



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, November 21, 2004, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden

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Letter from the President

On Wednesday, November 10th, a record low temperature was set at Bradley Airport. A stark reminder that the warm temperatures are departing and our shirt sleeve flying weather is gone for the year. Betty and I have enjoyed a marvelous flying season. I know that winter flying can be just as much fun; it's the frozen pre-flight that gets to me.

I promised Betty that I'd now work on the house projects which I've ignored during my six years of GP4 building. Somehow I haven't found the same enthusiasm for these projects that I was able to garner for my aircraft construction tasks. Painting the inside of a wing is much more interesting than painting the inside of a kitchen cabinet. However, I also realize that these tasks need to be placed behind me before I can contemplate my next endeavor.

Our holiday banquet is rapidly approaching and we need you to make your meal selections as soon as possible. Please be sure to notify Bob Ryan at our upcoming meeting or contact him at (203) 865-4528. If you haven't joined us before, I urge you to

give this event a try. It's a fun night for all and a way for you and your guest to meet with our fine membership in a festive environment.

As we end 2004, I also need to remind everyone to pay your dues for 2005. We keep our dues very low (\$15 per year) and they barely cover the cost of publishing and mailing our newsletter. So be sure to sign up now for another year with EAA Chapter 27.

Our Young Eagles program appears to have fallen short of our goal for 2004. However that shouldn't deter anyone from continuing to fly kids for the remainder of the year. The program is more about the experience for the individual kid than it is about numbers. Our chapter has proven this by primarily flying our Young Eagles in one-on-one flights. So keep looking to put a smile on another youngster's face; not to mention the glow of their parent's smiles as well. Fran Uliano has plenty of supplies if you need some.

I look forward to seeing you all at our November 21st meeting and our December 5th banquet.

—Jim Simmons

November Meeting Agenda

Charlie Enz will continue his explorations on ways to reduce cooling drag. Reducing cooling drag may be the least expensive speed boost you can buy.

Tribute to Bob Burk



At the August meeting, the members of Chapter 27 unanimously approved the purchase of a permanent tribute to Bob Burk at Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin—an inscription on the EAA Memorial Wall. We're very pleased to tell you that we've received a number of outside donations, including \$125 from EAA Chapter 1208 in Bridgeport, and that we have enough money to go to the next level: an inscribed brick on the walk up Compass Hill. Before we commit to that, though, we'd like to see if we can "go for the gold" and raise \$1000 to purchase an inscription on top of Compass Hill. If you'd like to contribute, please send your check to Bob Ryan (his address is on the back of this newsletter) and mark it Bob Burk Memorial.

A service will be held on Sunday July 31, 2005, at 11AM. There the names of the honored for this year will be read while tribute is paid with a "missing man" fly over. The event will be videotaped and a tape provided to our chapter.

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Your EAA Membership Benefits What They Are and How They've Changed

We're often asked "what are the benefits of belonging to EAA?" The answer can be a long one depending on what that individual's interests are as EAA has a vast offering of benefits and services. And they are evolving and improving all the time. But let's just start with the basics and explore what's new in a \$40 EAA membership.

Every member receives his/her choice of a monthly magazine. EAA SPORT AVIATION is the flagship monthly publication for members interested in the broad scope of recreational aviation with editorial geared to the flying, buying, building, restoring and maintaining of all types of aircraft. We are currently in the process of expanding our coverage of production aircraft news and hands-on topics. EAA SPORT PILOT & LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT magazine is new just this year and its editorial is aimed at those who'll fly the newest special light-sport aircraft, including fixed wings, trikes, powered parachutes, gyrocopters, gliders, and Part 103 ultralights. Your membership includes a choice of either membership or you can add on the additional magazine.

EAA member benefits at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year have also increased. Now members not only have greatly reduced admission fees, but you'll receive discounts on specially priced meals from several food vendors, have access to the members-only internet café, and enjoy member events in the new EAA Member Village near AeroShell Square. And the list will be sure to evolve over the next few months as we set plans for the 2005 event happening July 25-31. Watch this space for more details on "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

EAA's Insurance Program has expanded with the addition of insurance for students and renters. This non-owner insurance plan is Sport Pilot-ready. In addition EAA, and Falcon Insurance have developed an outstanding insurance plan for all types of aircraft including expanded coverage, service and great pricing for members. Call today for a free

quote at 866-647-4322 or visit www.eaa.org. EAA membership also includes preferred rates on other lines of personal insurance.

With the new Sport Pilot movement, EAA's technical team is the leader in helping all aviators understand what the new ruling means and how it helps reduce the traditional time and cost barriers associated with training and aircraft ownership. We have a special brochure series that answers many of the questions members have on this topic. If you'd like to receive this information or have a question on Sport Pilot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or visit the website at www.sportpilot.org.

Another new benefit of EAA membership this year is unlimited admission to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. That's right all members can visit the museum as often as they like—at no additional charge.

The EAA membership umbrella includes the wonderful ability to join a local chapter and participate in all of its activities. Plus, EAA members also have the opportunity to join one or all of EAA's affiliate organizations: EAA Warbirds of America, EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association, and the International Aerobatic Club division of EAA. Plus, an affiliate of EAA is the National Association of Flight Instructors. The EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council reaffirms EAA's commitment to its homebuilding roots. There's something for everyone!

With the EAA Flight Planner, EAA members can easily plan a VFR flight, view a route on current maps (including Sectional, WACs and other) check NOTAMs and weather, file with DUATs and many other functions. This \$50 value is free for EAA members, just check out the website at www.eaa.org for more information.

For individual services, EAA provides a wealth of educational and technical benefits. Access to pilot programs such as EAA Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Aeromedical Advisors, and Aviation Information Services representatives are ready to answer your avia-

tion questions at 888/322-4636. EAA's education opportunities include SportAir workshops held around the country – the perfect place to learn about aircraft building and restoration. Call 800/967-5746 for all the details.

Working with kids via the EAA Young Eagles program gives the next generation of aviation enthusiasts the chance to take to the sky. EAA members provide an introductory flight experience for kids aged 8-17 – members have flown more than 1,100,000 Young Eagles since the program's inception. Call 877/806-8902 for more information. EAA's Air Academy aviation camps provide a resident camp at Oshkosh headquarters for youth who are aged 12-18 interested in aviation. Reach the Air Academy at 888/322-3229.

Finally, the discounts! Great deals and discounts for EAA members abound: you can save on everything from member discounts on Ford vehicles, John Deere equipment, Hertz car rentals, travel services, and even a preferred rate on the EAA VISA® credit card.

For more information on any of your EAA membership benefits we're at your assistance on-line at www.eaa.org or in person at 800/JOIN EAA (800/564-6322.)

TruTrak Pictorial Pilot Referral

I have a friend, Jerry Peck, who recently installed a TruTrak Pictorial Pilot system in his Long EZ. After returning from Oshkosh 2004, he installed the new device. Jerry states that unit performs "wonderfully". His unit is coupled to his GPS and he couldn't be happier. You can access more information on the system at: <http://www.trutrakflightsystems.com> I believe that there is nothing like a personal referral when you are considering your equipment installation options.

—Jim Simmons

Member Profile: Mark Scott

Aviation is both my profession and hobby. I have been involved with flying machines from many different aspects. Joining chapter 27 recently was just another new facet to my journey.

I started with RC models as a kid and eventually scratch built some of my own designs. I majored in mechanical engineering in college at WPI and joined Sikorsky Aircraft in 1983. Less than a year later, just as I was just becoming productive, I told my boss I wanted to attend graduate school! Expecting him to say "that's nice *maybe* we'll have a job for you when you get back" he enthusiastically arranged a two year leave of absence for a masters in Aeronautical engineering at University of Maryland. The summer between the two years I worked as a Sikorsky flight test engineer in West Palm Beach FL. I got about a dozen hours riding in the back of S-76B helicopters with a flight suit, parachute, helmet, and uncomfortable oxygen mask in 95 degree heat!

I got my private ticket in 1986. Through Sikorsky I acquired 20 hours of Enstrom helicopter time and soloed in 1990. I flew actively until family obligations, restricted funds, and a two year Masters program at MIT required a hiatus from 1992 to 2000. During that time I went back to RC planes eventually building a 30% CAP 232. I said to myself the next plane I build I'm going to be able to sit in! Since 2000 I have acquired a seaplane rating and fly floatplanes in Maine once a year. I was in an Aeronca 7AC partnership and now own a 1950 Cessna 170A at OXC.

Through models I learned how to build and



experiment. Through flying I learned about airmanship. And through work I performed advanced aeronautics, systems engineering, and design. But I have never built a whole airplane! So that is next and why I joined EAA. I don't know how anyone could build a plane without being in a local EAA chapter. I have my eyes on a Murphy Moose and eventually putting it on floats. Discussions with insurance companies indicated a hundred or so hours of tail dragger time would be very beneficial. I also wanted to make sure I could become comfortable with a tail dragger in a variety of conditions before I made the big commitment. So I bought the C-170 in March 2004. I have learned a lot about maintenance, documentation, and a host of other ownership issues that will be of great help when building a homebuilt and selecting equipment. If anyone is not exactly sure about the type of aircraft they want and the kind of flying they want to do, buy a similar plane and give it a try. Selling a plane is much easier than switching homebuilt projects midstream. My kids will be of riveting age in a year or two and I'll probably take the plunge and hope to make it a family project. Most people say a homebuilt is like building a big model airplane. I hope so. I did a lot of that and had great fun.

Steve Socolosky Recovering

EAA Chapter 27 member, Steve Socolosky, is recovering from a very serious motorcycle accident. On October 3rd, Steve was out enjoying his motorcycle when he was struck by an automobile and suffered serious injuries. Steve's injuries include both bones in his left lower leg broken (pins inserted), broken left clavicle and broken left shoulder. His wife Kathy says that doctors credit Steve's wearing of his helmet with saving him from serious head injuries. Steve is currently home recuperating from his injuries, however, additional surgery will be required in the future and doctors predict his recovery will take one year before he is back to his old self again.

Steve has been a strong supporter of our chapter and an avid EAA Young Eagles pilot. Our thoughts and prayers are with him for a complete and speedy recovery.

New Technical Counselor

We are pleased to report that EAA Chapter 27 member, Dave Pepe, has applied for the position of EAA Technical Counselor. Dave has been a long time supporter of our chapter including serving in the capacity of Secretary, Vice President and Young Eagles pilot. Dave has completed and is flying his RV-6 and this qualifies him for the Technical Counselor position. The application has been submitted and is expected to be approved shortly.

The EAA Technical Counselor is an experienced volunteer advisor who shares his knowledge and expertise with fellow aircraft builders. They are part of the "member helping member" tradition of EAA. They advise builders on constructing a safe, airworthy aircraft for final FAA inspection. Their services are offered at no charge.

There is no limit on the number of Technical Counselors within a chapter and we are always looking for qualified volunteers to assist our membership.

2005 Calendars available

2005 EAA World Of Flight calendars are now available. They will be on sale for \$9 at the November meeting. We are also collecting 2005 dues from now on. The dues are \$15. We are also collecting for the Christmas Party at the Hawthorn Inn. The price is \$30 per person.

2005 Slate of Officers

The following members have accepted nominations as officers for 2005:

- President—Jim Simmons
- Vice-President—Max Lopez
- Treasurer—Bill Jagoda
- Secretary—Jim Pepe

The election will be held at our November 21, 2004 meeting.

Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door. —From a church bulletin

RV-3 KIT FOR SALE

RV-3 "Complete Standard Kit" For Sale. Complete kit includes plans, manuals, empennage kit, wing kit, fuselage kit and finishing kit. All components purchased new in February, 2004. Tail feathers meticulously fabricated by Bob Burk, highly experienced RV builder. All Vans builder support services transfer to the new owner. Asking \$10,500. Contact: Jim Simmons (203) 272-9346

The Vans Family

As you know, we're trying to help Missy Burk sell Bob's RV-3 kit. Mike Okrent contacted Vans about putting our ad in the RVator. They responded, "We don't usually accept ads for aircraft kits because that puts us in the position of competing with ourselves. We have made exceptions to help people in special circumstances, and will be happy to make one this time." Their ability to treat their customers like they are part of the family is what makes Vans such a special company. Our thanks to them for their consideration.

The deadline for submission of materials for the January newsletter is January 5, 2005.

2004 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:
EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bob Ryan, 6 Manor Ct., North Haven, CT 06473
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

EAA Membership No: _____ Pilot rating held: _____

Do you own an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ Registration No: _____

Are you building an aircraft?: _____ Make & Model: _____ % completed? _____



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