



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 27 News



Next meeting Sunday, October 16, 10 a.m., Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

October 2011

Young Eagles—Finally!



Jim Simmons



Steve Socolosky



Kevin Minckler

Chapter 27 had a great day to finally fly Young Eagles. Eleven finally got to fly after waiting since June to fly. We had four days of rain that canceled their flying for the two weekends that were scheduled. So on October 8th we flew a total of 17, (6 were walkins) that brings our total for the year to 66, and a grand total of 1918.

The pilots were: Jim Simmons 4, Bill Jagoda 2, Steve Socolosky 4, Kevin Minckler 3, and Rick Beebe 4. The ground crew were, Rich Merrill, Chris Kohler, Laura, Griffin and Isaiah Tiezzi, Rich Laikevetich and his two grandsons, Jim Maher and Rona who did crafts with the kids, Betty Simmons, Kira Reed, Barb and Fran Uliano.

Our goal for the year is 100 so we still need to fly 34 more.

—Fran Uliano



Rick Beebe, Kimberly & Nate

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Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2011

Call to order: The meeting for EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Bob Spaulding at 10:05am. Officers present; Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott and Rick Bernardi.

The meeting was held at KMMK. There were 27 members present.

Membership—Mike Okrent: No Report

Treasurer—Bill Jagoda: Bill reported a balance of \$1553.26. Dues is due, please pay your 2011 dues. Dues is \$20 you can mail it to; EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda 43 Derby Road Rockfall, CT 06481

Chapter merchandise is available, new golf shirts with pockets are available.

Commissioner's Report—Dave Pepe: Ed Knapp is managing the FBO. The city is negotiating with the FBO operators at a higher level to live up to its agreement. The aviation Commission is a liaison between the Mayor and the FBO. The city no longer pays taxes to Wallingford, the issue has been resolved. The city is paying \$20,000 for a study of the North and South Hangars.

Technical Counselors Report—"The BOYZ": Dave has resolved the oil leaks on his RV. An oil sensor and 2 oil line fittings were leaking. He now has a clean ride! Mike Z's RV10 is in the paint shop. Mark discussed the new ELT's using GPS technology. Mark also suggested that builders have a tech counselor check wiring on your project, a new set of eyes may pick up something you missed.

Website, Newsletter and HQ Director—Rick Beebe: Rick reported on AirVenture – 445,000 were in attendance. Rick noted the Boeing 787 is very quiet.

EAA27.ORG has been moved to a new hosting company and should be faster. Let him know if you find any problems.

Rick has scanned in old EAA27 newsletters and posted them on the web site. Some issues were missing if you have any let Rick know.

Rick is always looking for articles and /or pictures for the newsletter, so if you have something please pass them to Rick, perhaps an update on your project.

Lauren has setup a great Facebook page, check it out. "EAA Chapter 27" on Facebook.com. Other chapters and the Air Museum are following us on Facebook. Nice job Lauren!

Young Eagles—Fran Uliano, Richard Merrill: Fran reported we have a goal of 100 to fly this year. We have a total of 1898 over the past 15 years and 47 so far this year. The next YE Rally is Oct 1st, rain date the 2nd. Fran reported the Young Eagle program has generated 18,000 new pilots!

Phillips 66 is still providing a \$1/gal rebate for YE rides.

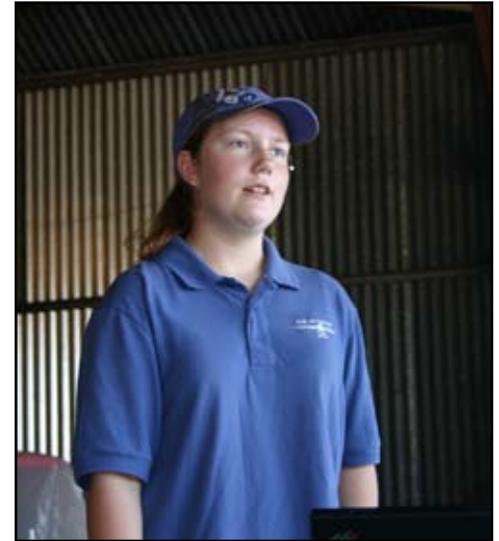
Chapter Bulletin Board—Chris Kohler: Chris updated the bulletin board with pictures of the YE flights.

Airport Improvement Projects: The "Friday Group" has finished painting the Tetrahedron. It's really bright with its new Day-Glo coat!

2011 Events

- YE Rallies scheduled October 1st rain date the 2nd.
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Training, latter half of October.
- Annual Picnic and Open House, September 10th.
- AOPA Summit will be in HFD again this year, September 22-24th.
- Simsbury Fly-In, Sunday September 18th. New CT Chapters booth.
- Holiday Dinner, Saturday, December 10th 4:30 to 9:30 pm. At the VILLA CAPRI in Wallingford

Chapter Picnic



Kira Reed delivering her keynote address at the 2011 Chapter Picnic. Kira described her summer as a counselor at the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The picnic was a success, with a good crowd, great weather and wonderful food.

- Tweed AirFest 2011—cancelled again. Other Suggestions? Bring them to the next meeting.

New Business

Discussion of the Lightsquared GPS interference testing. They are still blaming GPS equipment makers.

Chapter 59 is raffling a Wag Aero sport trainer April 2012 drawing 1500 tickets @ \$100.

Chapter 106, 2011 Northeast Expo and BBQ is Saturday, Sept. 27th.

50/50 was won by Rick Bernardi, donated to the chapter.

Seminar: Mark provided a video presentation of a single engine pilot's trip around the world. A remarkable adventure.

Respectfully submitted—Rick Bernardi

Letter from the President

The weather was perfect a few weeks ago (Saturday, September 10th) for our annual picnic. As has been our tradition, the MMK north hangar was once again spruced up for our gathering and, as usual, we had a fine spread of great food, lots of fun and wonderful camaraderie. Many thanks go to Patty and Mike Zemsta for their efforts in coordinating the shebang, and to all who supported our event. Kira Reed gave an excellent report about her experiences at the EAA Air Academy last July, her second, but this time as a camp counselor. Well done, Kira!

We've had to say good-byes to a couple of special members recently but for different reasons. Rick Bernardi left the state of Connecticut for his new home in Vail, Arizona (near Tucson). Rick will be remaining a member of Chapter 27 but is already getting involved with his new local EAA Chapter. He has been a great supporter of Chapter 27 over the years, taking care of our desktop computers and peripherals, organizing our library, Young Eagles pilot, always lending a hand in airport clean-up projects, Chapter Secretary, and founding member of the Friday morning meeting for donuts and coffee—better known as the Retired Men Working Wives Club. Many thanks, Rick, we'll miss you...and Gizmo!

On a very sad note, we also lost Heather Woiciechowski who passed away on September 25th after a brief illness. She was an air traffic coordinator at the New York TRACON and many of you will remember the excellent tours of the TRACON facility that Heather arranged for us. Heather was an exuberant supporter of so many things related to flying beyond just being professionally involved. In addition to being a member of our Chapter, she was also an active pilot and a member of the 99s, the AOPA, the Women Air Traffic Controllers Association and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. She also flew this year in the 29th Women's Air Race Classic. Heather was very much a supporter of Angel Flight, the organization that transports cancer patients to treatment centers at no cost. It was her ambition to become heavily involved as an Angel Flight pilot after retiring from the FAA. To help support Heather's dream, Chapter 27 has made a donation in her memory to Angel Flight. For those who would like to make a personal donation to the same, please do so.

October also means another Young Eagles rally. Our event was scheduled on Saturday, October 1st, but it seems that, for this year at least, the mere act of scheduling a rally virtually guarantees inclement weather on that day. With rain on the horizon, we were once again forced to call it off and re-plan. It was finally done on the 8th. Our Young Eagles Coordinators, Fran Uliano and Rick Merrill, don't give up easily.

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Heather Woiciechowski

April 19, 1961 - September 25, 2011

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds,—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and
swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air. . . .*

*Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew—
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrampled sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

— John Gillespie Magee, Jr

*Just watch, all
of you men.
I'll show you
what a woman
can do. . . .
I'll go across
the country,
I'll race to the
Moon. . . . I'll
never look
back.*

— *Edna
Gardner Whyte,
1931.*

*What are we
doing here?
We're reaching
for the stars.*

— *Christa
McAuliffe*

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Election time is rapidly approaching and that means every member in our Chapter should consider how they might support keeping our organization a going concern. We always need volunteers in a variety of positions and the fresh ideas of new leaders only help the organization remain vibrant and progressive. If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please contact me. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Lastly, our holiday party on Saturday, December

10th at the Villa Capri in Wallingford will be upon us shortly. This is a new venue for us and we look forward to making the place our regular haunt. If you haven't marked it in your calendar yet, please do so as you don't want to miss this event. Maury Libson is attending to the details of making the evening a special one. We'll hear more from Maury on this at our next meeting. See you there.

Stay safe,

— *Bob*

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is November 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*)

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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? _____



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