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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.

AUGUST 6-10th B17 Bomber is sponsored by your Chapter at Latrobe Airport.

See B17 page for event information and how you can get a great T-shirt for participating.

August 14 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome
Friday 7:30PM

August 22nd - Saturday 9AM work party at the hangar and picnic grounds.

August 23rd – annual EAA Chapter 45 picnic at Rostraver airport.

September 11 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome
Friday 7:30PM

September 18 - General Hangar Meeting - Program subjects: Ernie Romito - subject to be announced; Andy Stern - Gyrocopter

October 9 - Board meeting at hangar - all welcome as we discuss the chapter business.

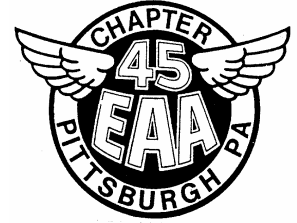
October 16 - General Meeting - Gary Jasper (RV6 builder /flyer and Tech Counselor) will present a guaranteed excellent technical presentation.

Picture at left: a Little Wing Autogyro in flight. Learn more about it at the September meeting.

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NEXT BIG EVENT: your EAA B17 Bomber visits Latrobe



Soooooooo, why is Jim Carr smiling ? Because of the view from the nose of the B17 !!!!!
Or maybe he is just comfortable in his FREE B17 Crew Shirt, just like the one that you will receive for showing up to be a help on those days when OUR bomber arrives for a visit.

C'mon, be proud of your chapter and the EAA !!

I guess no one would ever believe that some of our chapter members would steal a tire from the B17, but I guess the picture at right is proof.... wait, stop the presses... now I'm being told that they were actually helping to change a tire on the big bomber. Oh, oh, oh, I get it. Gary Kreutzer and Paul Jencka were actually doing most of the work!! Thanks guys. Talk about a hands-on chapter project ? This tops it.



Contact Gary Jasper at 724-941-3414

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to volunteer a time at the B-17 event. They can tell you of the specific help needed and what times to plan to be there. The big bomber will be visiting August 6-10th. A big help would be on that First 'Open to the Public' day during the week (Friday), but help is needed all around. Many people on hand makes it fun!!! And if you volunteer to help, you get a great B17 crew T-shirt with the chapter logo on back.

Give the guys a call... we need morning and afternoon help.

EAA CHAPTER 45's Annual Picnic at Rostraver

Where: Rostraver Airport in the back field spot.

**Tentatively When: Sunday, August 23th
12:00 noon to about 5 PM**

**What are we having: Hamburgs, Hotdogs, Fresh
Corn (picked that morning) and soft drinks & beer**



**You are bringing: a Potluck dish (main dish,
desert, snax, or ?) and folding chairs
for folks in your party if possible.**

**Cost: \$4.00 members and family;
\$6.00 invited guests; any kids up to 12 yrs \$1.00**

**SO, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GREAT FOOD, SEE SOME OLD FRIENDS,
MAYBE SOME VOLLEYBALL, AND LADY'S BINGO.
Just another great day at the airport.**

If you are interested in the Lady's Bingo game, we will need prize DONATIONS, like something silly or that "gift" you received that you immediately thought about RE-gifting, or that lamp you won at the church bizarre (you know you hate that thing....)

See elsewhere in this newsletter for the details about the work party to prepare for the picnic. If you are coming out to help on Sunday, we will get there starting around 9 AM, but anytime you can make it would be great, up to about 11:15 AM.

Questions? Call Jack or Cathy Dernorsek at 412-824-2297

**We have not had many kids lately... if you are bringing any kids, PLEASE e-mail us so we can prepare, otherwise we may not plan for any kids games this year...
or e-mail at [hangarb7 @ yahoo.com](mailto:hangarb7@yahoo.com)**

Shop Tip # 39 Removing Squeezed Out Glue by Jack Dernorsek

I saw this one on a recent "Ask This Old House" on PBS TV and it is great. It was a viewer that sent it in to their program.

When gluing two pieces of wood together, forming an inside corner, when the glue oozes out, instead of wiping with a cloth, which would smear the glue, try this tip. Use a plastic drinking straw and holding at a backward 30 - 45 degree angle from the direction of travel, and holding it tightly into the inside corner, scoop the glue along into the straw.

It makes a nice, clean joint with no overrun of glue. To reuse the straw, just clip off the part with glue inside with scissors. Neat!

Member Flies West...

On a very sad note, very long time chapter member and BD4 builder/flyer **John Manius** passed away in July after a long illness. Good bye, John.



Above: Three Legal Eagles at 2009 AirVenture in Oshkosh

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 building ribs. If you get excited about this project and want to build your own, work along side us and borrow the wing rib jig. This is the least expensive airplane you can build. Nine (9) ribs built so far, almost enough for the first wing panel. We will bring the rib pattern out to Latrobe and build some ribs out there during the B17 event for all to see.

Project is on HIATIS until Late September or Early October due to some personal issues. Stay tuned... we expect to make some significant progress this coming Fall and Winter.

Note: the next scheduled newsletter will be sent in October 2009.

Minutes from the 07/10/2009 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting As recorded by: Jack Dernorsek

The July 2009 EAA Chapter 45 Board of Directors Meeting (BOD) Meeting was called to order at 19:53 hours (7:53 PM) EDT by President Clark Irwin. BOD Members and others present included, John Mateka, Gary Kreutzer, Paul Jencka, Chuck Meyers, Clark Irwin, Jack Dernorsek, Rob Rossi, Rudy Vogelsberger, Eric Humes and his wife Maureen. Member Steve Roper was also a visitor.

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

Old Business:

- ☞ Clark read through the previous meeting minutes from the June Meeting.
- ☞ Monthly Meetings:
 - Jul --- BOD Only --- EAA Convention Oct --- Gary Jasper --- Topic TBD
 - Aug ---BOD Only --B-17 visit & Ch.45 Picnic Aug 23 Nov -- John Handis - CNC & The Personal Fabrication
 - Sep-Ernie Romito-Topic TBD / Andy Stern-Gyrocopter Revolution
 - Dec --- no meetings
- ? Jack D. stated that web site will no longer be free thru Yahoo/Geocities, effective October. Steve Glaeser was asked to report soon on some inexpensive options to allow board to make a decision for new web page hosting. Steve has been making welcome changes to our web site & it looks great. Steve not present at meeting.
- ? Rear Admiral Harry Garhardt model collection donation. Need to provide protection and display of models. This item not discussed but still open. This is planned to be addressed during winter season.
- ☞ B17 Coming to LBE
 - ? Jack D provided posters for B17 vis it. Jack also reported that Tribune Editor contacted thru Dwayne Pickels at WCCA and is on track to cover the event.
 - ? Clark announced radio and TV stations contacted.
 - ? Gary Kreutzer purchased T-shirts for B17 visit as agreed in previous meeting. New safety green color looks great. Old 2007 green color no longer available.
 - ? Liberty Foundation B17 scheduled for AGC visit July 18/19; they are obviously mining our territory before the EAA B17 gets here.
 - ? Jack suggested an extra meeting to brief everyone before the B17 visit. Clark checked the procedures if there is a mishap, and the biggest thing was NOT to talk to any reporters if asked. Let the B17 crew handle it.
- ☞ Hangar Door Repair (R. Seman).
 - ? Rich reported that Dipcraft in Rankin sells 12' sections of door fiberglass material Rob Rossi and Rich measured door and found that 4 sections will repair door adequately. Ernie Romito made motion to purchase 4 sections; Rob Rossi second. Motion carried thru unanimous vote. Clark stated that we would schedule a work party to fix door. July Update: Richard Seman not present at meeting; table subject until next month).

Treasurer's Report:

- ☞ Diana not present. Her associate passed out the Treasurer report.
- ☞ Chuck Meyers motioned to accept the report.. Gary Kreutzer seconded. Unanimous favorable vote.

New Business:

- ☞ Trailer trip to Wisconsin described by member Steve Roper.
- ☞ Eric Humes offered to add a Weatherproof Registration Pocket to the rail of the trailer.
- ☞ Rob Rossi used the canopy recently and reported that several custom foot pads were missing or misplaced. Eric Humes offered to make 6 pieces as extras.
- ☞ Bulletin Board on hangar was taken down when building was expanded. We should discuss getting a new one constructed and placed outside of our building to keep the public aware of our exploits.
- ☞ Paul Jencka asked about putting up our banner as we had discussed last year. No decision.
- ☞ Jack read e-mail from past member and EAA IAC Chapter 123 member Jim Knights, proposing that their IAC (aerobatics) chapter at Grove City Airport has minimal participation. and that they would like to combine their chapter with our Chapter 45, all based at Rostraver. After discussion, it was agreed that we have no idea what this might entail, but that our idea for the short term would be to invite their members to join and participate in some of our functions to see if there is any interest in their group being part of ours (they don't need to pay to join, just join in the activities, i.e. picnic, B-17 visit, workshop, etc.) We would allow them to make any presentations to see what interest there might be, but for now, we are dubious as to the following that would come from our present membership.
- ☞ Treasurer Diana Collier will participate in IRS discussion at OSHKOSH during convention for the chapter's benefit.
- ☞ Others mentioned going to OSH are John Mateka, Clark Irwin, Jim Carr and Gary Kreutzer (with wife Pat and two other couples, all on motorcycles).

Chapter Bylaws:

- ☞ ByLaw Discussion : pass revision on Section IV. By law motion: Gary K.; 2nd Rudi V. Unanimous. Chuck Meyers moved to adjourn. Rudi Vogelsberger seconded. Unanimous favorable vote. Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 PM



Yep, that's the chapter trailer, in upstate Wisconsin, ready for the long haul of a C172 back to our area. Member and inveterate 'out-on-a-limb-by-himself' guy, Steve Roper traveled there to bring back his internet purchase. He plans to disassemble the airplane and use some parts for his Cessna rebuild and some for selling for cash to bankroll the project.

Quite a story, especially for a single person to make that whole trip by himself. Member and trailer builder/donator Eric Humes helped make suggestions to make it a successful trip.

Please come out on Saturday morning, August 22nd to Rostraver Airport to help prepare for the picnic. We have breakfast in the restaurant around 8 AM then start putting up tents and such around 9 AM. We are done and out of there around 11:15 AM.



A few typical Oshkosh pictures from Chapter unofficial Photographer, John Mateka. Looks like an end o' the day gathering just before everyone goes out to dinner.

These are some of the best times at Oshkosh, and some of the funniest. Also a good time to compare notes so that you can check something out the next day over at the flight line or museum.



John Mateka in front of what appears to be a Red Bull Goose.



Either this is campground dentistry or it is something that I don't want to know...