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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

YOUNG EAGLE TO BE



Photo shows Tony Vallillo in the cockpit of his Thorp briefing his Young Eagle candidate for his first flight. Our Young Eagles Rally on the 11th proved quite successful having flown a total of 24 youngsters for the day.

NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY, OCT. 19

The October meeting of EAA Chapter 27 will be held at Meriden-Markham Airport on Sunday, October 19, 1997. Time 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER SEMINAR

Our October meeting will feature a talk by Paul A. Lange of Trumbull, an aviation attorney, who will discuss the do's and don'ts of dealing with the Federal Aviation Administration.

RV4 AND RV 6A AWARDS

After a considerable amount of ribbing about finishing their RV 4 project, Dave and Ed Peters are to be congratulated for winning the Grand Champion Award at Chapter 130's Fly-In last month.

Also, congratulations to Fred Caputo of Avon for winning the best monoplane award for his RV 6A.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!

REMEMBER—IT'S OCT. 19 AT MMK AIRPORT—TIME: 10:00 A. M.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have just returned from our chapter's Fall Young Eagles Rally at Meriden Airport. I am proud to report that we have met our goal of providing Young Eagles flights for 100 kids in 1997! Congratulations to all who participated throughout the year in helping us achieve this goal! A special thanks to Fran Uliano, our Young Eagles Chairman for his efforts in making this program such a success. I am equally proud of the fact that the vast majority of these 100 Young Eagles received their flights on a "one-to-one" basis. I know that this approach provides each of these kids with a quality first flight experience.

We flew 24 youngsters today. The group was composed of friends, neighbors, scouts and Bob Rahn's model airplane club members. We were ready to fly more kids, but that was the total who showed up for the event. As usual, we were afraid of doing too much publicity in fear of having more youngsters that we could possibly handle.

I am also proud to report that the TV and VCR our chapter has purchased for use at Meriden Airport is now permanently mounted on a wall bracket in their training room. It should serve our members and the airport for many years to come. A special thanks to our chapter's vice president, Dave Pepe for doing the shopping and procuring of the equipment.

We are nearing the holiday season and we will be discussing the plans for our annual Holiday party at our next meeting. This event has grown substantially each year and we are looking forward to another fine turnout for the event this year.

It is also important to note that we will be holding elections next month for the officers for our chapter for 1998. I urge anyone interested in assisting in the operation, and determining the direction of our group, to give me a call to discuss your participation as an officer in our chapter.

CANYON COMMENT

By Fran Grieco

I would like to make a comment on the "Find the Airplane" picture I passed around at the last meeting.

My wife and I were enjoying a scenic ride over the Grand Canyon in a DeHavilland Twin Otter belonging to Grand Canyon Airlines when I spotted the Cessna flying low in the Canyon. I whipped out my trusty Olympus and you saw the result.

By the way, Grand Canyon Airways has been in business since the nineteen-twenties. (70 years!) The original airplanes were Ford Trimotors, one of which is still flying somewhere in this country.

MAINE SOJURN

While watching back in the 1950's, Gadabout Gaddis landing at his strip in Maine, I said to myself, I'm going to do that some day.

Well, the day finally came on Saturday, Oct. 27. I left MMK early and made my first stop at Concord, NH. Concord was busy, both on the ground and in the air. There was also a Poker Run going on plus helicopters.

Next stop was central Maine. A really nice friendly airport. It had some nice old airplanes and some homebuilt hangars and airplanes plus Auto gas at the pump for \$1.59 a gallon! I filled up and headed for Gadabout Gaddis Airport.

I followed a T-6 in to land. A follow me truck took me to a parking spot in grass a foot high. You should see my green prop.

The place was jumping. There were three lines of airplanes parked wingtip to wingtip along the runway. I counted over 100 planes.

There were impromptu aerobatics over the field, a Carnival and craft sale plus food on the ground. A lot of people milling around having a good time..

After a while, I decided to leave this rather lumpy 2000 foot grass field and head home. I flew home direct (GPS) with a nice tailwind.

All in all, a very nice was to spend a Saturday. I was very surprised at how active the fields are up North. And to top it all off, Sunday was the Antique Fly-In at Simsbury. A low ceiling didn't seem to bother the Antiques too much but the spam can count was down.

I took our resident CFI with me and spent a couple of pleasant hours seeing old airplanes and old friends.

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. Also, please try to get this to us by November 1st.

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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting opened at 10:34 hrs. Roll call of executive staff and all present (Except president).

Treasurer reported balance of \$871.00. New membership cards were printed and issued to paid members. Report was accepted as read by Stan Solecki and seconded by Ed Morris.

Fran Uliano made his Young Eagles report. Total flown to date is 76 and a balance of 24 are needed to make our quota of 100 Young Eagles flown this year. Suggestion made to solicit youngsters for the next Fly-In date on October 11. New applicants must bring parents to sign the official form.

Tetrahedron project still has some work before completion.

Chapter 27 purchased a new 27-inch TV and a new VCR donated for use by the FBO at Meriden Airport and our use. This was voted at last month's meeting and purchased for \$487.88 for both units.

Jeff Davenport presented a video on the RV airplanes (An RV factory video).

Dave Pepe is moving his RV project to his garage to complete his RV.

Bob Burk is ready to fly this week and a video will be shown of his first flight.

Past officers to be on advisory staff. T-shirts and caps are for sale.

Bob Seemann talked on GPS's. He had some information from different companies which manufacture the units. Garmin's response was quick and most accurate. Prices were listed and some incentives were made of \$100 off list price.

Another talk on GPS's was made by Tony Vallillo of his experience using the GPS at work.

Meeting adjourned at 1000 hrs.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

Ed Schinitis Jr.	Margaret Bass
George Anderson	Dame Emmons
Maury Libson	Frank Mlynick
Abel Padilla	Bob Ryan
David Pepe	Alan Ortner
Ed Morris	Mike Zemsta
Al Basso	Jeff Davenport
Burt Sacknoff	Phil Hax
Stan Chaffin	Tony Vallillo
Oscar Duff	Chan Schiller
Steve Socolosky	Jerry O'Neill
Raymond Morgan	Herb Bullock
Stan Solecki	Carl K. Eaton
Bob Seemann	C. Maxted
Fran Uliano	Bob Brown
Jim Maher	Bob Burk
Jerry Bass	Fran Grieco

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 don't anticipate any difference this year. We strongly suggest that you be sure to get yours early! We do not wish to see any disappointed members.

FLIGHT ADVISORS—EAA Press Release

New figures show that the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Flight Advisors Program is having a major positive impact on safety during the critical first hours of amateur-built aircraft flight testing.

According to newly released statistics from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) the accident rate is more than 93 per cent lower for pilots who use Flight Advisors compared to the overall accident rate during initial homebuilt flight tests. Only 1.2 per cent of all pilots who utilized the Flight Advisor program suffered accidents during the first 25 hours of flight in a new homebuilt. That compares very favorably with FAA figures of 19 percent of homebuilt accidents which occur during initial flight testing.

"The Flight Advisor program works," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "The proof is in the numbers. Over the past three years, EAA Flight Advisors have made nearly 300 people safer pilots. These volunteer advisors throughout the country have improved the homebuilt accident rate significantly during the first few crucial hours of flight."

The program, which enables builder/pilots to evaluate their flying skills in their new aircraft, was launched in 1994. Each builder/pilot is matched with a volunteer Flight Advisor who has knowledge and experience in the "new" type of aircraft being flown. The Flight Advisor assists the builder/pilot with a thorough and objective evaluation of piloting skills and flight experience. An explanation of the particular flying characteristics of the new aircraft is also included. The advisor then helps establish checklists for flying the new aircraft. The builder/pilot can make an informed decision on whether additional training is needed before flying the completed project.

Any EAA member can request the assistance of a Flight Advisor. Many are already affiliated with local EAA Chapters. There is no charge for the service.

Builder/pilots who utilize Flight Advisors are also eligible for insurance coverage for the flight test period through AVEMCO Insurance, one of the world's largest aviation insurers. Such insurance for homebuilt flight testing is nearly impossible to obtain otherwise.

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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