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The Timeless Voices of Aviation program

The Timeless Voices of Aviation program a part of The EAA AirVenture Museum, is working on video history project; this program's motto, "Let No Story Go Untold.". Their goal is to have thousands of videos recorded of first person histories so that future generations are able to look back and hear the voices of people who helped change our history, so students and educators can learn, and family members can pass along the recordings. Timeless Voices of Aviation is looking for help in their massive project, they need people to interview, they need people to be interviewed, they could use help by way of donations to keep things moving. Most of all they need the help of chapters, and that is us, so what can we do as a chapter?

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Letter from the President

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As I pen this missive, it's snowing...at least it is here in northern Maine as Tova and I spend time with my father who is recuperating from surgery (and doing well!) The psychological shock of seeing the ground covered in white this morning along with an increasing rate of snowfall presents a brisk reminder that winter is officially just around the corner. For some of us it means buttoning up the airplane in hibernation until spring and the return of warm weather. For most of us, it's time to amend standard operating procedures to accommodate flying in cold weather. And if we pause to reflect for a moment, the never-ending flow of changing seasons reminds us of the many annual cycles we confront in the course of executing our freedom to fly.

Among the necessities of completing annual inspections, biennial flight reviews or Wings flights, flight physicals, biennial renewal of CFI certificates, etc., it is good practice to consider one's overall flight safety posture with a personal safety stand down a la common practice in the military. Once a year, flight operations stop so that an all hands total review of aviation safety may be accomplished; the big picture is put under scrutiny to ask what went right, what didn't, what can be done better.



Next meeting:
Sunday November
17th

Speaker: Christopher
Carrozzella talking
about aviation law

Meeting will be held
at Meriden Markham
Airport at 10am

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To the maximum extent possible, every detail of a flying program is examined looking for chinks in the armor...and invariably shortcomings are identified. There's always something that can be done better.

May I suggest that a good starting place for a personal safety stand down is the AOPA Air Safety Institute. A thorough array of interactive courses and quizzes, safety publications, accident analyses, and safety seminars are offered. If one's inclination is to curtail flying hours during the winter months, partaking in ASI's programs makes for a good utilization of ground time. And for those of us who will be out and about in winter skies, the same applies...especially with relevant courses pertaining to winter ops.

At our next meeting we will be voting for our chapter officers for 2014. Although the slate appears to be set, any new volunteers are encouraged to step forward to help keep our chapter a going concern. As for our annual holiday party, the details are close to being finalized and I hope to announce them at the meeting...save the date, Saturday, January 11th.

See you at the next meeting.

Stay safe,

Bob

Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2013

Officers: President Bob Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10:15. Officers present: Bob Spaulding, Mark Scott, Bill Jagoda, Rick Beebe. There were 24 attendees.

There were no visitors.

Treasurer's report: Bill Jagoda reports a balance of \$2613.10 at the end of August and \$1843.88 at the end of September.

Tech Counselors: Mark Scott is painting his plane and had problems with water dripping on the paint. He eventually figured out it was sweat dripping out of his nitrile gloves. So he wears cotton gloves now because they breath.

Mike Zemsta examined a Cessna 150 that someone was interested in buying. The plane is equipped with a Garmin 430 and other advanced avionics. The plane sold for only \$20,000. The moral being that adding avionics to a plane does not increase the value of the plane by as much as you'll pay for the avionics.

Bob Spaulding showed a technique for cutting thin (< 0.0025) aluminum. Score it 8 or 9 times with a razor knife and then bend along the score line—using a break or

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seaming plyers—and it will break right along the line.

Young Eagles: A small month. We flew 3 kids—Fran 1 and Steve Fraas 2. For 2122 total. Fran flew a little girl named Abigail with Down Syndrome. Fran had such a good time with her that he wrote an article about it which EAA ran in its electronic newsletter. He passed around the article and a thank you letter from the parents of one of our previous Young Eagles who is now starting on aerobatic training. EAA petitioned the FAA to allow fuel reimbursement for YE flights. The FAA approved the petition but attached so many requirements that EAA has declined to accept the exemption.

We had to cancel the Young Eagle rally and a second day of flying a group because the City of Meriden has suddenly decided to require extra insurance from the organization plus every pilot put Meriden as named insured on their insurance policies. This requirement was announced 2 days before the event which didn't leave enough time before the events. The officers will continue to work to figure out what we need to do be able to have future rallies.

Chris Kohler related that it was very difficult to get any insurance if you're over 85 years old.

Airport Improvements: The project screen may be installed next month. We arranged the chairs in the room 90 degrees to our normal orientation to see how the room works that way. We have to decide where to mount the screen. Your opinion?

Holiday Party: Will be January 11. We may be moving back to Hawthorne Inn mostly because Villa Capri has stairs. Because we're moving the party to January we may have a meeting in December. Perhaps we'll make it an informal party with food and drink.

Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge: Mark Scott reports that the workshop we ran went very well and he got very good comments from the scouts and their leaders.

New Business: AOPA reorganizing and downsizing. Will be focusing on membership services.

New record? A 49 plane of all RVs in a "V" formation flew over a football stadium. It's been submitted to Guinness for a potential record as the largest civilian formation.

Bob talked about a study being done to see if passengers would be comfortable flying in a pilotless airliner.

Jim Simmons reports that Rick Bernardi's plane has had its first taxi and they're waiting for FAA signoff for first flight.

Seminar: Bob Spaulding gave a good presentation on corrosion, its causes and fixes and showed photos of the corrosion he's cleaning up on his plane. Hard and messy work but necessary to keep the plane flying. Thanks Bob!

Screen: We talked about the room orientation after the presentation and decided to have the screen hung on the narrow wall by the library shelves. Future meetings will orient the chairs in this direction.

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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 2nd Saturday of the month

2014 EAA CHAPTER 27 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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