### Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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Letter from the President June 2013

It's tough to lose a good friend. With the passing of Maury Libson last May 30th, I am at a loss for words, numbed by the fact that his presence is gone from our lives. I will miss him at our meetings and at our annual holiday party. I will miss the times we shared and our talks of things both technical and every day. I will miss his

wisdom and his wit. I will miss his insight and honesty. I will miss his kindness and unflagging support of our organization. I will indeed miss something that defies being put into words, that transcends our ability to adequately describe...I will miss his friendship.

A more dedicated and stalwart member of Chapter 27 you will not find. Maury was always there lending support, taking on tasks both large and small, helping make our chapter go. His involvement with the EAA and Chapter 27 is but a small window that sheds light on a very full life. Loving husband of Ethel, father, grandfather, architect, designer, businessman, artist, pilot, gardener, photographer, teacher, synagogue founder and president serve to illustrate Maury's involvement with life. He was a doer but one with a decided touch of calm and quiet confidence, an achiever but not a proclaimer; Maury left nothing on the table when he departed us.

Losing a friend is bittersweet. The bitterness of loss clings to our senses, stirring within us a feeling of emptiness. Yet we revel in the sweetness of the memories we have with Maury; may they always be a source of comfort. We are grateful for the many contributions he made to all our lives. Yes, we sorely miss him and mourn...it's tough to lose a good friend.

To Ethel, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. The bonds of love can never be broken and may they sustain you in the days to come.

Stay safe,

Bob



Next meeting: Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Meeting will be held at Meriden Markham Airport at 10am

If you are getting the newsletter in the mail and are interested in receiving it sooner by email, please contact me at newsletter@eaa27.org

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## Congratulations to Fran who just flew his 400th Young Eagle!!

This young lady was lucky number 400, should only be a matter of time before Fran flies number 500!





Speaking of Young Eagles, We've already held our 2<sup>nd</sup> rally of the year. If you are interested in joining us at any of the events as a pilot or ground crew please talk to Fran Uliano (860)-347-0412 Or Richard Merrill (203)-426-6224, it's a great way to spend a day!





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

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#### Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2013

Officers: Vice-president Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:05. President Spaulding is away in England this month.

Officers present: Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 19 attendees, no visitors.

Membership: Lauren was absent, no report.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Jagoda reports \$1733.17 at the end of April.

Tech Counselors: Dave Pepe doesn't have a lot to report. Steve Socolosky and Mike Zemsta are moving along. Mark Scott talked about the variability of drill bits where he's finding they vary a thousandth or two under or oversize. The consensus is to drill slightly undersized and use a reamer. There also "close tolerance" bolts that are slightly under or over-sized. He also showed off a hole-size finder—expandable pins that you expand into the hole and then put a micrometer on. He showed the catalog for "Genuine Aircraft Hardware" store. They have a lot of unusual parts. We discussed drill blocks for making sure holes are perpendicular. If you're putting steel bolts through aluminum structure (such as the wing spar) Jim Maher suggests putting Vaseline on the bolt to lubricate it and help keep it from corroding.

FBO Update: Dave Pepe talked about some bizarre requirements the FAA has for the snow plowing equipment that is allowed to go into the new snow equipment garage. The

RFP for the new FBO should be ready to go soon.

Board Report: Rick Beebe reported on the Spring Board meeting. Some highlights:

- EAA is publishing a monthly Chapter Video Magazine for chapter use.
- International Society for Transport Training is making a series of videos highlighting various aviation careers which they will make available to Young Eagles.
- EAA has decided NOT to fly the P-64 which they got running in January. It's too rare an aircraft to risk flying it.
- The annual membership meeting will be held on Wednesday at Airventure instead of its usual Saturday time.
- There are new bylaws and articles of incorporation that the Board approved. These will be ratified at the annual meeting.
- Ballots for board elections will now include the option to select individual candidates.

Website: No big changes. If you "like" the Facebook page you can post updates there. Don't forget that our main web site has a photo sharing section as well so you can upload photos of your plane or events.

Young Eagles: Fran Uliano reports we flew 4 yesterday along with 4 Eagles. The turnout was disappointing because there were supposed to be 15 kids coming. Sunday June 9 is our Young Eagles rally (mistakenly published as June 19 in the May newsletter). Rain date is the following Saturday, June 15.

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Thanks: Rick Bernardi sent the Chapter a new PC for use in the chapter Room. Thank you Rick!

Thoughts: Chris Kohler reports that Maury Libson is in the hospital and may be in serious condition. Please keep him and his wife in your thoughts. Sport Air Workshops: Mark talked about the EAA Sportair Workshops which are held in Plymouth Massachusetts. They are

inexpensive but very useful. June 29-30 EAA Ford Trimotor will be at Danbury Airport on June 17-19. \$70.

Holiday Dinner: We voted to hold the dinner on Saturday, January 11, 2014. Bill Jagoda is

making arrangements. Lunch Rally: Phil Cianciolo is organizing monthly fly-out luncheons from MMK. Mark Scott will forward the invitations to the Chapter member mailing list.

New England Air Museum: is having their "Great Aviation Adventure" on June 22-23 at Signature Aviation at Bradley International Airport. B-25 "Panchito" will be there and rides will be offered. They are looking for some homebuilts to display. There will be 50 airplanes on the flight-line.

Seminar: Mark Scott gave a presentation on ATC resources available to pilots in the air.

Thanks Mark!

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

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