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CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

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

IS IT REALLY TEENY?



After the usual homebuilder's umpteen hundreds of hours, Steve Daniel finally got to fly his VW powered TeenyToo. Shown above is Steve as he arrived at last Fall's Fly-In at Stormville, NY. Steve is also an Ercoupe owner and driver and we've met him and the Coupe at various airports throughout the state. He is based at Sikorsky Airport in Stratford, CT.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The April meeting of EAA Chapter 27 has changed its location for this month from the usual Meriden-Markham Airport to Bob Burk's residence (shop) at 526 Welch's Point Road in Milford, CT. A VFR chart reproduced inside this newsletter will guide you to his abode.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT IS AT IT AGAIN!

House Bill 5306 contains an amendment by Vincent Chase, of Stratford, CT, for reinstatement of personal property tax for aircraft in Connecticut. Please give strong consideration to contacting your local state representatives in voicing your opinion of this amendment. This has just been brought to our attention and requires immediate action.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our chapter has decided on pursuing the tetrahedron fabrication and installation as our airport improvement project. I have sent a letter to the Meriden Aviation Commission requesting their approval for this effort. As part of this project, we plan to perform a major clean-up and relandscaping of the wind sock/tetrahedron area. We have yet to receive any feedback from the Aviation commission. I'll keep you posted on our progress for this effort.

Our Fly-In is rapidly approaching. Enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter is a listing of the necessary tasks and the volunteers who have accepted their assignments. Anyone who is not designated to a specific job is requested to please try to come out and give us a hand. I'm sure that there will be areas where we can use your assistance.

As you will recall, during our January meeting we prioritized the topics or items we would like as seminars during 1996. The highest vote-getting suggestion was visiting aircraft projects under construction. I am pleased to inform you that this month we are giving our members that opportunity. EAA Chapter 27 member Bob Burk will be hosting our April meeting at his residence and you will get a unique opportunity to see an RV-6A project in the late stages of construction. Bob is in the process of installing his engine and you will have the opportunity to observe all the details necessary for a successful project. Bob's quality standards and workmanship are outstanding and you will learn the right way to pursue a project. Additionally, you'll get the chance to drool over a first class workshop. Be sure to join us for this unique opportunity. Thanks in advance to Bob Burk for providing his project for our scrutiny. I hope to see many of you there.

You asked for it and EAA Chapter 27 is delivering.

JIM

CLEAN UP DAY AT MERIDEN AIRPORT

Meriden Aviation Services, our FBO at Meriden Airport, is sponsoring a clean up day on Saturday, April 27th at 12 noon. They are requesting volunteers to come out and lend a hand in a general cleaning of the airport grounds. Volunteers are being solicited from all groups, users, tenants, aviation enthusiasts, etc.

The FBO will be providing a hot dog and hamburger barbecue immediately following the clean up for all volunteers.

I am requesting a strong member turnout from EAA Chapter 27 members for this event. The airport has certainly been supportive of our efforts and the least we can do is to return the favor.

After the long winter, we can all probably use the physical exercise. Not to mention, the mental gratification of demonstrating our support for the local airport.

EAA CHAPTER 27 CELEBRITIES!

The April, 1996 issue of EAA's Sport Aviation (pages 88 and 89) featured an article about the 1995 Northeast RV Builders Forum. On Labor Day weekend of 1995, 23 RV's flew into Oswego County Airport, Fulton, NY for the event.

The article starts out as follows: "**Smoke on.**" **The first RV to arrive at the 1995 RV Builders Forum was Jeff Davenport of Yalesville, CT with the smoke on!** Jeff and his RV-4 also appear in one of the photographs in the article.

Further into the article it states: "**The nearly unanimous Builders Choice Award went to Jeff Fiscus of Berlin, CT for his beautiful red and white RV-6.**"

Congratulations gentlemen on the neat references in the EAA's international publication! We hope the celebrity status won't go to your heads and you'll continue to associate with the rest of us.

PHILLIPS SUPPORTS YOUNG EAGLES AGAIN!

Phillips 66 Company is offering a one dollar per gallon rebate for fuel used for Young Eagles flights between April 15th and October 15th of 1996.

Meriden Aviation Services is a Phillips 66 supplier and this obviously makes it easy for all of us to take advantage of this offer. You'll need to obtain a Phillips 66 credit card to take advantage of this program. See page 7 of the April, 1996 issue of Sport Aviation for further details.

Warmer weather is finally making its way into New England, so let's try to get our Young Eagles program back on track. Why not give a youngster the opportunity to experience the joy of flying this weekend!

TETRAHEDRON PROJECT APPROVED!

I attended the Meriden Aviation Committee meeting on Monday evening, April 8, 1996 and I'm pleased to report that the commission has granted our request for approval to move ahead with the construction and installation of a tetrahedron at Meriden Airport. Ed Morris, our draftsman of the plans for the project was also in attendance.

Also at the meeting, the commission offered to pursue the availability of white rock to use in the relandscaping of the surrounding areas.

We'll target a date for the performance of this project at our next meeting.

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EAA CHAPTER 27 2nd ANNUAL SPRING FLY-IN

May 18, 1996

(Rain Date May 19, 1996)

MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Judges

Wing Walking Chairman

Wing Walker (9-11:30)
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Wing Walker (11:30-End)
Wing Walker (11:30-End)
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Public Relations (Gate Duty)

Gate Keeper 9-10
Gate Keeper 10-11
Gate Keeper 11-12
Gate Keeper 12-1

Friday Evening Setup (5 PM)

Friday Evening Setup #1
Friday Evening Setup #2
Friday Evening Setup #3
Friday Evening Setup #4
Friday Evening Setup #5
Friday Evening Setup #6

Saturday Afternoon Clean Up

Saturday Clean Up #1
Saturday Clean Up #2
Saturday Clean Up #3
Saturday Clean Up #4
Saturday Clean Up #5
Saturday Clean Up #6
Saturday Clean Up #7
Saturday Clean Up #8

Good Weather

Ropes, Stantions

Notice of Chap. Event to EAA

FBO Relations

Stan Solecki (Honorary Judge)

Jeff Davenport (Head Judge)

Jeff Fiscus

Ed Morris

Mike Zemsta

Ed Schinitis

Joel Volovski

Mike Kredar

Bob Brown

Pat Manning

Harry Carl

Fran Uliano

Stan Solecki

Bob Ryan

Bob Ryan

Joe Page

Jim Simmons

Jeff Davenport

Jeff Fiscus

Bob Ryan

Herb Bullock

Joe Page

Pat Manning

Mike Zemsta

Jim Simmons

Jeff Fiscus

Jeff Davenport

All

Jim Simmons

Jim Simmons

Food Chairman

Cook, Bottlewasher (8-11)

Cook, Bottlewasher (8-11)

Cook, Bottlewasher (8-11)

Cook, Bottlewasher (11-End)

Cook, Bottlewasher (11-End)

Cook, Bottlewasher (11-End)

Registration Tent Duty

Publicity

Atlantic Flyer

Sport Aviation

Chapter President's Invitation

Bulletin Board Flyer

Large Tent

Canopy #1 (Registration)

Canopy #2

Tables

Chairs

Awards (Plaques)

Generators

Generator #1

Generator #2

Port a' Potty's (2)

PA System

Registration Forms

Judging Forms

People's Choice Ballots

Biplane Ride

Raffle Tickets

Steen Skybolt

Event Photographer

Walk Me Signs

Doug Dringoli

Bob Burk

Mike Gaffney

Volunteer Needed

Ed Peters

Dave Peters

Fran Uliano

Betty Simmons

Donna Simmons

Ingrid Page

Joe Page

Joe Page

Jim Simmons

Jim Simmons

Ed Morris

Jim Simmons

Ed Schinitis

Jim Simmons

Jim Simmons

Joe Page

Mike Zemsta

Bob Ryan

Joe Page

Jim Simmons

Joe Page

Joe Page

Joe Page

Bob Burk

Jim Simmons

Maury Libson

Joe Page

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:04 March 17, 1996 by President Jim Simmons.

Attendees were welcomed, especially those who were "a wearing of the green." Visitors were asked to say a few words about themselves and how they heard about Chapter 27. Two new members were also added to the roster.

The first order of business was the treasurer's report. Bob reported that our current balance is \$1130.45. The report was motioned for acceptance by Stan and seconded by Ed Morris.

Fran Uliano reported on the present status of pilots willing to fly on Young Eagles Day which is June 8th. Presently Chapter 27 has flown 82 youngsters. Our chapter goal for 1996 is 80. The tape we made of the Young Eagles for demonstration purposes is being edited. Jim reminded pilots that Phillips 66 has renewed support of this program and will give a one dollar per gallon rebate if you use their credit card. The pancake breakfast scheduled for June 8th was cancelled as no one was willing to flip the flapjacks.

Joe Page reported on the current situation of the fly-in. All systems are go.

The airport improvement project seems to have been narrowed down for the present to the creation of a tetrahedron. Bob Ryan volunteered to head up this project with a minimum of arm twisting.

Our connection with Trade-A-Plane is in action and two issues will be given away as part of the 50/50 program.

For those interested, our EAA chapter celebrated its 40th year of continual operation in February. It was founded by Jim Markey in February, 1956. Jim's EAA number is 557. The next closest number belongs to Stan Solecki, whose number is 19,800. Stan was also a member of the original group.

The open forum program was provided by Gordon Schimmel, who gave a display of flight materials he uses for instruction. Gordon teaches both in a classroom setting and a summer camp program.

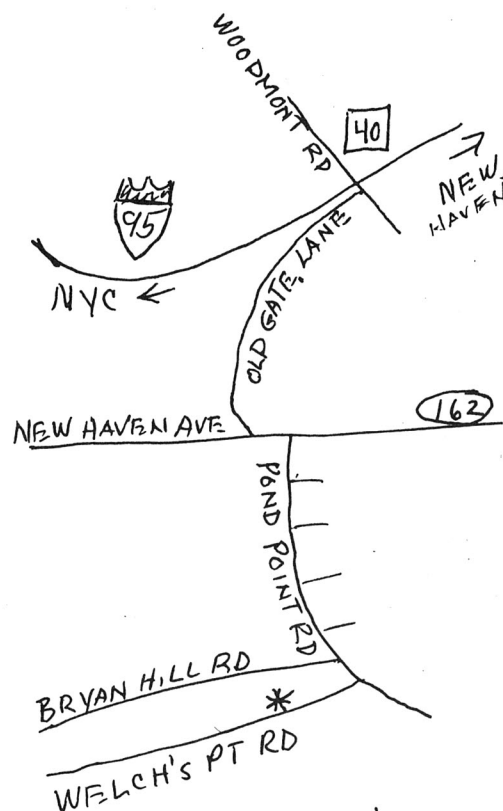
The 50/50 was a success for three people this month. One person won money and two people won copies of Trade-A-Plane.

The seminar was presented by Ed Morris, who spoke to the group about annual inspections of experimental aircraft. He had a number of hand-outs, one of which was an outline of all areas to be checked during an annual. This outline ran to four pages on both sides of the paper and was the most complete form I have seen.

The April chapter meeting will be held at Bob Burk's shop. There we will see a complete RV-6A built before our eyes and in only two hours.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!

DIRECTIONS TO BOB BURK'S RESIDENCE



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#526 WELCH'S PT. RD.
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1996 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following form and mail with your dues to: **ROBERT RYAN, 6 MANOR COURT, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473.** (Dues are \$15.00 per year. Make checks out to EAA Chapter 27).

Name Phone

Street City State Zip

Current EAA No. Pilot Rating Held

Do you own an aircraft? Make and Model Registration No.

Do you have a project? Model % Completed