

# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO RICK BEEBE

On behalf of all EAAer's, all pilots and all visitors to Meriden Airport, we would like to thank Rick Beebe for his donation of a PC for use by anyone visiting MMK.

Rick not only provided the PC but he personally installed a new operating system and verified that all functions were working successfully.

Thanks Rick

## Looking for help on February 20<sup>th</sup>

Lauren is looking for help on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be at the New England Air museum promoting local EAA chapters and Young Eagles. The event runs from 10am-4pm, it would be wonderful if other members could join in and help out, even if it's for a few hours. If you are interested please contact her **by the 19<sup>th</sup>** at: 860-538-4487



## Letter from the President

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Enough with this cold and seemingly unending series of winter storms that have New England bore-sighted as of late; and, just taken from the NOAA website, we'll be hit again as we approach the coming weekend. The prevailing weather pattern has made it most difficult to get any flying in on a routine basis...hangar flying will have to do.

At this time of the year, the FAA usually releases an annual fact sheet that summarizes where we stand regarding General Aviation (GA) safety. The United States has the largest

and most diverse GA community in the world with more than 220,000 aircraft which include amateur-build aircraft, rotorcraft, balloons, and high performance turbojets. Across this broad spectrum of machines, the FAA has set the goal of reducing the accident rate for the 10-year period (2009-2018) by 10 percent. To tackle that goal, the causes of fatal accidents need be examined closely and shortcomings related to aircraft design,



Next meeting:  
Sunday, February  
16<sup>th</sup>

**Speaker: Jim Simmons, on his trip across America.**

Meeting will be held at Meriden Markham Airport at 10am

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maintenance, or human behavior (decision making) mitigated to the maximum extent possible.

The top ten leading causes of fatal GA accidents are:

1. Loss of control
2. Controlled flight into terrain (CFIT)
3. Engine failure
4. Low altitude operations
5. Unknown or undetermined
6. Other
7. Fuel related
8. System or component failure other than engine failure
9. Midair collisions
10. Wind shear or thunderstorm

I'm sure that all of us, at one time or another has stared at a potential accident that would have fallen within one of the categories just listed. Perhaps quick thinking along with a

timely response saved the day. In all of the risk scenarios, we can mitigate the potential for a serious or fatal accident by being prepared. Currency, recurrent ground and flight training, knowing your emergency procedures cold, and playing what-if on the ground and in the air can go a long way to being mentally prepared when things go awry. These non-flying days with snow swirling around us are a good time to practice such thinking.

See you at the meeting. Stay safe.

Bob

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**Meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am at Meriden Markham Airport**

### Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2014

President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:05. All officers were present. There were several visitors, most of whom came to hear our guest speaker.

**Membership:** Lauren DuBois reports we have 3 new members. Chapter 166 has set up a table at the New England Air Museum on open cockpit days to help recruit members. It is a joint project between 166 and 1310, Lauren helping to bring our chapter into it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$1553.38 as of November 30, and \$1455.77 as of December 31, 2013.

**Tech Counselors:** Mark Scott showed a list of all the allocated aviation frequencies. It's located at  
<http://www.fordyce.org/scan>

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[ning info/airfreq.htm](#). He had his first engine start a week ago and has had a second since. He showed a service instruction--1427c-- from Lycoming that details the best break in procedure.

Mike Zemsta reported that Shell will be releasing an alternative to 100LL, possibly in 2018. It will be compatible with existing engines and doesn't use biofuel.

Bob Spaulding talked about need to pre-heat. Lycoming says you should pre-heat if the engine has cold soaked at 20F or below. Bob believes that's too low.

**HQ Report:** AirVenture revenue was down but the event still did well and cost cutting helped keep us from losing money. Jack Pelton has agreed to stay on as acting President of EAA for the rest of his term as Chairman of the Board—two more years with a possible three year extension.

**Web site:** Mark Scott's plane is featured on the main page. As always, remember you can post your own pictures of your project or photos from events.

**Newsletter:** Lauren found a new place to get it printed which should cut costs considerably. As usual, if you find anything that might interest the membership, or you want to write an article, please send them to Lauren at [newsletter@eaa27.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa27.org)

**Young Eagles:** Fran reports that the city still has not given us the document we need to fly Young Eagles at Meriden airport. They city has ruled that a Young Eagles rally, it is an

"Event" and since it's an "Event" the city wants every pilot flying to have the city as a named insured on their insurance policy. The city has no insurance to cover an "aviation event." The sticking point right now is that they won't officially designate what an event is.

**Social Media:** Lauren reports that Facebook and bulletin board are status quo.

**Airport improvement:** The Maury Libson memorial projector and screen are in. The computer in the room is broken. It was going to cost \$250 to fix. We elected to wait. Two members have stepped up with older ones to replace it, although neither has delivered yet.

### 2015 Events

- **Holiday party:** Having the party in January seemed to work well so we'll plan to have the next one at Villa Capri in early January 2015.
- **Young Eagles rallies:** We will still plan to have Spring and Fall rallies in June and October.
- **Meriden "Beat The Street" career explorers day**
- **MMK Fly-In and Public Services Exposition:** Currently scheduled for October 18. What the chapter does is still to be determined.
- **Chapter picnic and open house:** September, TBD

We will not do the Boy Scout merit badge training this year. Last October's event went well but doing it every other year seems to

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work best so 2014 will be the off-year.

### New Business

- **Congressional Appropriations Committee** proposed increased funding for unleaded 100LL replacement
- **AOPA Regional Fly-ins:** They are not doing their giant annual Fly-in any more. Instead there will be six smaller regional fly-ins. The closest to us is in Plymouth, MA (PYM) on July 12, 2015.
- **Chris Carrozzella** Is organizing a local chapter of the IMC Club. Information on the national organization is at [imcclubs.org](http://imcclubs.org). He plans on having meetings at MMK starting sometime next month. Meeting announcements will get sent out via the FAA Safety Meeting system.

- **Officer's meeting** will be next Sunday at 10am

**Presentation:** Jay Sabot gave an interesting presentation describing the building of his Oshkosh Grand Champion Lancair Legacy. He started the build in 2004 with first flight in 2009. He won a Bronze Lindy at AirVenture 2011. He took note of the things the judges marked him down for and spent the next two years fixing and improving the plane. In 2013 the plane won Reserve Grand Champion at Sun n' Fun and Grand Champion Kit-built at AirVenture 2013.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Anyone wishing to send in their 2014 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it to EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481  
Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

### 2014 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

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

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



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