



September, 2006

Stan Solecki meets an old friend



Stan Solecki stands in front of the Collings Foundation's Consolidated B-24 Liberator. The Liberator, and their North American B-25J Mitchell, were at Waterbury-Oxford airport last weekend as part of their *Wings of Freedom* tour. Stan flew B-24s like this one during WWII. Rick Bernardi flew Stan to Oxford to visit his old pal.

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MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jim Simmons. Officers present were: Jim Simmons, President; Bill Jagoda, Treasurer; and Jim Pepe, Secretary. The Vice-President, Bob Spaulding was in Canada visiting the builder of his bi-plane.

There were 42 members attending the meeting and one visitor; welcome to Bob.

President (Jim Simmons):

Jim congratulated Fran Uliano for being named EAA's Young Eagles Coordinator of the Year and Rick Beebe for being re-elected to the EAA Board of Directors. An overview of AirVenture 2006 was provided to the group by participants.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Jagoda):

Bill reported a current balance in the treasury of \$1,128.08. Fran Uliano motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Charlie Enz seconded and the motion was passed without objection.

Technical Counselor's Report (Dave Pepe):

Dave indicated that he has visited fifteen projects so far, including a recent visit to Chris Kohler's light sport aircraft. He is available for consultation on your project, RV or not.

Chapter Products are for sale as follows: Denim Shirts (\$20), T-Shirts (\$10), Baseball Caps (\$10).

Bulletin Board Chairman (Chris Kohler):

Visit the bulletin board at MMK to see recent Chapter 27 pictures from the Bradley Air Museum and the Young Eagles Day Rally on June 10, 2006.

Website & Newsletter Editor (Rick Beebe):

Rick discussed his role as an EAA Board

Member and indicated that he is currently serving on the Events Committee. The web page is located at www.eaa27.org. Comments to Rick Beebe.

Young Eagles Report (Fran Uliano):

Fran discussed his experience at AirVenture 2006 as YE Coordinator of the Year. He displayed his award and baseball cap signed by Harrison Ford, Chairman of the Young Eagles Program. He thanked the members of Chapter 27 for all of their efforts and support with the program. The next YE Day Rally is October 21, 2006 at MMK.

Airport Improvement Projects:

Noise abatement signs have to be moved per the FAA and the tetrahedron will need to be painted once again. Thanks to the Chapter 27 members who continually volunteer to handle these projects.

2006 Chapter Events:

A trip to Old Rhinebeck in New York was put on hold at this time.

On August 26, 2006 there is a Fly-Out to NH69 in New Hampshire; lunch is at 1p.m. and the rain date is August 27, 2006.

The Chapter picnic is scheduled for September 9, 2006. Mike Zemsta recruited volunteers to help with set up, cooking and clean up. Picnic will go forward rain or shine in the north hangar.

The Christmas Party is on December 10, 2006 at the Hawthorne Inn; thanks to Maury Libson for making the arrangements.

Old Business:

Mike Okrent and Rick Bernardi volunteered to organize the growing library.

New Business:

Simsbury Fly In announced for September 24, 2006.

It was announced that forty new hangars were approved to be built at MMK.

Max Lopez suggested a Chapter 27 Fly-In at MMK.

It was suggested that Chapter 27 discuss with MMK management the practice of a two tier system for AvGas pricing.

Seminar Presentation:

Thanks to pilot and air traffic controller, Heather Woiciechowski for her overview and practical advise regarding operation in New York Center Air Space.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted — James Pepe

September Seminar

Bob Spaulding
presents

The Limits of Safety

How and why various
aircraft limitations are
established.

STEEL FRAMES AVAILABLE

Each of my Bearhawk wings came in a steel-framed crate. They are 14' 8" x 58" x 14". They would make a great frame for a level wing table. I do not need them. If you or anyone you know would like them, let me know. (203) 393-3187 or mwscott@adelphia.net

—Mark Scott

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm pleased to report that our Chapter has maintained a steady rate of interest and participation. It appears that our membership numbers are averaging between 80-90 paid members annually. This is most certainly a respectable number and should be lauded. However, we are constantly looking for ways to improve and make ourselves better. Your officers are the key individuals in leading the direction and focus for our group. If you have suggestions for improving our group, please bring them forth to our membership and officers and we'll do our best to evaluate and implement the best ideas. Additionally, if you have any interest in holding an office and providing your leadership, we would welcome you stepping forward and making your interest known.

Our Fall Young Eagles Rally is coming up

on October 21st and we need each of you to bring a youngster. Fran and others are doing their best to recruit kids for flights, but we need your help. Please keep your eyes open for possible candidates (friends, relatives, neighbors kids, etc.) and invite them to join us at our rally. I would also remind you that we will be conducting a special raffle at our holiday banquet and the only way to get a ticket is to refer a Young Eagle for a flight. If each of you would bring just one youngster we would have our most successful event ever. I am asking every member to do this in support of our Young Eagles program.

We are planning an exhibit of "what our members are building and/or flying". I would like to ask every member who currently has a project or airplane to submit a recent picture to Rick Beebe for publication

on our website. We will be using these photographs for our exhibit. So please send in updates of your projects so that this display will be representative of the latest efforts of our membership. And yes, this does include production aircraft as well as homebuilt aircraft.

Our Chapter's treasury is healthy and we are able to pursue most ventures with the capital we have. However, it doesn't take a crystal ball to see that costs are rising and I will put forth a motion at our next meeting to raise our annual dues from \$15 to \$20. I believe that this is still a very reasonable fee and would provide our Chapter with the working capital to enable us to keep moving forward.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

—Jim Simmons

WINDSOCK FLY-OUT WEATHERED OUT

Unfortunately, the weather conditions in Connecticut prevented our members from flying up to the Windsock Airpark in New Hampshire on August 26th. The conditions on that morning were marginal VFR at best, and the afternoon's forecast was not very promising. So our members opted not to fly there.

The weather in New Hampshire was fine and the event was held. Carl Eaton had driven there from Maine in anticipation of seeing us. He advises us that Chuck Waldo and his airport mates provided wonderful hospitality and fine food for everyone who visited the event.

Chuck tells us that they will try again next year. We'll be looking forward to it.

—Jim Simmons

CONDOLENCES TO THE MERRILL FAMILY

We are sad to report that Chapter 27 member Richard Merrill's sister has recently passed away. A young woman of 49, she had been struggling with cancer for 14 years and succumbed to the disease on Tuesday, September 5, 2006. Our sincere condolences go out to Richard and the entire Merrill family.



May the support
of your family and friends
be a blessing to you
in your grief.

With heartfelt
Sympathy

CHAPTER PICNIC—ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Our Chapter held its annual picnic at Meriden Airport on Sunday, September 9th. The weather cooperated and provided us with an opportunity to share the camaraderie of our fellow members and friends. As has become customary for this event, we had excellent support in the form of volunteers to prepare the north hangar and then clean up afterwards. Participating members and their families brought salads and desserts and the chapter provided the hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to everyone who supported the event, and a special thanks goes out to Mike and Patty Zemsta for all of their efforts in chairing the event and seeing that all went well.

Flying is a great way of life for men who want to feel like boys, but not for those who still are.

If you ask a question you don't want an answer to; Expect an answer you don't want to hear.

SIMSBURY FLYIN, SEPTEMBER 24

Simsbury Flying Club and Chapter 324 cordially invite you to attend the 21st annual Simsbury FlyIn on Sunday, September 24.

This has become the largest event of its kind in New England with as many as 10,000 spectators and 150 aircraft of all types: homebuilts, warbirds, antiques, classics, helicopters, light sport aircraft, and of course production airplanes. Come and enter your aircraft for judging, with nice trophies awarded to the winners in more than a dozen categories.

We have commitments for a number of interesting manufacturers' displays including Teledyne Continental; Aerosance (maker of the new Fadec engine control system); Mattituck; Liberty Aircraft; Lancair; TBM; Light Sport Manufacturers Kappa, Allegro, and Flightstar; Cessna, Piper; and others.

As usual, we will have a large display of as many as 200 antique autos, plus military vehicles, parachuting, live music, a simulated rescue by the LifeStar helicopter, and lots of good food.

For more information, contact Joe Bellino (860-408-0040 : email "jbellino@snet.net") or Bill Thomas (860-693-4550 : email "wdthomas@snet.net")

The deadline for submission of materials for the next newsletter is October 6, 2006.

2007 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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