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# NOVEMBER, 1997

## CHAPTER 27

### NEWSLETTER

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

### EASY DOES IT!



Above photo shows Jeff Davenport making some minor adjustments to the powerplant on his RV-4, one of the advantages of having a homebuilt.

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### NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, NOV. 16

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

#### 1998 EAA CALENDARS ON SALE

Once again our chapter has received our EAA Calendar order for the upcoming year and we will be selling them at chapter meetings for \$9.00 each. Be sure to attend and get yours soon. Every year we sell out of these fine calendars and we do not anticipate any difference this year.

#### WOOD. WOULD YOU USE WOOD? SOME WOULD!

Our seminar this month will be a discussion on the basics of wood construction for aircraft. Jim Simmons, builder of two Skybolt biplanes, and rumored to be embarking on a GP-4, all wood construction, two place airplane, will be leading the discussion.

Join us on Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 A.M. for our next chapter meeting at Meriden Airport's FBO training room. Everyone is welcome.

### DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!

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

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

November is traditionally the month for elections. And our EAA Chapter is no different. This month we will be voting for our new slate of officers. It's significant to note that there are two individuals who will not be running for reelection this year.

Number one is Stan Solecki. Stan, who is a founding member of EAA Chapter 27 and in recent years he has served as Secretary and Vice President of our group. Additionally, Stan has been functioning as judge during our Fly-Ins and also aided in our Poker Run and Young Eagles rallies. Stan has been highly instrumental in the recent resurgence of our chapter. He has always been available when called upon. I would like to publicly thank Stan for his solid support and I know we can count on your support and advice when called upon in the future.

Number two is Herb Bullock. Herb has served as our newsletter editor for more years than I can possibly remember. The newsletter is our main communications medium and the quality of his publications has always created a very positive image of our group. Besides producing one of the finest newsletters in the EAA, Herb has also been a strong supporter of each and every activity our organization has tackled. Herb could be found lending a hand at them all. Once again, I would like to publicly thank Herb for his support and I know he will also be available for support and advice in the future.

Our 1997 Holiday Party is rapidly approaching and I encourage everyone to join us. In recent years these events have been highly successful and I anticipate that this year will be even better than ever. This is an excellent opportunity for your spouse to share in the EAA experience. I hope that you'll all try to join us. Betty and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

See you at our next meeting. JIM

### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Howard Linker	Edgar Northrop
Ed Schinitis	Oscar Duff
Maury Libson	C. Maxted
Raymond Morgan	Anthony DiChello
Don Dickmann	Dave Emmons
Herb Bullock	Chan Schiller
Burt Sacknoff	Don Whelan
Bud Brainerd	Fran Uliano
Ted Brainerd (Guest)	Betty Simmons
Stan Chaffin	Sheila Seemann
Ed Morris	Bruce Terkelsen
Paul Lange	Alan Ortner
John Valuckas	Molly Ortner
Margaret Bass	Albert Basso
Jerry Bass	Chris Kohler
Les Mercer	Frank Podgwaite
Jim Maher	Stanley Wolak (Guest)
Bob Ryan	Jim Simmons
Bill Simon	Stan Solecki

## ATTENTION RV BUILDERS

A couple of years ago a few of the RV builders began meeting once a month to exchange ideas, discuss problems and give moral support to one another. At that time there were only three or four projects in progress and our moving force, Joe Page, finished his RV and was off into the wild blue yonder. Things lapsed.

I spoke to a couple of RV builders and they would like to see the program resurrected. If our EAA chapter is any indicator of the interest in RV's and the number of people building, then a monthly get-together certainly seems warranted. Therefore, if those who are interested would like to meet briefly after the monthly Chapter 27 meeting in November, we could decide on a place, date, and time to meet.

I, personally, believe there should be a planned agenda for each meeting but with the freedom to expand to other subjects if attendees see a need for it. If time permits at the November meeting, maybe we could plan for the following month's program.

Charles Maxted  
Bob Ryan  
Dave Pepe

### MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED!

We are planning to create a photographic collage containing photographs of all our members, and their projects. We are asking for 100 per cent participation. Please provide us with a picture (which will not be returned) of you, with your aircraft and/or project. Please write on the back of the photograph your name, type of aircraft or project and the percentage of project completed to date. If you do not have a plane or project, we still want your picture for this display. So, please find a photo we can use.

You can bring your photograph to our next meeting, or send the photograph to:

Charlie Maxted  
957 Coleman Road  
Cheshire, CT 06410

Do not forget, we want 100 per cent participation. **Do it now!**

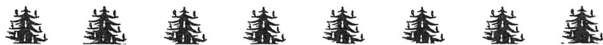
### EAA CHAPTER 27 OFFICERS FOR 1997

**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**

## 1998 SLATE OF OFFICERS

As you all know, this month we will be voting in the new slate of officers for 1998. The current nominees are:

President—Jim Simmons  
Vice President—Dave Pepe  
Secretary—Oscar Duff  
Treasurer—Bob Ryan  
Newsletter Editor—Jim Maher  
Be sure to attend and show your support.



## EAA CHAPTER 27 HOLIDAY PARTY

GEORGE'S II RESTAURANT  
750 Yale Avenue  
Wallingford, CT  
(203) 269-1059

**Sunday, December 7, 1997**

*Cocktail Hour / Cash Bar 5:30 P.M.*

Cheese and Crackers

*Complete Dinner includes:*

Salad and Rolls  
Family Style Pasta

*Choice of entrees include:*

Prime Rib  
Stuffed Shrimp  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Veal Parmigiana  
Potato and Family Style Vegetable  
Ice Cream Roll, Coffee, Tea or Sanka

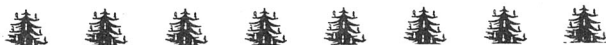
**\$22 Per Person, All Inclusive**

**(Kids meals available upon request)**

Please bring Grab Bag Gift for each person  
(\$5 range)

### REMINDER:

Contact Bob Ryan at (203) 865-4528  
or send check and meal selection (s) to:  
Bob Ryan, 6 Manor Court, North Haven, CT 06473  
Please respond by November 21, 1997



## STALL STRIPS ON A T-18 WING

I recently heard a testimonial to the merits of stall strips on the T-18 wing. A non-instrument rated pilot in a stall strip equipped T-18 flew into clouds at low altitude at night. He reduced power, initiated a turn and pulled up a bit knowing that the ground was near. The pilot told me that after a few moments, he realized that he was flying with the stick FULL AFT and the turn coordinator ball FULL to one side. He then centered the ball with rudder, eased the stick forward and re-applied full power. The T-18 descended out of the bottom of the clouds at that time, roughly 800 ft. AGL over dark farm country. Any T-18 without stall strips would have departed in a spin with very little chance of recovery from low altitude at night.

The stall strips really do tame the T-18 stall to where it is relatively benign. Wind shear, wake turbulence, pilot tasking from an emergency situation or disorientation in clouds could put any of us in a stalled situation at low altitude. The four T-18s I have flown with stall strips all experienced dramatic improvement in stall characteristics. All four aircraft behaved differently when stalled without stall strips, and there were differences between the aircraft with strips on, but all four saw dramatic improvement.

Stall strips may be made from scratch or by cutting Piper Cherokee strips in half. Piper p/n 765399 approximately \$53 at an FBO, includes two strips which may be cut in half to treat two T-18s.  
—Tom Kerns (from Technical Counselor News).

## HOLIDAY PARTY DOOR PRIZE! W O W !

Need an additional reason to join us at our upcoming Holiday Party at George's II Restaurant on December 7th at 5:30 P.M. Well, we have a great one! We will be offering a door prize of "One hour of Free Rental for the PA-12 Taildragger." This Certificate was originally donated by Meriden Aviation Services for our Spring Fly-In. However, due to the weather we have held it until now. Everyone attending will qualify for the prize. Come out and join us. Maybe it will be your lucky night.

## FOR SALE

**1 HEADSET NO. S-1M SIGTRONICS**—Never used; in box with instructions—\$75.00 Four video tapes, 1 Procedure Turn Inbound; 1 IFR Flight Test; 1 Mayday and 1 When the Weather Goes IFR—\$5.00 each. Box of assorted books—Example, Positive Flying, Modern Aviation Library Vol. 4—Instrument-Commercial Pilot Manual, The Proficient Pilot and more. Also two Lance II Manuals, Parts & Service. If interested please call (203) 237-7816, leave number and I will get back.

**MANY USED ULTRA LITE PARTS AND ALMOST COMPLETE PLANE** and several engines; also almost new GPS, headsets, etc., etc. Prefer to discount and sell as package. Call Bill Wadsworth at 269-9730.

**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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