



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



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

November 2010

## Tom Swift and His Air Scout

The Boy Scouts and flying? Of course! There is a Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge. The requirements for getting one include visiting an airport, learning about airplanes, and optionally taking a flight. Mark Scott put together a three day program for 25 Scouts to cover the badge requirements. Members of EAA Chapter 27 volunteered to help, including Bob Spaulding, Jim Simmons, Rick Bernardi, Rich Merrill, Fran Uliano, Isaiah Tiezzi and Allenn Wiesner.

On November 6th we had a Young Eagles Rally mainly for the



Boy Scouts that took the classes. We also flew other kids that were invited to come. The total was 22 flown. The day was great flying weather.

The pilots were: Jim Simmons, Rick Bernardi, Rick Beebe, Bill Jagoda, Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Rob Aiksnoras, and Fran Uliano. They each flew three except Mark who flew one because he was still involved with finishing up with the Boy Scouts.

The ground crew was Laura and Isaiah Tiezzi, Rich Merrill, Chris Kohler, Mauri Libson, Carl and Laraine Eaton, Barb Uliano, and Laura Dubois.

This year we have flown 133 YE's and

to date we have flown 1841.

—Rick Beebe & Fran Uliano

## Gone West: Mary Burk

We're sad to report the death of Mary Burk. She passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2010. Mary was the wife of the late Bob Burk. Bob was a Chapter 27 Technical Counselor built a beautiful RV-6 and partly completed an RV-7. He opened his shop to others and his contributions to flying and under-construction planes are too numerous to count. Mary's donation of Bob's aviation related books was a significant step in the creation of our Chapter library at MMK.



Mary was age 84 and passed away at her home in Milford surrounded by her family. Daughter of the late John Patrick and Grace Potter McLaughlin, she was born on November 25, 1925 in Hartford, CT.

She was a registered nurse who graduated from Mount St. Joseph's Hospital in Rutland, VT in November 1946. She loved the many years she was employed at Milford Hospital and the former Milford Heights Health Care.

Mary had a love of travel and spent her retirement exploring with her husband, Bob. She had a passion for skiing and especially loved the mountains of Snowmass, Colorado.

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## Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2010

**Call to order:** The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:02am, Officers Present; Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Rick Bernardi.

The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 29 members present and 3 guests.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Jessica Greer was recognized and provided with a visitors package.

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

**Treasurer—Bill Jagoda:** Bill reported a balance of \$1857.18.

We have Chapter merchandise for sale and Bill is always available to collect dues.

**Technical Counselors Report—“The gang of four”—Dave Pepe, Mark Scott, Mike Zemsta and Chuck Drake:** Mike wants to know if anyone is interested in a trip to Lycoming for a tour.

Mark visited a Kitfox under construction equipped with a Rotax Rotary Engine.

Dave reported on the portable handicap ramp now available for use at MMK.

**Website, Newsletter and Director—Rick Beebe:** Rick will be reporting on the EAA Fall meeting at our next meeting. If you have an idea or an article for the newsletter please submit it to Rick. He is always looking for pictures for the newsletter and web site.

**Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill:** Fran reported we have flown 111 this year for a total of 1816. Fran reported on a new Flight Training program, providing a first flight lesson and flight training scholarships. Also all Young Eagles will

get a free membership until they reach the age of 19. Fran said we flew 53 YE's on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Chapter Bulletin Board—Chris Kohler:** Chris has done a great job providing a visual look at our Chapter with the board. The board is temporarily out of service pending renovations at the FBO. (Chris is *still* smiling)

**Airport Improvement Projects:** Are on hold pending the FBO renovation. The resurfacing of the FBO building is complete and it's looking great, the roof of the Maintenance hangar and FBO has been replaced and the buildings are now free from leaks. The men's room has been renovated and the woman's room is pending.

Jim discussed the FBO's plan for renovating the inside of the building

**Holiday Dinner—Maury Lisbon:** The dinner will be held at the Hawthorne Inn Saturday December 4th 4:30 to 9:30pm. Cash Bar 4:30, Dinner 5:30,

**Old Business:** Boy Scout Merit Badge sponsorship and training – Mark Scott provided a successful program and we had a lot of fun working with the scouts. Young Eagle rides were also provided.

**New Business:** Nominations for 2011 Chapter Officers. Submit your name if you're interested in helping lead the Chapter.

**Seminar:** A presentation by Joe Tapp on wooden airplanes. He is from EAA-643 in New Jersey.

**From The Windsock:** Work has begun on the security lighting for the ramp areas. Respectfully submitted —Rick Bernardi

## Congratulations to Richard Merrill

Congratulations to EAA Chapter 27 member Richard Merrill upon winning the Grand Prize in a recent AVweb drawing. Richard won a brand new Lightspeed Zulu noise cancelling headset. This is Lightspeed's top of the line headset and Richard has been inundated with offers to purchase it from him. He recently had it for show at MMK and had to keep a sharp eye on it to make sure it stayed in his possession.

<http://www.avweb.com/contests/15grand/index.html?pid=14>

Congratulations Rich!

## EAA's New Free Student Membership

EAA recently announced its new Student Membership, available to all Young Eagles who have not yet celebrated their 19th birthdays. The membership, which is free of charge to Young Eagles, is an excellent next step following the initial flight experience. The student membership package includes the digital version of Sport Aviation magazine, a free student membership to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), free admission to more than 300 science and technology museums, free access to Sporty's Online Pilot Training Course – which now has more than 5,000 Young Eagles enrolled – and a number of other EAA-member benefits.

The development of this new student membership was made possible through the support of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. More details are available on the "Flight Plan" page at <http://www.youngeagles.org/flightplan/>.

## Letter from the President

The old adage "time flies" has once again proven to be accurate as we approach the end of 2010 and another very successful year for Chapter 27. Where did the year go? It seems like summer was just yesterday. For a few of us, it will mean some curtailment of flying activity as the airplanes less suitable for winter operations (such as my open-cockpit Hatz) are winterized and put into hibernation. For others, the regime of pre-flight details necessary to get into the air will acquire the added responsibilities of wrestling with engine pre-heaters and waiting until wings have defrosted. But flying on a sunny winter day can have some great payoffs—increased performance, beautiful winter scenery, and unmatched visibility, all making for a nice time to just throttle back and take it all in. Sometimes it's about going places; sometimes it's about enjoying the freedom of the moment.

Kudos to Mark Scott and the gang of volunteers from Chapter 27 and the FBO who participated in making this year's inaugural Boy Scout aviation merit badge training a smashing success. About 25 Boy

Scouts were given training sessions and demonstrations that covered principles of flight, navigation, airport layout and operations, pre-flight inspections, building and flying a simple glider (including a spot landing contest), and aviation careers. The ground school sessions were capped off with a dedicated Young Eagles rally to also get the scouts into the air. I think our ground school instructors had as much fun as the scouts over the three Saturday mornings that class was in session. This most likely will be an annual event for our Chapter, one that has proven to be highly rewarding for the teachers as well as the students.

Although Veterans Day has just passed us by for this year, I want to acknowledge and give my personal thanks to all of our combat veterans wherever they may be. The EAA has many such heroes within its ranks—pilots, bombardiers, navigators, systems operators, combat aircrew such as gunners and loadmasters, ordnance men and mechanics, rescue swimmers—all tied together by the common theme of getting the job done, while in harm's way, using a military aircraft. And for many,

the attachment to aviation has continued by becoming members of EAA chapters throughout the world. We are thankful for the sacrifices they made and treasure their membership in our organization as their experiences both awe and enrich our understanding of flying under the most difficult of circumstances.

Let me end this final letter of 2010 by plugging our closing event of the year, the Chapter 27 Holiday Party on December 4th. It will be held once again at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. Many thanks go to Maury Libson for making all of the arrangements with the restaurant. Accompanying the newsletter is a flyer with the details. A perennial favorite, this event is not one to be missed, so please send in your attendance form and dinner selections, with payment, to Bill Jagoda or see him at the upcoming meeting. However you do it, get yourself on the list of attendees.

See you at the November 21st meeting and the party!

Stay safe,

—Bob

## Pietenpol Progress

My Pietenpol project at the end of this season. Except for what I can do at home this winter, work won't resume until next April.

I've passed several milestones on the way to this point and should make good progress when spring '11 comes 'round.

—John Boyce



**Thank God men  
cannot as yet fly  
and lay waste  
the sky as well  
as the earth!**  
—Henry David Thoreau

shhhh!

# Surprise Party For Mark Gosselin

Former EAA Chapter 166 member, president officer airplane builder etc.

*There is a story that needs to be told  
About a man who is growing old  
We will gather together the 28 of November  
To share the stories of Mark we remember  
I hope you can come to join the fun  
And now "the word" has just begun  
All are welcome far and near  
To "roast" our friend we hold so dear*

**November 28, 2010      2-6 p.m.**

Polish Legion American Veterans Post 189  
193 E Main Street, Meriden

Casual dress    RSVP by November 19  
To [marytownsend@ymail.com](mailto:marytownsend@ymail.com)  
Or call Mary at 703-389-2829  
(Your presence is his present.)

Quiet!

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is January 8, 2011.*

## 2011 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues 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*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter via: Email  Paper

EAA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot rating held: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**A committee  
is a cul-de-sac down  
which ideas  
are lured and  
then quietly  
strangled.**

—Sir Barnett Cocks, British politician



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Date: Dec 4th, 2010



# EAA Chapter 27 Holiday Party

Hawthorne Inn

2421 Berlin Turnpike  
Berlin, CT

- Cash bar opens at 4:30 PM, complimentary cheese platter
- Dinner at 5:30
- Please bring a grab bag gift (one gift per person, \$5 to \$10)
- Menu: Full course dinner (Entrées below), chicken soup with pasta, green salad with zinfandel vinaigrette or parmesan peppercorn dressing, mashed potatoes and vegetable, chocolate mousse, coffee, tea
  - \* Prime rib—\$43
  - \* Chicken Valencia, or Salmon w/ Citrus Butter, or Vegetarian Lasagna—\$36

Please fill out and bring to the 21 Nov meeting or mail to:  
Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Rd., Rockfall, CT 06481 or call 860-349-9901  
Make check payable to: EAA Chapter 27



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée selections:

Prime rib	_____	χ \$43 =	_____
Chicken	_____	χ \$36 =	_____
Salmon	_____	χ \$36 =	_____
Lasagna	_____	χ \$36 =	_____

Total: \_\_\_\_\_