



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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

October 2010

## Young Eagles—Why We Do It



This photo of Young Eagle Joshua and pilot Mark Scott pretty much sums up why the Young Eagles program is so important. Our Fall Young Eagles rally on October 9 was blessed with fantastic weather. Not a cloud in the sky, cool temperatures and unlimited visibility. And gusty winds for a rock 'n roll ride sure to thrill any young aviator.

The rally was a success with 55 kids registered and 51 flown. The other 4 had to leave and will be flown at a later date. We're

up to 111 kids this year so we've blasted past our target of 100 for 2010. Since the program began, we've flown 1816 Young Eagles. There were 9 pilots and 12 ground crew on Saturday. Many thanks to all for your participation.

Mark Scott is running a three day Aviation Merit Badge program for the Boy Scouts at the end of this month. Day 3, November 6, includes a flight. He thinks we'll have 25 scouts to fly and will be looking for volunteers. More info at the meeting.

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## Letter from the President

Our annual picnic last month was a smashing success and very well attended. Many thanks go to Patty and Mike Zemsta for coordinating the affair and to all those who pitched in to spruce up the MMK north hangar to get it ready for some good eats. The spread of food brought by our members was outstanding! Although the skies threatened rain throughout the day, not a drop fell. A good time was had by all as we enjoyed the labors of the chefs among us and shared our love of flying with good conversation.

Before firing up the grills, we were treated to an excellent presentation by Mary D'Orvilleirs regarding her trip to the EAA Air Academy. Using an excellent slide show, Mary described her experiences at the various workshops, her orientation flights, and the many new friends met. Well done, Mary!

As I write this, our next Young Eagles rally will take place in a couple of days. In absentia, let me offer my thanks to all who will make this day a success. Let's hope that Mother Nature will smile (or has smiled) upon us once again.

At our October meeting, nominations for next year's Chapter officers will be an agenda item. The health of any volunteer organization is greatly influenced for the better by having proper turn-over of leaders. Our Chapter is no exception. New leadership, with fresh ideas and innovative approaches to making things happen, is essential to prevent stagnation and a loss of organizational energy. Please consider being one of our officers. If you are interested in filling one of our leadership billets, please let me know. We'll put the slate of nominees up to vote at the November meeting.

Our annual holiday banquet is just around the corner: Saturday, December 4th, at the Hawthorne Inn in Newington. Maury Lisbon is once again tending to the details of this very popular event. Save the date... you'll not be disappointed! More information will be forthcoming soon. See you at the meeting.

Stay safe,

—Bob

## Kira Reed Makes the News

Kira Reed, who we sponsored at the EAA Air Academy this year, has been profiled by Nancy K. Crevier in the *Newtown Bee* newspaper.

She talked about the spark ignited by her first Young Eagles flight:

"It was an amazing experience. I got to pilot the plane for two or three minutes and it was an incredible feeling. I hadn't thought about flying before, but now, it's my passion,"

And how the Academy was somewhat unexpected:

"I think some of the kids thought it was going to be all about piloting a plane, but it was so much more," Kira said. "We talked about theoretical physics, learned to read detailed airplane weather systems, and in a metal workshop, we built a spark plug case,"

Best of all, though, said Kira, was her second behind-the-wheel flight.

"We each had the chance to fly a Skycatcher, a two-person lightweight plane that is one of only eight like it in the world. It's amazing, being the pilot. You see everything below you, and when you turn and see that there is nothing beneath you, it's amazing. You can control where you are going and how far you tip. It's not at all like being a passenger in a jet plane," said Kira, who has traveled on planes with her family since she was a little girl.

The camp took place during Airventure and while she didn't get to meet Harrison Ford, she did have an encounter with another aviation celebrity:

[...] a personal visit from Dick Rutan, who along with Jeana Yeager piloted the Voyager, the first plane to fly around the world nonstop, without refueling, in 1986. "He just came over to our lunch table one day and sat down. It was very cool," she said.

Her experience at the Air Academy showed her that many people are interested in aviation and that there are many opportunities in the industry for young women.

"There were a lot more girls at the camp than I thought there would be—probably 20 out of 50. We were all just as enthusiastic as the guys who went. I think the aviation industry is looking for more diversity, so this is a good time for young women to be looking at this," Kira said.

Congratulations Kira. The entire article can be viewed online at:

[http://newtownbee.com/Features/Features/2010/09-September/2010-09-30\\_\\_12-52-34/Newtown+High+School+Junior+Has+Her+Head+In+The+Clouds](http://newtownbee.com/Features/Features/2010/09-September/2010-09-30__12-52-34/Newtown+High+School+Junior+Has+Her+Head+In+The+Clouds)

## Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2010

**Call to order:** *The Picnic.* Abbreviated meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:30am. Officers Present; Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi

The meeting was held at KMMK in the North hangar. There were many members, spouses and guests present. Great Food!!

This was an abbreviated meeting because of the Picnic. A motion was made to build a wheelchair ramp for the FBO, seconded and approved. It's pending Commission and FBO guidance.

There were No Reports this month.

**Holiday Dinner**—Maury Lisbon: The dinner will be held at the Hawthorne Inn Saturday December 4th 4:30 to 9:30pm.

**Young Eagles Rally**—Oct 9th.

**Seminar:** A presentation by Mary D'Orvilliers about her experiences at the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh contained some very nice pictures of the programs she participated in. Great job Mary! Mary and Kira have represented our Chapter at the EAA Air Academy this year.

**From The Windsock:** Jim Simmons and lucky me will be leaving the 27th to participate in the 100 civilian planes invited to land on the lakebed at Edwards AFB. Jim has been furiously planning the past 2 weeks. I sense there will be a future report on the trip.

At the Simsbury Fly-In, Chris Kohler was observed gathering pictures for the Photo Board.

*Respectfully submitted – Rick Bernardi*

## EAA27 at the Simsbury Fly-In

Fair weather smiled on this year's Simsbury fly-in and the event reported record attendance; including the two ruffians pictured here, Rich Merrill and Chris Kohler.

The hordes, approximately 7000 strong, devoured 3,200 hot dogs and burgers, 2,200 beverages and over 1,000 pancakes! There were over 100 display aircraft, 400 classic cars and a record 75+ transient aircraft! There were seven seminars, two proclamations granted by the town and state and several hundred tethered balloon rides! I'd call that a successful event. They'll try to repeat their success next year on September 18.



Richard Merrill, left, and Chris Kohler dream of flying that Gobosh G700S



Chris collecting photos for the Chapter bulletin board

Rick Bernardi photos

**Edwards Tower, this is Voyager One. You're ready to go.**  
**Roger, Voyager One. You're cleared for takeoff. ATC clears Voyager One from Edwards Air Force Base to Edwards Air Force Base via flight plan route. Maintain 8,000. Godspeed.**

**— First around the world non-stop and non-refueled. Dick Rutan and Dick Rutan and ATC.**

**Pilots must insure that all surly bonds have been slipped entirely before aircraft taxi or flight is attempted.**

## Jim and Rick at Edwards



For the first time ever, the Air Force had a general aviation fly-in on the cracked clay surface known as Rosamond Dry Lake Bed at historic Edwards Air Force Base, California. A total of 2,263 pilots applied to participate and 100 were chosen in a special lottery. One of those was our own Jim Simmons. He took lucky Rick Bernardi with him and writes, "Rick and I had a great trip. We were blessed by the weather gods and were able to make each of our intended stopovers along the route. We visited Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, Death Valley, Leadville, Las Vegas, Mount Rushmore, Oshkosh EAA museum and much more. The departure from MMK and the return flight into MMK were full IFR legs with about 7 hours of IMC."

Another bit of luck: This photo of Jim's plane was taken by EAA's Brady Lane and appears on the EAA web site.

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is November 8, 2010.*

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