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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

Chance Vought Air Scouts Receive Charter



The Chance Vought squadron of Air Scouts, a branch of the Boy Scouts of America, received its Charter of membership in the national body at ceremonies held in the old Stratford firehouse on March 30, 1944. The squadron, which is sponsored by Chance Vought Aircraft, is made up of 13 boys from Bridgeport and Stratford. Shown in this picture are the squadron members, back row, (left to right), Elmer H Birdseye, William Martin, Joseph Leveen, Eugene Maurer, Robert Burk, Norman Reger, Arthur Richter. Front row, Leonard Filicko, William T. Ashworth, Robert Kaeser, William Baulieu, Paul Kilty, and Robert Martin. *Photo appeared in Bpt. Post in 1944.*

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, MARCH 16

The March meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, March 16, 1997. Time 10:00 A.M.

MARCH SEMINAR

This month's seminar will be conducted by Technical Counselor Ed Morris and will feature the subject of "Instrumentation For Your Homebuilt."

HELP!

Jerry Bass, a builder of an RV-6A, has an urgent request for the loan of a 5X or 6X Rivet Gun for use on the wing spar rivets for his project. Can anyone in Chapter 27 help him? If so, please contact Jerry at work (860) 286-1689 or at home at (860) 651-3480.

MAGAZINE REQUEST

We have a request for the October, 1996 issue of "Planes and Pilots" magazine. Please contact the Ed if you have one.

REMEMBER—IT'S MARCH 16 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the flying season for the northeast rapidly approaches, our chapters activities will also resume in earnest. In the early spring, we will host our annual Fly-In on May 17th. Our chapter members have been lining up a number of Young Eagles candidates for their first flight experiences. International Young Eagles Day is scheduled for June 14th. I would like to encourage each and every one of our members to volunteer your time and talents to assist in these events. I believe that you will personally find your efforts very rewarding and you will share in the true enjoyment of the EAA experience.

Our chapter is on the threshold of having many members' projects completed and flying during the coming year. Perhaps we may even see one or two new RV's flying this year. I would like to remind those members who are looking forward to that first flight experience, that we are fortunate to have two fine EAA Flight Advisors within our group. These men are anxious to assist you in insuring that your first flight experience is a safe and successful one. They have a wide range of experience (from Pitts Specials to DC-10). Their willingness to share their experience should not be overlooked. A brief review of your first flight preparation and intentions with one of these men may just be one of the most valuable times you have spent on your project. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of our Flight Advisor program.

See you all at our next meeting

Jim

MERIDEN AVIATION COMMISSION DATES

Following are the meeting dates for 1997 of the Meriden Aviation Commission.

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 6, November 19, December 8

The Commission meets at Meriden-Markham Airport starting at 6:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE REPORT

Vern Carlson	Joel Volovski
Maury Libson	Chan Schiller
Stan Solecki	Ed Morris
Stan Chaffin	Oscar Duff
Dave Pepe	Craig Martens (Guest)
Bob Bailey	Frank Mlynick
Bill Simon	Pat Manning
Bob Seemann	Mike Zemsta
Sheila Seemann	John Anderson
George Anderson	Ed Peters
Betty Simmons	Dave Peters
James Simmons	Jim Maher
Wilfred J. Miller	Ronald Wilchynski
Fred Caputo	Al Basso
Gerry Desrochers	Herb Bullock
Fran Uliano	Steve Socolosky
Mike Kredar	Jerry Bass (Guest)
Les Mercer	Frank Podgwaite
Dave Emmons	Jim Fede, Chapter 528
John Valuckas	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 6-12—LAKELAND, FL—Spring Celebration of Flight—Sun 'n Fun 1997.

APRIL 12-13—FREDERICK, MD—EAA Chapter 524 eighth Annual RV Forum, Frederick Airport.

MAY 17—MERIDEN—Chapter 27 Annual Fly-In. Rain date will be May 18.

MAY 30-31 & JUNE 1—Mohawk Valley Spring Ultralight Fly-In '97. Sponsored by USUA Club No. 16 and Mohawk Valley EAA Chapter 146.

JUNE 7—MERIDEN—Young Eagles Day.

JULY 30-AUG. 5—OSHKOSH, WI—45th Annual EAA Convention.

SEPT. 27—MERIDEN—POKER RUN—Sponsored by all the Connecticut chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

FLIGHT ADVISOR INFORMATION

It has come to the Government Programs Office's attention that some Chapters are appointing their own Flight Advisors. While we encourage every Chapter to have a Flight Advisor, we would like to remind all Chapters that each Flight Advisor must be approved and registered with EAA Headquarters. Likewise, a Flight Advisor is not allowed to claim that he or she represents a Chapter unless that Chapter's President has approved him or her to do so. On each Flight Advisor application form, there is a signature block for a Chapter President. No Flight Advisor is listed as representing a Chapter unless Headquarters receives an application with a Chapter Presidents signature.—From March Chapter Gram.

1997 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

It's that time of year again when we ask you to continue your financial support for the activities of EAA Chapter 27. Where else can you receive all of the camaraderie, fellowship, knowledge, experience, newsletters, activities, coffee, donuts, etc. for only \$15 per year. Be sure to pay up now before we raise the rates. Please be sure to send in your 1997 membership form with your payment.

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GOVERNMENT UPDATE

EAA WASHINGTON OFFICE & ARAC

By Earl Lawrence

Executive Director, EAA Government Programs Office

EAA members are fortunate to have two very competent and well-respected Washington DC representatives. Senior Washington Representative Charlie Schuck and Washington Representative Rick Weiss are constantly working to promote the interests of sport aviation with the FAA and other agencies and organizations. One of their many jobs is to represent EAA members on the many Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committees that the FAA has developed. Both Charlie and Rick receive help from Headquarters Staff and other EAA members such as EAA and Antique Classic director Buck Hilbert, and Ultralight Council member Chaz Humphrey, but Charlie and Rick are responsible for the day-to-day representation.

ARAC was chartered by the FAA in February 1991 at the request of Congress. It comprises 64 aviation organizations and provides advice and recommendations on rulemaking. EAA is currently participating on the following ARAC subcommittees:

Air Carrier/General Aviation Maintenance, Air Traffic, Airworthiness Certification, General Aviation and Business Aircraft, General Aviation Operations, Transport Airplane and Engines, and Ultralight. In just one month this year, Charlie and Rick participated on the following committees:

ARAC Production & Parts ARAC Working Group: Charlie Schuck reports that the most recent meeting the group worked on resolving minority positions regarding the Draft Preamble for rule change to FAR 21. The main debate within the group surrounds the definition of standard and commercial parts.

The group also concluded that TSOs would not require design approval for manufacturing to the TSO standard. All that would be required of a manufacturer would be its certification that the specific TSO standard was met and production of the item could continue without FAA design approval such as is required for PMA. The TSO manufacturers would be required to have adequate production control to assure quality control of the product.

General Aviation Maintenance Working Group: At the last meeting the group agreed to the development of a preamble for the rule change introducing the Alternate Inspection concept. One was drafted and will be submitted to the FAA contract writer who will put it into legal language and proceed to get legal and economic support for the NPRM. The working group also approved certain changes to FAR part 91, removing the details of the alternate and transponder checks and placing them in Advisory Circulars. Further, it was agreed to allow qualified certificated mechanics, with adequate equipment, to accomplish these checks and not restrict them to repair stations.

General Aviation Issues Group: Rick Weiss represents this group. Rick noted that at the meeting Tom Gunnarson reported on the activity status of

the Part 103 Working Group.

Tom stated that draft 5 of a Sport Pilot certificate proposed rule was complete and would be sent to the working group members shortly. It was agreed at the meeting that a two-day meeting would be held in February to complete the final draft of the proposed rule. Everyone in attendance at the meeting agreed that they would support the meeting with whatever resources would be needed, including any FAA personnel. It was also agreed that the working group would circulate the final draft to the issues group members at the same time that the 120-day FAA legal review was taking place.

EAA CHAPTER 524 RV FORUM

You are cordially invited to attend EAA Chapter 524's eighth annual RV Forum to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 & 13, 1997. The RV Forum will be held at the Frederick Community College Aviation Technology Hangar, which is south of the main parking lot at Frederick Airport (FDK), Frederick, Maryland.

We are planning two full days of programs including presentations, exhibits, practical hands-on workshops, and tours of local RV builder's shops. Emphasis will be on the RV-3, RV-4, RV-6, RV-6A and RV-8 aircraft and on construction techniques applicable to most aluminum monocoque aircraft.

Our featured speaker will be Dick VanGrunsvan, RV designer and founder of Van's Aircraft. Van's favorite mode of interaction with attendees is to hold a question and answer session on any and all topics regarding the RV series of aircraft. George and Becki Orndorff, noted RV construction experts, producers of the RV construction video tapes, and numerous RV related construction aids and parts, will also be in attendance. Since both Van and the Orndorffs will be flying in an RV aircraft their attendance is weather permitting.

The registration fee includes a catered lunch each day. A banquet will be held on Saturday night at an additional cost (limited to first 150 registrants). Please send your registration form no later than March 15, 1997. Forum schedules will be mailed in March. Requests for refunds will be honored if received prior to March 30, 1997. Advance registration is discounted and preferred. Check in and registration begins Friday, April 11, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

This year awards will be presented for the best RV-3, RV-4, RV-6 and RV-6A flying in for the forum. Judging will be conducted Saturday during the forum and awards will be presented Saturday night at the banquet. There will be plenty of time for hangar talk before, during and after the forum, and at the banquet.

FOR SALE

McCAULEY WHEEL HALF 5.00x5. No. C-30598; Hamilton Standard prop governor, model A-4-A5 (275 Jacobs). Frank Podgwaite, 78 Culver Lane, North Haven, CT 06473. Voice 203-776-4758; Fax 203-288-4458.

HERB BULLOCK
1315 Meadow Road
Cheshire, CT 06410

1997 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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