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# CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings Held on the Second Sunday of the Month at Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

## SOUTH BOUND

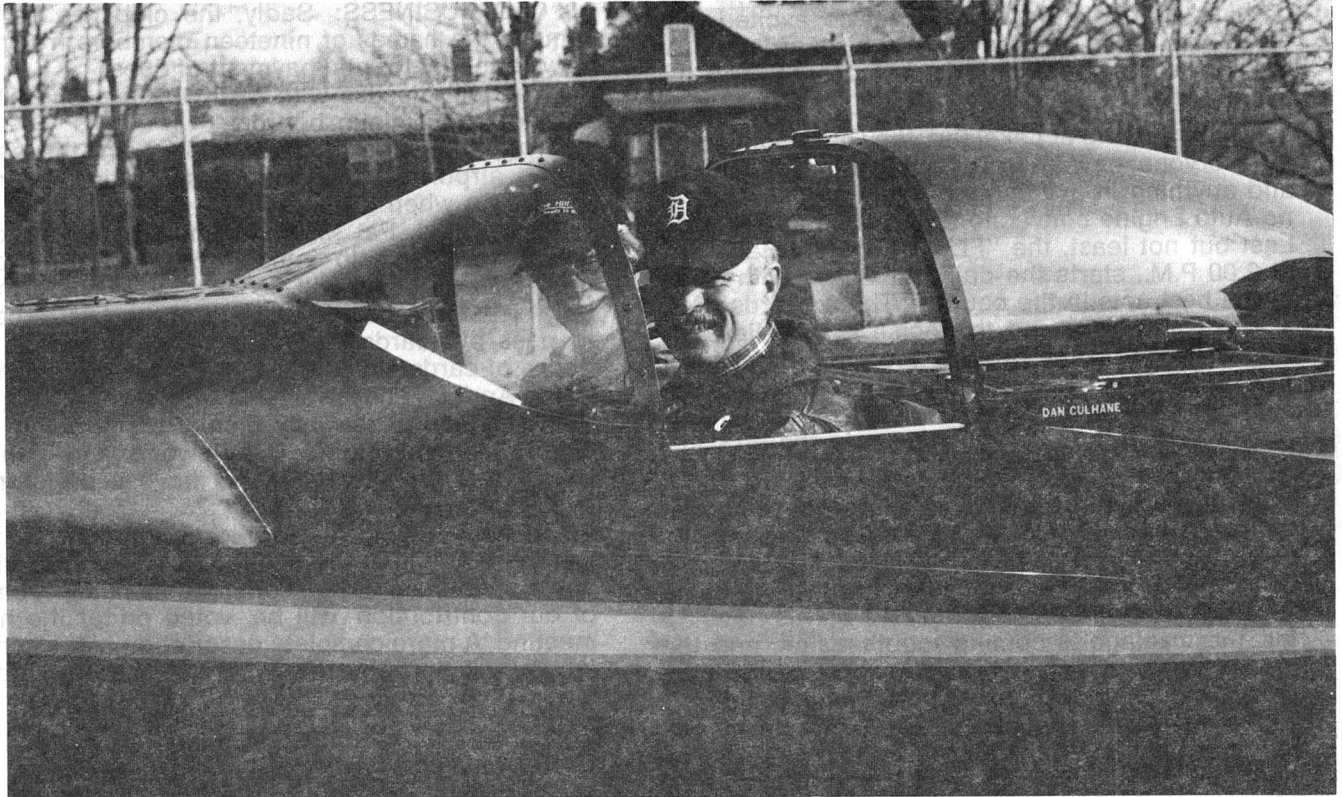


Photo shows Gerry Carlson (left) and Dan Culhane (right) just about to take off from MMK in Dan's T-18 for Sun 'N Fun at Lakeland, FL. To our recollection, this is their fourth trip together to the southern EAA Fly-In.

## NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The April meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, April 21, 1991. Time, 10:00 A.M.

### RANS-S10 PROJECT

During a recent telephone conversation we have learned that Al Hine, former member of Chapter 27 who moved to New Hampshire, is nearing completion of his RANS-S10, 2-place aerobatic monoplane. Al hopes to have the aircraft flying in June. We wish Al well and will update his progress.

### AIRPORT PARKING FEES TO RISE

Parking your car or airplane at Tweed-New Haven Airport will soon cost a little more.

The Board of Aldermen recently approved increases in various parking fees at the airport, effective May 1. Those increases, as well as an expected jump in use of the lot due to new flights by United Air Lines, are expected to raise revenues at the airport from \$128,000 this year to an estimated \$416,500 in the next fiscal year.

Hourly rates will rise from 75 cents to \$1, daily rates from \$5 to \$6, and the long-term rate will be \$25 for seven days. Aircraft parking rates also will rise.

**REMEMBER—IT'S APRIL 21 IN THE UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi There!

It's me again . . . COWBOY! So, once again I take pen in hand to convey this timely bit of news.

As you know, Sun 'N Fun '91" has come and gone. Many of you could not be in attendance of this gathering for the obvious reasons . . . "you had to work, or not enough money." So, let me share a little of our trip with you.

The best way to get there is on your own private airline, such as my favorite: "Warrior Air with Capt. Ken at the controls." The trip to Florida was nothing short of terrific. You get so excited that the 8 or 9 hours just fly by. Add a few friends for the trip, such as Ed and Andrea Morris, and it's a big party.

Upon arriving at Lakeland, they have something for everyone; new aircraft, homebuilts, helicopters, and anything in aviation you can imagine. Except no Auto Engine conversions, at least not this year. Last but not least, the "FLY MARKET." Each day at 2:00 P.M., starts the daily Air Show, with some of the best acts in the country. The warbirds draw a lot of attention, and the noise is unbelievable. But, don't sit on the ground. Florida is known for their "Fire Ants." Make sure you have a lawn chair, summer clothes, and don't forget the suntan oil. Usually it's in the 80's, but it was in the 90's this year.

I stayed with Ed and Andrea at their house at "Pilot Country Estates" which is an airpark. It's only 40 northwest of LAL. Ed's tenant, "Richard", is in the process of rebuilding, from scratch, a P-51-D, all original. Every nut and bolt is new. So far, the fuselage is coming together fine, and the mount looks like new. He has to work many times harder than those of us "Sport Plane Builders." Did you ever see the size of a P-51 up close? His tail assembly is almost as big as the wing on my homebuilt. I can't wait to see it flying. If you know of any parts for his project, let me know. He's looking for almost anything.

Getting back to Eddie's house, it's got a 3800' lighted runway. The neighbors are the best, with most being pilots and owning aircraft. One such neighbor is Jesse Miller, who owns a Decathlon. But watch out for him. He sneaks up on you from behind, and that little bird of his sure does move. We had a great time playing tag, but usually it was the Warrior chasing the Decathlon. Once around the patch, a few select rolls, then back to the airpark, up the taxiway, down the street, in your drive, and to your hangar for some cool refreshments. "IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO LIVE."

Well, can you tell a trip like this is fun? Remember to bring a friend to our meeting. It's April 21, and we will be voting on the Logo for our shirt backs. Also, tell everyone about our "Poker Run". We have this chance to make some money for our chapter.

See Ya Sunday, 10:00 A.M.  
Ken Winiarski "COWBOY"  
(President Chapter 27)

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MARCH

The Chapter 27 monthly meeting was called to order by the president at 10:06 A.M. in the conference room at MMK Airport.

PLEASE NOTE PUNCTUALITY OF START OF MEETING. In the future, all meetings will begin at 10:00 A.M. sharp.

Vice President Report: Jim has investigated the purchase of a large vinyl sign with the chapter name and logo on it. The cost would be about \$75.00. The sign would be used at fly-ins and any future displays we might have.

The secretary's report was read.

Treasurer's report was omitted as treasurer was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: Sadly, the club has had to remove the names of nineteen members from the newsletter list for non payment of dues.

Ken will discuss with MMK the use of a filing cabinet and bulletin board.

The club hopes to help MMK paint the name of the airport on the taxiway some time later in the spring when the weather is warmer.

Harry Carl, Pat Manning and Charles Maxted volunteered to help initiate the Poker-Run program. More people will be needed as there must be at least one person at each of the five airports to pass out cards. There is also a need for old decks of cards. If you have any, please bring them to the April meeting.

The place of the July picnic is still being decided. Montauk Point, Candlewood and Tanner Hiller were mentioned. If you have a preference let us know.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Morris brought to the members attention the death of a chapter member and a scholarship to be set up in his name. Details of our contribution will be voted on at the next meeting. A more complete description of the scholarship will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Secretary  
Charles Maxted

## NEW NAME FOR CHAPTER 27

"BARNSTORMERS"  
Meriden, CT U.S.A.

Tally:

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| 1. BARNSTORMERS     | 6 votes "Winner" |
| 2. ELITE FLEET      | 4 votes          |
| 3. THROTTLE JOCKEYS | 2 votes          |
| 4. FUN FLYERS       | 2 votes          |
| Others              | 1 vote each      |

## EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1991

**President—Ken Winiarski: 237-1839**

**Vice President—Jim Rowley: 237-7179**

**Secretary—Charlie Maxted: 272-4922**

**Treasurer—Debbie Raymond: 929-2552**

**T. Consultant—Jeff Davenport: 269-6745**

**Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007**

## THE WING SPAR THAT THOUGHT IT WAS A BOMB!

This is a strange story! An RV-4 builder had a problem with one half of his wing spar which was pre-built by a company in Oregon. This problem was potentially serious enough to warrant sending the bad half of the spar back to Oregon to be repaired. Well, this builder crated up his spar and set off to Bradley International Airport to put his crate on a cargo plane bound for Oregon. Now, at the airport, our friend was filling out the necessary paperwork to get his crate on its way. While doing this he was having a nice conversation with the lady behind the desk. It turns out that the lady was from the town that the crate was being shipped to. Our friend was getting along very nicely with this lady when he came to the very bottom of one of the forms where you have to sign your name. There was a place for two separate signatures and our friend asked why the need for two signatures? Well the shipping lady said that the second one was just a statement saying that there were no hazardous chemicals, perishables, or explosives inside the crate. My friend replied jokingly, "What do you mean? You can't ship a bomb?" with a laugh. This nice, calm, sociable lady freaked out. She called the police, the county mounties, the mounty mounties, the national guard, and the SWAT team guys. Well, maybe not all of those people, but it seemed like it. Our friend was surrounded by security people. It turned out that a lot of fast talking had to be done and the crate opened up to inspect it. It seems like the airlines have scared the hell out of their employees with their super-paranoid attitude concerning bombs on planes. A little paranoia is good, but not to the point where, if our friend made the wrong move, they would have pulled their guns and shot at him! Needless to say, he was extremely upset at this. The airlines' attitude is that if anyone even mentions bombs, guns, or highjacking in any way, shape or form, he is to be almost shot on site, and questioned later! This shipping lady had a deep-seated fear that she was going to be blown up! Anyway, my friend did get his spar shipped out, regardless.

See what new experiences you get when you build a plane!—**Jeff Davenport.**

## MARCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Ken Winiarski  
C. Maxted  
Alan Hibbard  
Erwin Hauer  
Pat Manning  
Bob Hodge  
Bill Capozzi  
Bob & Sheila Seemann  
Frank Podgwaite  
Ed Morris  
Dave Thompson  
Stephen Daniel

Ed Novotny  
Frank Caputo, Ch. 324  
Rich Blewett  
Pete Copeland  
Herb Bullock  
Ed Dunn  
Jim Rowley  
Jeff Davenport  
Frank Melnick, visitor  
Ed Schinitis, visitor  
Bruce Argetsinger  
Harry Carl

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO BENEFIT AVIATION STUDENT

Cora Spence, widow of David A. Spence, and their children have announced that a memorial scholarship fund will be established in her late husband's name at H. H. Ellis Technical School in Danielson, Connecticut. Spence, a resident of Griswold and owner of D & D Painting Contractors for the past 29 years, was killed in the crash of his single-engine plane in Plainfield, CT on Oct. 7th of this year. Known and remembered as a man full of constant enthusiasm for life, family and friends, he was an accomplished pilot. His love for flying began nearly five years prior to his accident. His tragic death shocked those who knew him as he was highly-regarded as a "pilot's pilot"—always concerned with aviation safety.

Mrs. Spence noted that the David A. Spence Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Aviation Mechanics Course at Ellis Tech. "David always gave his all for what he wanted to achieve in life" stated Mrs. Spence; "therefore the award will be given to that student who has the best effort during his/her class attendance with grades attained not a factor in making the determination for the award," she added. The entire Spence family felt that their late husband and father would want a student's best efforts to be rewarded and recognized.

Donations to the scholarship can be made to "H. H. Ellis Technical School, David A. Spence Memorial Scholarship Fund" and mailed to Rick L. Rarogiewicz, Eastern Savings & Loan, 1 Slater Avenue, Jewett City, CT 06351.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 5—MERIDEN-MARKHAM**—EAA Chapter 27  
Poker Run.

**MAY 19—WARWICK, NY**—EAA Chapter 501 Fly-In.  
Trophies awarded to the best aircraft in each class. To be eligible, aircraft must be registered by 2:00 P.M.

## FOR SALE

**1982 FORD V6 GRANADA ENGINE**—3.0 Liter, 232 cubic inch, aluminum head, 30,000 miles. \$350—Charles Maxted, 272-4922.

**WANTED—LUSCOMBE PARTS**—Pete (203) 376-8566.

**MISCELLANEOUS PARTS FOR SALE**—O-290 Lycoming, 125 hp from GPU, torn down—Miscellaneous instruments—Skinny wheels, 500x300 narrow with brakes. Roger Cochran, 929-6057,

**LONG EZ PROJECT FOR SALE**—Bob Fisher. Winsted Precision Co., Winsted, CT (203) 379-2788

**KING COMMERCIAL & INSTRUMENT COURSES FOR SALE**  
\$150 for both—Ed Morris 265-3932.

**AIR PROGRESS MAGAZINES**—Also large assortment of antique and model aircraft magazines—1960's vintage, make offer—235-2169.



**HERB BULLOCK**  
**1315 Meadow Road**  
**Cheshire, CT 06410**

# 1991 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following form and mail with your dues to: **DEBORAH RAYMOND, 49 HICKORY LANE, SHELTON, CT 06484.** (Dues are \$12.00 per year).

Name .....	City .....	Phone .....
Street .....	State .....	Zip .....
Current EAA No. ....	Pilot Rating Held .....	
Do you own an aircraft? .....	Make and Model .....	Registration No. ....
Do you have a project? .....	How much completed .....	

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