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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2009

These are tentative events to watch for in our 2009 year. Planning and setting of dates are typically done by your board of directors at the beginning of the year and sometimes change.

April 17 –See the planned Alaska vacation video featuring intrepid explorers and bear hunters, Paul & Diana.

Bring a folding chair if you can't sit for more than an hour on a bench...

MAY 2 - Work Shop for LEGAL EAGLE @ Hangar / see flyer inside.

MAY 8 – Board of Directors Meeting - @ Hangar / Everyone welcome

MAY 15 - General Meeting - Sponsored by Rudy Vogelsberger
Fun topic / see article elsewhere in newsletter.

JUNE 12- Board of Directors Meeting - @ Hangar. Everyone welcome

JUNE 21 - Fathers Day- JUNE General Meeting is a field trip to Cedar Creek Park RC Flying Field (near Rostraver Airport)
1:00 PM Bring a friend; bring a Dad, bring a kid.

JULY 10 - Board of Directors Meeting

JULY 27 - AUG 2 OSHKOSH AirVenture

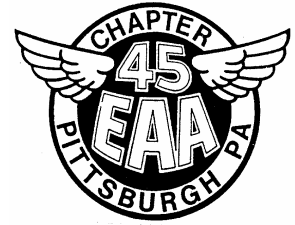
AUGUST 6 - 10 B-17 VISIT to Latrobe Airport.

Plan to visit often and bring a friend...

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Experimental Aircraft Association
Greater Pittsburgh EAA Chapter 45
2 Airport Road
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April - May '09

THE LONG AWAITED TRIP VIDEO: PAUL & DIANA TO ALASKA

According to the producer, Cecil B. DeJencka : "Viewers of this presentation have NO idea,I mean NOOOOOOOOO idea how much time it took to produce!!!! I should have kept a log. Think about it.....how does one take 12 hours of 'home movies' and turn it into a presentation that doesn't put people to sleep in the first 10 minutes, using a myriad of software packages that have MANY variables, and MANY capabilities, but are being run by an inexperienced Pollock!

I'm not sure what everybody is expecting, but it pretty much is a travelogue of our trip, much of which was 'filmed' while driving. It has scenery, wildlife, flying, and some humor. I don't think anybody will be disappointed." Diana suggests a lawn chair be brought as it is not a short production and those benches can be punishing.

Our May Meeting promises to be interesting also. Member Rudy Vogelsberger has a visitor coming to speak about "American Surnames and their Origin and Meaning". We all have one thing in common, a Name! Over the years, John F. Webber has presented his experience and knowledge and has also been involved with many pan-ethnic organizations. Rudy says that it is fascinating and we should enjoy the talk.

On a sad note, I must tell you about the passing of Mr. Harry Geyer, a member from long ago and a champ of a person. See his obit elsewhere in this issue.

Year 2009 Membership Renewal Drive

Dues for all members ... \$ 25.00 cash or check ... make checks payable to EAA Chapter 45. PLEASE MAIL THIS RENEWAL OR DROP IT INTO THE MEMBERSHIP DUES BOX AT THE HANGAR. PLEASE DO NOT HAND IT IN TO ANY OTHER MEMBER OR BOARD MEMBER.

IF YOU DO NOT MAIL IT OR DROP IT IN THE DUES BOX AND IT IS LOST, PLEASE FILL OUT ANOTHER FORM AND PAY IT AGAIN. DO NOT COMPLAIN.

New members joining after January should pay a pro-rated amount equal to \$ 2.00 per month of the remaining year. Current members or those who haven't paid in a while still owe \$25.00 no matter when you join.

Fill out, clip & mail this slip with dues payment to:

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EAA Membership Dept.
2 Airport Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Name _____ Date _____

Everyone needs to fill out their address so that we may correct errors. The post office makes us PAY double postage for correcting addresses.

Street address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Wk phone _____

*Pilot Y ___ N ___ Spouse name _____

e-mail address _____

(PRINT CLEARLY - chickenscratch will not go through)

*National EAA # _____ * Please note: you do not need to be a pilot to be a member in good standing with our chapter, however you MUST be a member of the EAA in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It is your responsibility to ensure this AND WE WILL ENFORCE THIS REQUIREMENT.

Go to www.eaa.org to join.

Minutes from the 03/13/2009 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting Secretary: John Handis

The March 2009 EAA Chapter 45 Board of Directors Meeting (BOD) Meeting was called to order at 19:36 hours (7:36 PM) EST by President Clark Irwin. BOD Members present included John Handis, Ernie Romito, Ernie Lanyi, John Mateka, Gary Jasper, Don Coester, Clark Irwin, Gary Kreutzer, Jack Demorsek, Rob Rossi, Jan Petrak, Rich Petrak, Marty Fao, Fran Hicks.

[Note: You Must sign in to be recorded as attended.]

Old Business:

- ☞ Clark read the previous meeting minutes from the February Meeting.
- ☞ Monthly Meetings:
 - ☞ The March Meeting next week will be our Potluck Spring Social.
 - ☞ Rudy Volgelsberger has a professor lined up to talk about the origins of people's names, but he would probably only be available for May. Tentative, but John Handis volunteered to drop back his topic from May to November.
 - ☞ Ernie Romito volunteered for ½ of the September Meeting. Further discussion at end of New Business.
 - ☞ Marty reached out to George about the June visit to the Model Field. Saturday meeting. (now Sunday-ed)

Jan --- Meeting Canceled --- Weather

Jul --- BOD Only --- EAA Convention

Feb --- Jack Demorsek --- Various Topics

Aug --- BOD Only --- Ch. 45 Picnic date TBD

Mar --- Spring Social --- Dinner Meeting

Sep --- Ernie Romito/ ½ of meeting --- Topic TBD

Apr --- Paul Jencka --- Alaska trip

Oct --- Gary Jasper --- Topic TBD

May --- Guest of Rudy Volgelsberger's ---
The origin of names.

Nov --- John Handis --- CNC & The Personal
Fabrication Revolution. (Tentative)

Jun --- Field Trip to Model Field ---
6/21 SUNDAY 1:00PM (Tentative)

Dec --- BOD Only --- Holidays

Chapter Bylaws:

- ☞ Scribe Richard Seaman could not make the March meeting.
- ☞ Bylaw discussion in New Business.
- ☞ Webmaster/Website:
 - ☞ It was discussed that a structured blog could replace the existing website.

Treasurer's Report:

- ☞ The Treasurer (Diana Collier) was not present at the March Meeting.

New Business:

- ☞ Clark circulated a flyer for the Keystone Wing of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF).
 - ☞ Sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian.
 - ☞ Saturday April 25, \$70.00.
- ☞ We completed the new registration for the aircraft trailer in the hanger, and have received the card.
- ☞ Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services, Inc.
 - ☞ Wanted membership/donation, which we have done in previous years.
 - ☞ Jack suggested that we refrain this year, citing the fact that we lost money last year.
- ☞ AOPA Safety Foundation
 - ☞ GPS From the Ground Up
 - ☞ RIDC Blawnox
 - ☞ March 30.
- ☞ Mailing from EAA Headquarters concerning Founder's Wing
 - ☞ New Foundation formed.
 - ☞ Looking for members \$50K-\$500.00
- ☞ Jack mentioned that Henry Geyer, who we had previously mistakenly thought had passed away, actually did pass away recently.
- ☞ Harry Gerhardt model collection donation.
 - ☞ Don brought these nice, boxed die-cast models in to the clubhouse.
 - ☞ Clark looking for display shelving.
 - ☞ May use existing glass-faced shelving for some of them.
 - ☞ Harry might come and talk about them for the dinner meeting.
- ☞ Potluck Dinner next week.
 - ☞ No hotdogs/hamburgers.
 - ☞ Clark brining Ice and beverages.

Minutes from the 03/13/2009 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting , continued...

- ☞ Need to check inventory of plastic-ware, napkins, etc.
- ☞ We have large quantities of pink lemonade.
- ☞ Begin 6:30-6:45. Volunteers show up circa 6:00.
- ☞ Legal Eagle
 - ☞ Jack is donating his Legal Eagle project to be a chapter project.
 - ☞ Probably meet every other Saturday. Time TBD. (see flyer elsewhere - ed.)
 - ☞ Jack is paying for the materials.
- ☞ B17 Coming to LBE
 - ☞ Weekend after Airventure.
 - ☞ Tribune-Review – 1 free ad in “Club News.”
 - ☞ Jack talked with writer for Tribune-Review
 - | Information packet.
 - | Wants to get some B17 veterans' stories published in the T.R. Before the B17 visit.
 - | The idea is that the stories will lead up to the B17 visit, creating a bit of a buzz.

Chapter Bylaws:

Note: Since this will be a recurring New Business item, the Secretary has decided to break this out into its own category.

- ☞ Last (and only) update of Chapter Bylaws: 1996/04/19.
 - ☞ Chapter president was Annette Musta.
- ☞ Rich has National EAA Chapter Guidelines Document.
- ☞ Article I – Name
 - ☞ Already established w/IRS.
 - ☞ EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION, GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAPTER 45.
- ☞ Article II – Location of Office
 - ☞ Unchanged.
- ☞ Article III – Purpose
 - ☞ a and b left unchanged.
 - ☞ Add c: As a social club, for pleasure and camaraderie and information exchange regarding aviation.
 - ☞ #4 from National EAA Chapter Guidelines Document.
- ☞ Article IV – Membership
 - ☞ The only update ever previously done (mentioned above).
 - ☞ Left unchanged in this revision.

Ernie Romito moved to adjourn. John Handis seconded. Unanimous favorable vote taken.

Meeting adjourned 20:35 hours (08:35 PM, EST).

Shop Tip # 38

by Jack Dernorsek

The Schrader valves on the tires on your car are a simple affair. They were invented in 1891 and are used on just about every kind of air tire you can imagine, including airplanes. The center core is a poppet valve and is removable by using a special tool. Some foreign cars and bicycles have had valve caps that incorporate a little fork on the end making it a handy tool for removing the valve core when necessary.

I have a number of them laying around in my tool boxes but when I need one, because they are so small sometimes I can't find one. So I fashioned a handle out of a piece of wood dowel, whittling the end down to fit snugly into the metal valve cap, the other end with a screw eye inserted for hanging. I made several and have them in several places. They are now easy to find.

This idea can be expanded to include other small “tools” or devices that get misplaced often, like tiny eyeglass screwdrivers, etc. Just add a handle or something to make them easy to hang or more noticeable in your shop or tool box.



Did you know that your chapter has classy pins and embroidered patches for sale, cheap? The cloisennette style (baked enamel on metal) pins are particularly stylish. Both the pins and the patches will work well on your cap, jacket or even your flight bag. See Chuck Meyers at an upcoming meeting to purchase.



Harry G. Geyer

Age 87 of The Villages, Florida, on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Formerly of Pittsburgh, he was a Nuclear Engineer, a member of St. Timothy Catholic Church, Lady Lake, FL, Memoirs Club of the Villages, Cloud Busters Club, EAA Chapter #45 in Pittsburgh, Mon Valley RC Club. He flew model airplanes and invented the micro cementour for model airplanes. He invented the escapement antennae for RC model airplanes and he was a member of the academy of model aeronotics. Survived by his daughters Katherine Douglas (Michael) of Colorado Springs, CO, Virginia Geyer of Columbus, OH and Mary Kay Reis (Michael) of The Villages, FL; a sister, Gloria Geyer of Long Beach, CA and two grandsons. Gathering on Wednesday, March 18 from 5-7pm at the family residence with Deacon Ron L'Huillier officiating clergy. BEYERS FUNERAL HOME, Lady Lake, FL (352-753-4444) is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 338 Main Ave., 5th Flr, Norwalk, CT 06851.

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Note: the next scheduled newsletter will be sent in JUNE 2009. Please pay your dues now before you forget.

Thank you. See you at the next meeting!

COMMENTARY

The EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast will be visiting our Chapter at Latrobe Airport between August 6 and August 10th.

This is an event that bonds the group, adds to the public awareness of our organization, and also adds to our chapter treasury. It is an important part of what we do and where we fit in the EAA's plan for outreach to the general public. There is no better way to advertise and invigorate our chapter than to have that big airplane grace our local skies.

If you know of any WWII vets that are still with us that would be interested in coming out for those few days to help connect with the visiting public, please contact them and invite them out.

We need a lot of help, of course, to make this event work and be successful. We will be asking for that help in the coming months as we prepare for the visit and during the program. Please consider your role as a chapter member to be contributory to that effort. My best friends are in this group of people and they consider me a friend because I have been amongst the group of thankless volunteers that help in the chapter's activities. It is that easy to have good friends.



Saturday MAY 2nd, 2009 8:30AM- 11:00AM
Chapter Hangar at Rostraver

Kickoff for new Chapter Project: The LEGAL EAGLE Ultralight

Goal: to have something to work on, to learn on, to play with, to talk about, to show off, to copy for your own, or just another reason to kill time at the airport...

We are going to start building some ribs. If you get excited about this project and want to build your own, work along side us and borrow the wing rib jig. C'mon, let's build a Dawn Patrol of our own! This is the least expensive airplane you can build.

If you have questions, you can call Ella Fyneau or send me an e-mail at hangarb7 @ yahoo.com

Put something like "Question about LE project" in the subject line so I don't think it is from a crackpot. Better yet, put the word SPAM in the subject line... (that's a joke)

Next potential meeting will be May 23rd. The idea will be to pick and train a project manager so that we can have workshop meetings more often.