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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

TETRAHEDRON FABRICATION

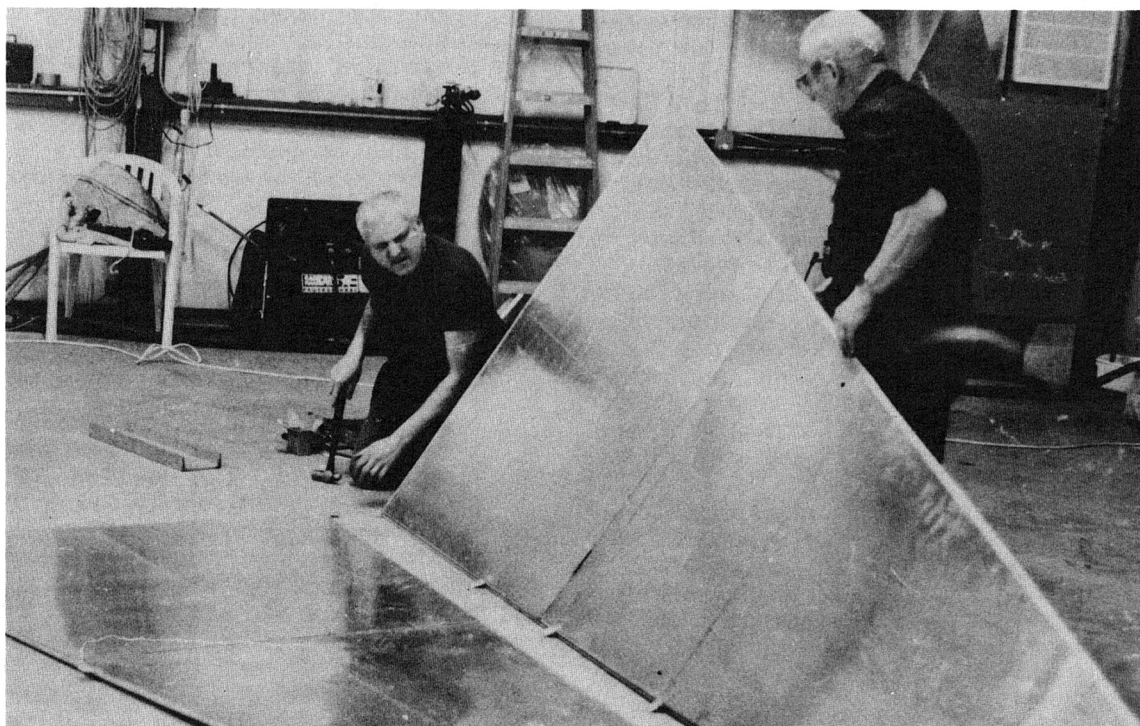


Photo shows Ed Morris (with hammer) and Bud Brainerd (without hammer) working on the early stages of the tetrahedron project. The base is finished and all that remains to be done is secure a swivel.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

The August meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, August 17, 1997. Time: 10:00 A.M.

RV-6 UPDATE

After having found several leaks in the gas tanks on his RV-6, Charlie Maxted has solved the problem and has installed the tanks on his aircraft. His FIRST FLIGHT should be in the near future!

ZODIAC VIDEO AUGUST SEMINAR

Jeff Davenport has a factory produced video of the Zenair Zodiac which he will show at the August meeting. The Zodiac is an award-winning 2-place design by engineer Chris Heinz and can be built from the fast build kits (400 hours), pay-as-you build kits or from plans only.

The Zodiac video shown at our last meeting is being built by Mark Gosselin, 166 chapter member.

REMEMBER—IT'S AUG. 17 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this months letter to our membership, I have just returned from the 1997 Oshkosh Convention and once again it has exceeded all of my expectations. Some of the major highlights of this years event included fly bys of the F-117 stealth bomber, C-17 Cargo aircraft, U-2 reconnaissance aircraft and the SR-71 Blackbird. Daily air shows included Bob Hoover, Patty Wagstaff, Sean Tucker, The French Connection and Harrier demonstration flights to name just a few. Vendors, forums, exhibits and aircraft of all types abound. The EAA has provided many more food concessions and waiting lines were greatly reduced. The grounds have been expanded and some new exhibit buildings have been added. The Oshkosh weather cooperated and provided visitors with only a couple of brief showers during the event.

Betty and I enjoyed some of the best weather conditions we have ever experienced on the flight to Oshkosh, and with the exception of a brief rain shower, we enjoyed similar weather for our return flight as well.

I am also very proud to report that EAA Chapter 27 was well represented at Oshkosh. In random order, attendees included Oscar Duff, Bob Burk, Dorothy Vallee, Randy Hartigan, Jim Maher, and Al Prinz. Fred Caputo flew his newly painted RV-6A into the Oshkosh Fly-In for the first time. It was reported that 288 RV's were at Oshkosh for Van's 25 anniversary. Carl and Lorraine Eaton, our chapter members from Florida were busy volunteering at the Homebuilders Headquarters every day. In attendance was former Chapter 27 member (now a Colorado resident) Larry Hardy, who is making good progress on his midget Mustang and hopes to fly in the near future. I hope that I didn't miss anyone.

Also in attendance were former Chapter 27 members Chuck and Debbie Raymond in their beautiful Glasair. I would like to congratulate Chuck Raymond upon receiving an "Outstanding Workmanship Award" for the Raymonds' Glasair. We all know it has recently undergone some repairs, and it is clear that Chuck has done a masterful job on them.

Last, but not least, I am proud to report that my Skybolt received recognition as a 1997 "Plans-Built Champion" and because of the revised Oshkosh Fly-In schedule, I was able to attend the awards ceremony on Monday night.

See you all at our chapter meeting. Jim

EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1997

President—Jim Simmons: 272-9346

Vice President—Dave Pepe: 634-4457

Treasurer—Robert Ryan: 865-4528

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Technical Counselor—Jeff Davenport: 269-6745

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Bulletin Board—Charles Maxted: 272-4922

Flight Advisor—Bob Bailey: 281-4332

Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The June 6 Chapter 27 EAA meeting opened at 10:05 a.m. Jim Simmons, president; all officers present.

Anthony DiChello was welcomed as a new member.

Treasurer Bob Ryan reported our balance as of April 30, 1997 was \$1198.17. May Fly-In expenses were \$971.75. New balance as of May 30, 1997 was \$934.06. Treasurer's report accepted by Stan Solecki and seconded by Fran Uliano.

Jeff Davenport showed a video of a Zenair Zodiac. Completion time is estimated to be about 1 1-2 years. Mark is a Chapter 166 member.

Young Eagle Report by Fran Uliano shows that 52 Young Eagles were flown on Saturday, June 14.

Tetrahedron project is temporarily stalled due to Ed Morris' overloaded work agenda and is still in the hangar.

1998 calendars will be purchased and sold at \$9 each. Stan Solecki motioned to buy 25 calendars and was seconded by A. DiChello.

A mention was made to write to Sen. Chris Shea to abolish the FAA users tax.

The phone number is (202) 225-5541

FAX (202) 225-9629.

A chapter members RV6A part project for sale. 50/50 won by A. DiChello—\$13.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

See you in August.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG. 16—WESTERLY, RI—Westerly State Airport, Aircraft Beauty Contest—Peoples Choice contests for best homebuilt, warbird and pre-1961 commercially manufactured aircraft. Showplane registration 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Aircraft viewing and peoples choice voting 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to view the aircraft and vote for their favorites. Votes are \$1 each. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be available. Proceeds will be used for the RIPA aviation scholarship program. Call the RIPA 24-hour Line at **401-621-1535** or visit our web site at **www.BusinessOn.com/RIPA** for the latest information.

AUG. 17—MONTICELLO, NY—Monticello Airport—EAA Fly-In. For information call 791-5450.

SEPT. 6—STORMVILLE, NY—EAA Chapter 130 Fly-In Hot dogs, soft drinks, vendors, awards, Homebuilt, Antiques, Classics, Warbirds, Experimentals. Bring your parts to sell. For information or directions call (203) 746-2248. Rain date Sept. 7.

SEPT. 27—MERIDEN—POKER RUN—Sponsored by all the Connecticut chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

FOR SALE

TWO DAVID CLARK H10-13 STEREO HEADSETS, like new. One of the lightest headsets on the market! Each complete with individual carrying case. Asking \$200 each or \$375 for the pair. Contact Jim Simmons 203-272-9346.

LETTER FROM MERIDEN AVIATION SERVICES,

TO: EAA Chapter 27 Newsletter Editor:
May 14, 1997

Dear Herb:

Meriden Aviation Services, Inc., conducted its annual Meriden Airport Clean Up Day which was held on Saturday, May 10, 1997. Despite the cloudy skies and occasional rain showers, thirteen (13) members from the EAA Chapter 27 arrived with rakes and shovels in tow to stretch their backs and arm muscles to assist the MMK employees in cleaning up the debris left over from this past winter. Many, many thanks to Jim Simmons, Bob Burk, Alan Ortner, Stan Chaffin, Jimmy Devine, Dave Pepe, Eric Faust, Bob Ryan, Bob Seemann, Sheila Seemann, Ed Schinitis, Stan Solecki, and Maurice Libson for all their help on this day. The airport is picked up, spruced up and ready for the upcoming spring and summer season of many days of flying!! Without the help of the EAA Chapter 27 committee of spring helpers, the airport would not have been ready for the Chapter 27 Fly-In held on Saturday, May 17. Once again, thanks to all those who volunteered their services for this worthwhile project.

Robert Carlson,
President—Meriden Aviation Services

HAVE YOU FLOWN A YOUNG EAGLE LATELY?

If not, why not? The EAA has flown over 300,000 youngsters as part of this program and we still need your help to reach our goal of one million kids by the year 2003.

If so, besides submitting your forms to headquarters, be sure to inform our Young Eagles Chairman of your activities. He is responsible for keeping a tally of the youngsters flown by Chapter 27 members. Fran Uliano, our Young Eagles Chairman can be reached at:

Tel. No. (860) 347-0412

Fran Uliano
156 Aspen Drive
Middletown, CT 06457

JUNE ATTENDANCE REPORT

"Bud" Brainerd	Stan Solecki
Ted Brainerd, Guest	Edgar Northrop
Oscar Duff	Don Whelan
Bill Simon	Jim Maher
Maury Libson	Frank Mlynick
Jim Simmons	Fran Uliano
Herb Bullock	Mike Zemsta
C. Maxted	Pat Manning
George Anderson	Chan Schiller
Stan Chaffin	Frank Guglietta
Mike Kredar	Bob Burk
Al Basso	Ed Morris
Burton Sacknoff	Dave Pepe
Anthony DiChello	Bob Ryan

TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

By Bob Mackey

EAA Chapter Executive Director

It is August and while our summer days are getting shorter, we find ourselves thinking about the upcoming fall and winter months. As Chapter Leaders, we should also take a few moments to plan for the necessary changes in leadership within our Chapters. While not every Chapter will be electing new Officers and board members, it is still important that we carefully plan ahead of time how we are going to successfully and smoothly pass the baton to the next set of Chapter Leaders.

In the new Chapter Handbook dated May 1997, Section 5, "Chapter Leadership Transition," there are excellent guidelines to help Chapters formulate a plan for a smooth transition of leadership. It is very important to read this section carefully and use these guidelines to take the pitfalls out of electing new Chapter Leaders. As the NIKE commercial says, "Just Do It!"

EAA "FLYING START" PROGRAM

Since we introduced the new EAA "Flying Start" Program in April, several Chapters have planned and hosted one of these new programs.

Chapters are reporting new student pilots beginning their training and many new EAA and Chapter members. In fact, one Chapter made the remark after their first presentation that the EAA "Flying Start" Program is the greatest thing since the EAA Young Eagles Program. That is saying a lot.

Learning to fly can be a challenge, not because of any super human knowledge or abilities required. The hurdles are the airports with tall fences with barbed wire), signs that warn visitors to stay away, and flight schools operating on a limited budget with little to spend on advertisement. Taking that first step is tough and lonely, and every Chapter can do something about changing these misconceptions. Chapters can welcome people to the airport and bring flight schools, instructors, and potential students together. In addition, Chapters can provide that added support to keep new students involved and committed; after all Chapters are where the fun is!

Every EAA Chapter should try to host an EAA "Flying Start" Program in 1997, and in 1998, each Chapter should host two! Imagine, if every Chapter put on two EAA "Flying Start" Programs each year and at least 10 people started to learn to fly, joined the Chapter and EAA, that would bring over 18,000 new people into sport aviation. This **IS** achievable! Now is the time!

From EAA Chapter Gram

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!

HERB BULLOCK
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Cheshire, CT 06410

1997 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

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