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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

CHAPTER 27 MEMBERS AT FLY-IN



Shown above are the Chapter 27 members who could be rounded up for this photo. In the front row, left to right are John Vance and Jim Simmons; second row, Joe Page, Herb Bullock, Ed Morris, Dave Hax and Bob Brown; third row, Fran Uliano, Frank Mlynick, Stan Solecki, Jeff Davenport, Ed Schinitis, Sheila Seemann and Bob Seemann; Back row, Don Whelan, Joel Volovski, Bob Ryan, David Pepe, Alan Ortner, Harry Carl & "a hat."

Photo By Maurice Libson

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, JUNE 18

The June meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, June 18, 1995. Time 10:00 A.M.

CHAPTER 27'S NEWEST PRIVATE PILOT

We have recently learned that one of our new members, Raymond Morgan, of Cheshire, CT has recently passed his flight test and is now a Private Pilot. A hearty "CONGRATULATIONS" from the membership of EAA Chapter 27. We can all relate to the significance of the occasion.

AIRCRAFT WEIGHT AND BALANCE SEMINAR

This month's seminar will consist of a review of proper aircraft weight and balance practices. Ed Morris, Technical Counselor for EAA Chapter 27, will conduct this informative review of aircraft weight and balance procedures at our next meeting on June 18th at 10:00 A.M. Every homebuilder is required to properly complete and document this task prior to obtaining their FAA inspection. We can all use a refresher on this topic. Ed intends to go through an actual demonstration of the weighing of an airplane for all to observe.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

REMEMBER—IT'S JUNE 18 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been two months since I last wrote my "Letter from the President" and what a two months has been! Some of the highlights for our chapter have been:

- Don Whelan pulling out all the stops and delivering Chapter 27 Tee Shirts just in time for sale at our April meeting.
- Ed Morris going all out to lead a team of chapter members in getting the name of the airport painted on the taxiway prior to our Fly-In, after two previous rainouts.
- Bob Burk obtaining Chapter 27 Caps just in time for sale at our Chapter Fly-In.
- Joe Page organizing and supervising our chapters highly successful Fly-In. The chapter membership support for our Fly-In was overwhelming.
- Bob Burk conducting a well-attended open house for viewing of his beautiful RV-6A project (as well as his terrific workshop).
- Fran Uliano is currently preparing the final details for our upcoming Young Eagles Day on June 10.
- Many individual members made significant contributions of time and effort to aid in making the above activities successful.

I believe that the above summary is highly indicative of a successful EAA chapter in action. The membership support for each of our chosen events has been terrific. Everyone deserves an "ATTA BOY" for helping to make our chapter the success that it is.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on June 18th at 10:00 A.M.

Jim

APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

C. Maxted
Les Mercer
Herb Bullock
Jim Simmons
Ed Morris
Chan Schiller
Fran Grieco
Bill Simon
Fran Uliano
Joe Page
Ed Peters
Bob Seemann
Sheila Seemann
Betty Simmons
Bill Bodnar
Alan Clair, Ch. 130
Ed Schinitis
Frank Mlynick

Bob Brown
Harry Carl
Maurice Libson
James Byron
David W. Emmons
Mike Zemsta
David Peters
R.E. Ryan
Michael F. Gaffney
Alan E. Ortnier
Eric Faust
Stan Solecki
George Anderson
Don Whelan
Jeff Davenport
Bob Burk
Joel Volovski
Pat Manning

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money in Treasury 4-30-95 \$731.58

May Income:

Food and Beverage 720.40
Other 5.02
New Memberships 60.00
Chapter Tee Shirts 180.00
Chapter Hats 78.00
Chapter Patches 14.00
Fly-In Raffle 71.00
Donations 57.00

Total May Income \$1,185.42

May Expenses:

Postage 38.72
Post Cards 20.00
Port. Toilets & Prop Cars 227.50
Food & Beverage 300.00

Total May Expenses \$586.22

Total Money in Treasury 5-31-95 1,330.78

CHAPTER 27 MEMBERS WIN AWARDS

Two Chapter 27 members have started the Fly-In season off with awards at two May, 1995 Fly-Ins.

- Jeff Fiscus' beautiful RV-6 received the award for the Best Homebuilt aircraft at the EAA Chapter 501 Fly-In at Warwick, NY on Sunday May 21
- Jim Simmons' Skybolt received the award for the Best Homebuilt aircraft at the Wagner Aviation Fly-In at Lincoln Park, NJ on Saturday, May 27.

Congratulations to both men from the editor!

FLY-IN BONUS

An unanticipated bonus of our recent Fly-In was the addition of five new members to our EAA Chapter 27 roster. A hearty welcome to each of the following new members and we look forward to seeing you at our future chapter meetings.

Rob Chadwick, Milldale, CT
Edgar C. Northrop, Sandy Hook, CT
John Valuckas, Farmington, CT
Mike Armstrong, Killingworth, CT
Raymond Morgan, Cheshire, CT

EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1995

President—Jim Simmons: 272-9346
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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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

April Minutes

The monthly EAA meeting of Chapter 27 was called to order by President Jim Simmons at 10:07 on April 23, 1995 at MMK.

All officers were present and accounted for and the meeting continued with the acceptance of the secretary's report and the report of the treasurer. The technical counselors reported no inspections or visits this past month.

Fran Uliano reported that as the 23rd of April nine Young Eagle flights have been recorded for our chapter. Remember, June 10th is Young Eagles Day for our chapter as well as the nation.

It was noted that EAA pilots provide \$100,000 per seat insurance and the EAA headquarters provides \$1,000,000 insurance for pilot only if above is met. Be sure you check.

The club Tee shirts arrived and there was a brisk sale of them. All shirts not sold will be sold at the Fly-In on May 20th (rain date the 21st). The shirts are of excellent quality and the Logo is very impressive. Don Whelan did a fine job. I believe that this is the fastest we have ever accomplished this type of project.

The last piece of business before the break was the final wrap up of business for the Fly-In. Joe Page showed the plaques he had bought and they are beautiful. There were a few moans from members because chapter members will not be eligible for these trophies.

It was a pleasant surprise to see how easily and quickly Joe was able to fill up all assignments for Fly-In chores. From cooking jobs to garbage cans all seems to be ready to roll. If Mother Nature does her part on May 20th, we are in a go mode. Maury Libson will be the official photo-master with orders to only take your picture if you are wearing a chapter Tee-shirt. (and of course pants, shoes, etc.)

The Half & Half raffle ended the first half of the meeting which, by the way, I won at the first meeting of Chapter 27 I ever attended and which was the last time I ever won. When was that you ask? Well, let's just say back then Stan didn't have gray hair and I wasn't even dreaming of retiring.

After the break, Alan Clair, president of Chapter 130 in Danbury and a USAF official historian, gave a slide presentation of the Air Force activities in Haiti. It was a very interesting and informative account. Haiti, as Alan pointed out, is the second oldest democracy in the western hemisphere, but unlike ours it has had a real Yo-Yo experience with new leaders going and coming every couple of years and not many with the interests of the country as their main objective. Some of the slides broke my heart as they showed beautiful old planes just rotting away on abandoned air strips. In the heat and humidity of Haiti not much is left of them in a few years.

There will be no meeting in May since we will all be exhausted from all the fun we had at the May 20th Fly-In.

The next meeting is on June 18th. (That is Father's Day so we expect all fathers and potential fathers to be in attendance.)

MEMBER PROFILE

STAN SOLECKI

It all started back in 1927 when Lindbergh made his flight to Paris as he flew over our home town heading northeast.

Later, many a Sunday afternoon was spent at a local airfield, watching the barnstormers hopping passengers for a fee.

In the Junior High School in Woonsocket, RI, my home town, I joined the aviation club. On occasion we had a field trip to East Boston Airport, now Logan Airport. My first ride was in a Bellanca monoplane for \$2.00. This sold me on flying having written for catalogs and literature on airplanes and flying schools. After high school I had the opportunity to learn a trade. I took up tool & die. Completing the apprenticeship I got a job at a local textile machine manufacturer. There I had the chance to fly as the field was 2 miles from the shop. During my lunch break I started to take half-hour flight lessons. This was in the spring of 1937. Soloed after 9 hours dual and received my private ticket in May, 1938.

In 1940 I applied at the Air Corps recruiting station for Air Cadet. Was accepted for the CPTP program. Later was sent to Maxwell Field in Alabama. There I received my primary basic training, advance training at Bush Field in Georgia and back for completion of cadet training. Got my commission in April, 1942. After transition from twin engine school was transferred to Greenville Air Base for training in B-25's. There we trained as a chemical warfare squadron to go to Italy; but it was scratched and were then transferred to Barksdale Field in Mississippi to fly B24's. After 60 hours on 24's we shipped to the South Pacific theater of the 13th Air Force landing at Suva in the Fiji Islands in 1943. From the Solomon Islands we went to Bouganville.

Had returned to the USA after 67 missions and to be a combat instructor, but this lasted 8 weeks and sent back with B-29's to Kwajalein, moving the company toward Japan. Was discharged in December 1946 and enlisted in the Reserve program. Later flew C-54's with the Berlin Airlift program, making 28 round trips to Germany. Early 1951 was sent to Atzugi, Japan, when the squadron flew B-26 Invaders until 1952 and came home. Finished my military obligations in 1972 after 32 years.

Continued flying as an instructor with E.W. Wiggins and later moved to Meriden in 1954. Did not continue as an instructor because the GI Program faded out slowly and there was no money to be made. Moved to Meriden in 1954 and employed as gas station manager for Merit Oil Co. Later got a job with International Silver Co. and retired in 1984. Continued to fly 'til 1984 after failing the medical with a bad eye.

But I'm still into aviation by being at the airport every chance I get.

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1995 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 City Phone

Street State Zip

Current EAA No. Pilot Rating Held

Do you own an aircraft? Make and Model Registration No.

Do you have a project? How much completed