



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, June 19, 2005, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

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MMK Is Open Again!

Meriden-Markham airport is open again after a two month project which completely replaced the runway, most of the taxiway and upgraded the lighting. I landed there on Sunday and the new runway is *beautiful!* No more giant cracks and the hump in the middle has been smoothed out. The taxiway is also gorgeous although the airport name and frequency will need to be repainted. Our congratulations to the Meriden Aviation Commission and Empire Paving for getting the job done well and on schedule.

—Rick Beebe



A look at the newly paved runway at MMK. Jim Simmons photo.

Special Young Eagles Flights

We have been asked by the Meriden Aviation Commission to provide a special Young Eagles rally on Sunday, June 26th. The plan is for the Meriden Aviation Commission to invite the Empire Paving management, workers, and their families to an airport picnic. As part of their invitation they would like to offer Young Eagles rides to any youngsters in these families.

I have agreed to have our chapter support this fine effort. As a result, I am soliciting your support by requesting that you plan to join us for this rally. We will discuss this further at our June 19th meeting.

—Jim Simmons

Letter From The President

I'm writing this month's "Letter from the President" much earlier than usual. Rick Beebe, our newsletter editor, is traveling to Amsterdam in early June and will be preparing our newsletter prior to his departure.

The June issue of *Sport Aviation* contains short biographies of each of the nominees for the EAA Board of Directors. Most notably (and listed first for alphabetical reasons) is the biography for Chapter 27's, Rick Beebe. I know that we all wish Rick success in his election into this position. I have suggested to Rick that, like all elected officials, we will have high expectations for him delivering "the goods" to his home turf. All kidding aside, I'm certain that Rick would make an excellent board member and would represent the Northeastern U.S. in a highly professional manner. Rick, we are all pulling for you in this endeavor!

Meriden Airport's repaving project has gone extremely well and the airport will reopen on June 1st as planned. In

addition to the repaving and repainting of the runway and taxiway, the following items were also completed: New runway threshold lighting. New edge lighting for taxiway and runway. New-lighted runway/taxiway signage. New rotating beacon light. Also, all of the disturbed grounds have been graded and hydro seeded. Our compliments go out to the Meriden Aviation Commission. Their efforts during the latest phase of the airport improvement project are highly commendable.

By the time you read this, I hope that our chapter will have completed another highly successful Young Eagles Rally (scheduled for June 11th). I'm hoping that the weather gods will have smiled upon us and created a day that everyone could enjoy. We need this rally to provide the impetus for us to reach our Young Eagles goals for 2005.

I look forward to seeing you all at our June 19th meeting.

—Jim Simmons

June, 2005

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Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2005

The May meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the President, Jim Simmons. All Officers were present.

Two new visitors were recognized; welcome to Bob (GP-4) and Dave (RV-7).

The Chapter is up to eighty-five paid members for 2005.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Jagoda): The current general fund balance was reported to be \$1,255.21. Please inform anyone that is joining the national EAA that if they mention Chapter 27, the group will receive ten dollars for each new member.

Technical Counselor's Report (Dave Pepe): This month Dave reviewed an RV-6A quick-build project which looked great. Mattituck engine options were discussed as well as discussion of the Tech Counselor and Flight Advisor Program. RV-10 and RV-9 projects were visited as well this month. Please feel free to contact Dave for consultation on your project. Even if it isn't an RV, he can review your project and refer you to an expert in your type of aircraft.

Chapter Membership (Mike Okrent): Chapter 27 is up to eighty-five paid members. If your EAA membership number has not been submitted in the past, please contact Mike with that number. That will get you access to the members-only section of our web site.

Website (Rick Beebe): A new 'members only' section is being developed for the webpage. Please get your aircraft/project picture to Rick for the website and you will be registered for the raffle being held at this year's holiday party. Visit the website at www.eaa27.org and send any comments or suggestions to Rick.

Newsletter (Rick Beebe): Fifty-fifty raffle winners are requested to draft personal profiles for the newsletter. As always, anyone

else wishing to contribute to the newsletter in the form of articles, pictures, information, events or anything of interest to the chapter is encouraged to do so.

Young Eagles Report (Fran Uliano): The airport is on schedule to reopen on or before June 1, 2005. The Young Eagles event is scheduled for June 11, 2005 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to fly or be a part of the ground crew, please contact Fran. As always, we will be flying one pilot to one child (8 to 17 years old). The rain date is June 12, 2005. Brett Pilkerton volunteered to look into creating larger posters for the event.

Airport Improvement Projects: Our improvement projects have been put on hold until the repaving of the runway is complete.

2005 Chapter Events: Thanks to Chan Schiller, Dave Pepe, Mike Zemsta, Chris Kohler, Rick Beebe, Jim Simmons and all the others from Chapter 27 that participated in the "2005 Safety Fest." Merger of the Chapter Picnic and "Share Our Planes Day" was discussed for sometime in September. Rick Bernardi gave an update on the Share Our Planes Day planning and passed around a list for pilots willing to give rides for that event. Mike Zemsta will be recruiting volunteers for the picnic. A Fall Young Eagles Rally was discussed for October. The Christmas Party arrangements are complete for December 11, 2005 at the Hawthorne Inn.

Old Business: Remember that Rick Beebe from Chapter 27 is a nominated candidate for the EAA Board of Directors; let's support Rick and the Chapter by voting. Thanks to Steve Socolosky, Jim Simmons and the families of both Herb Bullock and Bob Burk for their work on the memorial tribute pages. There are a few denim shirts left; \$20 each.

New Business: A bus trip to Mattituck was discussed; if you are interested in touring Mattituck's facilities, car museum and a free

lunch, contact Max Lopez for details and to sign up. The AirVenture Planning Guide is online now for your review. Nominations have been submitted to EAA for the yearly newsletter and website awards. Chuck Drake offered workshop tables to Chapter members for a small donation to the Chapter; thanks for your support Chuck. Brett Pilkerton has redesigned the Chapter Logo; a copy was passed around and comments given to include a larger "27" and indication of "Connecticut." Thanks Brett for your work. Ray Morgan offered free yellow aircraft paint to any interested members. Max indicated new plans/drawings for an RV-8 and RV-4 were found in Bob Burk's workshop; if anyone is interested in purchasing them, please contact Max.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bob Spaulding.

Thanks to Joe Gauthier for sharing his knowledge and expertise with the Chapter on all subjects and specifically this month as a seminar presenter, discussing the role of DAR and EAA Homebuilt Council.

Next month's seminar to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

—Jim Pepe, Secretary

Web site help wanted

Due to my increasingly busy schedule, I really could use some help keeping the EAA Chapter 27 web site up-to-date. Adding photos, writing captions, creating new content. Here's your chance to show off your creative abilities. I'm willing to teach you how to create and edit web pages but you need to provide an Internet-connected computer and the basic knowledge of how to use it. If you're interested in helping out, please contact me by email at newsletter@eaa27.org.

—Rick Beebe

Mattituck Bus Trip

As discussed at the last meeting, we're trying to organize a bus trip to visit Teledyne Mattituck Services, the renown engine rebuilder in Mattituck, New York. The tentative schedule is to meet at the commuter parking lot at exit 10 off route 91—the Hamden exit—at 6:00am on Saturday, August 20. We'd leave Mattituck at around 4:00pm for the return trip. The agenda includes tours of the shop and the auto museum, Q&A, and lunch. The bus will cost around \$1000 and can take 50 people for a per-person cost of \$20. The actual price would vary depending on how many sign up and before we make the commitment, we'd like to know how many would go. We'll discuss this more at the next meeting. If you have questions or would like to sign up, contact Max Lopez at 203-467-4826.

Free Garmin 530/430 Training Video Seminar

The Aviation Safety branch of the FAA is offering a free online training program for the popular Garmin GNS-530/430 Nav/Comm/GPS. The program consists of six units, each of which is approximately 45 minutes to one-hour duration. The program takes you through the pages of the GNS-530/430 and demonstrates the correct data entry method for smooth operation and to comply with ATC instructions. The course is offered in two formats: RealPlayer and Windows Media Player. The opening web page has links to both presentations, instructions and the table of contents. The table of contents outlines the topics of each unit, however, it is suggested that you begin with unit one and proceed through the entire program. The purpose of the program is to help you avoid the human factor errors that may hinder your operation of the GNS-530/430. To improve your operational understanding of the GNS-530/430, the program employs scenario-based demonstrations and explanations of the various navigation procedures performed with the GNS-530/430.

<http://aea.faa.gov/aea200/safety/Garmin.htm>

MMK's Tetrahedron Gets Facelift

We are pleased to report that the tetrahedron at Meriden Airport (MMK) has been repainted in its highly visible Day-Glo orange color.

On Friday, May 27th, Fran Uliano and Jim Simmons arrived in the early afternoon to repaint the tetrahedron. They were soon joined by Ray Morgan who provided the invaluable "hold it steady while we paint it" assistance. Later on Rick Bernardi and Fran Greico arrived to act as the "not-so valuable" sidewalk superintendents.

All kidding aside, the tetrahedron looks super and can once again be seen for miles around.



Fran Uliano (L) and Jim Simmons working for a change.
Ray Morgan photo

Flight Safety Reminder!

by Steve Socolosky

Non -Towered Airports:

- Do you perform a radio check to be sure you're on the correct frequency before departing?
- Do you assume there is traffic even if you do not hear any radio transmissions on the CTAF? Other aircraft could be using the wrong frequency or not be radio – equipped.

Any flight over water in a single engine airplane will absolutely guarantee abnormal engine noises and vibrations.

One of the most important skills that a pilot must develop is the skill to ignore those things that were designed by non-pilots to get the pilot's attention.

Corsairs Over Connecticut



Corsairs Over Connecticut was a 3 day event commorating the end of WWII 60 years ago. At the peak of production, Corsairs were coming off the Stratford assembly line every 86 minutes, 24 hours a day!



Mike Okrent photos

The deadline for submission of materials for the August newsletter is August 10, 2005.

2004 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 \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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Street: _____

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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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