

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News

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Letter from the President:

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Mother Nature has turned up the heat...literally and figuratively. It seems like only a couple of weeks ago that we were still wearing jackets and wondering when more typical spring weather would arrive. Now we're experiencing days in the high 80's as if the summer were in full bloom. And with the nice weather come many days of flying opportunities and aviation-related events that can meet most any interest, enough to keep one's flying schedule quite packed.

Speaking of great events, last Saturday we had a fantastic day of flying another batch of Young Eagles. Some years we struggle with the weather that has been served up on our rally days...but not this time. What a great day for flying! The kids were certainly not disappointed either as they got in some stick time. As usual, many thanks to the pilots, ground crew, and volunteers who made this event another success.

On the news front, this caught my eye. The House of Representatives passed a transportation appropriations bill that included \$7 million to continue the search for a viable unleaded avgas alternative. This is \$1 million more than the current spending level and \$1.1 million more than what the President's budget requested. Committee members increased funding to push the development and certification process along and to "help overcome any market issues that prevent it from moving forward." The appropriations measure now heads to the Senate and must successfully pass through that body before becoming law. The Piston Aviation Fuels Initiative (PAFI) appears to be alive and well. We may well have an unleaded avgas yet.

According to AOPA records which I was able to query today (6/13), only one member of the Connecticut Congressional delegation, Elizabeth Esty (D-CT-5), has signed as a co-sponsor for the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 (H.R. 1062/S. 571), also known as third class medical



**Next meeting:
Sunday, June 24th**

Rick Bernardi is visiting,
and will be speaking about
his LSA Lightning.

**Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am**

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reform. We need to do our share to encourage Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, along with your district Congress member to get on board and support this legislation. Please do so by writing to these legislators urging their support. An easy-to-use form letter is available on the AOPA website under the link to this topic.

See you at our next meeting.

Stay safe.

Bob

Chapter 27 Teens to Flight project update:

By: Mark Scott

The application was completed and sent to EAA on May 15. It was received and under review. I heard late week we should be notified by June 19th. We needed to rename the project because Build A Plane is a national organizational name already taken. We chose Teens to Flight. A first draft of the IRS 501c3 application has been completed. It was not too difficult to do. Our effort at the moment is to make minor bylaw updates. Unfortunately it is proving difficult to find in an electronically editable form. If anyone has an electronic or hard copy please bring it to the meeting or let Mark know.

Meeting Minutes:

May 17, 2015

Officers: President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:06.

Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Rick Beebe. There were 19 attendees.

Visitors: Jim Davis is visiting from Mountain Home, Arkansas. He's flying around the country on a cancer-awareness program. He's survived cancer four times and is looking for cancer victims that he can talk to and

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encourage. He then gives them free airplane rides. He's visited 13 states so far and hopes to visit all the lower 48. He is making his journey in a Savannah XL kit plane he built. It comes from Italy and greatly resembles a Zenith Ch-701. It's the fourth plane he's built and after this trip he hopes to build #5. His message is to have regular physicals. Early detection greatly increases the odds of survival.

Treasurer's report: Bill Jagoda was not in attendance but reported to Rick Beebe that the bank balance at the end of April is \$1728.03.

Pilot's Bill of Rights: Bob Spaulding encourages everyone to write your representatives to support the Pilot Bill of Rights 2. AOPA and EAA both have details and links on their websites. Among other things this will allow pilots to fly aircraft under 6000 pounds, non-commercially, without a medical certificate

Built-a-plane project: Mark reports that we have official permission from the city to have the project here at the airport. The application to receive a set of wings from the Give Flight project at EAA was submitted on Friday. Two of the kids who were here last month wrote letters of support which were included in the application. He has five kids who have committed to the project. Ten would be an ideal number so he's looking for more.

He's contacted an attorney about converting the chapter to a 501(c)3. He also attended an EAA webinar on it and it seems doable for us. If we become one then donations to the project are tax deductible.

Sikorsky and Pratt are interested in donating some amount of money each year and he has received a commitment letter from EAA Chapter 1443 to give us a \$10,000 interest free loan.

If anyone has shelves or cabinet or tools they would loan to the project please contact Mark.

Young Eagles: June 13 from 9-3 is our Young Eagles rally. Fran reports we've flown only 5 kids so far this year, for a grand total of 2211. We're sending a young man named Michael McCann to the Air Academy. He's being cosponsored by 1310 and maybe 166. All three chapters would be giving him somewhat over \$600. Volunteers needed to help run the rally.

Ethel Libson talked to Bob this week. She's moved to Pennsylvania to be close to her son. She was very interested in our activities and how the chapter was doing. She's doing well.

Local Fly-ins: Max Lopez brought in fliers for some local fly-ins. Minute Man airport has a weekly car & planes drive/fly-in every Thursday night during the summer. There's a fly-in in Chatham, MA on June 13 and in Nashua, NH June 19-21. Bob talked about an Old Planes

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fly-in in Cooperstown, NY. The AOPA fly-in on June 6 at Fredericks, MD. Mark mentioned one at June 6 in Klinekill, NY (NY1).

Tech Tips: Mark talked about an Automatic Noise Reduction (ANR) upgrade kit from Headsets Incorporated. For \$169 you can convert almost any headset into ANR set. He found the kit useful and has converted two headsets. He also put a piece of Conforfoam on the headband and found it greatly increases the comfort.

Aviation Commission: Dave Pepe reported. There is now a flight-school here at Meriden. They have 2 instructors and two Warriors. The four box hangers have been ordered. The town will be pouring a cement pad. Record fuel sales lately. 5500 gallons in the last 3 weeks. Trees have been removed at the south end. They hope to recertify the PAPI.

Director's Update: Rick Beebe reported on the Spring board meeting. EAA is doing well financially and the AirVenture program is firming up nicely. A B-52 will be there along with two F-22s and two F-35s. Dierks Bentley is the opening night concert. Gary Sinese will be back on Friday with the Lt. Dan Band. There will be special programs commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII. Burt Rutan will be returning to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the VariEze. Many of the Apollo 13 crew will be there for the 45th anniversary of that mission.

Tom Charpentier is an EAA staffer in government relations. He'll be flying in on May 27 to talk to chapters members. We may be hosting an evening with him here.

Seminar: Bob Spaulding gave an enlightening presentation on engine pre-heating. He cleared up some myths about what causes damage during a cold start and went over some pre-heating options. Many people believe that thick oil is the problem with a cold engine and so they install an oil heater. However aluminum contracts and expands much more than steel so the real problems are the aluminum case contracting on the steel crankshaft and the aluminum pistons expanding faster than the steel cylinder and binding on it.

Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Anyone wishing to send in their 2015 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it to EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481
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Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

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