

Experimental Aircraft Association

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Letter from the President:

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Now we're talkin' ...88°F last Friday at Brainard Airport, smooth-as-glass air, and great in-flight visibility...it's tough to get the flying conditions any better. Indeed, the flying season is getting into full stride as superb springtime weather along with lengthening daylight afford us more opportunities to get our machines into the air. And with them also comes an excellent variety of great events, some local, others perhaps more distant that beckon for our interest and attendance. If you are looking for an event to fly out to, whether due to a specific interest or just for fun, check out the events listing at eaa.org. There's something for everyone. Incidentally, the closest AOPA Fly-In to us this year is just around the corner on the calendar, June 6th, at Frederick, MD Municipal Airport (FDK). Like last year, strong attendance is expected as the agenda includes many exhibits, aircraft displays, seminars and activities for the pilot, aviation enthusiast, or family member. And if you can make it a weekend, the local area offers excellent historical sites and outstanding cuisine to boot.

Next for Chapter 27 will be, on Saturday, June 13th, the International Young Eagles Rally at MMK and once again we'll be doing our best to support the cause. We expect a full house of kids and parents to whom we can showcase our airplanes and take the young ones up for a little "stick time". Please join in the fun; help out if you can, or just be there to schmooze with kids and parents about the joys of aviation and what we do as an EAA chapter.

Most of you, I'm sure, are aware of the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 that will authorize pilots to continue to fly (non-commercial VFR and IFR flights in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 lbs. with up to 6 seats, carrying up to 5 passengers, at less than 14,000 ft. msl and less than 250 knots) without having to pass the traditional flight physical to which we are accustomed. However, in the world of legislation, nothing happens without support. Both the Senate



Next meeting:
Sunday, May 17th

Bob Spaulding will be talking about engine preheating.

Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am

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and House have pending legislation to authorize the FAA to modify regulations to allow many pilots to fly without having to take the now-required flight physical. In addition to medical reform, the bill also includes important provisions regarding the NOTAM system and enforcement actions. Check it out...and asking your Senators and Congress member to become sponsors and support the bill will help to ensure its passage. Please do so.

And finally, kudos to our stalwart gang that volunteered time to repair the airport tetrahedron. Once we get a fresh coat of paint on, the project will be complete. Well done to all involved.

See you at our next meeting.

Stay safe.

Bob

Chapter 27 Build A Plane project update:

By: Mark Scott

I am working on the wing donation application. It is looking pretty good. Joe Gauthier has agreed to help out. I received the official letter from Chapter 1443 regarding the \$10K no interest loan for the duration of our project. I talked to a senior executive at Sikorsky Aircraft. He is working on financial funding approval for the years of 2015, 2016, and 2017. I do not know how much yet but it will be a very helpful contribution. I have another inquiry into Pratt & Whitney. I have asked for a paragraph or two from each of the Wilcox High school kids explaining why they want to build a plane. I know the committee would really likes reading letters like those. I contacted Platt High school regarding a presentation on our project. I did not get a reply yet. Patty Zemsta spoke with the engineering/Lego robotics teacher at their kid's magnet school. They may have some interested students. I will be following up on that. We are also looking for a project name. Build-a-Plane is used by another organization. If you have ideas let me know. About half a dozen chapter members replied they will be at AirVenture this year. That is great. It looks

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**Meetings are the
3rd Sunday of the
month at 10am at
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like my Alaska trip is back on. I will hit Oshkosh on the way back. If I'm delayed at least we still have good representation. I suggested to the kids they consider a trip to AirVenture this year. Hopefully a couple will make it out there.

Photo of our chapter members and students from our new Build a Plane project!



Mark Scott forwarded an email to me about the Curtiss Hangar Restoration Kickoff:

"Mark your calendars for May 19, 2015 and Please Share!"

The Connecticut Air & Space Center will be conducting a ceremony to announce the beginning of the restoration of the historic Curtiss Hangar located at the Igor I Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford.

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We would like to invite you to join us for the ceremony on May 19, 2015 at the site of the Curtiss Hangar. The event will start at 12 noon with the arrival of Yankee Lady, a vintage World War II B-17 bomber. The Igor I Sikorsky Memorial Airport Corsair being restored by Connecticut Air & Space Center will also be on display.

Free parking will be available close to the Hangar on Main Street. There will be no admission charge to attend the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony across the street at the Connecticut Air & Space Center (18 and over).

You can follow the Corsair restoration project on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ctairandspace>

Connecticut Air & Space Center web site: <http://www.ctairandspace.org> "

Tetrahedron repair at MMK

On Friday May 8th Richard Merrill led a team of fellow EAA chapter 27 members in the repair of the tetrahedron at MMK.

Fran Uliano, Charlie Hughes and Jim Simmons assisted in the project.

Now that the repairs have been completed we are ready to apply a fresh coat of paint once it is procured by the City of Meriden.

Thanks to the EAA chapter 27 volunteers for their efforts.

Meeting Minutes:

April 19, 2015

Officers: Vice President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:10. Bob Spaulding arrived at 10:20. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 23 attendees including 2 visitors.

Build-a-plane: Mark Scott presented the progress of the build-a-plane project. He's gotten preliminary permission from the city to use half of the snowplow hanger. He made a presentation at Wilcox High School. A small group of kids showed up and were very excited. We would need to form an entity to own the airplane. We can either make the Chapter a

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501(c) 3 form a separate foundation or work under another group. EAA has insurance for these types of projects. Mark and Bob Spaulding will work through the process with the IRS.

He has a \$10,000 loan commitment from chapter 143 in Oxford.

EAA will be building five sets of wings at AirVenture purposely as jump starts for build-a-plane projects. Mark as put our name in to receive a set. Right now he thinks an RV-12 would be the best plane to start with but it's not clear what wings EAA will be building. Other choices are Rans S-19, Zenith 601 or Sonex.

Preliminary plan is to build for 3 hours on Monday nights and 3 hours on Saturdays. Mark wants to put up a banner advertising it and encouraging visitors.

Questions we have to answer to be selected for a set of wings:

Why does your Chapter deserve a set of wings? To cite our Young Eagles record. Giving kids something to do after/other than flying. We've flown 2200 kids one at a time.

How does your Chapter intend to raise funds? Charitable donations, businesses, go-fund-me web sites. We need roughly \$67,000 to buy a kit.

What's the plan for the finished plane? Sell it and use the money for the next project.

Other information? Chapter 27 has been around a long time. Experienced building chapter. Enthusiastic group. Mark will put together a detailed project plan. We have an Oshkosh award winner. Joe Gauthier available. Success with boy scouts.

If people have other thoughts or suggestions for the project you can email Mark at vicepresident@eaa27.org

MMK Fly-in: The fly-in did well last year and will be repeated this year. Bob would like a larger Chapter presence this year. Warbirds over the beach: Mike Zemsta showed a poster for a warbird fly-in in Virginia Beach, Virginia in May.

Young Eagles: Lauren reports that a girl named Alexandra that we flew last year is now trying to get her medical so she can learn to fly.

One of the two people we were going to sponsor to the Air Academy has backed out so if anyone knows of a kid that would like to go let Fran know.

Treasurer's report: Bill Jagoda reports the balance at the end of March is \$2,000.20.

Seminar: Don Macmillan gave a very nice presentation about the RV-12 he's building. It looks like he's doing a good job. Some lessons he's learned are to take

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your time, watch the step-by-step videos, pay attention to orientation—it's easy to get parts backwards, use quality tools, and replacement parts are relatively inexpensive.

Four of the students from Wilcox high school attended the seminar and were given Young Eagle rides afterwards.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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

Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

2015 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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