



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, June 20, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

June 2010

## Young Eagles Soggy Success



Richard Merrill, Young Eagles co-chairman

**H**ow do you dampen our enthusiasm for Young Eagles? With real rain, of course. EAA Chapter 27's Spring Young Eagles rally was aiming to be another successful one with over 40 kids signed up by 10 o'clock. Unfortunately the flying weather wasn't very good with 15 mile visibility and clouds at 1500 feet. And then, about noon, the rains arrived and flying was done for the day. We did manage to fly 18 kids, but the rest will have to wait for another day.



Adriana Corona photos



Kira Reed fills out Young Eagle logbooks.



Kazi Ahmed signs up his kids.

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## Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2010

**Call to order:** The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:00am. Officers Present; Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi. The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 29 members present and 4 guests.

**Recognition of Visitors:** A new visitor, Alicia Rodriguez, was recognized.

**Membership—Mike Okrent:** Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer—Bill Jagoda:** Bill reported a balance of \$1390.73

Please pay your 2010 dues. Bill is always available to collect dues.

**Technical Counselors Report—“The gang of four” Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta and Chuck Drake.**

Dave - Visited Dave Dube's RV and reported he is making rapid progress.

Mike - Needs to remove the tail of his RV10 and add a doubler to the stabilizer.

Mark - Demoed a label maker that used UV resistant labels.

**Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill:** Twelve Young Eagles were flown on May 12th. The “BIG” Rally will be held on June 12th.

Nationwide over the last year 78,500 Young Eagles experienced the gift of flight and 2,200 are taking the Sporty's Ground School on-line. We have flown 18 YTD with a total of 1725. Phillips will provide a \$1/gal rebate for YE flights. Thanks to Isaiah for setting up the meeting room.

**Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe:** Rick was away at a Director's meeting and will report to us at the next meeting.

Rick is always on the lookout for pictures articles etc. If you have anything in mind pass it on to Rick.

**Chapter Bulletin Board—Chris Kohler:** Chris has done a great job providing a visual look at our Chapter with the board. The board was updated with picture of the recent Boy Scout YE flights. Chris is on the lookout for pictures to use, if you have any you would like to share please contact Chris. Any older prints would be much appreciated.

**Airport Improvement Projects** are on hold pending the FBO decision from the city of Meriden.

### 2010 Events;

Chapter Picnic—Mike and Patty Zemsta: The date for the picnic is Sunday, September 12th.

Holiday Dinner—Maury Lisbon: The dinner will be held at the Hawthorne Inn Saturday December 4th 4:30 to 9:30pm.

International Young Eagle Rally: Saturday June 12th, rain date June 13th.

USAF Thunderbirds: June 26-27 at KOQU and August 21-22 at KBAF.

Simsbury Fly-In: Sunday September 19th.

New Haven (Tweed) Fly-In: Saturday September 25-26th.

Red Bull Air Races: New York City, June 19-20th.

### Old Business:

KMMK FBO status. There will be a new FBO come July 1st, who that will be is yet to be determined.

Meriden Aviation has donated the tables and chairs to our Chapter. Our thanks to MAS for their generosity.

**New Business:** Chapter 1041 Fly-In, Gettysburg Regional Airport, June 5-6th. They will provide shuttle service to the Battle Grounds.

New ground frequency at BDR -121.75.

Chapter 130 Fly-In at Danbury (DXR), June 26th 9am to 3pm, free burger for the PIC!

Greenwood Lake Airport (4N1) Fly-In and Antique Car Show May 22-23.

Wings & Wheels—Corsairs over Connecticut, Sikorsky Airport (BDR) May 29-31. I attended this event and it's just amazing to see 5 Corsairs in flight formation.

Jim Simmons informed us of the new Hudson River Corridor and the New York Terminal Chart changes, also the latest ATC issues on taxi instructions.

Seminar - A presentation by Dr Bob Dodenhoff AME , “The aging Aviator” was very informative and generated many questions along with some laughter.

From The Windsock—Heather Woiciechowski and Sandy Terkelsen have entered the women's Air Race Classic 2010. (See more on the next page.) As of this writing, Heather's plane has passed the handicap flight and is ready to go.

*Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi*

## Young Eagle totals

On Saturday 18 kids flew and 32 did not for a total of 50 there. The pilots were: Jim Simmons 4, Mike Zemsta 2, Dave Pepe 2, Rick Bernardi 3, Kevin Minckler 2, Rick Beebe 3 and Fran Uliano 2. Ground crew was: Barb Uliano, Adriana Corona, Jim Mahar, Chris Kohler, Isaiah Tiezzi, Laura Tiezzi, Betty Simmons, Walt Schiller and his granddaughter, Bob Spalding, Rich Laikevetich and his three grandsons, and Kira Reed. Kira will be going to the Air Academy next month. Thanks to all for their help.

Total this year: 36. Total for Chapter 27: 1743

I plan on getting in touch with the 32 that did not fly and make arraignments to get them in the air.

—Fran Uliano

## Heather W to run the Air Race Classic 2010!

Heather Woiciechowski and her friend Sandi Terkelsen are going to be racing in the Air Race Classic next week.

The race starts in Ft. Myers, Florida on Tuesday, June 22nd at 8:00am and they have until Friday, June 25th at 5:00pm to arrive in Frederick, Maryland. The route and stops are up to the pilots but they have mandatory fly-by's at the following airports in the following order:

- KFMY – Page Field – Fort Myers, Florida (Start)
- KAYS - Waycross - Ware County Airport – Waycross, Georgia
- KTCL – Tuscaloosa Regional Airport – Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- KHOT – Memorial Field Airport – Hot Springs, Arkansas
- KEZZ – Cameron Memorial Field – Cameron, Missouri
- KMDH - Southern Illinois Airport – Carbondale-Murphysboro, Illinois
- KEKM – Elkhart Municipal Airport – Elkhart, Indiana
- KPKB – Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport, Parkersburg, West Virginia
- KFDK – Frederick Municipal Airport, Frederick, Maryland (Finish)

Each “leg” of the race is timed independently and the cumulative time, adjusted by a pre-determined handicap, and increased by any penalties will determine the winner of the race. So it isn't necessarily the fastest plane that will win.

Heather did her handicap run last Monday evening with a race official. They did four four-minute legs, straight and level, and the airspeeds were measured and recorded.

She leaves for Fort Myer on Tuesday morning, June 15, We wish her the best of luck. You can follow her preparation and progress at <http://warriorwomen2010.wordpress.com/>

## Letter from the President

And now it's official. For the better part of the last year, our attention has often been directed towards the continuing saga of finding an airport manager (FBO) to replace Meriden Aviation Services. Last Monday, the final chapter fell into place as the Meriden City Council, by a vote of 8 to 2, gave final approval to contract the services of Meriden Aviators LLC as the Meriden-Markham Airport FBO, effective July 1st. Alas, we must bid farewell to the good folks of Meriden Aviation Services as they wind down operations and turn over the reins. Once again, our heartfelt thanks go out to MAS for the job well done over the years.

In the final days before the vote the rumor mill was alive and well. This spawned numerous discussions around the coffee pot, telephone calls, and e-mails; all with the common theme of what changes might be forthcoming around MMK, and how those changes might affect Chapter 27, the tenant aircraft owners, the local flying club, and the Civil Air Patrol. To that end I and other Chapter 27 officers, along with Mr. Frank Lewandowski, Chair of the Aviation Commission, had a chance to

directly question Mr. Arian Prevalla, the owner of Meriden Aviators. Rather than get into the details here, I will save that for discussion at our next monthly meeting. To summarize though, our questions received generally positive answers however sometimes without specific detail. We did not hear anything that portends difficulty or disruptive change. And to reinforce the maintenance of aspects of the status quo with MMK tenant organizations and groups, the City of Meriden and Meriden Aviators have signed a Memorandum of Agreement that documents specific re-

quirements. We will have copies for your review at the meeting.

Mandated change, particularly one such as this where Chapter 27 had influence and provided counsel, but had no direct control, often results in a feeling of cautious optimism as a final decision is reached yet details of implementing that decision are still being fleshed out. Perhaps that describes where we are today as we still have unknowns before us, but we can also be proactive. We have a shining opportunity to forge a great partnership with Meriden Aviators by applying the strengths of both organizations to make Meriden-Markham Airport a top-notch airfield and a superb place to call home base.

Meriden Aviators...welcome aboard!

Last Saturday, Mother Nature was less than cooperative as we tried to hold our traditional June Young Eagles rally. A low ceiling followed by rain showers forced an early suspension of flight operations. By the last count I saw, we had 45 kids registered to fly and made it through a few less than half of that number before calling it quits so it

certainly wasn't a total washout. Thanks to all of the pilots, ground crew, and other volunteers who pitched in to make things happen. And thanks also go out to the Jonathan Gavin for providing a Jet Ranger and R44 for static display. A final thank you goes to Meriden Aviators for bringing the wood-burning pizza oven and making some terrific pizzas on site—nice work, folks! A lot of hungry people appreciated it.

See you at the next meeting.

Stay safe.

—Bob



Arian Prevalla cooks pizza



*If a woman wants to fly, first of all she must, of course, abandon skirts and don a knickerbocker uniform.*

*—Harriet Quimby, first lady in the U.S. to receive a pilots license, 1911.*

*Flying does not rely so much on strength, as on physical and mental co-ordination.*

*—Elise Deroche, first lady to solo an airplane.*

## Corsairs over Connecticut



A two-day salute to Connecticut's State Aircraft, the F4U Corsair in celebration of its 70th anniversary. Held over Memorial Day weekend. Five Corsairs and many other War Birds flew in for the event. The event was held at Sikorsky Memorial Airport and benefited The Discovery Museum in Bridgeport.

Rick Bernardi photos

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is August 8, 2010. No newsletter in July.*

### 2010 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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