

Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 27 News

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Letter from the President

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As this summer seems to be intent on passing with breakneck speed, let's look ahead for a moment to what's coming up, particularly after our July hiatus from monthly chapter meetings. We kick off the "second" half of the year with this month's meeting, Sunday, August 17th, at 10 AM. In September, we'll have our annual picnic. As of this writing, the exact date has not been fixed but will be either Saturday, September 13th or the following weekend (September 20th or 21st) this event has been a gastronomic favorite among many of our members. As usual, we'll be firing up the grill for hamburgers and hotdogs, but what really makes it a special gathering is all the potluck offerings brought to the table by many of you. Please consider bringing a favorite summer or picnic dish to share with the gang. And assuming that we will have good flying weather (as is usually the case), there should be opportunity to swap airplane rides. Stay tuned as a flyer will be coming out shortly with the final details.

As all should be aware of by now, Saturday, October 18th is the Meriden-Markham Fly-in and Public Services Exposition. There's a lot of hard work being put in by the good folks from the City of Meriden and the MMK tenant organizations (our chapter included) to make this not only a standout event this year, but also in years ahead. As with any undertaking of this scope, volunteers are always needed: Parking, aircraft marshaling, admissions, vendor support, and general crew to name just a few. You can make this an all-day volunteering gig or sign up to help out just during specific times. There will be ample opportunity to meet the public and talk up the EAA and Chapter 27, so dust off your ambassadorship skills and be ready to pass on your enthusiasm for aviation. Please save the date!

I'd like to add a quick progress note regarding the status of a replacement for 100LL avgas. On July 1st, the FAA closed out the submission period for candidate alternative fuels for testing. At present the FAA is looking at nine fuels submitted by five different groups. Initial testing of the proposed fuels is scheduled to begin in September. Those fuels that show convincing results in the laboratory will go on to full scale testing in representative aircraft and engines. So it would appear that this painfully slow test and certification process is actually making headway. Hopefully, the momentum will continue to build, so that the FAA's target of having one or more replacement fuels available by 2018 will be met and at a price point that is tolerable to the general aviation



Next meeting:
Sunday, August
17th

Meeting will be held at
Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am

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community at large.
See you at the meeting.

Stay safe,
Bob



(A preview of the fly-in's billboard, plane is owned by Fran Uliano, photo by Lauren Dubois.)

Meriden Fly-in!

As we have been talking about in previous meetings, the airport will be holding its own fly-in this October. The event is also going to be a public safety festival and will include the fire and police departments and have many other activities going on. As the information as just been released for judging I've decided to add it to the newsletter. If anyone in the chapter would like to participate in the fly-in, either by volunteering for the event, or advertising in the ad book, you can either call the airport, stop by or after the meeting speak with Constance at the front desk for more information.

If nothing else, please spread the word about the fly-in, as all proceeds from the event will be going to help maintain the airport.

Judging information:

Aircraft will be judged as presented. Normal accumulation of bugs, oil, etc. associated with incoming flight(s) will not lower scoring. However, if it appears that the plane has a substantial accumulation of debris, dirt, bird droppings, etc. indicating little flight activity or lack of maintenance, scoring will be discounted.

To be judged, pilots must register their aircraft to be considered. At registration, you will be given a prop card to put on your propeller. On the prop card will be a yellow sticker. A minimum of three judges will evaluate each aircraft and initial the sticker. Judging criteria will be based upon the EAA Judging Standards manual. All decisions of the judges are final.

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

Judged aircraft categories are:

- Grand Champion
- Reserve Grand Champion
- Best Homebuilt
- Best Contemporary (1956-1970)
- Best Vintage (1946-1955)
- Best Warbird
- Oldest Antique (up through 1945)
- Best Special Interest

All aircraft owners are encouraged to put their aircraft on display and be judged. There is a \$10 fee to help cover the cost of trophies. You will be given a prop card to designate your aircraft as eligible for judging. Aircraft judging begins at 8:30 A.M. **Judging stops at 1 PM.** Do not wait until the last minute to get your aircraft registered. Awards will be given at 2 PM. If the pilot is not on the field, the award will be mailed. To register your plane, or for more information, please call 203-630-2878 or email mmk@meridenct.gov or visit our website at www.meridenmarkham.com.

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2014

Officers: Vice President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:10. President Bob Spaulding and Treasurer Bill Jagoda were absent. Officers present: Mark Scott, Rick Beebe. There were 12 attendees.

No membership or treasurer's report.

Tech Counselor's Report: Mark Scott talked about 3M protective tape. Good for abrasion resistance, he's also using it as gap seal.

Aviation Commission: Dave Pepe reports the new hangers are still on schedule for September. They are also going to put a new roof on the north hanger. Trees at the north end need trimming.

Director's Report: Rick Beebe talked about AirVenture preparations. The Thunderbirds will be flying their full show for the first time and it took some interesting negotiations regarding the size of the aerobatics box.

Bulletin Board/Social Media: Lauren posted some photos of Fran Uliano and Jim

Simmon's rides with YE Chairman Sean Tucker. Mark reports that at least one youngster from yesterday's Young Eagle event found out about it on Facebook.

Young Eagles: We had a Young Eagles rally in coordination with International Young Eagles Day on June 14. We flew 34 kids, 37 so far this year and a grand total of 2160. Mark Scott had a video camera in his plane and we were showing the videos of the previous flight in the FBO. They were very popular with the kids and parents.

Last year we ended up with \$190 in YE credits. A young woman named Lauren Davis that Steve Socolosky has flown is going to the Air Academy. We agreed to give our credits to her. The computer in the FBO is having trouble running the YE certificate program. We talked about buying a new computer. We did not make a decision to do so, pending information about pricing.

Airport Improvements: Compass rose repainting is scheduled for August. Constance and the 99s are coordinating. Transient parking spots are temporarily on hold. Paving blocks under the picnic tables have been approved; we're waiting for the blocks. Not enough people have volunteered for next Tuesday's taxiway frequency so it's going to be postponed.

The city is replacing 6 of the windows in the FBO building with casements to facility putting in window air conditioners. Jim Simmons made a motion and Max Lopez seconded it to spend up to \$200 to buy a window air conditioner unit for the training room. The Friday coffee club will coordinate the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 Events

- Meriden "Beat the Street" career explorers
 - AOPA Regional Fly-in is in Plymouth, MA on July 12th
 - Simsbury Fly-in and Car Show – September 14th
 - Annual Chapter Picnic – Saturday, September 20th
 - Fall Young Eagles Rally – October 11
 - MMK Fly-in and Public Services Exposition – October 18th
 - Holiday Dinner – January, 2015, Villa Capri
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There are fliers available for the MMK Fly-in and public services exposition. They are looking for volunteers. Chapter 27 is not volunteering as a chapter but is encouraging members to volunteer individually. Volunteers will get a meal ticket and a free shirt. There were forms at the meeting so they are presumably available at the airport. If you're going to display your aircraft, we have prop cards that indicate how many Young Eagles you've

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flown. We talked about setting up a Chapter booth there. Fran and Dave will ask at the next fly-in meeting.

New Business

Laura Siahholm is moving to Kansas. Good luck to her.

The Piper Cub used by Rinker Buck and his brother Kern to cross the country in 1966 when they were 15 and 17 respective, as detailed in the book "Flight of Passion", has been restored and the current owner, Chris Nesin, will be recreating their flight next week.

Seminar

Mark Scott talked about considerations when planning and making the first flight in a home built airplane. He gave real world examples of why proper planning is important. During a full-power ground run he wasn't getting proper RPM. The issue turned out to be an improperly pitched prop and a clogged fuel injector. In flight he discovered his airspeed indicator was reading 22% high due to poor static port placement. Little things can and will go wrong so be prepared. Good job Mark. He now has 14.5 hours on his plane and the testing is going well.

--Rick Beebe, chapter secretary

Anyone wishing to send in their 2014 chapter Dues, here is the form, please fill it out and send it 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

Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is the 2nd Saturday of the month

2014 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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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? _____

