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CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings Held on the Third Sunday of the Month at Meriden-Markham Airport, Meriden, CT

NEW T-ATEEN ON THE BLOCK



Photo shows Chapter 166 Technical Counselor Joe Gauthier seated in the cockpit of his newly (almost) completed Thorp T-18 at the Pratt & Whitney Aeroservice Airshow in East Hartford this past Fall. As you can see, the landing gear fairings and wheel pants haven't been installed. We understand Joe has flown off his required flight time and is ready for a trip to Sun 'N Fun and of course, Oshkosh.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The December meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, December 17, 1995. Time 10:00 A.M.

THANKS!

We are pleased to report that our Chapter has recently been presented a \$100 donation from Meriden Aviation Services. Frank Gallagher and Bob Carlson are the donors of these funds for our treasury and we would like to extend a hearty thanks to them for the gift. We will see that it is put to good use within our organization.

"NORTH TO ALASKA"

Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly a single engine airplane north to Alaska? Join us at our next EAA meeting to learn all about the experiences of Pete Foster on such a trip. Pete, a Meriden Airport based pilot, flew to Alaska this year in his Cessna Stationair on floats and he will be conducting a slide presentation highlighting this wonderful flying experience. Join us on Sunday, December 17th at 10:00 A.M. for this fine seminar.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

REMEMBER—IT'S DEC. 17 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this letter following our 1995 Christmas Party. I am pleased to report that it was very well attended (54 participants). The dinner, drinks and activities appeared to be very well received by all in attendance.

I prepared a review of Chapter 27 highlights of 1995 for the party. It gives me great pleasure to report that I believe that we had one of the finest years in the history of our chapter. Seminars, activities and accomplishments were numerous and clearly indicate that the "EAA spirit" is alive and well within our chapter.

During our December meeting, I plan to lead a discussion regarding our chapter's plans for 1996. The two major areas to be focused upon are:

- Seminar topics for 1996, and
- Chapter activities for 1996.

I would like to ask each of you to try to attend this meeting and help us establish the direction for our chapter for the coming months. We can use all your input, feedback and your ideas.

I'm very pleased to report that we closed our membership for 1995 with 71 Chapter 27 members! This was a tremendous show of support and certainly helps to keep us motivated. However, it is now a new year and it is time to renew your membership in Chapter 27. I hope that we can count on your support again in '96. Please use the form provided within this newsletter and renew your membership as soon as possible.

During our Chapter's November meeting, the incumbent officers were unanimously reelected to a second term. On behalf of all of the reelected officers, I would like to thank you for your display of support. I can assure you that each of us will make every effort to continually try to improve our chapter in every way possible.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting

Jim

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Bob Ryan	Frank Mlynick
Herb Bullock	Ed Schinitis
Ed Morris	George Anderson
Fran Uliano	Dave Pepe
Abel Padilla	Mike Kredar
Peter Chudy	Maury Libson
Alan E. Ortner	Mike Zemsta
Jeff Fiscus	Chan Schiller
Fran Grieco	Bob Seemann
Don Whelan	Sheila Seemann
Edgar C. Northrop	Les Mercer
John Anderson	Bruce Terkelsen
Michael F. Gaffney	Raymond Morgan
Stan Chaffin	Charles Maxted
David W. Emmons	Jim Simmons
Bob Brown	Stan Solecki
Bill Simon	

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Charles Maxted

By all, let this be heard! The EAA Chapter 27 Christmas Party was a complete success. The restaurant was very nice, the food excellent, the fellowship congenial and the major topic of conversation, aviation, interesting and varied. What more could an EAAer ask for. Some wives may have dozed off after the meal having heard these conversations many times but flyers are flyers so what else can be said.

This night our president surpassed himself with an excellent after dinner survey of the chapter's accomplishments during the past year. Mellowed by food and drink, I half expected to quietly nap during the post meal activities, but I underestimated our leader's abilities. The graphics accompanying the talk were far and away the best I have seen. They were, in short, attention grabbers. I didn't even regret missing my nap.

It began with a well reserved accolade to the operators of Meriden Aviation Services. Without the use of the FBO for chapter meetings, a place for our bulletin board for information and advertisements and the use of the various facilities for our Young Eagles program, Poker Run and Chapter 27 Fly-In; our year of successful accomplishments might be quite different.

Next, briefly discussed, were the various functioning units within our organization, the members leading these units were recognized and thanked for jobs well done.

Ed Morris and Jeff Davenport, the Chapter 27 Technical Counselors, were very active this past year and the recipients of their expertise offer a hearty merci beaucoup to them (assuming the engine doesn't fall off on their first takeoff).

Our Flight Advisor, Bob Bailey, was thanked for his valuable advice and suggestions to homebuilders and especially the fine workshop he gave this past meeting. I know I am certainly looking forward to various communications and chase planes when I am ready to soar skyward. Gracias, Bob.

The 12 seminars presented in 1995 were both varied and appealing. There was a definite attempt to give the membership what it felt was most valuable to them. A sincere danke schon to the pres-

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EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1995

President—Jim Simmons: 272-9346
Vice President—Stan Solecki: 235-0790
Treasurer—Robert Ryan: 865-4528
Secretary—Charles Maxted: 272-4922
Technical Counselor—Jeff Davenport: 269-6745
Technical Counselor—Ed Morris: 265-3932
Young Eagles Coordinator—Fran Uliano: 347-0412
Flight Advisor—Bob Bailey: 281-4332
Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007

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enters. This year is going to be a TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.

There were among the 1995 chapter projects some that appeared more important than others. However, looking more closely, we see that each in its own way contributed to the success of the whole and the smooth functioning of the overall operations of the chapter. GRAZIE! grazie to all of us. (However, I am holding Ed Schinitis and his jelly donuts responsible for my extra five pounds).

Additional chapter activities such as the flight for the Special Olympics, Pratt & Whitney Aero-center Airshow and the FAA Maintenance Fest demonstrate our willingness to become involved in the larger aviation picture. It also indicates an awareness on the part of others of the chapters expertise and popularity.

The painting on the taxiway of MERIDEN was a project that has taken a long time to come to fruition. I can remember discussing this a number of years ago but we had to wait until the right man came along. A dynamic leader who could paint the big picture for us and visualize from great heights what needed to be done. I speak of no other than Ed Morris. With plans in one hand, a tape measure in the other and with a voice crackling with authority, he had us chalking lines here there and everywhere. Bad weather caused a short delay, but as the rumor goes, Ed called the weather channel and gave the meteorologist what for. The next day painting began under clearing skies. I kid you not. And remember! No other airport in Connecticut can say they have MERIDEN painted on their taxiway.

An entirely new program called the "Young Eagles" made its debut in our chapter this year. It is sponsored by the national organization and each chapter is encouraged to take part. The president was enthusiastic about the program and wisely selected Fran Uliano to head it.

Basically the program is an attempt to interest young people in aviation by giving them a ride with a pilot in a one-to-one situation. This allows the pilot and youngster to go through a preflight inspection together and then fly for 15 or 20 minutes without any other adult to inhibit the asking of questions.

By the end of our second Young Eagles Day, the club had flown 82 flights. Eleven pilots had taken part in the program and many other members helped with the numerous chores related to it.

We also made our own film to show groups interested in knowing more about the total program. The stimulus for the film making was the film we received from the national headquarters. Many though it was a poor film both in conception and message so we decided to make our own, which seems to be an EAAer trait.

On the last Young Eagle Day I helped out by taking pictures of the returning youngster and pilot. Between flights I sat down in the hangar trying to keep warm and watched Stan register the families as they came in. There were a number of girls who

took a ride and I noticed how excited they became when they happened to be assigned to Dorothy Vallee. Here was a role model they never expected. It crossed my mind that we in aviation haven't done much to expose the interested girls to other women in the field. I hope next year we can have three or four women pilots available to give girls a realistic view of what they can accomplish if they so desire.

The weather was most cooperative for our spring fly-in. Joe Page was head honcho for this event and Don Whelan was chief cook and bottle washer. This was a major event and required a lot of work and cooperation from a great many members. Everything ran like a well-oiled machine. The trophies were outstanding and each winner had to be pleased to be able to take one home.

To name and thank the individual participants would require the whole newsletter so we will just say that there is a special tiedown for you when you get to that big fly-in in the sky.

Our last event was noteworthy because it marked the first time all the EAA chapters in the state acted together to sponsor an event.

Jim Simmons must take major credit for the Poker Run event. To get six chapters from all over the state to agree to a plan and then carry it out was a considerable achievement. The logistics alone were a complexity to baffle a sage.

Each chapter registered flyers at its home airport and awarded a prize to the best poker hand from its area. These individual winners then sent their winning hand to our chapter and a grand prize was awarded. The whole affair took on the appearance of a picnic. Pilots landed, picked up their card and then sat around awhile and chatted with other pilots. For many it was like old home week or a class reunion. From what I observed it was a complete success.

The finale was the Chinese Grab Bag that pleased a few and disappointed a few.

The program was about over and Jim again thanked the membership for helping to make 1995 a successful year for Chapter 27. As he said, "The EAA spirit is alive and well within EAA Chapter 27."

Have a cool Yule and a fantastic first everybody!

**Total Number of
"Young Eagles"
flown by EAA Chapter 27:**

82

EAA CHAPTER #27

1995 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

NAME:	ADDRESS:	TOWN:	ST:	ZIP:	TEL. NO:	EAA NO:	AIRCRAFT:	PROJECT:	%:	ADD'L INFO:
ANDERSON, GEORGE	15 COLONIAL DRIVE	CLINTON	CT	06413	669-1093	373174		RV-6A	1%	
ARMSTRONG, MIKE	11 COOKS LANE	KILLINGWORTH	CT	06419	663-1162	390800				
BAILEY, BOB	P.O. BOX 8234	NEW HAVEN	CT	06530	281-4332	22875	JUNGMAN			FLIGHT ADVISOR
BLAKE, KENNETH	32 MANORS AVENUE	SEYMOUR	CT	06483	736-2670					
BORDIERE, ROB	73 BROOKSIDE ROAD	NEW BRITAIN	CT	06052	225-6211					
BOYCE, JOHN	103 PECK ROAD	BETHANY	CT	06524	393-1225	9082	AERONCA 65			
BROWN, BOB	22 LONG HILL ROAD	MIDDLEFIELD	CT	06455	349-3776	356071	CESSNA 172			
BULLOCK, HERB	1315 MEADOW ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-8007	130924				
BURK, BOB	526 WELCHE'S POINT ROAD	MILFORD	CT	06460	874-5247	356775		RV-6A		NEWSLETTER EDITOR
BYRON, JAMES	840 HARTFORD TURNPIKE	HAMDEN	CT	06517	281-7199			RV-4		CHAPTER LOGO
CARL, HARRY JR.	430 MAIN STREET	WEST HAVEN	CT	06516	933-6775	260629				
CASSAGNERES, EV	430 BUDDING RIDGE	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-2127	311976				
CHADWICK, ROB	P.O. BOX 293	MILDALE	CT	05467	276-8214					
CHAFFIN, STANLEY	57 RIVERDALE ROAD	MILFORD	CT	6460	874-2192	505390				
DANIEL, STEPHEN	175 BLACKHOUSE ROAD	TRUMBULL	CT	06111	268-1738	224926	ERCOUPE	TEENY TOO	100%	
DAVENPORT, JEFF	105 HANOVER AVENUE	YALESVILLE	CT	06492	269-6745	226322	RV-4			TECHNICAL ADVISOR
DESROCHERS, GERALD	181 ALLEN STREET	TERRYVILLE	CT	06786	585-1201			ZENAIR CH601HD	5%	
DEVINE, VINCENT	136 STEPHEN DRIVE	MERIDEN	CT	06450	238-0556	337193				
DRIGNOLI, DOUG	217 QUINNPIAC STREET #2	WALLINGFORD	CT	06492	269-5923					
EATON, CARL	14005 SW 144TH PKWY	OKEECHOBEE	FL	34974	813 763-8449	126190		SMITH MINIPL.	70%	
EMMONS, DAVID W.	22 COURTLAND AVENUE	WATERBURY	CT	06705	574-2853	434992		KITFOX	75%	
FAUST, ERIC	11331 TOWN WALK DRIVE	HAMDEN	CT	06518	288-9153					
FISCUS, JEFF	211 MIDDLETOWN ROAD	BERLIN	CT	06037	828-0218	303830	RV-6			
GRIECO, FRANCIS	24 HOLIDAY HILL ROAD	MERIDEN	CT	06450	237-3278	133018	CESSNA 172			
HAINES, GEOFFREY	145 CHURCH ST, APT 1R	MIDDLETOWN	CT	06457	347-0075	470298				
HARTIGAN, RANDY	631 WINTHROP ROAD	DEEP RIVER	CT	06417	526-5531	186916	KITFOX			
HAX, DAVE	423 CENTER STREET	WALLINGFORD	CT	06492		88871	RV-3			
HINE, ALISON	236 PORTSMOUTH AVENUE	STRATHAM	NH	03885	603 772-5929	282257	RANS S-10			
KREDAR, MIKE	50 BROZ TERRACE	FEEDING HILLS	MA	01030	413 786-2470			YES?	?	
LAGACE, SEAN	14 ALGONQUIN TRAIL	MOODUS	CT	06469			CESSNA 140			
LIBSON, MAURICE	135 BUELL STREET	NORTH HAVEN	CT	06473	248-5376					
LOGAN, ERIC	12 WAKE ROBIN ROAD	WESTPORT	CT	06880	226-5675					NEW MEMBER CHAIRMAN
MANNING, PAT	340 PLATT ROAD	WATERTOWN	CT	06795	274-5240	381312	J5 CUB			
MARKEY, JIM	341 AMITY ROAD	WOODBIDGE	CT	06525	387-6332	557	FLYBABY			
MAXTED, CHARLIE	957 COLEMAN ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-4922	120374		RV-6	80%	FOUNDING MEMBER
MERCER, LES	50 OLD TOWN ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-5278	479360				SECRETARY
MEROLA, PAUL JR.	19 BUTTONWOOD CIRCLE	WALLINGFORD	CT	06492	265-9486					
MEROLA, PAUL SR.	19 BUTTONWOOD CIRCLE	WALLINGFORD	CT	06492	265-9486					
MLYNICK, FRANK	71 PARK DRIVE	KENSINGTON	CT	06037	238-4915	420351				
MORGAN, RAYMOND	841 IVES ROW	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-7991		CESSNA 172			
MORRIS, ED	P.O. BOX 24	MERIDEN	CT	06450	265-3932	256757	CESSNA 150	CESSNA 175SP	60%	TECHNICAL ADVISOR
MUELLER, WILLIAM	382 JINNY HILL ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-3806					
NORTHROP, EDGAR	103 TODDY HILL ROAD	SANDY HOOK	CT	06482	426-4556					
ORTNER, ALAN	96 WILKS POND ROAD	BERLIN	CT	06037	828-6429	425602		RV-6		
PADILLA, ABEL	195 WINTHROP STREET	NEW BRITAIN	CT	06052	223-5235	262058		VOLKSPLANE 1		
PAGE, JOE	292 FOXBORO DRIVE	NEWINGTON	CT	06111	667-1371	337008	RV-4			FLY-IN CHAIRMAN
PEPE, DAVID	1146 WEST MAIN STREET	MERIDEN	CT	06451	634-4457	459075		RV-6	1%	
PETERS, DAVE	2 WHITE BIRCH DRIVE	TRUMBULL	CT	06611	268-1845		CESSNA 150H	RV-4	90%	
PETERS, ED	7 WOODLAWN TERRACE	HUNTINGTON	CT	06484	929-5869		CESSNA 150H	RV-4	90%	
PODGWAITE, FRANK	78 CULVER LANE	NORTH HAVEN	CT	06473	776-9757	430087	CESSNA 177			
PRINZ, ALBERT	728 YALESVILLE ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-6992	372486	VIKING 17-30	LANCAIR IV	50%	
RYAN, BOB	6 MANOR COURT	NORTH HAVEN	CT	06473	865-4528	316710		RV-6A	5%	TREASURER
SCHILER, CHAN	1121 FARMINGTON AVE.	WEST HARTFORD	CT	06107	521-5380	59404	CESSNA 152	RV-4	20%	
SCHIMMEL, GORDON	62 CHARLES LANE	STORRS	CT	06268	429-3776	330786				
SCHINITIS, ED	308 GLEN HILLS ROAD	MERIDEN	CT	06450	237-2869					REFRESHMENTS
SEEMAN, BOB	89 EARL AVENUE	HAMDEN	CT	06514	281-6449	109610				PARTY CHAIRMAN
SHIFRIN, SAM	78 BRICKTOP ROAD	WINDHAM	CT	06280	423-3731	278930	AERONCA L16	ACROSPORT 2	40%	
SIMMONS, JIM	295 CONTOUR DRIVE	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-9346	120292	SKYBOLT			PRESIDENT
SIMON, BILL	P.O. BOX 4332	WALLINGFORD	CT	06492	269-7422	479848	PA28-180			
SOLECKI, STAN	P.O. BOX 445	MERIDEN	CT	06450	235-0790	19800				VICE-PRESIDENT
TERLESEN, BRUCE	25 NOB HILL ROAD	CHESHIRE	CT	06410	272-9232					
THOMPSON, DAVID	82 BROCKETT FARM ROAD	NORTH HAVEN	CT	06473	234-7371	459259	CESSNA 150	YES?	?	
ULIANO, FRAN	156 ASPEN DRIVE	MIDDLETOWN	CT	06457	347-0412	237515	PA28-140			YOUNG EAGLES CHAIRMAN
VALLEE, DOROTHY	P.O. BOX 605	OXFORD	CT	06478	264-4065		CH. EAGLE			
VALUCKAS, JOHN	49 WYNDWOOD ROAD	FARMINGTON	CT	06302	673-0102					
VANCE, JOHN	4 LAURANA LANE	HADLEY	MA	01035	413 549-6491	262008		COZY	50%	
VOLOVSKI, JOEL	514 MASON HILL ROAD	NORTHFIELD	CT	06778	283-0363		CITABRIA			
WHELAN, DON	49 WELLES TERRACE	MERIDEN	CT	06450	235-9432					FLY-IN FOOD MGR
WILCHYNSKI, RONALD	86 GRASSY HILL ROAD	EAST LYME	CT	6333	439-1281					
YOUNG, ROBERT	315 N. HOADLEY STREET	NAUGATUCK	CT	06770	729-2798	345507	LUSCOMBE 8A	ALT 8A TO 8E	?	
ZEMSTA, MIKE	20 CAPITAL AVENUE	NEW BRITAIN	CT	06503	832-8661	399114		RV-6A		FLY-IN WING WALK MGR
71							28	21		
TOTAL							FLYING	PROJECTS		
MEMBERS							AIRCRAFT	UNDERWAY		

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The November meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:45.

The members present were welcomed and an attendance sheet was circulated. All officers were present.

A visitor was at the meeting who introduced himself as Ed Northrop who is interested in building an Osprey.

The treasurer's report was read and a motion was made by Stan to accept it. It was seconded by Fran and passed unanimously.

The Tech Counselors had no report to make this month.

Young Eagles chairperson Fran Uliano reported on the postponed flying day which was quite successful. On that day, November 5th, 21 young people were given rides. Many thanks to the pilots who participated, Meriden Aviation Services for allowing us to use the hangar for registration and keeping warm and the ground crew who kept the whole process working smoothly.

The election of officers for next year was held with the following results:

President—Jim Simmons
Vice President—Stan Solecki
Treasurer—Bob Ryan
Secretary—Charles Maxted
Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock

NEW BUSINESS:

A basic calendar of next year's events was discussed as the national organization wants to publish a listing of events for all chapters. The 1996 Fly-In will be held on May 18th with a rain date of May 19th. The Poker Run is to be on the 28th of September with the 29th as the rain date. We also hope to have a Fly-In breakfast in August.

Jim would like to see the following positions created next year:

1. A Program Coordinator whose job would be to assure a monthly seminar with backup programs in case the regular scheduled program runs into any difficulty. Also to sound out the members on what they would like in the way of a program as well as seeing what our own members have to offer.

2. A Bulletin Board Coordinator to keep the very visible bulletin board we now have at MMK up to date, interesting and attractive to the people coming and going at MMK.

3. New Member Chairperson to meet and greet new people attending our meetings who might be interested in joining Chapter 27.

4. A chapter historian to keep a record of the events the chapter has during the year. This could be in the form of a large notebook with sections containing pictures and comments about chapter events.

After the 50/50 raffle and coffee break, Bob Bailey presented the seminar entitled "Test Flying Your Newly Completed Aircraft."

Bob first showed the EAA "First Flight" video and then spoke about various experiences encountered with newly built experimental aircraft.

Although the video was more sophisticated than what many of us have utilized, using chase

planes, air to air communication and ground to air communication, it did make the point that the more complete your preparation the less chance of any unforeseen excitement.

Charles Maxted

1996 EAA CALENDARS AVAILABLE

As approved by our membership, our chapter has purchased 1996 "World of Flight" calendars for your use. These calendars contain very high quality photographs of many types of aircraft including Stewart P-51 Replica, J-3 Cub, B-25, Starduster, Lancair IV-P and more. Be sure to order yours now. They make great gifts for friends and relatives. Contact Bob Ryan at 865-4528 or purchase them directly at our chapter meeting.

NEW CHAPTER POSITIONS RECOMMENDED

During our November meeting, Jim Simmons requested volunteers for some new positions within our chapter. These positions include:

New Member Chairman—This person's role would be to seek out the new faces attending our meetings and insure that they receive the proper welcome and hospitality from our membership. **Update: Maury Libson has accepted this position.**

Seminar Chairman—This person's role would be to coordinate the scheduling, support, and solicitation of speakers for our monthly seminars.

Bulletin Board Chairman—This person would be responsible for the periodic updating of the materials on display within our Chapter's bulletin board at the FBO at Meriden Airport.

If you would like to assist in the support of our chapter, this would be an excellent opportunity to lend a hand. Contact Jim Simmons directly if you are interested in holding one of these positions for 1996.

FOR SALE

MINI MAX—Fuselage, landing gear and brake kit. Fuselage is 90 per cent complete. \$1200 invested. Sell for \$1000. Dave (203) 234-7371

1969 RED MGB — VERY GOOD CONDITION. Original owner.—272 4922.

1971 SKYHAWK—5100 TT—830 since Mattituck 0-320 E2D—KMA20, RT328T, RT328C, KR86NDB. KT76 Transponder, Trans Cal Encoder, Telex Intercom, \$29,000. Fran Grieco. 237-3278.

AIRCRAFT WIRE—First quality, 19 strand tinned copper, Tefzel insulation, some sheilded, some thermocouple, some multiple wire bundles, good selection. Whatever you need, there's a good chance that I have it. 1-2 of Aircraft Spruce prices. John Anderson (203) 225-2336.

65 HP LYCOMING—Total time 600 hrs. 0 since major. Also 2 65 hp Franklins, disassembled. Plus spare parts. (203) 393-1225.

HERB BULLOCK
1315 Meadow Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

1996 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following form and mail with your dues to: **ROBERT RYAN, 6 MANOR COURT, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473.** (Dues are \$15.00 per year. Make checks out to EAA Chapter 27).

Name Phone
Street City State Zip
Current EAA No. Pilot Rating Held
Do you own an aircraft? Make and Model Registration No.
Do you have a project? Model % Completed