



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, January 20, 2002, 10 a.m., Meriden–Markham Airport, Meriden

## November Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2001

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We had a great crowd for the meeting. Fred Caputo, our president, started the meeting at 10:05 a bit late as the crowd moved in. All board members present. No visitors to report.

Margaret's Treasurers report started with a laugh. She said the bank charge was \$650 rather than saying \$6.50. I chimed in, that's how we are paying for my new prop. She said \$964 income and \$258 out-go. Calendars, dues and Christmas party payments were the largest income. Some will go to the Inn for the dinner, however.

Technical councilor, Bob Burk, reported that his RV7A is coming along and the fuselage will arrive soon. He said the kit has several new "Fancy and Awkward spots to rivet." Dave Pepe reported on his RV6 tail dragger project. He said the engine fired once without any gas hooked up. It started because of the pickling film in the cylinders.

Mike Okrent needs Clecos. I can sell him 100 for about \$.20 each. They

cost \$.39 in the catalogs.

Fran Uliano reported on the Young Eagle (YE) project. He handed out 30 pamphlets at Halloween and got no calls. Jim Simmons said he talked at a local school and got 8 calls, which they will fly next weekend. 84 YE's this far, and plus 8 will nearly make our goal of 100.

Jim Simmons and his project will be on Kane's World this week sometime. Kane is on about 5:50 each night channel 3, with local informational sorties.

### Old Business:

- Christmas party Dec 2, with 38 (now 35) signed up.
- Grab bag at party.
- Dues for 2002 due now.
- Elections of officers. Fred Caputo, President; Steve Socolosky, VP; and Dave Pepe; Secretary.

- Fred Dube was elected Treasurer today.

### New Business:

- Air National Guard will fly A-10's around the Nuclear power plants. Be



**Presents galore at the Chapter 27 Holiday Party. More inside.**

## B-17 MISSIONS OVER GERMANY

Meriden resident Harold Rochette will give a talk about his World War II memoir, *8th Air Force Lottery: Winners Are Losers, Loser Are Winners* at our January 20th EAA Chapter meeting at Meriden Airport.

Mr. Rochette flew 31 missions over Europe during World War II in his B-17 bomber (named the "Sneakin' Deacon") where he earned four air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

His unit was stationed in Grafton-Underwood, England and flew missions over Nazi Germany, occupied France and Poland. Mr. Rochette kept a daily diary throughout the war years and decided to turn it into a book after reading Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation*. The many stories and statistics of his first hand experiences are staggering.

Mr. Rochette will have autographed copies of his book on hand for those interested in purchasing them.

Don't miss this meeting. —Jim Simmons

- aware.
- The FAA has an advisory circular 20-27E, with one erratum associated. It involves experimental airplanes and their pilots.
- Fred passed out service awards. He noted that Bob Burk's name was put in, but did not get an award for him and will try again. I noted that Steve Socolosky did not get a VP award either.

Next year's Seminar ideas.

- Electrical Systems
- Fiberglass work
- Open house at Bob Burk's
- Museum tour.
- Painting.
- Fabric covering.
- Welding.
- Test Flying.

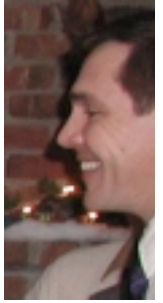
The Video was about Flying Fighters

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# *Holiday Party 2001*

DECEMBER 2, YANKEE SILVERSMITH INN



*'Twas three weeks before Christmas at the Silversmith Inn.*

*What do you call Santa's helpers?  
Subordinate Clauses.*

*What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
Frostbite.*

*Wishing you all the best for 2002.*

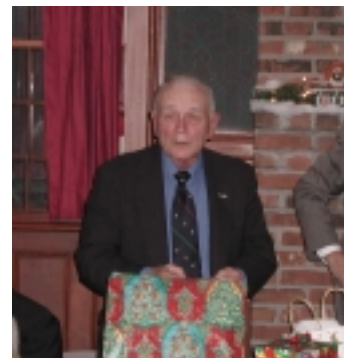
*Chapter 27 gathered, both members and kin.*



*The conversation was hearty, the laughter contagious,*



*The food was quite grand and the gifts were outrageous.*

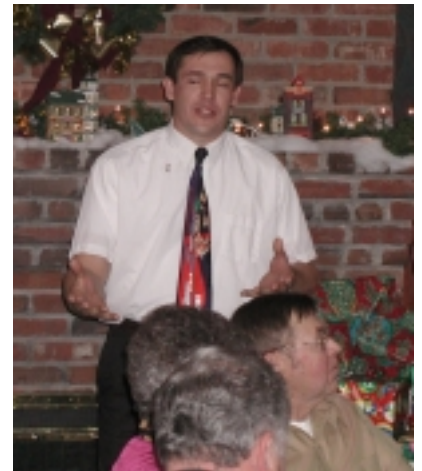




*Fran read us some letters, sent from the kids.  
Ray Morgan got special attention for his.*



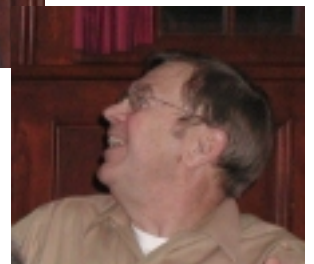
*Steve welcomed us all in his warm, homey style.  
And Jim shepherded the gifts giving everyone a smile.  
You opened a gift, then gave it away  
but the thing that you snatched still might not stay.*



*Joe Gauthier opened a glittering biplane  
that wouldn't stay put—it kept flying again.*



*Some things were fancy and some things were plainer.  
Pity the poor soul who got the sink strainer.  
But still it was a night of good cheer.  
So Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!*



An airplane  
might  
disappoint any  
pilot but it'll  
never surprise  
a good one.  
—Len Morgan

### Want to buy or borrow

Silver and Bronze  
Clecoes for RV7A  
project.

Call Mike Okrent  
203-393-2662

*The deadline for submission of materials  
for the February newsletter is February 4,  
2001.*

## Gauthier New England Region Flight Instructor of the Year

*From the EAA:*

Joe Gauthier, EAA #6758, has been named Flight Instructor of the Year for the New England Region. Joe, also a NAFI member, has been an aviation educator for more than 30 years. As a CFI, Joe has taught primary through instrument and flight instructor. He is one of the few accomplished tail wheel instructors in the northeast. Joe, who is also an EAA Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor, is based at Meriden Markham Airport (KMMK) in Meriden, Connecticut.

*Secretary's Report, cont'd from page 1*

of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was about 1.5 hours. Very interesting. My favorite was the F86 and the Mustang. You guys can have the new jet powered twin tail planes.

*Jerry Bass —thanks for two great years.*

## 2002 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Fred Dube, 663N Elm St., Wallingford, CT 06492

(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27)

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot rating held: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own an aircraft?: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you building an aircraft?: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ % completed? \_\_\_\_\_



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Meetings held on the third Sunday of the month at Meriden-Markham Airport,  
Meriden, CT at 10am unless otherwise noted.