



Experimental Aircraft Association

# Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, October 18, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

October 2009

## ANOTHER YOUNG EAGLES SUCCESS



Sunday, October 11 was our rain date and was well worth the wait. The day was clear, the winds weren't too bad and the visibility was wonderful. Eight pilots flew 44 kids. Check the website for more photos at <http://www.eaa27.org/events/2009fallyeday/index.php>



Clockwise from top left: Barbara Uliano and Lorraine Eaton at registration; Kevin Minckler in his Long-EZ; Chris Kohler, our capable air boss; Fran Uliano, our Young Eagles coordinator; Carl Eaton takes a well-deserved break; Young Eagles 27 and 28 wait patiently.

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I am pleased to report that Bob Spaulding is interested in becoming President of EAA Chapter 27 for 2010. Bob has been serving as our Vice President and has conducted many technical seminars for our membership. Bob is scheduled to attend the Chapter Leaders Seminar being conducted in Oshkosh in late October.

I am also pleased to report that Mark Scott has accepted Bob's invitation to serve as Vice President of EAA Chapter 27.

We will be conducting the formal election of these men during our November 16th meeting.

As always, we are seeking other interested members to serve our Chapter. If you have interest in becoming an officer please let me know prior to our November election.

—Jim Simmons



Congratulations to Laura Hargreaves who got a grade of 93 for the online Aeroscholars course she did this summer!!

I'd like to begin this month's Letter from the President with a plea to all Chapter 27 Young Eagles pilots to make every effort to get your 10 Young Eagle flights during 2009. As you know, EAA headquarters will be awarding our Chapter \$5 for each Young Eagle flight for those pilots who have flown 10 Young Eagles or more. In the past two years we have taken great pride in doing our part towards sending Laura Hargreaves and Isaiah Tiezzi to the Air Academy. Obviously, we would love to send another worthy Young Eagle to the Air Academy in 2010.

I am pleased to report that Maury Libson has been making a steady recovery from his recent health issues. Maury has assured me that he is continuing to plan for our December 5th Holiday Banquet. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see the details of the menu and our plans for the event. Our treasurer, Bill Jagoda, is now accepting your checks and reservations for the upcoming event. Since this will be my last year to host this event, I hope you'll join Betty, me and many other Chapter members at this year's banquet.

The City of Meriden has issued their RFP for submitters to become the FBO operator at Meriden Markham Airport beginning in July, 2010. The city is hoping to get the respondents to erect a new FBO terminal and maintenance hangar as part of the request. Time will tell whether they are successful in this endeavor. It is my understanding that Bob Carlson will not be a bidder. On behalf of the membership of EAA Chapter 27, I would like to thank Bob Carlson and the other members of the Meriden Aviation Services staff for all of their support for EAA Chapter 27 and our various activities over the years.

I hope to see you all at our October 18th Chapter meeting.

—Jim Simmons



Congratulations to Jim Maher who had one of his photographs chosen as "Picture of the Week" by the aviation website AvWeb. It's of powered parachute flight at dusk, snapped during EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh. You can see the large version at <http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/1448-full.html> He writes: "Every week I look at these photos in awe never thinking that one of my photos would be good enough to win this national recognition."

"This was the first photo that I ever submitted. Just lucky I guess."

Not at all, Jim. Great job!



Joe Gauthier answers questions about the homebuilt rule changes at the Chapter picnic. L-R: Rich Merrill, Chris Kohler, Joe Gauthier, Bob Upson.



# CHAPTER PICNIC

*Our annual Chapter picnic was held on September 13, a gorgeous sunny day. We had a special guest speaker. Isaiah Tiezzi came to tell us about his trip to the EAA Air Academy this past June. This is the speech he gave. More photos from the picnic are on the web site at <http://www.eaa27.org/events/2009picnic/index.php>*



My experience in Oshkosh was once-in-a-lifetime. When we arrived at Bradley I felt that "Wow, I'm

leaving Connecticut and going halfway across the US to a town in Wisconsin that's airport and town holds one of the biggest airshows in the world." When I finally got through security and was walking to the terminal I saw the Airbus A320 I was going to be flying in. All I could think was "now that's an airplane." After 2 hours of staring at the clouds we landed at O'Hare in Chicago and I thought I was in LA. It was an open glass ceiling but the place was like an airport mall. I had to walk with the lady from the management to the terminal to the jet that will fly me to Appleton. When I landed in Appleton and was walking out of the terminal I saw Anthony Ward with a sign that said "EAA Air Academy." I introduced myself and he introduced himself but we waited for a kid from Las Vegas to arrive. We found him and we headed to the van. After a 20 minute ride I saw "Oshkosh, Home of the EAA" and I saw Pioneer airport and the EAA Museum and Air Academy lodge. I was in OSHKOSH!

On the first day in the lodge we played some name games so people would get

to know each other. On the second day it started to get interesting. We got to speak to Tom Poberezny and worked in some labs to make wing ribs. They were easy to make. We made a wood one, metal one and a styrofoam one.

Wednesday was the best day for me. About 11:00 we went to the museum and at 3:13 I got my flight in the Remos G3. I controlled the airplane in the taxi, takeoff, climb, descent, straight and level and 180 and 360 degree turns. I followed my pilot Andy on the landing and put down the flaps.

At the end of each day the kids that flew went back and put the planes back in the hanger. Me and 6 other kids got to see the B-17 cockpit and watched it take off. When it fired up it wasn't even loud compared to other planes.

On Thursday I got to try the Max Flight Simulator and was mostly spinning and flying upside down. But it took like 10 seconds for an aileron roll and our seatbelts were loose rollercoaster harnesses. I kept losing my quarter so I had to reach for it while I was upside down. I flew a P-51 on the simulator and it was fun. On Thursday it was VIP for I had my interview and we got to go behind the scenes and check out the airplanes. Then I went to the gift shop and got a Piper Cherokee 140, Aeronca Champion, some postcards and a toy for [brother] Griffin. I have finished my Piper

with a couple of mistakes and my Aeronca is a work in progress.

In the afternoon we got our helicopter rides in the Bell 47. Friday was the goodbye day. Through the whole week I had numerous leadership activities and lots of great food. So many laughs and great pictures.

When I arrived in Appleton I had to wait for my plane to Chicago because there were some thunderstorms. But we got through them. When I was in O'Hare and was taxiing, Barack Obama's Airforce One landed and delayed us a little. When we finally took off, at 10,000 feet I saw a lightning bolt out my window but I soon got headphones and watched a movie. About 2 hours later I landed and was greeted by my mom.

So I want to thank all of you for allowing this experience to happen and I truly appreciate it.

—Isaiah Tiezzi



Bravery is  
being the  
only one who  
knows you're  
afraid.  
—David  
Hackworth

## EAA CHAPTER 27

# HOLIDAY BANQUET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5  
HAWTHORNE, INN, BERLIN, CT



4:30 - 5:30 PM – HOSPITALITY HOUR, CASH BAR  
5:30 PM – DINNER SERVED  
GRAB BAG FUN!

## MENU

Soup De Jour  
Tossed Salad

Entree Options:

Chicken Valencia \$40

Salmon w/citrus butter \$40

Roast Pork \$40

Prime Rib of Beef \$45

Chocolate Mousse Dessert

*The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is November 8, 2009.*

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Perfect rivet.  
Perfect sunset.  
Same feeling.  
—Lauran  
Paine, Jr.



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