

**AUGUST, 1995**



# **CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER**

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

## **PARTIAL PANEL**



*Photo taken from Jeff Fiscus' RV-6*

EAA Chapter 27's project of painting the name of the city of Meriden on Meriden Airport's taxiway was completed recently although the above photo shows only a partial rendition. Many thanks to Ed Morris, who did the design work and his efficient crew of volunteers.

## **NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

The August meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, August 20, 1995. Time 10:00 A.M.

### **"EAA CHAPTER 27 HISTORY LESSON"**

A review of National EAA records indicates the the first recorded meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was conducted on January 9, 1959 in Naugatuck, CT. The officers presiding over this meeting were: Jim Markey, President; Bill Burke, Vice President; Eric Pearson, Secretary and Tommy Fenton, Program Chairman.

## **ALUMINUM AIRCRAFT FABRICATION**

Our August seminar will consist of a review of construction practices for aluminum aircraft. RV-6A builder, Bob Burk, will lead an informative discussion regarding the construction, materials and techniques required for the proper fabrication of sheet metal design aircraft. Bob's professional background and RV building experience will be shared with our chapter. Be sure to join us at our next chapter meeting which will be August 20th at 10 A.M. for this discussion.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**REMEMBER—IT'S AUG. 20 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again, it's been two months since I last wrote my "Letter from the President". Since my last letter, my wife Betty and I have become grandparents for the second time. Grand parenting is great! All the fun and none of the headaches!) We have also been informed by another child of ours that we are going to be grandparents for the third time! Clearly our kids have become highly productive; or it is reproductive.

Betty and I also got to travel to Oshkosh for the annual EAA National Fly-In. Every time I get the opportunity to attend Oshkosh, I say to myself that it can't get any better than this; and every year it gets better. Noticeable changes this year include new vendor buildings, new main entrance and increased showplane parking areas. We arrived in our Skybolt at 2:40 P.M. on opening day and the field was closed to visiting aircraft due to saturation. (No parking space available). Note: This closure did not include showplanes. The feature events were the final performances of the Eagle Aerobatics team at Oshkosh and a warbird salute to the end of World War II which featured over 160 WWI aircraft flying in formation over Wittman Field — AWESOME — SPECTACULAR — and many other adjectives could easily apply. I've tried to capture the essence of the event on slides and I plan to be presenting them at the conclusion of our August 20th meeting.

The Connecticut EAA Poker Run plans are well under way and we need to begin advance selling of registrations now. I highly recommend that you try to participate in this event. I'm confident that you'll have a great time.

I look forward to seeing many of you at EAA Chapter 27's next meeting.

Jim

## POKER RUN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**When was the last time you flew to six airports in one day?**

As you know, six EAA chapters in CT are sponsoring a statewide Poker Run on Saturday, September 30th (Rain date—Oct. 1st). Pre-registration has begun and you should register now if you intend to participate. Registration costs are \$10 for EAA members or \$12 for non-EAA members if pre-registered by September 21st. Thereafter, \$15 for everyone. Contact Jim Simmons, 295 Contour Drive, Cheshire, CT or call him at (203) 272-9346 to register.

Please pre-register so that we can get a head count of participants.

If you are participating and have an empty seat in your aircraft, please invite other chapter members who do not have access to airplanes. If you have an empty seat, let us know and we'll find a member to fill it.

Fly Safely and Have Fun!

## TECHNICAL COUNSELOR'S NOTES

Ed Morris  
Jeff Davenport

Hello! Since our last report, Eddy and I have visited a Kitfox that Dave Emmons is working on. This was for a re-cover inspection. The airplane is an excellent piece of work. These Kitfox guys really have it easy! The fuselage is pre-welded tubing that is already painted from the factory! The construction manual is really great with step by step instructions and lots of pictures. After building the RV-4, I think I could build one of these in a month, or two. Just kidding, as there is lots of work to do as Dave has found out. Since I don't have much fabric experience, I gave Dave Jeff Fiscus' telephone number as he did a superb job on his Aeronca Chief. I'm sure Jeff will steer him right.

Just one last note, Ed and Dave Peters should have been done with their RV-4 by now! What the heck is going on over there??? Let's see if they actually read their chapter newsletter and call me with a good excuse, such as they both have amnesia and can't remember what that airplane is doing in the garage.

That's about it for now. See you all at the next meeting.

Jeff & Ed

## EAA OVER THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

EAA Chapter 27 members participated in a three biplane formation flight over ceremonies at the Special Olympics World Games in New Haven, CT. The pilots were Dorothy Vallee (Christen Eagle), Jim Simmons (Steen Skybolt) and Bob Bailey (Bucker Jungman). After practicing formation flying, the three biplane flight made a flight over ceremonies of the Special Olympics in the vicinity of the Yale Bowl on July 4th. They were also scheduled to fly over on July 8th. However, this was canceled due to low ceilings. Ev Cassagneres, chapter member and Cycling Chairman for the Special Olympics was the originator of the idea and coordinator of the flights.

### EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1995

**President—Jim Simmons: 272-9346**  
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**Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007**

## Simmons Does It Again!

We know that Jim Simmons has won numerous awards with both his Skybolts but this year's sojourn to Oshkosh with wife Betty proved to be the crowning achievement.

He learned at the Fly-In that he won the Steen Aero Lab's Designer Award for Best Skybolt but the best was yet to come!

Upon opening a package received from EAA Headquarters on Aug. 10 he found it contained the "Champion Aircraft Plans Built" trophy award to him for his Skybolt. It is a handsome bronze statue of Charles A. Lindbergh (about 10" tall) with appropriate engraving. Congratulations, Jim, there's only one notch higher!

A picture of his airplane also appears on the cover of Aero Crafter Catalog, a catalog of home-built aircraft.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Minutes of June Meeting

By Stan Solecki for Charlie Maxted

The June 18th meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was opened by President Jim Simmons at 10:00 A.M.

The Treasurer's Report was read and showed a balance in the treasury of \$586.20. The cost of a new Chapter Banner was \$100. to be deducted from the balance.

Our Young Eagles Day held on June 10 listed 41 Young Eagles flown for the day. The following pilots provided the rides: Fran Uliano, coordinator; Jeff Davenport, Jeff Fiscus, Joe Page, Ed Morris and Pat Manning. A photo of Fran Uliano and a Young Eagle appeared in the Sunday edition of the Meriden Record Journal. Future plans are being made for another Young Eagles Day some time in September or October, 1995. Date to be set later. A round of applause for Fran Uliano for a great job done for that day.

A great hand for Joe Page for his time consuming job for the Fly-In. A job well done, Joe—thanks. The Fly-In was a great success. Plans are made to charge \$2.00 registration fee and donations at the gate to offset future Fly-In expenses.

Poker Run for Sept. 30 is finalized with a \$100 cash prize at Meriden and a \$300 cash prize for the highest hand in the state with the possibility of a \$400 total win for some lucky pilot for this day.

Thanks to Ed Morris as coordinator for the ainting of MERIDEN on the taxiway in time for the Fly-In. A job well done by several members of the chapter. Looks great from the air.

Calendars for 1996 were introduced at the meeting and the chapter agreed to purchase 50.

A request was made for a PA system. If anyone knows where one can be had for a fair price, let the chapter know.

Ed Morris gave an informative lecture of Weight and Balance of Aircraft. Thanks, Ed, I'm sure all were interested with your presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEPT. 9—EAA CHAPTER 130 ANNUAL FLY-IN—**Stormville Airport, NY. Aviation flea market, static displays, judging in several categories, food and beverages. Rain date Sept. 10. For more information call (203) 746-2248 or (203) 723-2532.

**SEPT. 24—SIMSBURY, CT—**Antique Airplane Club of Connecticut is hosting the 15th Annual Fly-In at Simsbury Airport, (4B9). Awards for antiques, classics, warbirds, homebuilts, static displays. Food available. Rain date Oct. 1. Contact Bob Martin (203) 623-1823.

**SEPT. 30—POKER RUN—**Sponsored by all the Connecticut chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

**OCT. 6, 7, 8—WILMINGTON, DE—**New Castle County Airport. EAA East Coast Fly-In 25th anniversary—"A Gathering of Eagles."

## FISCUS RV-6 IN SPORT AVIATION & KITPLANES

We are proud to report that a review of the July, 1995 issue of SPORT AVIATION, page 121, What our members are building/restoring column, features a fine photo and caption regarding Jeff Fiscus' beautiful RV-6.

Additionally, the August issue of KITPLANES magazine includes a photograph and brief article of Jeff's RV-6 on page 73, in the Completion's Section of the magazine.

Congratulations Jeff, the photos looked great! Where will we find this aircraft featured next?

## BLACKBIRDS ARE RETURNING

The July issue of Readers Digest contains a condensed article regarding the history of the SR-71 Blackbird aircraft. These remarkable aircraft were retired from service in 1990. The article stated that "Congress has granted Lockheed a \$100-million contract to reactivate three of the planes and return them to the Air Force, where they will return to operational duty."

## JUNE ATTENDANCE REPORT

Stan Solecki  
Jim Simmons  
Fran Uliano  
Bob Brown  
Ed Morris  
Ed Schinitis  
Robert E. Burk  
Maurice Libson  
Pat Manning  
Herb Bullock  
Bill Simon

Doug Dringoli  
Dave Pepe  
Alan E. Ortner  
David Peters  
Ed Peters  
Ron Wilchynski  
David W. Emmons  
Jeff Davenport  
Jean Bilodeau  
Bob Ryan  
Frank Mlynick

**Total Number of  
"Young Eagles"  
flown by EAA Chapter 27:**

**54**

**HERB BULLOCK  
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**1995 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 ..... 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 .....