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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

Planning and setting of dates are typically done by your board of directors at the beginning of the year and sometimes change.

April 9th 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome as we discuss chapter business. Friday 7:30PM

April 16th - General Hangar Meeting – Ernie Lanyi – Basics of Structural Analysis Friday 7:30PM

May 14th 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome as we discuss chapter business. Friday 7:30PM

May 21st - Spring Potluck Social – Indoor Picnic See information elsewhere in this issue.

June 11th 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome as we discuss chapter business. Friday 7:30PM

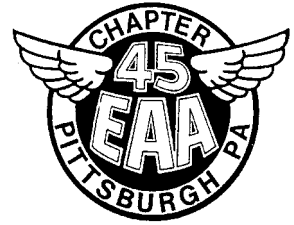
Other events this year:

- Legal Eagle Hands-on Workshops
- Spring Social Pot Luck Dinner
- Oshkosh Convention (Airventure)
- EAA’s B-17 visit
- Summer EAA Picnic at the airport
- November Pot Luck Indoor Picnic

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Chapter 45 Newsletter

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March 2010

Last month's General Meeting featured a guest speaker arranged by Paul Jencka: Jim Takitch told about the action he saw in the Pacific during WWII on the USS Kidd, a Fletcher class destroyer. He is 83 years old and had a great story to tell about surviving a kamikaze attack. The story and his pictures show an incredible history... and in every case, this gentleman had a smile on his face, even when he just came out of surgery for a piece of shrapnel that sawed thru his jaw! Google the USS Kidd to see more info. Great stuff. Jim's brother will soon provide a story for an upcoming meeting... his involvement during the war at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Working on a project at home? We always would like to see what you are working on. Bring it to a show n tell at any General Meeting.

The **April Meeting** will feature Ernie Lanyi and two subjects. I quick story telling of how he received the approval to do Parachute Jumping from his homebuilt BD4; and also a review of the Basics of Structural Analysis... S=MC/I He is preparing a demonstration of wood member structural testing as well.

The May Meeting will be the now Annual Spring Social and Potluck meeting. We have not determined a meeting subject that would be common to the us and the visiting spouses (other than eating of course!) but if you have an idea, please step forward and contact a board member.

This is the last Cockpit Clutter that will have the application for your Dues payment below. Anyone that has not paid their dues by May will be dropped from the roles.

Year 2010 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.

Friday, MAY 21st (not April)

Welcome to the Fourth Annual Spring Potluck and Social

Indoors at the Chapter Hangar

We typically start eating around 6:45 PM

Bring a Potluck item such as a covered dish entrée, a munchie or snack, a desert, or that favorite food item that you love to share.

Please consider bringing an entrée. Popular entrees have been casseroles, pigs-in-a-blanket, rigatonis, kielbasa & sauerkraut, etc

Deserts are very welcome as well!

You won't go hungry. Bring a friend or your spouse. Spouses typically attend this meeting.

NOTE: we have no program lined up for this meeting yet. If you have an idea to share, let us know. Thanks!

Wives and spouses are very welcome.

Volunteers, try to show up around 6:00PM

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Note: the next scheduled newsletter will be sent in JUNE 2010.

Please remember to pay your dues now before you forget.

Thank you. See you at the next meeting!

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FOR SALE: I have a Subaru engine, EA82, that I would like to sell. I would like \$50.00, but no reasonable offer would be refused. (Why did I buy it? It looked like a good idea at the time.)

Thanks Bob Murawski 412-653-1303 rsmurawski@hotmail.com

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FROM JIM KNIGHTS: jimknights@zoominternet.net

"Since I flew a number of Young Eagle missions last year, Oshkosh sent me a \$50 voucher to support a young person's attendance at one of the aviation camps. Do you know anyone who wants to attend? I assume some of your members must have also received vouchers. If true, perhaps we could pool them?"

Any interest out there?



Picture: Designer Leonard Milholland and his Legal Eagle and Double Eagle designs

Chapter Project: The LEGAL EAGLE Ultralight Chapter Hangar at Rostraver

Tentative Week night meetings schedule, 7:00PM to 9:30PM

April 19th (Monday Evenings); May 3rd & 17th (Monday Evenings) ***
Tentatively June 7th and 21st

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...

*** send Jack an e-mail if you want to know the current schedule. The members that have been attending the workshops have chosen Monday evenings as best. Want to have a workshop at a different time? let me know. [hangarb7 @ yahoo.com](mailto:hangarb7@yahoo.com)

CHECK WITH ME IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SNOW OR BAD WEATHER. WE HAVE CANCELLED A FEW MEETINGS ALREADY. E-mail is fine up to about 4:30PM on the day of the meeting. Send it to the hangarb7 address...

Correction:

In my obituary last month for JOHN PERERA JR., I said:

“John was a long time fixture at Rostraver Airport and EAA Chapter 45. He was a pilot and owned an Aeronca Champ (although he would bring it out into the sunshine once in a while, one rarely if ever saw him fly it) “

I was incorrect, and it seems that John was only a long-time student pilot, which might be why he never seemed to fly the Champ. Anyway, he was a nice man.

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What? Not spending enough time on the internet? Well then, try out these two:

www.efootage.com Described as Contemporary and Vintage Stock Film Footage

<http://www.lov2xr8.no/broch1.html> American Car Brochures and Advertisements

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Shop Tip # 43 **More on Short Extensions** *by Jack Dernorsek*

I needed to hook up my electric (stick) welder to do some welding on my lawnmower recently and although it CAN be operated from a 15 amp circuit (typical lighting circuit in your home) I occasionally trip a breaker. Until I string a 20 amp circuit underground out to my garage, I decided to plug the welder into my kitchen circuit, which is also capable of 20 amp draw.

The small 150 amp welder of course has a heavy three wire 115V cord, and using a 25', 16 - 18 gauge extension cord would not only potentially damage the cord by getting hot, it would also cut down the voltage somewhat at the welder output. Since I only needed about eight to ten feet of cord from the kitchen to the welder outside, I used a ten foot length of #12 Romex three wire (actually two-wire with a ground) and terminated it with a heavy three prong plug on one end and a plastic junction wall box on the other. In the junction box I used a standard 20 amp twin outlet and a plastic cover plate. Essentially this is a stiff version of a heavy extension.

Two things to remember if you want to replicate this idea; one is that the stiffness of the cord necessitates a longer length to turn corners and plug into the outlet; and two, unless you plug into a GFI protected outlet, or use a 20 amp GFI outlet at the plastic junction box, you are in danger of being electrocuted outside. Be wary of wet conditions, wet shoes, etc. and make sure your grounding has made a good connection.

Minutes from the 3/11/2010 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting As recorded by: Marty Fao

The March 2010 EAA Chapter 45 Board of Directors Meeting (BOD) Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Clark Irwin. BOD Members and others present included, Clark Irwin, John Mateka, Paul Jencka, Chuck Meyers, Jack Dernorsek, Ernie Lanyi, Don Coester, Gary Jasper, Fran Hicks, John Handis, Rob Rossi, Michelle Glaeser, Steve Glaeser and Marty Fao

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

Old Business:

- A work party needs scheduled to make shelves for the “**Rear Admiral Harry Garhardt Model Collection**”.
- **Banner:** We have the approval of Gabe Monzo and Jimmy to zip-tie the banner to the fence.
- Chapter needs to be incorporated per National EAA office. Incorporation update papers have been filed for 2010 with the State of PA, and our tax return has been filed with the IRS.
- Clark showed the Taxi light that he refurbished and it looks good. Clark stated that if any Chapter 45 member is interested in a taxi light to contact him.
- Clark is inquiring about having the EAA Ford Trimotor visit Chapter 45. Clark reported nothing yet, but the B-17 is a definite and will coincide with WMCAA event which will be two weeks after Oshkosh.
- Rich Seman has volunteered to be the Chairman for the 2010 B-17 visit.
- John Handis made a motion to continue the Barnstormers advertisement for John Manius’ BD-4 that was seconded by Marty Fao. The motion received a unanimous favorable vote.
- Richard Seman then asked for a clarification of his rent due now that his Emeraude is in our hangar. It was stated: First four (4) months at \$40 per month; and a trailer rental of \$25. Jack D made motion for the board to waive the trailer fee as Richard found the lights to be damaged and he replaced them at his expense. Jim Carr second, Approved.
- Ernie Lanyi checked the furnace heat oil remaining in storage tank; approx 65 gallons left so we will wait until Spring to replenish. Discussion of needing a lock on the oil tank; idea was dropped.
- Steve Glaser made a report on the successful web site; He needs to turn in the receipt for the payment he made for the first three years of hosting on the internet. All agreed he did a fantastic job. If anyone has pictures for the website, please e-mail them to Steve or Michelle (sp?) Glaeser.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer report distributed and read by Paul Jencka. No questions were asked and Ernie Lanyi motioned to accept the report that was seconded by Steve Glaeser. The motion received a unanimous favorable vote.

New Business:

- B-17 17 is definite and will coincide with WMCAA event which will be two weeks after Oshkosh.
- Van’s Aircraft calendar shows the “Ohio Valley RVators” over Niagara Falls.
- Spring Dinner Meeting: will be in May this year. It is a “Pot-Luck” dinner and new ideas are welcome. No speaker has been scheduled yet.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Below is a **tentative** calendar for 2010 monthly meeting content.

Jan ---- No meeting due to snow!	July --- BOD only (Oshkosh)
Feb ---- Jack Dernorsek	Aug ---- BOD only (Picnic and hanger clean-up)
Mar ---- Paul Jencka: Kamikaze Speaker	Sept ---- Marty Fao: Modeler’s
April ---Ernie Lanyi: Parachuting	Oct ---- Gary Jasper: TBD
May --- Dinner Meeting: Need Speaker	Nov ---- Dinner Meeting (Typically no speaker)
June---- Clark Irwin: TBD	Dec ---- BOD only (Holidays)

- Bill Flaherty spoke about a **possible** meeting of the Ohio Valley RVators at Rostraver Airport on April 25. Gary Jasper to investigate EAA requirements and possible flying around the airport.

Chapter Bylaws:

- Bylaw Discussion: No bylaw discussion this month. Oshkosh has new bylaws that they want all local chapters to use as a guide. Once the National EAA bylaws are received, this discussion will continue.

Jack Dernorsek made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Chuck Meyers. The motion received a unanimous favorable vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.