a result he was deemed worthy of this gift. We anxiously look forward to learning about Fran's flight experience in the T-6.

As you'll read elsewhere in our newsletter, we are nearing the time for planning to attend our Holiday Banquet. Once again we will be holding

## Young Eagles Rally



Jim Simmons and Jenny Kaminski after her first biplane flight

On Saturday, October 1, Chapter 27 had its Fall Young Eagles rally. It was a beautiful sunny day with light winds—you couldn't have asked for a better flying day. Unfortunately, attendance was a bit light, though we were privileged to fly 16 youngsters, some of who just happened to be there because one of their parents had come for a T-6 ride from "Discovery Flight." We gave many flyers about Young Eagles to Moms and Dads

for future rides for their youngsters. To date I have received calls to fly 5 more. They wanted to go up this weekend, Oct 8 or 9 but as of now, it looks like rain for the next week. This year's total is 60 Young Eagles flown. Total flown by Chapter 27 is 1128. Let's keep the ball rolling and see if we can fly 100 by the end of the year. Many thanks to the pilots and ground crew for their help.

—Fran Uliano

the event at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. This year we have added the option to upgrade your meal choice to include Prime Rib of Beef. Prime Rib has been a specialty of the Hawthorne Inn for many years and our members have requested this choice. Our banquet has continued to grow from year to year and as a result we have expanded into a larger room to accommodate our group. This year, we anticipate over 60 attendees. So please help us with our planning by making your reservations early. Bill Jagoda, our treasurer, is now accepting pay-

ments. If you have never attended our banquet before, I encourage you to give it a try this year. I usually receive plenty of positive feedback from this event and I hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, we are nearing the elections of officers for next year. Anyone interested in offering your time to assist should contact me concerning your availability. I remain convinced that new officers bring new ideas and result in improved chapter performance.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October 16th meeting.

— Jim Simmons

## Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2005

The September meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the President, Jim Simmons. All Officers were present.

A total of twenty-five members were present. No new visitors.

**Treasurer's Report** (Bill Jagoda): Bill reported income and expenditures for the past month. The current general fund balance is \$1,458.86. Checks/cash received for the Mattituck Trip were returned or will be mailed.

**Technical Counselor's Report** (Dave Pepe): The Secretary read a report submitted by Dave Pepe and pictures of various projects were passed around the room.

**Bulletin Board** (Chris Kohler): Chris displayed some very nice pictures from recent Young Eagles Days. Jim Maher provided for exhibit, pictures from the Oshkosh Memorial ceremony, which honored Chapter 27 members Herb Bullock and Bob Burk, among others.

**Chapter Membership** (Mike Okrent): Mike provided the group with an updated membership list; if you have any changes that need to be made, please contact Mike.

**Website** (Rick Beebe): If you would like to be registered to win the raffle gift (that was on display at the meeting) worth hundreds of dollars, get your aircraft/project pictures to Rick for the website. If you do not have an aircraft/project, submit a "member profile" and you will be entered into the raffle. Check out the website at [www.eaa27.org](http://www.eaa27.org)

**Newsletter** (Rick Beebe): Fifty-fifty raffle winners—draft a "member profile" for the newsletter or face the consequences at each meeting. We can all support the newsletter. Find a picture of yourself standing next to an airplane and submit it or write a quick paragraph on an aviation event that you have attended. It is interesting to see what other members are doing.

**Young Eagles Report** (Fran Uliano): Fran reminded everyone that October 1, 2005 will

be the date (Oct. 2 rain date) for the Fall Young Eagles Rally. Volunteers were recruited for flights and ground crew.

**Airport Improvement Projects:** The Tetrahedron has been painted again; the President thanked all that volunteered. It was expressed that MMK management greatly appreciates the work done by Chapter 27 to improve the airport.

**2005 Chapter Events:** Chapter Picnic 2005 was a success; thanks to Mike & Patty Zemsta for organizing the event. The Fall Young Eagles Rally will be held on October 1, 2005. A bus trip to Mattituck was discussed for Spring 2006. The Chapter Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 2005 at the Hawthorne Inn.

**Old Business:** Twenty-four members sent money for the Mattituck Trip. However, not enough time was available to recruit participants from other chapters. Alternatives were discussed and it was decided that the trip would be scheduled for Spring 2006.

The "Open House" held at MMK on September 15, 2005 to celebrate the re-opening of the airport was successful. Members of the Markham family were present for the ceremony. Chapter 27 members were present to support the event.

**New Business:** NEW OFFICERS FOR CHAPTER 27—The election of new officers is planned for November. If you are interested in serving the Chapter, please contact Jim Simmons to discuss the position that you would like to fill.

Brett Pilkerton, a former Young Eagle, was recognized for achieving his Private Pilot Rating. Brett has begun work on his IFR rating. Congratulations Brett.

Former Chapter 27 member Bob Seemann passed away on August 29, 2005. Bob's contributions to the Chapter were recognized.

A new bookcase for the library was provided by Mike Okrent. Bob Ryan expressed his appreciation for the books provided by Chapter 27. The library continues to grow.

### Speak Up (Or You Could Be Next)

That's AOPA's warning to pilots across the country. The FAA is proposing to make the "temporary" Washington DC ADIZ permanent. "In the Washington ADIZ, the operational horror stories come in to AOPA daily," AOPA President Phil Boyer says. "The FAA has tracked more than 1,900 ADIZ violations since 2003. None of the incidents has been determined to be terrorist-related and all but one violation have been inadvertent." Changing the D.C. area Class B airspace into a permanent new designation only sets the precedent for this to be duplicated elsewhere. You have until Nov. 2 to express your opinion to the powers that be. AOPA thinks this issue is important enough that it sent a mailing to every member with instructions on how to comment. It's only the third time in 10 years that they've sent such an alert. Even if you didn't get one, I urge *everyone* to make their voice heard. In our area, I can easily see an ADIZ around NYC as a "logical" next step.

AOPA has created a step-by-step guide for submitting your comments and making your voice heard:

<http://www.aopa.org/adizalert/>

**Seminar** (Max Lopez): EAA Chapter 27 Member Bob Spaulding presented a seminar on the future of 100LL and engine choices that are compatible with some new fuels. Based on his own search for a suitable engine for his future aircraft/project, Bob presented a very relevant topic for all members. Bob discussed fuels currently in use, the pluses and minuses of new alternatives, current research and development of new fuels and the most likely replacements for 100LL.

Next month's seminar to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

—James Pepe, Secretary

## MMK Library continues to grow!

As is clearly evident upon your entry into the training room at Meriden-Markham airport's FBO, EAA Chapter 27's "Aviation Related" library continues to grow. The latest additions include books donated by the Bullock family and a new bookcase donated by Mike Okrent. This has become one of the best sources of aviation books in New England. The next time you visit our airport you should take advantage of this fine selection.

Thanks Mike, and thanks to all who have contributed to this project.

## MMK's Flight Planning PC being upgraded.

Rick Bernardi has cleared up the area where we have our PC for use by pilots (and others) to access the internet for Flight Planning purposes. The area now looks much more inviting and it functions as a much improved workstation. Thanks Rick for all your efforts in supporting this system.

Elliott Simpson has offered to donate a newer PC for the use in this area. He plans to offer us a Pentium 4, 2.2 GHZ Processor with 512MB of RAM and 40GB hard drive. This should make for a fine upgrade to our system.

A special thanks to Elliott for thinking of us!

## Mattituck Trip Update

As a result of not obtaining a full bus load of participants, and not having sufficient time to coordinate the trip with other chapters, we have decided to defer our trip to Mattituck until early next year. We have discussed this revised plan with Malin Russell of Mattituck Aviation and he will attempt to reschedule us for the February or March timeframe. Stay tuned for future updates.

## Jerry Bass Flyin' High

I just wanted to let the chapter know Jerry is now enjoying flying his RV-6A more than ever. He replaced the Mazda with a Mattituck FADEC equipped 180 hp engine. After Oshkosh this year, he toured the country. He flew from Oshkosh to Oregon, down to California, and back home to Virginia.

On Saturday, September 24, he flew to CT and attended the Simsbury fly-in. He won a trophy for flying the farthest distance, 420 mi.

—Bob Upson

## Thank You Very Much!

To my friends at EAA Chapter 27, Yesterday, a beautiful arrangement of cut flowers arrived at my door. They were truly a surprise and made my day. I thank you all so very much. Also thank you for all your phone calls, cards, concern and thoughtfulness. All of which has been greatly appreciated by me.

An update on my progress—I should be getting a walking boot on October 12th. Hopefully, I will be more mobile at our October 16th meeting than I have been in the past six weeks.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

—Betty Simmons

### EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY BANQUET

December 11, 2005  
Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT

Planned menu:

*Potato Leek Soup*  
*Caesar Salad*

Entree Options:

<i>Chicken Valencia</i>	\$30
<i>Broiled salmon</i>	\$30
<i>Roast Loin of Pork</i>	\$30
<i>Prime Rib of Beef</i>	\$35

*Chocolate Mousse cake*

5PM - 6PM Hospitality Hour	6PM Dinner is served
Cash Bar	Special Raffle
Cheese and crackers	Entries for Pix on web site

Our special Grab Bag will be conducted.  
Please bring one grab bag gift for each person attending  
(\$5 price range of each gift)

Note: Above prices include tax and tip.

*Tower: "...and for your information, you were slightly to the left of the centerline on that approach."*

*Speedbird: "That's correct; and my First Officer was slightly to the right."*

*Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.  
~Herbert Henry Asquith*

## Special Raffle Revised!

Our Special Raffle has been revised to give every Chapter member a chance to participate.

Our original plan offers a raffle ticket for each Chapter member who provides photographs of his/her airplane or project (one ticket per photo, maximum of 5). To provide every member a chance to participate, we have added the option to write and submit a "Member Profile" to our newsletter. Your "Member Profile" will put 3 tickets, in

your name, into the raffle. Previous "Member Profiles" do not qualify but you can submit a new one. Rick Beebe will continue to be the focal point for all submissions.

Jim Simmons has assured us that the secret prize is "highly valuable" and that the winner will be the "envy of the Chapter." Don't miss your chance at this prize! The drawing will take place at our Holiday Banquet on December 11, 2005.

## FOR SALE

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*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is November 9, 2005.*

## 2004 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 \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter via: Email  Paper

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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