



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, October 21, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

September/October 2012

Fall Young Eagle Rally



Autumnal weather—clear and crisp—made for a nice day of flying for our Fall Young Eagle rally. The final tally isn't in yet, but we flew approximately 20 youngsters. Thanks to all who helped. See more photos on our Facebook page. Photos by Lauren Dubois.



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Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2012

Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order. All officers present with the exception of Charlie Enz.

Visitor Glen Davis introduced himself as an MMK pilot and owner of a Cherokee 235.

Bill Jagoda's treasurers report indicated an August balance of \$2,314. Noteworthy was a \$100 donation to the Chapter from Dave Godec, a Clipper pilot who recently received much help from Chapter 27 members.

Tech Counselor Dave Pepe reported that Chuck Drake has moved to San Diego.

Fred Dube's RV-7 has been signed off and is nearing its first flight. (It has since flown. Congratulations Fred!)

Charlie Hughes has brought his recently completed Zenith 601 to MMK. Notably he recently flew it to MMK from Canada.

Mark Scott discussed rib stitching and showed his stitching practice device.

Rick Beebe discussed the success of Air-Venture 2012 and the FAA response period for the revised medical requirements for private pilots is extended to September 14th.

Fran Uliano reported that our Chapter has flown 55 Young Eagles thus far this year. October 13th has been selected as the date for our fall Young Eagles rally.

Bob Spaulding introduced the Eagles

Flight program for our Chapter including the new forms required for documenting these flights. Further discussion is planned as to the need for an Eagle Flight coordinator.

Bob reviewed the dates for upcoming events of interest to the group as follows:

Annual EAA Chapter 27 picnic = September 8th

Simsbury Fly-In = September 23rd

Holiday Banquet at Villa Capri = December 8th

Shell Oil's Open House at MMK = September 15th

Bob discussed the potential closure of runway 11-29 at Brainard field.

Bob requested voting for the LightSpeed grant at:

<http://www.lightspeedaviationfoundation.org/content.cfm/Voting/Get-to-know-the-2012-finalists/Recreational-Aviation-Foundation>

Don & Peg Davidson are selling their Cessna 205 and also their hangar at New Haven's Tweed Airport.

The expenditure of up to \$200 was approved for bulletin boards at MMK.

DAR and EAA Homebuilt Council member Joe Gauthier lead a discussion regarding the FAA and EAA efforts at reducing the fatal accident rate among homebuilt aircraft.

—Jim Simmons

Newsletter Editor Wanted

I did my first EAA Chapter 27 newsletter in January 2001. As I finish up my 11th year doing this, I realize it's time to pass the baton. My life as gotten too busy to give it the attention it deserves.

So I'm looking for someone to take over this esteemed publication. There are generally 10 issues per year with breaks for July and December and the job requires editing, writing, publishing and mailing. I use Adobe InDesign but you can use whatever tools you're comfortable with. I'll continue to maintain the web site and will help with getting the newsletter out electronically.

Ideally I'd like someone ready to take over the January issue.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rick at newsletter@eaa27.org or (203) 230-8459.

Van's Offers SLSA RV-12

Van's Aircraft is going to offer complete RV-12 light-sport aircraft factory-built by Synergy Air, an RV builder training facility in Eugene, Oregon.

Target introductory price for a standard-equipped airplane is \$105,000, with an all-options equipped Signature Edition at an introductory price of \$115,000. Van's will begin taking orders at the end of November with first deliveries expected in early 2013.

Standard versions will include a Rotax 912ULS engine, Dynon Skyview EFIS including Mode S transponder and GPS, Garmin SL-40 comm, Flightcom stereo intercom, 406Mhz ELT, Flightline interior, and LED lighting for night flight.

The company is also establishing a network of maintenance and repair service centers. Delivery positions are being taken now.

Alan Ortner Says Hello!

Remember Alan Ortner? He was a Chapter 27 member in the 90's and early 2000's and coordinated the Chapter picnic for several years. At the time he was building a Vans RV-6. It was finally finished with a spectacular paint job. Alan has since sold it. He has a pair of RV-6 wingtips available for free to the first taker. Contact him at aeortner@me.com or 860-841-4675.



Letter from the President

Summer has streaked to its close for this year and I find myself not quite mentally prepared for the change of season. I'm still in the "long summer days..." mode and miss the late sunsets that afford getting some flying in after the work day is complete. Time to move on to the gifts that a New England autumn gives us to enjoy.

With the recent passing of Neil Armstrong, I am struck by how his loss has dwelled in my thoughts as of late. The human exploration of the Moon was accomplished by six pairs of NASA astronauts between 1969 and 1972. It was a time of heady historical, political, social, and technological change that arguably set the tone for us baby boomers. Those were my college days and marked the beginning of my military and flying career. Everything, it seemed, was happening in the fast lane. It was the turmoil of those days that helped forge our collective psyche and shape our responses to what is transpiring in the world today.

In the midst of everything else going on in the late 1960s, Neil Armstrong's mind-numbing accomplishment of setting the first human footprint on the Moon's surface was a source of pride, of engineering daring, and of chutzpah. And, I think, he was often viewed as the point man for an era that had a unique sense of optimism,

of forward-thinking vision; indeed, it was a time of thinking "outside the box". With his loss, I ask "Has that era come to an end? Is there another who can take up the flag where he left it?" I truly hope so. For our children and grandchildren, history will be the judge.

Incidentally, for those that are further interested in lunar landing history, go to www.hq.nasa.gov/alsj to access the Apollo Lunar Surface Journal. This Journal is a record of all lunar surface operations conducted by the six Moon missions, including corrected communications transcripts and commentary by many of the astronauts. It is an excellent read for anyone wanting to know what happened during the missions and why.

Just a few weeks past, September 8th to be exact, was our annual picnic. The MMK north hangar was once again spruced up for our gathering and, as usual, we had a fine spread of great food and wonderful camaraderie. Many thanks go to all who supported our event and to those who lent a hand with setting up, putting things away, attending to cooking chores, and contributing to a fantastic array of good eats.

With the arrival of October that means another Young Eagles rally, and last Saturday our event ran without a hitch. The weather was absolutely perfect (in stun-

ning contrast to our luck last year) and by early afternoon we had flown fifteen kids. Well done to the whole cast of great folks who made the day very successful indeed. And we have also given several Eagles flights to date. Thanks to those who have made these flights happen and we look forward to many more as this program gains momentum.

Chapter 27 election time is rapidly approaching and that means every member should consider how they might support keeping our organization a going concern. We always need volunteers in a variety of positions and the fresh ideas of new leaders only help the chapter remain vibrant and progressive. If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please contact me. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Lastly, our holiday party on Saturday, December 8th at the Villa Capri in Wallingford will be upon us shortly. After last year's outstanding inaugural event for this venue, we are looking forward to a return. If you haven't marked it in your calendar yet, please do so as you don't want to miss this event. Maury Libson is attending to the details of making the evening a special one. See you at the next meeting..

Stay safe,

—Bob



Chapter 27 Eagle Flights

Chapter 27 joined EAA's new adult flight experience program--Eagle Flights--during the MMK airport open house on September 15.

Left is our inaugural Eagle, John Battista with pilot Mark Scott. With them is John's wife Wilma.

Right is our second Eagle Joe Archangelo with pilot Jim Simmons.

Congratulations to both these gentlemen.



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Cockpit necessities expand to meet available cash.
—Lauren Paine Jr.



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