

**MAY, 1997**



# **CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER**

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

## **EAA CHAPTER 27 FLY-IN MERIDEN, CT**

**Saturday, May 17, 1997**

(Rain date: Sunday, May 18, 1997)

## **Featuring Food, Fun and Awards.**

**(CATEGORIES INCLUDE: ANTIQUE, CLASSIC, HOMEBUILT,  
PEOPLES CHOICE AND  
GRAND CHAMPION)**

Note: Judging closes at 1PM, Awards at 1:30PM

**Meriden/Markham Airport, Meriden, CT**

**Airport Identifier = MMK**

**UNICOM = 122.80**

**ELEVATION: 100', PATTERN ALTITUDE: 1100"**

**3100' paved, lighted runway 18/36.**

***DON'T MISS IT!***



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's letter is about Y-O-U, so you better be sure to read it!

If someone were to ask me who was the most important person in our chapter, I would have to say without a doubt—you are! You may be thinking, "Why me?!" "Surely there is someone more important than me!" "What about the president, or the treasurer, or the other officers and chairman?" NOPE! I've made my mind up—It's you all right! You're the one who attends as many meetings as you can and is there to vote when a motion is made. You're the one who laughs at the presidents silly jokes. You're the one who makes corrections or additions to the minutes after the secretary reads them. You're the one who parks airplanes, sells hot dogs and hamburgers, or registers visitors at our spring fly-in. YOU-YOU-YOU! YOU are so busy, yes, the officers and chairman stay busy planning lots of things for the chapter, but when it comes right down to it, none of them would be any fun without YOU! YOU are the reason we have a chapter. The next time someone asks you who is responsible for the success of our chapter, don't even hesitate, say in the loudest voice you can muster — I AM!

The above article was recently written by Mary Jane Willis, president of EAA Chapter 1094 in Sulphur Springs, Texas and I believed it was very appropriate for our chapter, as well. Each and every one of you are key to the success of our chapter.

See you all at our Spring Fly-In!

Jim

## IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Last month's newsletter included a copy of our most current listing of EAA Chapter 27 members and their 1997 membership status. Please check this listing to verify that our records pertaining to your membership status are accurate. If you have paid your dues for 1997 and our records disagree, please contact Bob Ryan at (203) 865-4528 directly. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

### EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1997

**President—Jim Simmons: 272-9346**  
**Vice President—Dave Pepe: 634-4457**  
**Treasurer—Robert Ryan: 865-4528**  
**Secretary—Stan Solecki: 235-0790**  
**Technical Counselor—Jeff Davenport: 269-6745**  
**Technical Counselor—Ed Morris: 265-3932**  
**Young Eagles Coordinator—Fran Uliano: 347-0412**  
**Bulletin Board—Charles Maxted: 272-4922**  
**Flight Advisor—Bob Bailey: 281-4332**  
**Newsletter Editor—Herb Bullock: 272-8007**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting opened 10:10 a.m.

Dave Pepe presided in the absence of President Jim Simmons who was vacationing in sunny Hawaii.

Ted Brainerd visited the chapter. His father "Bud" is building an Avid Flyer.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted by F. Uliano and seconded by Stan Solecki.

The tetrahedron project continues to be at a standstill at present and at a new location and is about 60 per cent complete according to Ed Morris. Everything done on an airplane must be logged in the log book—consisting of all changes and additions to the plane.

Young Eagles Day is Saturday, June 14, 1997 as National Young Eagles Day. The chapter needs pilots and volunteers to help on this day. Our quota is 100 Young Eagles to be flown. Last year we overed our estimate and reached 108.

The Fly-In plans are up to schedule. Volunteers are needed May 16 to set up for Fly-In.

The ASOS is operating on the field giving the weather at MMK.

Frank Mlynick has volunteered to supply the trash cans for the Fly-In and also a tent.

The CAP was granted permission to have a recruiting tent for future members.

50-50 drawing was won by Frank Mlynick and a catalog was won by Bob Ryan.

Bob Bailey gave a lecture on First Flights of homebuilts.

Our invited guest from Simsbury visited the chapter meeting and was interested in having the Connecticut Antique Club hold their Fly-In with Chapter 27 in the future.

The Antique Club will hold their Fly-In on the last Sunday in September (Sept. 28). Rain date is the following Sunday, Oct. 5.

Meeting closed 11:50 a.m.

## T. C. PRE-PURCHASE VISITS

On occasion, a potential purchaser will call EAA Headquarters asking for the name of an experienced person in another area of the country to look at an airplane he is interested in. The buyer may be in New York and the aircraft in California. We do occasionally refer EAA members to Technical Counselors in other areas that may want to look at an airplane. In this case, you are acting in a different capacity. This is a highly experienced individual that EAA has recognized by naming him a Technical Counselor. These visits do not count as Technical Counselor visit reports and are not considered as such. If you are an A&P, you may wish to do an annual on the airplane for the builder, or if you are a Technical Counselor, not an A&P, you can go out and look at the aircraft if you wish. Of course, compensation for your experience level (not your Technical Counselor connection) is allowable in these cases. Once again, you are not acting as a Technical Counselor, but just as an experienced individual.

## CAN YOU TOP THESE?

The following are true reports from aircraft maintenance crews who work the Air Force flight line. They are actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews:

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."

Solution: "Almost replaced left inside main tire."

Problem: "Test flight OK, except autoland very rough."

Solution: "Autoland not installed on this aircraft."

Problem #1: #2 propeller seeping prop fluid."

Solution #1: #2 Propeller seepage normal."

Problem #2: "#1, #3, and #4 propellers lack normal seepage."

Problem: "The auto pilot doesn't."

Signed off: "IT DOES NOW."

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."

Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear."

Solution: "Evidence removed."

Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud."

Solution: "Volume set to more believable level."

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield."

Solution: "Live bugs on order."

Problem: "Auto pilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent."

Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground."

Problem: "IFF inoperative."

Solution: "IFF inoperative in OFF mode."

Problem: "Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick."

Solution: "That's what they're there for."

Problem: "Number three engine missing."

Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search."

NOTE: Now you know why maintenance crews repeatedly say the "Real Problem with the last flight obviously was "There was a major short between those headsets!"

## APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

Dave Pepe	John Anderson
Ed Morris	Frank Mlynick
Harry Carl	Jeff Fiscus
Jerry Desrochers	Abel Padilla
Burton Sacknoff	Howard Linker
Jeff Martin	Melvin Garelick
Bob Brown	B. Bailey Sort of again
Les Mercer	Fran Grieco
"Bud" Brainerd	Herb Bullock
Ted Brainerd	Oscar Duff
Bruce Terkelsen	Fran Uliano
Raymond Morgan	Maury Libson
Stan Solecki	Jim Maher
Jerry Bass	David Peters
Margaret Bass (G)	Ed Peters
Stan Chaffin	Edgar Northrop
Mike Kredar	Joe Bojacki
Mike Zemsta	Charles Maxted

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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 14—MERIDEN**—National 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.

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

In a change of position, the FAA has issued a new policy: Repair stations may perform experimental aircraft maintenance under their certificates. Flight Standards has long held that Part 145 repair stations are not permitted to utilize their certificate privileges to perform maintenance, alterations on aircraft that have been issued experimental airworthiness certificates. This is because a certificated repair station must perform all maintenance/alteration in accordance with part 43 (see 145.57 (a), but experimental aircraft are exempted from the scope of part 431 (b).

Flight Standards has determined that the practice of not permitting certificated repair stations to perform maintenance/alteration on these aircraft does not enhance safety.

Therefore, any repair station that holds an appropriate rating in the class for the type aircraft/powerplant being maintained/alterated may perform maintenance/alteration on aircraft with experimental certificates.

This grant of authority is limited to the extent that the repair station must comply with the policy guidance issued in HBAW 96-03.

HBAW 96-03 provides a plan for repair stations to follow in order to acquire the authority to maintain experimental aircraft. It also provides sample return to service language as well as sample operation specifications.

HBAW 96-03 was developed by the Flight Standards Airworthiness Systems/Air Agencies Branch AFS 350. It will be incorporated into the next revision of FAA Order 8300.10, "Airworthiness Inspector's Handbook." Any questions regarding the bulletin should be directed to AFS-350 at 202/267-7228. ARSA members may fax their request for a copy of this "HBAW 96-03" to 703/739-9488. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.fedworld.gov>.

## RAYMONDS AWARD WINNERS AGAIN

Chuck Raymond continues to do his outstanding work as he won best workmanship honors at this year's Sun 'N Fun.

## WINGS PROGRAM RECIPIENT—PHASE III

Chapter 27 member Steven Socolosky.

**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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