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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

NO, IT'S NOT A HOLDUP!



Though he may appear to have been ordered to "put his hands up" such is not the case. Pictured is Carl Eaton with his safety vest and flashlights used in his annual Sun 'n Fun volunteer wing walking, plane directing and parking of aircraft at Lakeland. Photo was taken at our Spring Fly-In where Carl's services were not needed due to the weather!

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, JULY 21

The July meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday July 21, 1996. Time 10:00 A.M.

VIDEO AVAILABLE

The video "First Flight in Your Homebuilt" is available from EAA and should be a help to many. It is just excellent and will certainly help the first time builder make a safe flight in his homebuilt.

PRESENTATION FOR JULY

This month's main event will be a 1946 movie of the Aeronca Aircraft Factory. Included in the presentation will be scenes of construction techniques and the production line of the Aeronca Champ. A tour of the factory is also included.

With all the modern construction methods, (glass, etc.) it may be a treat to see how the old-timers built the aircraft of the day.

REMEMBER—IT'S JULY 21 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this month's letter, I am looking forward to attending the upcoming EAA convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I always feel fortunate to be able to visit such an amazing event. If you have never had the opportunity to visit the Oshkosh convention, I strongly urge you to put it high on your list of things to do.

There is something there for every possible interest in aviation, from ultralight aircraft to NASA exhibits and everything in between. Warbirds, helicopters, classics, antiques, commercial and military aircraft are all on display.

For anyone considering the building of an aircraft, this convention offers the unique opportunity to compare most available designs. You are almost certain to find examples of every kit and plans built available.

If you are already building an aircraft you're likely to see many examples of your chosen machine and will have the ability to compare the various builder options and choices first hand.

Vendors of every conceivable product will be there peddling their wares. Daily airshows will feature the world's best airshow pilots (this year Bob Hoover returns to Oshkosh) and the world's best planes. Continuous activities include fly-bys, workshops and forums go on from dawn to dusk.

If it sounds like I'm excited, you can bet on it. I've been fortunate enough to visit the Oshkosh convention many times and the excitement of the occasion is still there.

I'll do my best to chronicle the event and provide some first hand feedback at a future chapter meeting.

See you at our next meeting.

NO MORE FCC LICENSES

From EAA Chapter Gram

In April, the FCC published an interim rule to delete the requirement for aircraft to have a radio station license for domestic flight operations. This interim rule amends the Federal Communications Commission's rules by removing the individual radio licensing requirement and authorizing by rule the operation of radio equipment on recreational vessels and aircraft. The rules are effective **immediately**.

The new rule, in part, reads:

"An aircraft station is licensed by rule and does not need an individual license issued by the FCC if . . . the aircraft station is on board a private aircraft, and the aircraft station does not make international flights or communications."

In simple language, we no longer need to have a radio station license for our aircraft, as long as we operate them within the U.S. Aircraft radio station licenses are still available for \$75.00 from the FCC. The passage of the bill in Congress that allowed for the removal of the requirement for radio station licenses was greatly assisted by the many letters EAA members sent to their Congressmen. Thanks to all who made their opinions known. Without your assistance, this change might not have happened.

IT'S SHOW TIME!

George Molina, past president of EAA Chapter 27 is now living in Boca Raton, FL. Word has reached us that on June 28 and 29 he traveled to Atlanta, GA to attend and compete in the S.E. Regional Aerobatics Championships. George secured third place in Intermediate Aerobatics with a total combined flight percentage of 86%, which is high.

He also test flew a new Yak 55M with a three bladed prop and was very impressed with the "hang time" on the vertical. Just like a Sukhoi. (I suppose George will have a three bladed prop in the future). The only thing holding him up is \$12,000.

He expects to move soon to Advanced category in which he will be doing a considerable amount of outside maneuvers. Presently his sequence calls for +7 -4.5 G's. George is very active in the air show circuit, presently doing six shows per year including International.

THANKS TO BOB BAILEY

Reprinted from June Atlantic Flyer

Editor:

The "Atlantic Flyer" has run a classified ad requesting aviation speakers for my classes for a long time (thanks for the ad "Atlantic Flyer"). I have received some inquiries, but only one pilot has actually come through to be here to do a presentation. This person traveled, not from Maine, not New Hampshire, nor Massachusetts, but all the way from Connecticut!

This benevolent educator communicated with me numerous times to arrange when to come and what to present. When he did his presentation he talked about numerous aviation subjects with emphasis on aerobatics. He was very enthusiastic and worked hard to get the students involved in the discussion. Needless to say, he got an A for his homework.

We at the Freeport Middle School send kudos to Mr. Bob Bailey of New Haven, Connecticut in appreciation for his thoughtfulness. Bob had a good time in the classroom and we welcome other aviators to visit the Middle School.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

At 10:04 on June 16th, 1996 the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 27 was called to order with a feisty rap of the gavel by President Jim Simmons.

A welcome to attendees was issued and a roll call of the officers was made. All were in attendance. A visitor was recognized who was given a sound round of applause as he is going to build an RV-6.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted by the members present. Stan made the motion to accept and Ed seconded the motion. Fran Uliano, Young Eagles chairman, announced that the chapter has now flown 130 boys and girls. He thanked the pilots who helped do the flying on June 18th. These pilots will be honored by having their photos displayed on the July bulletin board.

The tetrahedron project is on hold until the committee gets a final OK from MMK management. Materials are at hand and a member will lend his welding equipment for the necessary welding.

OLD BUSINESS:

As of today we have 72 paid members.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Danbury Chapter 130 is sponsoring a trip to the Silver Hill Restoration Facility on October 11 and 12. The cost is \$40 round trip. If you are interested call Alan Clair at 746-2248.

The club decided to order only 25 calendars this year as we had a number not sold last year.

Next on the agenda was the coffee break and 50/50 raffle.

The seminar for the day was George Meder discussing "The Real World of Stalls and Spins."

George's approach is quite practical and he skips much of the aeronautical theory that is explanatory but more in an engineer's approach to the problem rather than a pilot's in the aircraft.

The club voted a membership to Dave Hall for the use of his tent for the fly-in.

The September Poker Run is still up in the air (pun not intended) until all chapters make their decisions.

SPLASH DOWN

Carl Eaton, having just returned from a vacation in Maine, has a glowing account of an FBO that has a rational approach to anyone interested in flying off the water. Carl has a seaplane rating and decided to take a little refresher and wound up in Turner, ME at Twichell's Airport and Seaplane Base. Here he took .7 hrs dual and 1.5 solo in a Cessna 172 with floats. The FBO has a very reasonable rate at \$17 per hour for instruction and \$65 per hour rental on the 172. After a satisfactory check out they will allow solo rental.

If interested the address is:

Turner Aviation Co., Inc.

Twichell's Airport and Seaplane Base

Turner, ME 04282

(207) 225-3490

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 27-28—RHINEBECK, NY—The Golden Age Biplane Fly-In. Static displays of vintage aircraft Airshows every Saturday and Sunday. 44 Stone Church Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572

AUG. 1-7—OSHKOSH, WI—44th Annual Convention
For more information call (414) 426-6523.

AUG. 3-4—WESTOVER AFB, MA—Thunderbirds, Mid Atlantic Air Museum, Mike Goulian Airshows.
For more information call Lt. Co. Dan Nichols (413) 557-3902.

AUG. 10—GLEN FALLS, NY—EAA Chapter 353 Fly-In Breakfast. We plan on having a Lancair factory demonstrator on hand as well as some of our chapter's current projects including a Volmer VJ-22 Amphib. and a Scratch Built Nieuport from original drawings, also a Camcorder raffle. For information call (518) 798-1935.

SEPT. 7—STORMVILLE, NY—EAA Chapter 130 Danbury, Annual Fly-In at Stormville Airport. Rain date Sept. 8.

SEPT. 14—WINDHAM—EAA Chapter 166 Fly-In at Windham Airport.

YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

Although our May Fly-In was not a resounding success due to the weather we did manage to add 12 new members to the Young Eagles group.

However, on June 8, Young Eagles Day proved to be a successful event. Chapter 27 succeeded in signing up 35 Young Eagles.

Following is a list of pilots credited with giving the youngsters their first introduction to flying:

Jim Simmons

Jeff Fiscus

Fran Uliano

Ev Cassagneres

Ed Morris

Dorothy Vallee

Charlie Maxted

Pat Manning

Joe Bojacki

Assisting in setting up and handling various chores were the following members: Stan Solecki on registration with Laurie Simmons, Betty Simmons and Barb Uliano; Bob Burk, film; Mauri Libson and Herb Bullock, photos; Bob Ryan, Polaroid; Ed Schinitis and Frank Mlynick on plane directing and parking.

FOR SALE

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

ARC R546 ADF RECEIVER, ARC IN346 ADF INDICATOR. complete with mounting tray, loop antenna & cable; C-152 parts & service catalogs; Associated Brand jumper cables with Cessna GP plug, new; 2 6.50x10 tubes; McCauley wheel half 5.00x5 No C-30598; Mounting brackets for wheel pants on C-150 152. Hamilton-Standard prop governor model A4-A5 (275 Jacobs). Please contact Frank Podgwaite, 78 Culver Lane, North Haven, CT 06473. Voice 203-776-4758; Fax 203-288-4458

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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

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