



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, August 21, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

August 2011

Scenes From AirVenture 2011



A 1200 foot wall of fire caps off the Saturday airshow. It was even better during the night airshow!



The Boeing 787 Dreamliner took some aerodynamic clues from whales



Now *that's* an experimental



The Cavalon from AutoGyro GmbH



Warbirds in Review. A staple of the Friday and Saturday airshows



"FiFi," the world's only flying B-29 Superfortress

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Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2011

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:07am. Officers present; Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott and Rick Bernardi. The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 26 members present.

Membership—Mike Okrent: Mike is looking for email addresses from the members and would like an update on any projects in the works.

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1497.26. Dues is due, please pay your 2011 dues. Dues is \$20 you can mail it to; EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda 43 Derby Road Rockfall, CT 06481

Chapter merchandise is available, new golf shirts with pockets are available.

Commissioner's Report—Dave Pepe: Frank Lewandowski has retired from the commission. The mayor is searching for a replacement. If you are a resident of Meriden and would like to serve, contact Dave for information.

Technical Counselors Report—"The BOYZ": Dave recommended before you decide to build to talk to a Flight Advisor and Tech Counselor for information that will be very helpful. There was also a meeting with Craig Fuller (AOPA) at the Bradley Museum and Dave and Mike visited Southbridge 3B0 which took a direct hit by the tornado. The Lightsquared project was discussed and Mike reported that Fred Dube's project was moving along.

Website, Newsletter and HQ Director—Rick Beebe:

Rick is always looking for articles and/or pictures for the newsletter, so if you have something please pass them to Rick, perhaps an update on your project.

Lauren has set up a great Facebook page, check it out. "EAA Chapter 27" on Facebook.com. Nice job Lauren!

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill: Fran reported we have a goal of 100 to fly this year. We have a total of 1864 over the past 15 years and 13 so far this year.

The Young Eagle Rally scheduled for June 11th was canceled due to weather and rescheduled for July 9th.

We have a list of 59 to fly. If you know a potential YE, give them a ride and send the paperwork to Fran, He will forward it to HQ and track it. We will use the web site and Facebook page to announce cancellations.

Fran displayed a souvenir rug, depicting Lindberg's flight, which was donated to the chapter. He is looking for suggestions to determine its value and what to do with it.

Phillips 66 is still providing a \$1/gal rebate for YE rides.

Chapter Bulletin Board — Chris Kohler: The bulletin board remains the same. If you have some pictures to offer bring them to the next meeting.

Airport Improvement Projects: Fran and Rick applied a fresh color coat to the Tetrahedron and the Friday Group will apply the UV protecting coat on the next dry Friday.

2011 Events

YE Rallies—Rescheduled to July 9th and sometime in October.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Training—Latter half of October.

Support for Meriden Beat the Street CC—a mini YE day for them.

MMK—Airport Appreciation Day—*Canceled*

Annual Picnic and Open House—September 10th.

AOPA Summit—will be in HFD again this year, September 22-24th.

Simsbury Fly-In—Sunday September 18th. New CT Chapters booth.

Holiday Dinner—Saturday, December 10th 4:30 to 9:30 pm. At the VILLA CAPRI in Wallingford

Tours—Some possibilities are: NY TRACON, Brainard Tower.

Blue Angles—Quonset Point, RI, June 25-26

Tweed Airfest 2011—October 1st and 2nd.

Other Suggestions?—Bring them to the next meeting.

New Business

Lightsquared GPS interference testing was discussed.

Block Island Fly-In—July 4th. Contact Bogdan Gutowski Chapter 1310.

RV wing cradles are available contact Dave Chapdelaine, Chapter 166 at 860-228-4163 or chappy@charter.net

50/50 was won by Dave Pepe

Seminar: Excellent presentation by Andre Bohy about the "Pilots and Paws" organization and their efforts to rescue pets.

Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi

August Presentation

A DVD of a presentation done by Robert Gannon. Robert Flew around the world in a C-182 in 10 years. His goal was to enjoy the trip and not rush the adventure. He flew commercially back to the United States many times and returned to continue his trip. There were write ups in AOPA magazine and other publications about his adventure. Robert sent me a DVD of a presentation on his trip and we will show it at the August meeting.

—Mark

July Young Eagles



To bring everyone up to date on the Young Eagles, we flew 29 on July 9th for a total of 44 for the year and a grand total of 1895. The pilots were: Bob Upson 5, Dave Pepe 3, Kevin Minckler 4, Mark Scott 6, Rick Bernardi 5, Bill Jagoda 2, and Fran Uliano 4. The ground crew were: Rich Merrell, Mike Zemsta, Chris Kohler, Jim Maher and Ronna, Laura and Iasiah Tiezzi, Rich Laikevetich with grandsons Franklin and Jashua Torres, Lauren Dubois, and Barbara Uliano. We were blessed with good weather and everyone had a great time.

We still have left from June 11th over 35 youngsters to fly. I still have to get in touch with family's of about 23, about 9 that didn't show up, about 6 that I called and left a message but they did not call back (maybe on vacation), and 1 that the phone is not in service. So as you can see, we have a lot of work to do this summer. I will try to come up with a plan and let you know what I plan on doing.

—Fran Uliano

Chapter 27 Young Eagles Coordinator

Above: Bob Upson and a happy new Young Eagle. Photo by Lauren DoBois.

Letter from the President

Although we successfully weathered the Governor's bid to levy a tax on our airplanes, it would appear that an old nemesis is rearing its head once again and is aiming directly for our wallets—user fees. With the ongoing stalemate over the US budget and debt ceiling, the current Administration is seeking any possible source of increased tax/revenue that may be thrown into the fiscal fray to avert a much larger crisis. Details of precisely how user fees might be implemented or their costs are lacking right now but that does not make them any less onerous. For us aviators, it couldn't come at a worse time with today's highly elevated fuel prices and a general malaise that seems to be gripping us all. We're flying our planes less. The General Aviation (GA) community has been knocked back on its heels by the uncertainties associated with the economy, and for many of our colleagues, it has become increasingly difficult to be optimistic about the future. If user fees do indeed become a reality, will it be the straw that breaks the camel's back and further discourage people to abandon the aviation dream? Only time will tell.

But before we resign too hastily to a defeatist's outlook, it's time to go on the offensive. Even though we have our share of supporters in Congress, they may be trumped by the debate over the debt ceiling. It will be all too easy to have the voice of GA lost in the groundswell of requests for support for other programs. Almost every special interest group there is will try to prevail upon Congressmen to support their cause at the expense of someone else. Clearly not everyone will come out of this a winner. Posturing for the 2012 election will only serve to heighten the feeding frenzy to gain attention. So the time to begin this fight is now. Please watch closely for the latest news regarding this issue and be prepared to commence a letter writing campaign to your Congressional representatives to state your opposition to user fees.

See you at the next meeting. And don't forget the Chapter picnic coming up on September 10th at MMK airport. Stay tuned for more details.

Stay safe,

—Bob

CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?

Another successful Chapter 27 airport improvement project. The tetrahedron was repainted in mid-July.

Left to right: Fran Uliano, Jim Simmons, Rich Merrill, Dave Pepe. Rick Bernardi was behind the camera.



WIRE WHEEL:
Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers.

The air is the only place free from prejudices.
— Bessie Coleman, the first African-American woman to become an airplane pilot, 1921.

Tom Poberezny Retires

Tom Poberezny announced his retirement as chairman of EAA and AirVenture, effective August 1, during a brief ceremony on July 26. The EAA board of directors unanimously passed a resolution honoring Tom's leadership for both the organization and the fly-in, and approved his new title of chairman emeritus. Through more than 20 years as EAA president and 30-plus as AirVenture chairman, Tom left an astounding legacy that included the growth of AirVenture, the Young Eagles program, and the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft categories.

Historic Newsletters on Web Site

Herb Bullock donated a collection of EAA Chapter 27 newsletters from 1982 to 1997 to the Chapter library. Rick Beebe has converted them to PDF files and they're now available for viewing on the Chapter web site. Look for the "Historical Newsletters" link in the left-hand column. There are many missing issues. If you have any of them, consider letting Rick scan them to complete the collection.

Check them out to see now-gone faces, a photo of 1930's MMK (Nov 83), and mention of the "newly refurbished lounge" at MMK (Dec 83). The story of Jim Simmons' Skybolts is here too. Bringing it to the airport (Mar 84) to loading it in a container for Sweden (Nov 90). Building wing ribs for Deja Vu (Mar 91), and an award for the completed plane (Jan 95). The January '95 issue also marks the first three Young Eagles flown. By January '97 it was 188.

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is November 8, 2010.

2011 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:

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(Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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