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Letter from the President

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ADS-B, for most aircraft owners, is regarded as an expensive upgrade regardless of the safety payoffs that can be realized. Many in the general aviation community have taken a rather jaundiced view of the equipment based on price and installation costs; yet, we all live under the FAA mandated deadline of 1 January 2020 to upgrade.

Although in decline, a good number of fellow aviators assert or at least believe that prices will be coming down significantly as the deadline looms immediately ahead. Due to more vendors coming on line with their products, competition will increase thereby putting downward pressure on prices...isn't that what often happens with the introduction of a new technology? It is a reasonable assumption. For some, there is the hope a deadline extension will be granted, stretching the compliance window to the point where the upgrade will be moot as they will have reached the age to cease being actively involved in flying.

ADS-B is coming whether we embrace it or not. Do we wait to the last minute or do we do something a little more pro-active to get ahead of the game?

I recently found an article by Rick Durden (Senior Editor of *Aviation Consumer*) on AvWeb that poses this question and the pros and cons of deciding one way or the other. Rather than excerpting major parts of Rick's words, here's the link to the article, check it out:

<http://www.avweb.com/news/features/ADS-B-Time-to-Stop-Procrastinating221955-1.html>

See you at the next meeting.

Stay safe,

Bob



Next meeting:
Sunday, May 18th

Speaker: Bob McGuire will be talking about the missions he flies for the Civil Air Patrol.

Meeting will be held at Meriden Markham Airport at 10am



Mark Scott makes his first flight in Bearhawk!



Mark reports:

"The weather was excellent. It went well. I have a couple little things to adjust but overall I'm happy with it. I flew it a little over an hour. The landing was one of my best. I have to fly it for 40 hours before I can start taking passengers. I plan to give my Dad the first ride. Thanks to all on this list who helped me along the way."

Where are you flying out to?

Going somewhere new or visiting an old favorite? Found a great aviation museum? I'm looking for articles on places to fly out to, write a short article and send it in and share your experience with your fellow chapter members.

Helping out at the air museum:

This year I've found a few reasons to visit the New England Air Museum. I've been there almost once a month, along with a few members of chapters 1310 and 166, promoting Young Eagles.

In April I had a unique reason to visit, I was there to volunteer during a Girl Scout sleep over. I received an email looking for women who worked in aviation to come and help with activities that would be set up to help teach the girls about flying. The event activities ran

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from 2pm until 8pm, and I assisted the museum's docents in teaching the girls rocket building, I also spoke about working at the airport, then later I assisted a museum docent during the open cockpit hour by sitting girls in the F-100 Super Sabre, and explaining a bit about the aircraft.

It was a great experience, and I met some lovely young ladies a few of which were quite eager to learn about different jobs within aviation. I will be back at the museum in June, to once again talk to people about Young Eagles and I'm looking forward to it.

If you are interested in helping to promote Young Eagles at The New England Air Museum please contact me at Duboiselauren@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2014

Officers: President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 29 attendees, including 5 visitors.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$1211.31 at the end of March.

Tech Counselor's Report: Mark Scott did an inspection on a Kitfox. Weight and balance came within 6 pounds of the owner's estimate. He hasn't flown his Bearhawk yet. He didn't get full RPM on a full-power test. His prop pitch is too coarse so he's waiting for that to come back. He showed off a GoPro camera. It's very small and light and full HD. It's remotely controlled by a smartphone app. He wants to set it up to take videos during Young Eagles flights. The kids will be able to take the video home with them. He also showed off a modified bike mount that he's going to use to hold a Canon video camera in his plane.

Mike Zemsta is looking at modifying the crankcase vent on his plane so that it exits into the exhaust. He'll update us as he makes progress.

Dave Pepe has a battery issue. He's going to try a desulphinator to see that revives it.

MMK is going to build 4 box hangers shortly, each 42 feet wide. They're going between the North Hanger and the maintenance building. They

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

should be done by September. There is, of course, a waiting list.

Directors Report: Rick Beebe reports that the next Board meeting is this coming week. In AirVenture news, they've torn down the old Central Exhibit Hanger. It's going to remain open space for now. They've also torn down some of the workshop buildings. They'll be replaced in time for AirVenture.

Young Eagles Report: Fran Uliano reports he flew two kids. He and Lauren were at the Open Cockpit at the New England Air Museum. He talked to a lot of people there and there was a lot of interest. Because of the venue, there was a high degree of parental interest. Our next rally is June 14, International Young Eagles day.

Airport Improvement Projects: Connie (airport manager) is coordinating re-painting the compass rose on August 9. It's going to be a very fancy rose. Sometime before then the name and frequency need to be repainted too. The Chapter also is going to paint some transient visitor parking spots. We also want to put paving blocks in around the picnic table.

2014 Events

- Young Eagles Rallies – June 14th and October 11th
- Meriden “Beat the Street” career explorers
- AOPA Regional Fly-in is in Plymouth, MA on July 12th
- Annual Chapter Picnic – September
- Simsbury Fly-in and Car Show – September 14th
- MMK Fly-in and Public Services Exposition – October 18th
- Holiday Dinner – January, 2015, Villa Capri

Saturday, May 17 is International Learn-to-Fly Day. EAA is encouraging everyone to fly an adult on that day. Don't forget about the Eagle Flight program!

New Business

The General Aviation Pilot Protection Act—which, among other things, expands the use of a valid driver's license in lieu of a medical—is gaining traction in Congress.

The FAA is concerned about Meteorological Evaluation Towers (MET) because of a number of accidents. They are going to require that they be painted in orange/white near airports. There is a survey about Experimental Amateur-built due on April 30th. If you've built a plane, look it up and take it.

Seminar: Sam Watrous from EAA Chapter 133 in Groton gave a presentation on the F6F Grumman Hellcat. It was a fascinating plane. He's building a 5/8 scale experimental version.

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

2014 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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