

# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 27 News

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It was great to see everyone at the Holiday party! We hope to see you this Sunday at our next meeting!



### Letter from the President

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The 2013 holiday season is a thing of the past...we put the finishing touches on it yesterday evening at our annual Holiday Party. We had a great turn out, excellent camaraderie, good food, and a lot of fun. And so we bring the year ahead into focus, a process that Chapter 27 has been continuing for some 58 years now thanks to the dedication of our membership. Thank you, all.

As with any beginning, particularly when viewed from the organizational perspective, the leadership must examine what has been working and where do we want to go from here. Indeed, many of our core activities are foundations for the chapter's existence and they will continue to be so. Our Young Eagles program will always be a high item on the annual agenda...likewise our monthly meetings with informative seminars. We continue to lend a hand keeping our home airport a great place to be based. The annual picnic, especially in the new garage building, will remain a center piece for summer activity with its inherent opportunities for good food, airplane rides, and good schmoozing. Your

chapter leadership will shortly be having its annual planning meeting to consider additional activities the year.

One thing that will be a new activity for us will be involvement in the City of Meriden-sponsored "2014 Meriden-Markham Municipal Airport Fly-In and Public Safety Exposition" (tentatively scheduled for the third weekend in October). This ambitious event will be an "all-hands" effort from the city, the FBO, and all the airport tenants. We are in the early planning stages for the event where tasks are still being identified; but be assured that Chapter 27 will be providing its fair share of help to bring it to a most satisfying fruition. Stay tuned for



**Next meeting:**  
Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

**Speaker: Jay Sabot**  
from Cheshire CT  
will be talking about  
his 2013 Oshkosh  
grand champion  
Lanceair 360.

**Meeting will be held at**  
Meriden Markham  
Airport at 10am

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more information on this Fly-In as it evolves.

If you'll not be flying much through the winter months, please consider using the time to brush up with ground training, perhaps by completing a few Wings courses. Get back into your Airplane Flight Manual (AFM) or Operator's Manual (POH). Review emergency procedures. Conjure up some what-if scenarios to think through. Check out the performance charts and practice a little preflight planning. The goal is to stay

### Meeting Minutes: November 17th, 2013

**Officers:** President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:07. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, and Lauren Dubois filling in for Rick Beebe. There were 20 attendees.

Visitors: Andy Elwood from Chester.

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$1743.77, and any dues in at this point would be counted towards 2014.

**Tech Counselors: Mark Scott :** Showed off gas cap keeper made which can be made with simple parts found in your garage, such as wire.

**Mike Zemsta:** Nothing new for building. He said that Lycoming has information on how to find and address Engine wear.

**Dave Pepe:** In the works is a Fly-in that will be held by the, included in the planning would be CAP, Silver City flying club and our chapter, the town wants to do it to help show case the airport. Town is taking proposals for the Maintenance Hangar; he will have more info later as proposals come in.

**Bob Spaulding:** Repainted part of his plane's wind screen, went to NAPA who made him a can of spray paint, in the colors he needed.

mentally involved until it's time to get in the cockpit again.

Best wishes to all. May this year be one of health and peace. Stay safe.  
Bob

**Rick: News from HQ**  
(presented by Lauren) - He will be missing the latest board meeting. The agenda will include AirVenture results, which he hopes to have a report on that next meeting.

He has been helping interview candidates for the IT Director at EAA. The position has been vacant since June. Elissa Lines, Vice President for Development is leaving EAA for the Museum of the Pacific in Hawaii. She's been with EAA for 10 years and has done a fabulous job of raising money for the organization. Also the Board will also be approving the next phase of the rolling 5 year plan, which includes increasing value for the members, and growing the organization in membership and strength. Overall the organization is doing okay financially. Despite a down year income-wise they managed to come

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3rd Sunday of the  
month at 10am at  
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out slightly ahead because of some aggressive cost cutting.

**Young Eagles:** Fran Uliano and Rich Merrill: no new flights, HQ sent him a letter certificate and patch for his 400th flight. He was also sent a flight bag for being Coordinator for over 10 years, he was been our Coordinator for 19 years. There was a meeting with the city's Insurance people, they want something clarified, which they never clarified what they wanted clarified, so we are waiting for it to be clarified, on what an event is considered. Bob Is working on getting a copy of the policy, and looking for info from HQ on what constitutes as an event, so that we can gather info and get a definition from at least the EAA to hand off to the insurance people. Bob believed that a rally would be considered an event; however it may depend on how many people are included. Rich said from what he has read it would be city sponsored but they do not sponsor our events. Fran said not much headway has been made, and more info will be passed along as things go along. He is reluctant to do any flying until it's handled. So far pilots, who are not based here, need to have the city of Meriden on their insurance policies, which will be talked more about once we are able to fly again.

**Airport Improvements:** Jim spoke to city and the new overhead projector will be installed in December. Bob said there will be a dedication ceremony for Maury when everything is all set with the projector, along with a plaque.

**Holiday Party:** - Will be upstairs at Villa Capri in Wallingford. January means we are pretty much the only ones there. They will also not be changing any prices. Yay! Grab bag will be continued. Question was also posed if the grab bag can be changed from \$5 to \$10.

### **New Business:**

Election: Rick will continue as secretary. Mark, Bob and Bill have plans to continue. Motion to accept, they are now stuck.

**Gone west:** Stan Solecki and Joan Enz, condolences to Charlie, and Stan's family. Stan was the only remaining original chapter member of 27. The chapter will be making donations in the name of both. There is the possibility having something done at HQ due to Stan being a founding member, we will be talking about that at future meetings.

More info from Bob, small plane revitalization act, was passed; FAA Dec 2015 will start it. Small aircraft will be certified so it will not be as expensive, therefore lowering prices of aircraft. Other questions would be how to qualify parts, which could streamline the process. This could change how legacy plane owners can use parts. It would be a brand new airworthiness category, similar to what Canada has if owners maintain or restore their own aircraft.

Wisconsin enacted a Recreational Use Statute, which takes away potential liability from land owners allowing them to use their property as landing areas.

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Do you own an aircraft?: \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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