



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, January 17, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

January 2010

## President's Award Winners



Chris Kohler (above left) and Barbara Uliano (far right) were recipients of 2009's President's Award, presented by Chapter President Jim Simmons. Congratulations to both and thanks for all your efforts throughout the year.



Your 2010 officers and chairmen met at Meriden Airport on Sunday, January 10, 2010 to establish the course and direction of our Chapter in 2010.

Keep in mind that we are always open to your ideas. Please bring forth your ideas and suggestions for any improvements which you feel we can make to any facet of our operations to our January 17th meeting.

*2010 dues are now due*

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## Letter from the President

It seems that every year, as I get to the task of putting up the new calendars (all with pictures of airplanes, of course) for the coming year at home and at my laboratory, I wonder where the time has gone. During these moments of reflection I often re-play the past year's events in my mind's eye, thankful for what has been accomplished. Indeed, that is the case for Chapter 27 as we close the book on 2009. And, to be sure, our successes have been through the efforts of so many individuals. I salute you all.

Being that it is now my job to pen this monthly letter, I want to use it to again thank our outgoing President, Jim Simmons, for the last seven years at the helm. Jim's dedicated leadership has left Chapter 27, by all measures, a healthy and dynamic organization. Well done, Jim...and Betty, too!

As I flipped through the monthly pages

of my 2010 calendars, previewing the great aviation photography, I was also reminded that Chapter 27 reaches its 54th year in February. Quite a milestone, I'd say. Our longevity as an active EAA Chapter hasn't been just the result of good fortune either. It has always been because we've remained a steady source of support, education and camaraderie for our membership. That is what has allowed Chapter 27 to thrive over the years. And now, I and our incoming officers have our time to add to this great legacy of success. To that end, please contact any of us to pass on your comments or requests regarding the operation of the Chapter and programming. We'll do our best to meet your needs.

Last October, I attended a Chapter Leadership Conference in Oshkosh and had the chance to hear what the good folks at Headquarters had to say regarding

Chapter operations and to also compare notes with representatives from other Chapters around the country, including Canada. One message that rang out loud and clear is the need to make recruiting a high priority. Every EAA Chapter, ours included, must make the search for new members an almost continuous effort. A close second in importance to recruiting is the need to have as many members as possible contribute as best they can to supporting Chapter activities. I encourage you to help in any way. Big or small, your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

I'm looking forward to my tenure as Chapter President and thank you for the opportunity.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay safe.

—Bob Spaulding

### EAA Chapter 27 Members:

On behalf of Peter Rasten and myself, we would like to thank all the members of the EAA Chapter 27 for inviting us to your annual Holiday Party that was held at the Hawthorne Inn on Saturday, December 5th. We both had a good time and we totally enjoyed the food, fellowship with the other members and guests and of course the grab bag event.

We would also like to say that it has been a privilege and pleasure in getting to know many of you over the years. We don't know what will happen to Meriden Aviation Services in the coming year and hope that the transition from one FBO manager to the new one goes smoothly. Pete and I also hope that we will be fortunate enough to remain on board at the airport under new management. But if not, we would like to say thank you to all of you for being our friends and associates over the years.

From all of us at Meriden Airport, we send you our warmest greetings for the new year and look forward to seeing you again where ever life takes us.

Barbara McKenney  
Office Manager

*See the web site for more photos from the banquet!*



## Bearhawk Open House

Mark Scott is moving ahead on his Bearhawk. He will have most all the systems in and the fire-wall forward complete by early February so it's time for another open house.

**Sunday, February 7th**

**1 to 5 pm.**

49 Tuttle Court

Bethany, CT

(203) 393-3187



**This is what Mark's Bearhawk looked like at the last open house. Come see his progress!**

## Meeting Minutes

Nov 15, 2009

**Call to order:** The meeting for EAA 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:00am Officers Present; Jim Simmons, Bob Spaulding, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi. The meeting was held at KMMK.

**Treasurer—Bill Jagoda:** Bill reported a balance of \$1316.63.

**Bill is now collecting dues for 2010.**

**Technical Counselors Report—Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta and Chuck Drake:** Mark discussed the structural failure associated with the Zenith aircraft and demoed a tool used for securing fire prevention tubing. Mike visited Max Lopez. Chuck reviewed Dom McMillian's RV9A project.

**Young Eagles—Fran Uliano:** We have a new Young Eagles Co-Chairman: Richard Merrill. Thanks Rich for all your past and future assistance with Young Eagles.

PHILLIPS has increased their rebate to \$2.00/gal for the remainder of 2009!! Rick Bernardi has printed some rebate forms and they are available just ask for one.

We have flown 203 as of this meeting for 2009, with a total of 1702.

We received a donation of \$45 from the United Methodist Church for the program.

We receive \$5 from EAA for each YE flown

(after 10) and can use this to send another young person to the EAA Air Academy. Received a check for \$935 this month.

**Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe:** As always, please feel free to upload pictures of your project and aircraft on our website. [www.eaa27.org](http://www.eaa27.org).

Rick reported on problems with the server and discussed the the search for a new EAA President.

Check out the builder's videos on the EAA website, although I'm not a builder I found some of the tips useful information that can be applied to other projects.

Rick reported that 100LL will end in 2017 and a replacement is being sought.

**Picnic—Mike Zemsta:** I was not able to make the picnic this year, but the feedback I heard said it was another success. Thanks again to all who served to make it an enjoyable day.

**Holiday Banquet—Maury Lisbon:** Thanks Maury, We had a great time!!

**Old Business:** None reported

### New Business

New Officers for 2010 are;

- President – Bob Spaulding
- Vice President – Mark Scott
- Treasurer – Bill Jagoda
- Secretary – Rick Bernardi

25 calendars were sold.

## Still have a Paper Pilot Certificate?

Recent changes to Federal Aviation Regulation 61.19(g) state that the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under Part 61 may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010. Airmen must request and be issued a *plastic* airmen certificate from the FAA, either online or by mailing in the proper form. There is a \$2 charge for each certificate issued. This regulation does not apply to student pilot certificates or temporary certificates. The \$2 fee is waived if at the same time you request your Social Security number be removed as your certificate number.

The FAA says to allow 4 to 6 weeks for mail processing and 7 to 10 days for online processing so don't delay!

[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airmen\\_certification/certificate\\_replacement/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/)

Heather W. has received her Instrument rating. Congratulations Heather!

A NY VFR Corridor seminar was to be held in White Plains and Max will brief us at a future meeting

Jim Simmons sold his Sky Bolt and discussed the use of an "Experimental Liability Waiver" when selling or buying a home-built. AOPA has one available on their website for buying or selling an airplane.

Bob Spaulding gave an overview of the Leadership seminar he attended at Oshkosh.

Go to Oshkosh 365 on the Internet and check it out: [www.oshkosh365.org](http://www.oshkosh365.org)

The President's Award went to Chris Kohler. Congratulations Chris.

KMMK FBO issue: As of now it looks like Meriden Aviation Services will be here until their lease runs out in 2010 and the new FBO operator takes over.

*Respectfully submitted – Rick Bernardi*

All agreed that the sensation of coasting on the air was delightful.

— Octave Chanute, regards people who tried his gliders, 1894.

My soul is in the sky.

— William Shakespeare, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Act V. Scene I.

## Peg Davidson now a UFO

Peg recently joined the United Flying Octogenarians or UFOs. She and her husband Don attended the UFO meeting in Tampa in November and got their picture in the UFO newsletter, *SlipStream*.

UFO started with 25 pilots in 1984 and now numbers over 600 members. To be eligible to join you have to have acted as a Pilot In Command of a fixed, glider, rotary, sport or balloon aircraft on or after your eightieth birthday.

<http://www.unitedflyingoctogenarians.org>



Don and Peg Davidson at the UFO convention in Tampa. Photo courtesy of UFO *Slipstream*.

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is February 5, 2010.*

## 2010 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues 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*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter via: Email  Paper

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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Meetings held on the third Sunday of the month at 10 am at Meriden Aviation, Meriden-Markham Airport, 213 Evansville Avenue, Meriden, CT unless otherwise noted.

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