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CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

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

ANYONE FOR RIBS?

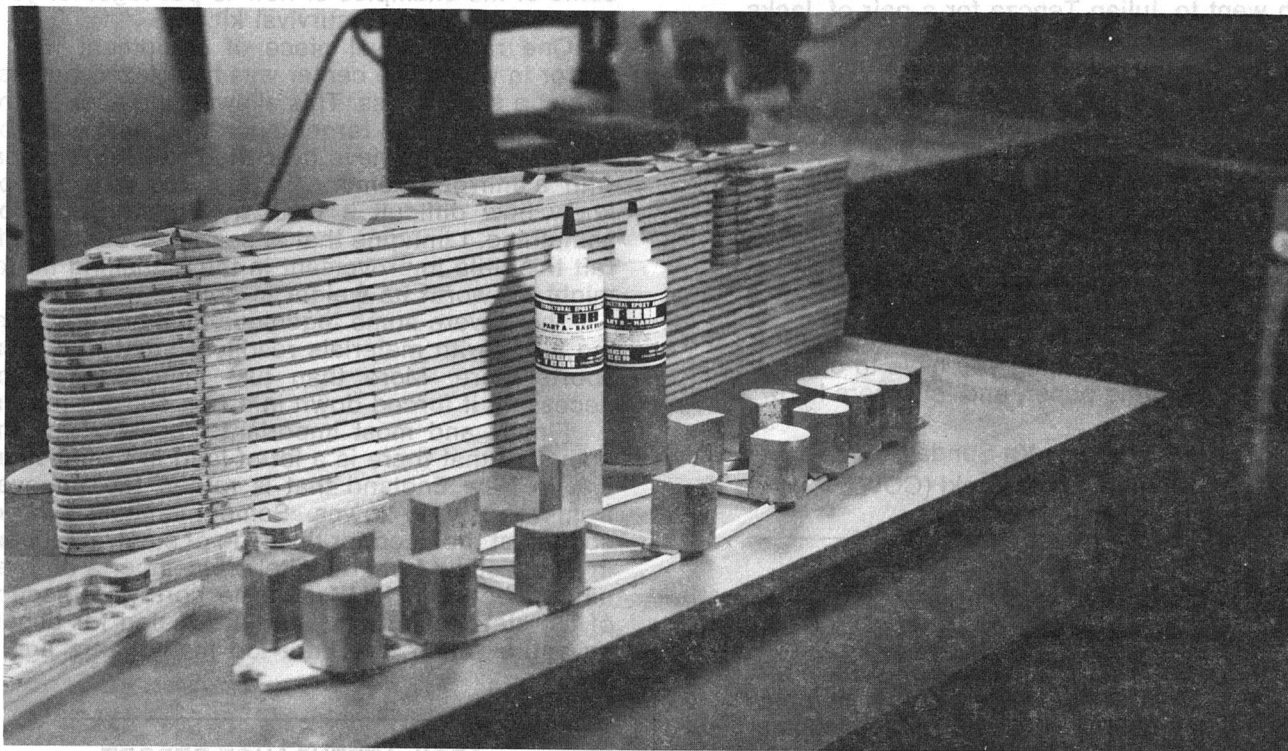


Photo shows stack of wing ribs constructed by Jim Simmons for his new Skybolt project. The 2-part Epoxy glue is shown, together with the lead weights used to clamp the gussets. Ribs are assembled in a jig, glued on one side the first night then removed from the jig and glued on the opposite side the succeeding night. The weights eliminate the need for nails or staples usually used on the gussets.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, MAY 12

The May meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, May 12, 1991. Time 10:00 A.M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Three new member have been added to EAA Chapter 27's list. They are as follows:

Julie Tencza of Meriden
Stan Solecki of Meriden
Bill Simon of Wallingford

RECORD ATTEMPT KIT—CITY TO CITY RECORDS

Is anyone interested in trying to set a new record with their aircraft? If you are, please contact me, as I have a Record Attempt Kit just for this purpose. A friend of mine in Pennsylvania is going to try and set a record with a BD-4 on their way to Sun 'N Fun. This kit explains everything you need to know about carrying out a record attempt. Quite often you read about someone in Sport Aviation who has set a record in a home-built. Maybe you can get your picture in Sport Aviation! Anyone interested, please call me—Jeff Davenport, 269-6745.

REMEMBER—IT'S MAY 12 IN THE LOUNGE AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Howdy,

This past Sunday we held our first Poker Run. It was a beautiful day, but I was somewhat disappointed in the light turnout. I called lot of our members, we have been talking about it for the past few months, but not many showed. We lost a little money, but I hope to make it back next time. I wish to thank all those who helped, for which we could not of even had this activity. The prizes were as follows: 1st place went to Herb Bullock for 3 Aces; 2nd went to Rob Symington for two pair; 3rd went to Charlie Maxted for a pair of Queens, and 4th went to Julian Tencza for a pair of Jacks.

Remember, next month is our Fly-Market and Fly In breakfast at Simsbury with Chapter 324. Get your junk boxed, and bring it to the sale and set up a table. You may wish us to sell it for you for a 10% fee. We also need help with this activity. Any donation for parts to sell for our chapter would be appreciated.

It's getting time to decide on a place for our picnic. Some suggestions were Candlewood, Tanner-Hiller, Fishers, Block, etc. We don't want to wait until the last minute to decide.

As I asked before, we need some input for our newsletters, so anything you have to offer we can put into our little paper, and let others know about ourselves.

See Ya Sunday,
Kenneth J. Winiarski (COWBOY)

MEETING IDEAS NEEDED

700x12=8,400. Many of you have heard these numbers before and for those who have not, they represent 700 Chapters holding 12 monthly meetings in the course of a year which equals 8,400 grass roots EAA Chapter activities. When you think about it, it sounds like a large number. If you take into consideration the grass roots foundation the EAA Chapters form for EAA you quickly realize that it is the individual meetings taking place each month that represent the backbone of sport aviation. In February we sent a special mailing to each chapter president asking their assistance to update the Chapter Handbook section on Chapter meeting ideas. We specifically requested each Chapter to provide as many ideas as possible. They should be ideas which have been tried at Chapter meetings and were successful or that are intended for upcoming Chapter meetings. To date, we have not received very many responses. We are asking your assistance in this project. We need your meeting ideas! Frequently, we receive letters from Chapters asking for assistance with meeting ideas and we would like to be able to help. Make a special effort at your next Chapter meeting to list your ideas, outlines, etc.—**From EAA MonthlyGram**

50/50 WINNERS

April—SiriDev Khalsa
May—Ken Winiarski

APRIL PRESENTATION

The presentation last month was given by the chapter president and concerned the need for an emergency kit of some kind to be kept in the aircraft in case of a crash or forced landing. Of added interest was that Ken used an advertised kit list from Sporty's catalog and then compared the cost of items listed by Sporty's and what he had paid for comparable items in local stores. Naturally a kit similar to the one found in Sporty's could be gotten much cheaper by an enterprising person as all homebuilders seem to be.

Flares from local Marine stores, first aid materials from stores like K-Mart and specific wilderness survival materials from sport stores were some of the examples of how to put together your personal emergency-survival kit.

One rather novel piece of equipment was a mirror in which the center was not glazed but was in fact a small cross. This allowed the user to line up the sun and his target much the same way you aim a gun. If you have ever tried to flash a signal with a mirror (memory of Boy Scout days) you know how difficult it is to try and target in on something. I imagine that at sea in a bouncing life raft this little improvement in the signalling mirror might be worth its weight in gold.

There were some ingenious methods for starting a fire with materials readily bought in a local sports store. More than just matches may be necessary if forced down in a rain soaked terrain.

Finally and most important I believe was the comment that there is a lot of land in Connecticut and in New England that is rather far removed from roads and towns. Some members sort of scoffed at the need for this type of survival kit here in Connecticut but I definitely remember a downed aircraft between MMK and the northwest section of the state being lost and not located for almost an entire winter, that, not too many years ago.—**C.M.**

APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

Ken Winiarski	Edward Schinitis, Jr.
Don Whelan	Frank Podgwaite
Herb Bullock	Richard Boes
Bill Simon	Bob Hodge
SiriDev Khalsa	Ed Dunn
Fred Caputo (Ch 324)	Debbie & Chuck
Pete Davis	Raymond
Jeff Davenport	Stan Solecki
Harry Carl	Pat Manning
Frank Melnick, visitor	Ed Morris

EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1991

President—Ken Winiarski: 237-1839

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Treasurer—Debbie Raymond: 929-2552

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Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007

SECRETRAY'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Secretary's Report by SiriDev Khalsa

EAA Chapter 27 meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. Sunday 4/21/91.

VICE-PRES.—At girl friend's house (working on "Baby Great Lakes"?)

TREAS. REPORT (late, but excused due to her beauty) — had \$830.13 in March, \$34 was mailed in, plus \$36 in dues; paid \$17 for doughnuts and coffee; current balance \$932.67.

TECH COUNSELOR'S REPORT (1 minute late, not excused)—Went to RV forum in Frederick, MD. Was a good Metal Airplane seminar. A&P school at field had a Pazmany PL4 for sale that had been donated to the school. Excellent construction, almost IFR panel, Limbach engine. See Jeff if interested. Inspected Joe Page's RV-4; coming along well.

OLD BUSINESS — Tee Shirts; basic Chapter 27 emblem on front, need design for back. Tee shirt company has several designs in stock, bi-plane, monoplane, canard. Shirts would cost us about \$5 to \$6. A sheet was passed around for members to write their ideas.

Scholarship fund for deceased member. Chapter voted to donate \$25. 12 yes, 0 no, rest abstained (for more money).

Poker Run—May 5. Flyer made up. Prizes 1st—\$100, 2nd—\$50, 3rd \$25, 4th & 5th—Chapter membership. Noted that passengers can also play. Entry fee, \$10.00.

NEW BUSINESS — Reviewed newsletter; reviewed Dayton Airshow Flyer; reviewed flyer for FAA tests/training materials; offered RattRay catalog; reviewed flyer for WW1 fly in in Alabama; reviewed flyer for Glass/Composite course at Indian Hills Comm. College, June 10-July 19, A&P school at Industrial Airport.

Debbie sold her T-18.

Glasair is very close to being done; waiting for modified nose strut. Will need help moving it to airport and in reassembling it once there. In about 2 weeks.

Breakfast/Lunch/Flymarket June 2 at Simsbury Airport. Chapter will set up and sell member's stuff for 10%; need volunteers, 4 for parking, 2 for cooking. Rain date June 9. Ken will haul stuff up in trailer if you need help.

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS—Stan Solecki, previous member, now at Simsbury, ex-military, lacks physical; invites us to Simsbury fly in last weekend in September.

Richard Boes, student pilot (on & off), would like to build a composite plane some day, offering to help anyone currently building.

Jim Chuba, Balloon pilot, hasn't flown airplanes for two years. Involved in world's largest balloon, amongst others.

James Byron, student airplane, has built (& flown) 6 balloons.

Bill Simon (who?), half owner of Cherokee. Pres. of Silver City Flying Club.

Ed Dunn announced he has the back 1/8 of a Long EZ canopy bubble to give away to anyone who can use it.

A member is selling a New Wet Compass with

adapter plate for \$62.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUT BREAK 10:50 'til 11:09.

Chapter 336 in So. New Hampshire has a custom built display in the Nashua Mall April 26-28. Do it every year, fly in, land in parking lot early morning; planes are pushed in through wide doors. Mall is close to airport for those who prefer conventional runways, but would like to go and look.

50/50 won by SiriDev Khalsa, his first win ever!

IDEAS FOR CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:—Building at south end of field, need City of Meriden approval, for meetings, office, plane assembly area, home for shared equipment (tools), community education activities.

Awards banquet (similar to Hartford chapter's) instead of Christmas party (November time frame).

Fancier Christmas party with Band/D.J. that chapter sponsors.

EAA awareness day, static display, education for public.

Building demonstrations, with hands on, for members.

List of members with various tools, trailers, etc. available for members to borrow.

ALREADY PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

5/5 Poker Run

6/2 Fly Market at Simsbury

Mid-July picnic away from MMK (Montauk, Fisher's, Candlelight, etc.?)

August Airshow; static display, fly by at end. Christmas Party

Fall Fly In?

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 19—WARWICK, NY—EAA Chapter 501 Fly-In. Trophies awarded to the best aircraft in each class. To be eligible, aircraft must be registered by 2:00 P.M.

JUNE 2—SIMSBURY—EAA Chapters 27 and 324 Fly Market, Fly-In Breakfast. Rain date 6-9-91.

FOR SALE

1982 FORD V6 GRANADA ENGINE—3.0 Liter, 232 cubic inch, aluminum head, 30,000 miles. \$350—Charles Maxted, 272-4922.

WANTED—LUSCOMBE PARTS—Pete (203) 376-8566.

MISCELLANEOUS PARTS FOR SALE—0-290 Lycoming, 125 hp from GPU, torn down—Miscellaneous instruments—Skinny wheels, 500x300 narrow with brakes. Roger Cochran, 929-6057,

LONG EZ PROJECT FOR SALE—Bob Fisher. Winsted Precision Co., Winsted, CT (203) 379-2788

KING COMMERCIAL COURSE FOR SALE — Ed Morris 265-3932.

AIR PROGRESS MAGAZINES—Also large assortment of antique and model aircraft magazines—1960's vintage, make offer—235-2169.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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HERB BULLOCK
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Please fill in the following form and mail with your dues to: **DEBORAH RAYMOND, 49 HICKORY LANE, SHELTON, CT 06484.** (Dues are \$12.00 per year. Make checks out to Deborah Raymond).

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

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