



August, 2006

Young Eagle Coordinator of the Year!



Fran Uliano, right, receives his "Young Eagle Coordinator of the Year" award from Young Eagle Chairman Harrison Ford at EAA Airventure.

We have flown 61 Young Eagles this year toward our goal of 100. To date we have flown a total of 1193. I have been invited to talk to a group of Boy Scouts in Middlefield on September 13th. I understand that ten to fifteen boys are interested in the program. I am planning on getting in touch with Sister Alma again in New Britain at the beginning of the school year. Let's all

get out and spread the word about the Young Eagles and help us have a banner year this year.

Again I want to thank everyone for their support in my nomination and I plan to have my award at the meeting and to talk about my experience in Oshkosh.

—Fran Uliano

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Chapter hasn't had a meeting in two months, and what a two months it has been. The highlights included Fran Uliano being selected as the Young Eagles Coordinator for 2006. Another highlight was the Wallingford Planning and Zoning committee approving the application for 40 hangars to be built at Meriden Markham Airport. (No one is more surprised at the result of the voting for the hangars than me). And last, but certainly not least, Betty and I got to attend AirVenture at Oshkosh again. We've been fortunate enough to attend many Oshkosh events but this year was made extra special by witnessing the presentation of the Young Eagles Coordinator Award to Fran. Fran got to shake Harrison Ford's hand so many times that I think they have become bosom buddies. Additionally, although I was not there for the Saturday annual EAA meeting, Chapter 27's Rick Beebe was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the National EAA. Rick will now serve a full three-year term. Congratulations, Rick. We can all take pride in having both of these men as members of our Chapter. I would be negligent if I didn't also recognize Chapter 27 members who volunteered in support of AirVenture, which included Carl & Lorraine Eaton, Jim Maher and John Watkins. I certainly hope I didn't forget anyone. Betty and I also met with many Chapter 27 and Chapter 166 members while in Oshkosh.

This year's AirVenture was excellent. A couple of the major features I'd like to

mention were displays of new LSA aircraft (including Van's and Cessna prototypes). Displays of the latest in VLJ aircraft were also on display including the new HondaJet. Every day featured an airshow slate of talent that would make any airshow scheduler envious. In my mind, the highlight of the airshow performances was the Thursday appearance of a pair of F-22 Raptors. These aircraft, piloted by what I'm sure were a pair of the best military pilots around, put on a display of the capabilities of this aircraft that I can just say was breath taking. Just about everyone in attendance was stopped dead in their tracks witnessing the unbelievable maneuverability of these machines. The pilots put the aircraft through astonishing tight turns; mind boggling slow flight, and actually appearing to hover vertically in midair. At the end of the hovered flight, the pilot had the Raptor fall over on its back and completed a loop in a smaller radius than you can imagine being possible. These may be the most maneuverable aircraft in the world and I understand that they are also extremely stealthy. After witnessing this display, I'm very happy to report that these airplanes are in the American inventory.

Now that vacation time is over, we will resume our meeting schedule and flying activities for our Chapter. I look forward to seeing you all at our August 20th meeting.

—*Jim Simmons*

SIMSBURY FLYIN

Simsbury Flying Club and Chapter 324 cordially invite you to attend the 21st annual Simsbury FlyIn on Sunday, September 24.

This has become the largest event of its kind in New England. As many as 10,000 spectators have attended, along with up to 150 aircraft of all types: homebuilts, warbirds, antiques, classics, helicopters, light sport aircraft, and of course production airplanes. Come and enter your aircraft for judging, with nice trophies awarded to the winners in more than a dozen categories.

We have commitments for a number of interesting manufacturers' displays. These include Teledyne Continental, Aerosance (maker of the new Fadc engine control system), Mattituck, Liberty Aircraft, Lancair, TBM, Light Sport Manufacturers Kappa, Allegro, and Flightstar, Cessna, Piper, and others. We are awaiting commitments from many others.

As usual, we will have a large display of as many as 200 antique autos, plus military vehicles, parachuting, live music, a simulated rescue by the LifeStar helicopter, and lots of good food. There will be frequent flybys, including a new group of RV's which will perform formation maneuvers.

For more information, contact Joe Bellino (860-408-0040 : email "jbellino@snet.net") or Bill Thomas (860-693-4550 : email "wdthomas@snet.net")

MAGELLAN GPS OPPORTUNITY

During our June meeting, we discussed that Mary Burk has a 1995 Magellan EC-10X GPS unit left to her by her late husband, Bob Burk. Magellan won't repair or upgrade the unit but they do have a trade-in program. If anyone is interested in pursuing this trade-in option, please contact Jim Simmons.

The trade-in units are remanufactured and come with a 90-day warranty. There would be a \$6 S&H charge plus tax, if it applies, plus the cost of the trade-in GPS. You can also trade-in accessories as well. They accept Visa, MC, American Express, Discover, check, money order, or cashier check. These are the GPS units currently

available for the program:

- Explorist 100 \$71.99
- Explorist 200 \$89.99
- Explorist 300 \$119.99
- Explorist 400 \$149.99
- Explorist 500 \$209.99
- Explorist 600 \$239.99
- MRM760 \$479.99

MMK AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

On Friday, June 22nd, some EAA Chapter 27 members assembled at Meriden Markham Airport for our latest airport improvement projects.

The day began with Larry Robinson, Howard Linker and myself fastening a new "Noise Abatement" sign to the main gate at MMK.

Fran Uliano, Rick Bernardi and Larry repainted the tetrahedron with two coats of Day-Glo paint. As usual, it looks great with its new coat of paint. Too bad the coating doesn't last longer.

Bob Rouse, Howard Linker and I went on to install two new "Noise Abatement" signs near the entryways to runways 18 and 36. Signs and posts were assembled, holes were dug, concrete was poured and the signs are now permanently installed (with breakaway bolts on the support posts).

Overall, our home airport has received another round of improvements, courtesy of EAA Chapter 27. I know Meriden Aviation Services and the Meriden Aviation Commission appreciate our efforts.

Thanks to all members who supported these efforts.

—Jim Simmons



L-R: Jim Simmons, Fran Uliano, Howard Linker and Rick Bernardi show off the newly painted tetrahedron. Larry Robinson took the photo.

MEETING SEMINARS



The last meeting, in June, was held in Max Lopez's hanger at Tweed-New Haven airport where we got a good look at the progress of his Vans RV-7A. Thanks for the hospitality, Max.

This month's meeting is back at Meriden-Markham and the seminar topic will be: *New York Center Air Traffic Control*.

Our speaker will be Heather Woiciechowski, an Air Traffic Control Specialist from New York Tracon, who will discuss air traffic operations in and around New York City.

Heather is also a new pilot and aircraft owner who is based at Meriden Markham airport.

Be sure to attend and get any of your questions answered by a professional air traffic controller who has worked both control tower and Center operations.

FLYOUT TO WINDSOCK AIRPARK

You're invited to fly out to a BBQ at the Windsock Village Airport (NH69) in West Ossipee, New Hampshire on August 26th (rain date the 27th). You can fly up any time in the morning, but we are aiming for a 1:00pm lunch. The airport has a 4000' turf runway. We'll be talking about this at the meeting or for more information, contact Chuck Waldo at 203-879-6273.



The rules are a good place to hide if you don't have a better idea and the talent to execute it.

Expect not perfection; tolerate not sloppiness.—Lauran Paine, Jr.

Plenty to do on September 9!

EAA 701, MANSFIELD, MASS ANNUAL FLY-IN

Mansfield Municipal Airport (1B9) on Saturday September 9th from 9am to 3pm (the rain date is the 10th).

Food, aircraft displays, military vehicles and aircraft judging in the categories of Contemporary, Vintage (antique/classic), Homebuilt, and "Feature." (Short Wing Pipers—Clipper, Vagabond, Pacer, Tri-Pacer, & Colt—this year).

For more info, contact Douglas Mowry, Fly-In Chairman EAA 701, (508) 476-4058

TWELFTH ANNUAL RV BUILDERS' FORUM

(for Builders, Pilots and Enthusiasts)

Oswego County Airport, Fulton, New York (KFZY)

Saturday, September 9, 2006

Mike Seager, RV instructor, will give RV instruction rides in the factory RV-10 this year!

Shared RV pleasure rides—weather, pilots, and airplanes permitting.

Lectures/presentations—to cover a broad range of interesting subjects.

<http://www.eaachapter486.com/RVInfo.htm> or call Bill Hodge, 2005 RV Forum Chairman, at (315) 469-3763 (after 6 PM).

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is September 6, 2006.

2006 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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