

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #571, Annapolis, MD

Chesapeake Flyer



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September General Meeting Notes:

The September 16th meeting was somewhat lightly attended, which is a shame, because a lot of people missed a great presentation by “Prof” Struth, an ex-Navy test pilot who now works for Boeing and now flies a Christian Eagle and a vintage Pterodactyl ultralight, for fun. Prof’s stories about some of his misadventures flying from carriers had us shaking our heads in awe.

September Business Meeting Notes:

There wasn’t one.

Next General Meeting:

The October 21st meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the CAP hut at Lee Airport. I’m sure you will be heartbroken to know that the prez will not be attending, due to business commitments. The meeting will be in the capable hands of the veep, Bruce Raymond. The “program” will be a good ol’ fashioned discussion of our projects. With several projects nearing completion, or on the verge of test flights, it seems like a good time to take stock.

Next Business Meeting:

I’ve decided to recombine the business meetings with the general meetings. There has been little business, lately, and even less participation at the business meetings. If we find ourselves getting bogged down with business at the general meetings, again, we can separate them...again.

Upcoming meeting programs:

The end of the year is approaching. We usually do not hold a meeting in December, due to it’s proximity to Christmas, so that leaves the November meeting, where we will probably hold the election of officers.

Upcoming Club events:

Art Kudner has graciously offered to host the club’s Christmas party, this year. He also suggested we make it a joint affair with Easton’s Chapter 532, and also opened it up to members of the Massey Airport Museum. The location and the participants add up to the promise of a highly enjoyable event. This might be a good time to re-introduce the gift exchange game. The date will be December 4th, with the party starting around 4pm and food being served around 5pm. Bring a covered dish.

Fall Picnic:

A strange thing happened at this year’s Fall picnic....We had more people arrive by plane than by car. The weather was great, but attendance was light. Jim Mason brought the Archer, and Jack Levering brought his Ercoupe up from the O.C. area. Carl Deakyne and the prez arrived in the recently repainted “Demo Pig”, with George Silver making up the ground force. My apologies for the last minute planning. We made an effort to move the location to Kentmore, as several folks suggested, but the date coincided with their open house and we were never able to get approval from their organizers, so our event reverted back to Ridgely on relatively short notice. Those who attended had a pretty good time, and we opened up the grill and shared our bounty with the folks from Aerosports, who were kind enough to share their picnic area.

Democracy in action:

The election of chapter officers will be held at the November meeting. Consider taking an active part in the operation of the club, and running for one of the positions. Come out in November, and cast your ballot...again.

Ocean City Airport Open house:

It seems as though a lot of effort is being expended to raise the profile of the Ocean City airport, both to enhance their position with the community, and to increase awareness in the aviation community. This year's two-day event was met with good weather and large crowds. The Collins Foundation's B-17 and B-24 were in attendance, as well as a DC-3, and many classic light aircraft. The aerial portion of the fly-in was a loosely controlled mix of site-seeing rides, periodic skydivers and impromptu single & formation fly-bys, mixing very smoothly with a steady stream of arrivals and departures. We're definitely going to try to go back, next year.

As a side-note to the O.C. fly-in, I heard that there is some local interest in starting an EAA chapter, in that area. I didn't catch the name of the leader of this effort, but with far-flung members Jack Levering and John Spalding living in that area, it seems likely that part of 571 will be somehow involved in the birth of yet another EAA chapter.

Elmira & Hammondsport:

Your editor was invited to tag along on a very memorable aviation trip to New York state, a few weeks back. Art Kudner, Bob Meeks, George Silver and myself piled into Bob's RV and set out on a road trip which included the National Soaring Museum in Elmira, the Glenn Curtiss museum in Hammondsport, and the small private airstrip of Sky Ranch, near Little Falls. In addition to the sheer adventure of living for two days with three other guys in something roughly the size of the Apollo command module, the two museums were well worth the trip.

The NSM, is located atop Harris Hill, with a commanding view of the valley below. After you get done touring the museum, and looking at the displays, you can step outside to watch the real things in operation, as this is also the site for the historic Harris Hill Soaring Center.

The Curtiss Museum is located near the quant town of Hammondsport, where Glenn Curtiss got his start. Curtiss was a prolific designer and savvy businessman. The Wrights may have been the first in powered flight, but Glenn Curtiss perfected the airplane (in my opinion).

Unfortunately, the Seaplane Parade, and first public flight of the museum's new Curtiss Triad

replica, were both postponed due to windy and choppy conditions on Keuka Lake. Here's one example to the beautiful seaplanes on display.



Rutan team wins X-Prize:

If you've been paying attention, you know by now that Burt Rutan's SpaceshipOne has handily completed the tasks set forth in the rules. For a little perspective, this is the same man who pulled an all-nighter at Oshkosh to swap a VW engine in a Vari-Eze, back in the -70's, now limited only by funding and human longevity.

Trivia:

Curiosity about a local aircraft prompted some quick research which yielded this factoid: There are 24 World War II Supermarine Spitfire warbirds registered in the U.S., and about another 9 scale or semi-scale homebuilts. Pretty cool.

Down on the farm

As mentioned, we did a little beautification project on the weatherbeaten Challenger. The reason for this sudden interest in a paintbrush will hopefully become apparent sometime in the next couple months.

The road runway roller, mentioned last month, has made its move to the farm. Minor (hopefully) ignition problems have prevented it from coughing to life, but it otherwise appears to be in fairly good condition.

Work on the hangar continues. Art spent most of last weekend adding dirt to raise the floor.

Carl's little Avenger it still inching slowly towards returning to flying status. He plans to be flying by November.

Other Reports:

Bob Snyder reports that his plane is complete, has been transported to Ridgley, assembled, and is awaiting its airworthiness inspection by AB-DAR Jack McCarthy.



At about 10 months (less?) from delivery to completion, Bob made blistering progress, though the workmanship belies the haste. Good deal, Bob.

While he hasn't actually –reported- on his activity, I've been watching Bill Day's progress on his MiniCoupe project on his online builder's log. The happy builder is seen here, test flying a significant sub-assembly, in this picture I shamelessly stole from his web site. Oh sure, like you never sat in your project and made airplane noises...liar. You can watch his progress at: <http://members.bellatlantic.net/~vze2gw5q/>.

Everyone wants to know how –your- project is going. Send us some pictures and share the excitement.



Calendar of Events:

Month	Day	Event	Contact	Phone/e-mail/URL
Oct	21	EAA571 General meeting		
	23	Ocean City, NJ. Fly-in and airfest		
	23 (RD 24)	Westminster, MD. EAA1384 airport open house, Poage Field. 10am-2pm	Michael Rollison	(410) 848-3885, mrollison@erols.com
	28	EAA571 Business mtg (CANCELLED)		
	30	RV fly-in at Miller's Farm (Private field East of Easton, MD)	Bruce Raymond	berflyer@aol.com
Nov	5	CBSPA Fall Dinner, Hellas restaurant, Millersville, MD 7pm	Ronal Smith (before 10/21)	ronal@dca.net
	18	EAA571 General meeting (election of officers)		
Dec	4	EAA 571 holiday party		
	5	Massey Airport open house & holiday party (1pm-5pm?)		
	16	EAA571 General meeting (Usually cancelled in lieu of Holiday Party)		
Jan	TBD	CALF Holiday Party		

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