

# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 27 News

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Just a heads up for the weekend. A Car and Bike show is being held at Meriden Airport, August 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9am, all activities will be held on the south end of the field and the runway will still be active.

### Letter from the President

#### August 2013

For those who had the opportunity to make it out to AirVenture this year, welcome back home! I look forward to hearing the stories, seeing some great pictures, and generally learning about what's new that is typically showcased in Oshkosh. Alas, a sick engine and increasingly packed personal and business schedules kept me away this summer...so time to start planning for the next one. In fact, the Cessna 170 Association's annual meeting and fly-in takes place in St. Louis next July immediately before AirVenture. Looks like making a turn north to Wisconsin following the St. Louis event is a no-brainer.

Recently, AVweb posted the following question online: What have you done to be safer in the air? Perhaps one can approach formulating an answer from two different directions. First, I'm sure most of us can recall small slip-ups in the cockpit when we've deviated from procedure, made headwork errors, or just plain failed to all of the resources at hand to promote better air safety. Acknowledging those slip-ups and taking steps to mitigate them before something unpleasant happens is an important first step to becoming a safer pilot.

Another approach to the AVweb question

exercise good airmanship. Generally, we get away with it, but sometimes these lapses become the first domino to fall on the way to more catastrophic results. We can all become safer in the air by thinking about safety, asking what would I do if... and making a concerted effort to do things better. We need to not just go through the motions necessary for maintaining currency but rather continue to learn and re-learn being a pilot, to exercise requires being aware of the latest NTSB accident statistics that show the 2012 General Aviation (GA) accident rate as unchanged from 2011. As a community, GA has not made definitive progress lowering the number of accidents...a record dominated by the same causes recurring over and over. Indeed, the



**Next meeting:  
Sunday August 18**

Meeting will be held  
at Meriden Markham  
Airport at 10am

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NTSB has released five videos that expressly address the major causes of GA accidents. Check them out via the NTSB website (ntsb.gov then hit the link to the video library.) Every action we take as individuals to improve upon our safety awareness will ultimately improve our performance as a community, one with a steadily declining accident rate.

So what's coming up?...A busy second half of the year: the fall Young Eagles rally in October, Eagle Flights, Boy Scout Merit Badge

training, informative monthly meeting seminars, and our annual banquet (in January this year)...and don't forget the Chapter picnic coming up on September 7th at MMK airport. Stay tuned for more details. See you at the next meeting.

Stay safe,  
Bob

### Plans for AirVenture 2014! (Already!)

At next year's AirVenture, there is the opportunity for visitors to help build a Zenith CH 750, which normally takes about 500 hours to build, in seven days. The plan is to have visitors help 40 EAA employees build the plane, and would show visitors how easy it is to build a kit plane. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time a Zenith was built at an EAA event in a short amount of time. The first time was Chris Heintz, with help from experienced metal workers built a Zenith in eight days, that was during the 1976 EAA fly-in and convention. If you head out to Airventure next year, you should be able to spot the building happening on Celebration Way, and if you do, send back pictures and a report, so we can update on the project's progress.

(Original article By Barbara A. Schmitz-Visitors to Help Build Plane in Seven Days at AirVenture 2014- August 3, 2013 [http://www.airventure.org/news/2013/130803\\_visitors-to-help-build-plane-in-seven-days-at-airventure-2014.html](http://www.airventure.org/news/2013/130803_visitors-to-help-build-plane-in-seven-days-at-airventure-2014.html) )

### Building workshops, and other activities:

While looking for topics for this month's newsletter I noticed that there are not too many builders workshops posted online that happen in the area. If you happen to know of any, please send me the info so I can post it in the newsletter.

### Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2013

**Officers:** President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:07. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 23 attendees.

**Membership:** Lauren is working on contacting previous members and getting our mailing list up to date.

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Meetings are the  
3rd Sunday of the  
month at 10am at  
Meriden Markham  
Airport

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**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$1655.23 at the end of May. Don't forget that we have merchandise for sale. There are a couple of 2013 calendars left for sale.

**Tech Counselors:** Mark Scott talked about an article about oil filters in Aviation Consumer. He points out that some oil filters have bypasses and others don't. Some bypasses are built into the engine—but not Continental—so you need to get a filter with a bypass if your engine doesn't have one. The Tempest oil filter has a magnet inside to grab metal. Rich Merrill puts a magnet on the outside of the filter on his truck to catch metal that way. Bob Spaulding's engine is making metal so he's pulling it out for a tear down. He was not running a filter—only a screen.

Dave Pepe hasn't looked at any planes lately. Steve Socolosky and Max Lopez's planes are coming along. Mike Zemsta's RV-9 is almost done.

**Airport Commission report:** Dave Pepe reports that the RFP is ready to go—it's sitting on the controller's desk.

**Director's Report:** Rick Beebe reported on EAA's decision to pay the FAA's last minute "assessment" to provide AirVenture services. The agreement was made under protest and EAA will be working with Washington to make sure this isn't a continuing cost. We believe it's just a sneaky form of user fees. Newsletter and Website: Nothing to report at the moment.

**Young Eagles:** Fran Uliano reports that we flew 21 kids during our Young Eagles rally last weekend. We've flown 46 so far this year

out of a target of 100. World-wide we're up to almost 1.8 million. On Sunday, Jim Simmons flew 5, Dave Pepe 2, Bill Jagoda 4, Steve Fross 4, Kevin Minckler 2 (plus 1 earlier), Mark Scott 2, and Fran Uliano 2. Rich Merrill, Laura Tiezzi, Isaiah Tiezzi, Barb Uliano were among the ground crew. Thanks everyone! Fran flew his 400th Young Eagle. Congratulations Fran!

### **Facebook and Chapter bulletin board:**

Lauren is trying to do advertising for the Chapter. She met someone from the "People's Press" --an online newspaper—and is working on getting some advertising from him. She's working on some Chapter posters. Her friend who flies at a Canadian chapter is going to try to donate his credits to us because he likes the job we do.

Facebook is gaining "Likes" and some parents are posting photos of their kids flying. If you use Facebook, remember to "Like" our page so you get notifications. And feel free to share things you see on there with your own friends.

**Airport Improvements:** Jim Simmons reports that the city does not have any money to fix the ceiling. This impacts our project to install a screen. However family and friends of Maury Libson are donating money to the chapter in Maury's name. Fran Uliano came up with the idea of taking that money to install a screen and a projector and dedicating it to Maury.

We also talked about buying (with Chapter money) a spot for Maury on the Memorial Wall at Oshkosh. We did not vote on it, however, so it will be brought up again at a later meeting. Current cost is around \$350.

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### 2013 Events

- Car show at the airport—August 18
  - Fall Young Eagles rally – 2nd weekend in October.
  - Annual picnic and open house –September 7.
  - Simsbury Fly-in – Sunday, September 15
  - Holiday Dinner—Saturday, January 11, 2014
- We discussed the picnic and tentatively set it for September 7 pending availability of Mike and Patty Zemsta. (Confirmed for 9/7)

### New Business & news:

FAA has begun the process of formally accepting fuel samples of no-lead fuel. They are pushing to have a no-lead alternative for low performance planes by 2018.

The FAA has removed the requirement of using a magnetic compass from the private pilot training task list.

Eurocopter X3 claims a new helicopter speed record, surpassing the Sikorsky X2. I'm sure the name of their ship is just a coincidence.

Mhmm.

Kira Reed is entering the Navy as an aviation structural engineer. She also recently got

engaged. Congratulations Kira! We wish you all the best.

### Seminar:

Rob McGuire gave an interesting presentation on engine corrosion, its causes and ways of mitigating it. He also showed an inexpensive engine dehumidifier kit that he recently bought and put together. More information on the dehumidifier is at

<http://www.barkeraircraft.com/Engine-dryer-kit.html>

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary

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Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

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### 2013 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill in the following information and mail with your dues to:

EAA Chapter 27, c/o Bill Jagoda, 43 Derby Road, Rockfall, CT 06481

(Dues are \$20.00 per year, due in January, make checks payable to: *EAA Chapter 27*)

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter via: Email Paper

EAA Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot rating held: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own an aircraft?: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you building an aircraft?: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ % completed? \_\_\_\_\_



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