



# Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, October 21, 2001, 10 a.m., Meriden–Markham Airport, Meriden

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## September Meeting Minutes

President Fred Caputo called the meeting to order at 10:04. All officers were present, except Jerry Bass. Steve filled in as secretary. There were about 30 members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Margaret reports that our current balance is \$2,469.55.

**Tech Counselor Report:** Ed Morris reports that most, if not all, of the FAA forms—airworthiness, AD's, etc—are available online as PDF files. Printed using *Adobe Acrobat*, they look just like the FAA issued printed versions. The web site is at [www.airweb.faa.gov](http://www.airweb.faa.gov).

Dave Pepe reported on the Superior XP-360 engine that he bought for his RV-6. He has had some minor problems and Mattituck took the engine back to make corrections. He'll keep us informed on his progress.

**Young Eagles:** Fran was going back through the records and reports that we've flown 746 Young Eagles since the program began. We're up to 76 so far this year. The Channel 3 broadcast led to at least 50 interested kids. We've also had queries for 10 more from a Scout troop and 10-15 from a modeling club. Fran proposed September 22 and 29 to fly the scouts and modelers. He also proposed that we have our next Chapter 27 Y.E. rally on October 20.

**Hanger Committee:** Jude Steele reports that the Aviation Commission is very pleased with the newly painted frequency and the word "Meriden" on the taxiway. (Thanks Jim Simmons and helpers!). Optimism about the reconstruction

prevails. The commission has yet to determine the size of the hangers. Jude suggested a minimum of 30x40. Ultimately, we'll have to build according to the commission. Rent for the property under the hanger is also



Noted parachute historian Jim Bates talks about practicing for the "real" thing—bailing out of a disabled aircraft.

an issue to be considered.

We still have to come up with an appropriate name. Something like EAA Education Center. Let's have those suggestions!

**Christmas Party:** The party is on Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Yankee Silversmith. Cost is \$30.00 per person, cash bar. Look for the menu elsewhere in this newsletter. Please bring your payment to the next meeting.

**Chapter Elections:** The election happen at the October meeting. We're still looking for nominations for secretary.

**New Business:** Fly-ins at Simbury and Mansfield coming up.

Fred reminded us about the Chapter

library and displayed a couple volumes from it. It was suggested that we take an inventory and publish the list for chapter members.

The members present voted to purchase twenty-four 2002 EAA calendars to sell.

Charlie Maxstead donated a bunch of aviation hardware which was given away at the meeting.

**Seminar:** Our speaker was Jim Bates, master parachute rigger, parachutist (1,425 jumps), and author. His column, *Rigger's Notebook* appears monthly in the *Atlantic Flyer*.

His very interesting talk was about proper techniques for bailing out of a disabled aircraft and how to practice for the event. Obviously a parachute is required!

—Steve Socolosky

## October Meeting

The next meeting is October 21 at 10:00 am. The seminar will be on various topics:

- Discussion of NOTAMS regarding current VFR restrictions
- WWII veterans' interviews on video tape
- P-47 gun camera footage

## VFR Operations to be Restored in Some Class B

By the time you read this, VFR operations should be restored in about half of the Class B airspace. Late last week, procedures for the resumption of VFR flight in 15 cities were finalized and these procedures were approved by the National Security Council and the White House on Friday evening. FAA's NOTAM regarding those areas was released on Saturday, October 13.

VFR operations in 15 Enhanced Class B areas are being phased in over a three-day period:

Monday, October 15: Houston, TX; Kansas City, MO; Memphis, TN; New Orleans, LA and St. Louis, MO.

Tuesday October 16: Cleveland, OH; Dallas-Fort Worth, TX; Honolulu, HI; Minneapolis, MN and Phoenix, AZ.

Wednesday, October 17: Charlotte, NC; Cincinnati, OH/Covington, KY; Salt Lake City, UT; Seattle, WA and Tampa, FL.

Aircraft with transponders and altitude encoding capability will be able to conduct VFR operations in the Enhanced Class B airspace outlined above. Pilots are instructed to monitor the guard frequency 121.5 MHz while in the Enhanced Class B areas. Aircraft without transponders will also be able to fly in Enhanced Class B airspace if they first obtain a waiver. Procedures for obtaining such a waiver and the NOTAM outlining the airspace release will be published on the web as soon as they become available.

For reasons of national security, current restrictions on VFR flying in the other 15 major metropolitan areas with Enhanced Class B airspace remain unchanged. Of course there's no word on just what those reasons are.

The resumption of VFR operations in these 15 cities is the result of



## Airfield and Aircraft Security in the Wake of the Terrorist Attack

Following the September 11, 2001, multiple terrorist attacks against U.S. civil air carriers involving the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the FAA is advising of the potential for follow-on terrorist attacks.

As we have done in several occasions in the past, the FAA is seeking your cooperation in helping to safeguard the air transportation system. We are raising the security posture at all Part 107 airports throughout the United States. We believe that it is prudent to inform airport and airfield operators of our concerns. Accordingly, to help keep public and private airfields safe and secure during the foreseeable future, we need your help.

### Persons involved in operating, servicing or renting small aircraft should be on the look-out for:

- Aircraft with unusual or unauthorized modifications
- Persons loitering for extended periods in the vicinity of parked aircraft or in air operations areas
- Pilots who appear to be under the control of other persons
- Persons wishing to obtain aircraft without presenting proper credentials or persons who present apparently valid credentials but do not have a corresponding level of aviation knowledge
- Anything that doesn't look right! (i.e. events or circumstances which do not fit the pattern of lawful normal activity at your airport)

Remember: If you see something highly dangerous, such as weapons or explosives, being loaded on an aircraft; or if you have other reason to believe that a serious crime or some sort of attack is about to occur, immediately call local law enforcement authorities! And call your nearest FBI office: (203) 238-0505.

continual negotiations by a National Security Council working group established in early October to address the security requirements necessary to resume VFR flight in Enhanced Class B areas. The group is continuing to work on developing procedures necessary to restore VFR flight in the remaining 15 Class B areas and remove other restrictions on general aviation operations.

For the latest news, check the EAA website ([www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)), AOPA's website ([www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)) or, of course, the FAA's website ([www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)). Since the rules seem

to change with alarming regularity, be sure to check with flight service for any new notams or TFRs before you hit the wild blue yonder.

## Member News

During Oshkosh 2001, Jim Simmons was interviewed by the General Aviation News. They have subsequently published a nice article about him and his Skybolt in the September 14, 2001 issue of the *GANews*. Check it out. And be sure and let us know about any noteworthy things that happen to you. Way to go Jim!

*Instrument flying is when your mind gets a grip on the fact that there is vision beyond sight.*  
- U.S. Navy 'Approach' magazine circa W.W.II.

## EAA Offers On-line Flight Planner

EAA has launched a new free flight planning service, called EAA Flight Planner®. It's available free to all EAA Members through the EAA web site ([www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)).

With EAA Flight Planner, pilots can create a complete flight plan just by entering the identifier for their departure and destination airports. That flight plan includes digitally generated sectional maps, flight planning "wizards" for more flexibility, NOTAMs and weather conditions along the route, DUATS interfaces and a weight-and-balance calculator.

"When we began the EAA Flight Planner project, our mission was to create a system that was unmatched in capability and flexibility, and could be offered to our members for no additional cost," said Stephen Lark, Director of Web Development for EAA.

"Aviators as a group are more 'technology savvy' than the general population, so it was

important to meet their needs with any flight-planning system. EAA Flight Planner does exactly that, with an easy-to-use system that includes the vital aeronautical information necessary to safely and successfully plan and fly any trip."

Working with AeroPlanner.com, a subsidiary of Navigational and Planning Services (NP&S) and a leader in the flight-planning field, EAA created a system that can be as simple or as detailed as any individual pilot wishes. Once a member registers and completes an aircraft profile, any number of specific data can be added to establish a complete flight plan.

Included in EAA Flight Planner are a number of exclusive features not found on any other on-line flight planning system.

Among those features are:

- Interactive Sectional Maps: Display your flight plan directly on current U.S. Sectional Maps.

- Auto Routing: Just enter a departure and destination airport and let EAA Flight Planner do the rest.
- Weather: Overlay your generated flight plan with the latest weather.
- DUATS Interface: Store, retrieve, and file your flight plans with an easy-to-use interface to DUATS

you to turn virtually any GPS into a GPS for aviation use, and turn a Palm Pilot or a Pocket PC into a moving map display," said Mark Munsell, President of AeroPlanner.com.

The basic EAA Flight Planner system is available free of charge to all EAA members through the EAA web site. Premium packages are priced at \$89.95 per year, a 10-percent discount from the regular AeroPlanner.com price. Premium features are also available to EAA Flight Plan subscribers on a free trial basis and a single-use price basis.

## MMK needs AOPA ASN Volunteer

Just a short note to thank you for including my address to Chapter 27 regarding my appointment as AOPA's Airport Support Volunteer for MMK in the last newsletter.

As circumstances would have it, I have recently moved my plane from MMK to OXC. With my reduced exposure to MMK, I have resigned my position with AOPA and strongly encourage anyone interested to apply. That said, I still have two AOPA videos (*Flying Friendly* and *GA Airports*—both approx. 1/2 hr.) that the Chapter is welcome to use and share. I will bring them to the next meeting as I intend to remain a supportive member of both organizations. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robert Marcella

Christmas 2001

## Yankee Silversmith Inn

Wallingford, Connecticut  
Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 pm  
in the Depot Room.

*Appetizer:* Vegetable Soup  
Silversmith Salad

*Entrees:* Baked Cod Heritage  
or  
Roast Native Turkey  
or  
Roast Pork Normandy  
Chef's choice of vegetable and potato  
Silversmith Bakery Basket

*Dessert:* Deep Dish Apple Crisp ala Mode  
Coffee, Tea, Decaf

\$30 per person with a cash bar.

Please bring cash or check to the next meeting.

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## FOR SALE:

Super sturdy PROJECT TABLE/BENCH. 3/4"X4'X8'  
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\$50.00 (approx. cost of materials)

Super sturdy PROJECT TABLE/WORKBENCH. 3/4"  
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clamping). 38" high. Very flat. Four 4"X4" legs with  
adjustments for leveling. One half size lower shelf.  
Asking \$40.00 (approx. cost of materials)

Contact Jim Simmons @ 203.272.9346

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of materials for the November newsletter is November 6, 2001. Let's have your news items, building tips, flying stories, photos and interesting web sites. Send them to Rick Beebe, 360 Mountain Road, Hamden, CT 06514 or via email to rick@beebe.org.

Also your comments or suggestions about the way the newsletter looks or other things you'd like to see in it are always appreciated.

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## 2001 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:  
Margaret Bass, 20 Pine Glen Road, Simsbury, CT 06070  
(Dues are \$15.00 per year, make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 27)

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

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

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Meetings held on the third Sunday of the month at Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT at 10am unless otherwise noted.