



# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, June 18, 2006, 10 a.m., Tweed-New Haven Airport, East Haven

June, 2006

**Reminder: No meeting in July—See you at AirVenture!**

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yesterday we hosted our Chapter's participation in International Young Eagles Day. We were weathered out on Saturday (6/10) and rescheduled for Sunday (6/11). The weather was much better, but we still had to contend with some windy and gusty conditions. However, undaunted by the conditions, I'm proud to say that we still provided Young Eagles flights for 42 youngsters and Fran has several more lined up in the queue for future flights.

Many thanks go out to all who supported this event. Besides the pilots, we had many ground supporters who insured a smooth and successful day. Obviously, this all came about because of the fine efforts of our Young Eagles Chairman, Fran Uliano. Some special thanks go to Barbara Uliano and Betty Simmons for their registration and coordination activities. In addition, a special Thanks goes out to Richard Merrill for providing some fine stanchions and a rope barrier to help create a safe environment for the participants and their families. It should also be noted that Rich was the first to arrive and begin the set-up, and he was the last to leave following the clean up.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the *good news* and the *bad news*. The *good news* is that the vast majority of the youngsters came to the rally as a result of the fine newspaper

article we received in advance of the event from the *Meriden Record Journal*. The *bad news* is that few of the youngsters were there

as a result of referrals from our membership. We need your support! We need you to seek out kids from within your sphere of influence and get them to join us for Young Eagles flights. We can get pilots and planes to fly any kids at almost any time. However, we need kids to meet our goal for 2006. All friends, relatives, neighbors, and business associates are potential sources. And don't forget that we will be conducting a special raffle at our holiday banquet and the only way to get a ticket is to get a youngster to participate in the Young Eagles program. I know we can do better! So I implore you to keep your eyes and ears open for potential candidates. Together, we can create a very positive experience for many youngsters here in Connecticut.

I look forward to seeing you all at Max Lopez's hangar next Sunday.

—Jim Simmons



### JUNE MEETING: MAX LOPEZ'S HANGER, EAST HAVEN

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 18 at Max Lopez's hanger at Tweed-New Haven airport. The hanger entrance is off Victor Street in East Haven. Find your way to the airport then follow the signs for "General Aviation" on Thompson Avenue. Victor Street is immediately before you get to Robinson Aviation. Take it all the way to the end. Parking is behind the wooden fence. Max's hanger is the end one on the right-hand building. Max will be bringing us up to date on the progress of his RV-7A.

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## MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2006

Meeting was held at the New England Air Museum and called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Jim Simmons. All officers were present; Bob Spaulding, Vice-President; Bill Jagoda, Treasurer and Jim Pepe, Secretary.

There were thirty-two members attending the meeting and one visitor; welcome to Billy.

Jim announced that the Mattituck trip was a success and the group was treated wonderfully by the people at Mattituck. Jim thanked Mike Zemsta for coordinating the trip. Also, Jim thanked the members who supported the 2006 SafetyFest.

**Treasurer's Report** (Bill Jagoda): Bill reported a current balance in the treasury of \$1,083.00. On a motion from Mike Zemsta and a second by Fran Uliano, the report of income and expenditures for April and May 2006 was accepted by the group.

Bill announced that any new EAA members should mention Chapter 27 when they join and the Chapter will receive \$10.00 from headquarters.

**Technical Counselor's Report** (Dave Pepe): This month Dave reviewed a Zodiac, RV-9 (tanks) and RV-10 (tail cone).

**Bulletin Board Chairman** (Chris Kohler): Thanks to Chris for documenting the Mattituck Trip and displaying pictures on the bulletin board for the Meriden aviation community to see.

**Website & Newsletter Editor** (Rick Beebe): The webpage is located at [www.eaa27.org](http://www.eaa27.org) Comments to Rick Beebe.

**Young Eagles Report** (Fran Uliano): YE Day is June 10, 2006. Chapter 27's YE Day will be announced in the newspaper the week of the event.

It was announced that Chapter 1208 is

seeking YE pilots for June 3rd.

Tim Kelly has referred a young eagle to Fran and will now be entered into a raffle to be held at the holiday party. You can be too; refer a YE and get a chance to win the prize.

**Airport Improvement Projects:** Noise abatement signs have been ordered. Rick, Fran and Jim have volunteered to put them up. Fran has ordered paint for tetrahedron.

**2006 Chapter Events:** The June 18, 2006 Chapter Meeting will be held in Max Lopez's hangar at Tweed-New Haven Airport in East Haven. On August 26, 2006 the group is supporting a Fly-Out to NH69 in New Hampshire. The Chapter picnic (& share a plane day) is scheduled for September 9, 2006. The Christmas Party is booked for December 10, 2006 at the Hawthorne Inn.

**Old Business:** The group approved \$500.00 to buy Chapter products (shirts and caps); Dave Pepe will place the order. Mike Zemsta discussed the possibility of a Chapter trip to Old Rhinebeck in New York.

**New Business:** Richard Merrill is coordinating the effort to get Chapter business cards; it was announced that the EAA Logo can be used. Richard also announced that he is driving to Airventure Oshkosh and has room for one or two passengers.

Bob Spaulding will begin coordinating an effort to keep track of available hangar space around Connecticut for the group.

Jim made AirVenture NOTAM literature available to the group.

A fly in at Mountain View was announced for June 24, 2006 for a pot luck.

A Chapter 166 Fly-In was announced for May 27th at Brainard Airport

**Seminar Presentation:** Thanks to member Al Hudson for leading the tour of the New England Air Museum.

Bob Rouse gave a nice history of the Corsair from the cockpit and members had the opportunity to sit in this airplane as well as the B-29.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 followed by a tour of the museum.

*Respectfully Submitted — James Pepe*



## MMK's EAA LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW

Thanks to continuing donations, the EAA library at MMK has continued to grow. It has become a major source of aviation related literature and videotapes.

Recent donations to our library include a new bookcase donated by Ann Lyon. Ann is a pilot and former employee at MMK who is relocating to Marathon Island in the Florida Keys. In addition, the John Baldwin family has donated a significant number of flight training videotapes, including many King and Sporty's training videos.

Our library is available to everyone visiting MMK on the honor system. Feel free to take the books or videotapes home. All we ask is that you be sure to return them to MMK's library shelves when you are through with them.

Our thanks to all of the contributors.

## A TRIP BACK IN TIME...

Chapter 27 is planning a trip to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. This is Cole Palen's Living Museum of Antique Aircraft 1900 through 1940 featuring thrilling aerial demonstrations with antique aircraft.

The trip is planned for Sunday August 27. Pick up locations will be announced depending on response.

The cost of the trip is \$45 per person. This includes coach bus trip to Rhinebeck, NY and admission into the Aerodrome.

Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 27. Send your check along with name, address, telephone number and people accompanying you on the trip to:

Mike Zemsta  
20 Capitol Ave.  
New Britain, CT 06053

Responses must be received by July 8 to ensure availability of the bus.

Any questions, call Mike at 860-832-8661. For information about the Aerodrome check out <http://www.olderhinebeck.org/>

## BUILD OR BUY?

*James Pepe*

Last night I came inside from working on the RV-9A and wondered if I should sell it and buy a Cessna 150. I had a frustrating experience trying to drill out some rivets, resulting in a ding in the fuel tank baffle.

It's not the first time this idea has surfaced and I'm sure it won't be the last.

I often recall one Sunday morning at the airport, during my private pilot training, seeing the EAA Chapter 27 members gathered in the meeting room and asking my instructor what was going on.

"It's a group of airplane builders," he said.

I asked, "Are you a member?"

"No," said my instructor. "I don't wanna build 'em, I just wanna fly 'em."

Once in a while when the project isn't going well, I reflect on those words and stomp around the house threatening to sell everything in the garage, so I can buy an airplane to fly away in.

Most of the time building is enjoyable and rewarding, but that 1% of the time when it's not, makes me re-think the build verse buy decision.

My problem is that I want to do too much. I would like to pursue my IFR rating, own a little airplane and keep building my RV. This makes things difficult, as unfortunately, time and money (or the lack there of), force me to choose one or the other.

Eventually, you have to choose or you just end up doing nothing. So, even though I periodically go through the above exercise, in the end I always go back out to the garage and start building again. And I like it.

I guess if we are fortunate enough to be struggling with the build verse buy decision, we should count ourselves lucky and take comfort in the fact that both choices are pretty good. I am grateful that I have been fortunate enough to be able to pursue this hobby and I'm grateful that I decided to pop in one day on an EAA Chapter 27 meeting to see what this "group of airplane builders" was really up to.

## Chapter 27 at the New England Air Museum

Last month's meeting at the NEAM included a tour of the museum led by Chapter 27 and NEAM member Al Hudson.

At left, Bob Rouse gave a history of the F4U Corsair and talked about flying them while sitting in the cockpit of one.. Below, Al Hudson, center, opens the tour, flanked by Chris Kohler (L) and Fran Uliano (R).



**True story:**

**Student: Tower, Cessna 32X. Uh, there's a deer down here on the runway.**

**Tower: Roger 32X, hold your position. Deer on runway 18 cleared for immediate departure.**

**(Two seconds later, presumably by coincidence, the deer bolts from the runway and runs back into the woods.)**

**Tower: Cessna 32X cleared for departure, runway 18. Caution wake turbulence, departing deer.**

**It had to be tough keeping that Cessna rolling straight for take-off.**

## RIDE & STAY: EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH

Rich Merrill is taking a camper to Airventure Oshkosh and is looking for someone to ride & stay with him to share expenses. Camping at Airventure is one of the best ways to see the show and camping in something other than a tent is even better!

If you're interested, call Rich at (203) 426-6224.

For other options, check the RideShare and housing sections of the Airventure web site at <http://www.airventure.org>

## HANGERS AVAILABLE AT BRAINARD

NHV, Inc. announces that they have 42' T-hangers for sale available for immediate occupancy at the Hartford-Brainard airport in Hartford. They will also be building new hangers and have the flexibility to construct customized ones. The hangers are being sold subject to a 30-year Land Lease (with an automatic 10 year extension if requested) with the Connecticut Department of Aviation.

For more information contact Jay Savitz at (609) 320-0195 or by email at [nhvinc@msn.com](mailto:nhvinc@msn.com).

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is August 9, 2006.*

### 2006 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, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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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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