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aero-covair...**



**look on this
Flut-R-Bug?**



TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2011

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

Unless noted, meetings are held at the chapter hangar at Rostraver Airport. Hangar is C1

B-17 visit to Washington County Airport; arriving August 8th; flights and ground tours August 9th & 10th; leaving the 11th.

Board of Directors meeting, TENTATIVELY August 12th 7:30 PM at the chapter hangar. Everyone welcome as we discuss chapter business.

However, with the B-17 visit of August 8-11, your board of directors may choose to postpone the directors meeting and planning for the picnic to August 19th.

No General Membership meeting in August / the annual picnic is the meeting.

August Picnic Work Party Aug. 20th

Picnic Aug 21st

Next General Meeting
September 16th, 7:30PM

October 1st- *TENTATIVE* Young Eagle event at Rostraver. Contact Paul Jencka for more details...

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Chapter News Update

The EAA's B17 is coming for a visit, and this time it will be out at Washington County Airport. This should appeal to a different group of citizens and chapter members who felt it was too far to venture to Allegheny County Airport or Latrobe in the last few years.

August 8th – B17 Arrival and media flight.

August 9th-10th – Morning flights and then afternoon ground tours; open to the public and we get to crawl all over the machine as well. Great hands-on experience!

August 11th – early morning depart

We will be in need of some helpers to ground crew on Tuesday and Wednesday (9th-10th) and present this wonderful old bird to the public and veterans. Contact John Warren or Gary Jasper to let them know when and how long you can offer some assistance. We are not looking for long term help, especially if a lot of members show up to pitch in. Just make us aware of how long you can hang around on which day.

If you count the camaraderie of being with chapter members and others interested in airplanes, being close to our B17 is really a great experience. And, the stories the people tell get taller every year!



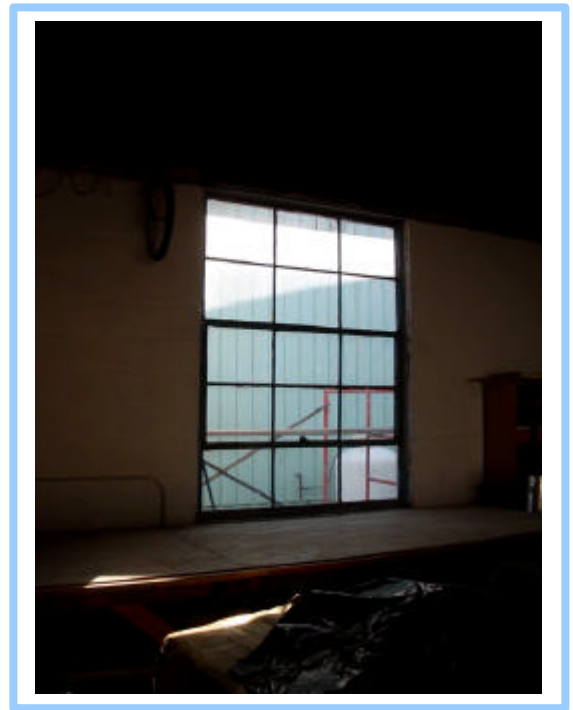
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOI5YpFVGyU>

Check out this video on You Tube in case your Walter Mitty secret life leads you to be a B-17 Pilot. (or search You Tube for “How to start the B-17 Engine”)

New Windows Grace Our Hangar Building at Rostraver

Richard Seman took on the responsibility of being the project manager for new windows in the Chapter 45 hangar. The windows in the hangar workshop were old steel casement style and were never efficient in opening or closing and certainly not wind proof in the winter. Much of the last 10 years or more they were covered with plastic and were a trap for stink bugs and other critters.

Richard procured a contractor to put new glass block windows in the building and they did a masterful job.



There has been some question of vents and why none were added in the windows, but small glass block window vents would not provide much ventilation while cutting down on the light coming through the large windows. A large vent fan may be added in the gable end of the hangar if that is found to be necessary, or just open those big hangar doors for ventilation!

All in all, the project finished as planned and the result is exceptionally nice. Great work Richard!

(one added detail: a note on Richard's Emeraude airplane in the hangar read something like this, "Went to Alaska on a canoe trip to knock one more thing off the bucket list; see you in a few weeks.")



The Hopi Indian Tribe invades Chapter 45!

by Clark Irwin

I had the pleasure of hosting 12 young Indian Guides (and one Indian Princess) at our Chapter meeting room on Sunday the 12th of June for a few hours of airplane talk and aviation education. The age range of the kids was from about 6 to 15 years. The Indian Guides program is sponsored by the YMCA and is geared towards fathers spending quality time with their children. There were almost as many dads as there were kids present.

We started the day off with a talk about airport safety and the operating procedures at an uncontrolled airport. I then introduced everyone to the EAA and we watched a 17 minute video about AirVenture while the kids munched on chips and drank cold beverages. We then talked about home building and Experimental aircraft. At this point, I sensed that the Indians were getting restless, so we packed up our teepees and headed outside for a walking (sometimes running) tour of the airport. First stop was my hangar and I rolled out the RANS S-7 and I gave all of the kids a chance to sit in the front seat for a photo op. Man... those little guys like to touch everything! My head was on a swivel trying to keep track of all those circling Indians. I'll be sure to do a thorough pre-flight before the next time I fly!

We then headed across the taxiway for one of the hi-lights of the day – Denny Tolkach had his enormous Macaw bird out to share with the kids. Our next stops were the hangar of John Warren and Jack Dernorsek where John was working on his Kelly D Bi-plane, and then we stopped briefly at Rudy Volgelsburger's to check on the progress of his Vans RV-12.

We eventually made it back to the meeting room where we talked about Young Eagles, Sport Pilot, and general aviation. There were many questions asked (by both kids and dads) and I feel like we sparked a few young minds about the possibilities of building and flying your own airplane. The kids all left with a sectional chart, a handful of aviation magazines, and a balsa wood and rubber band powered model airplane, but not before giving me a huge “thank you” and a loud “Hopi, Hopi, Hopi” chant!

On his way out the door, the father of the lone 15 year old Indian Princess shook my hand and said to me “Thanks allot Clark. You just cost me \$10K in flying lessons”! Ha!

Shop Tip # 50 by Jack Dernorsek

(#50... imagine that!)

Those pesky little tubes that come with the spray cans of lube or water displacement fluids (such as WD -40) get lost so easily, I had to come up with something to prevent their disappearance. The last one I lost was actually on the can and I was using it when it popped off in the yard and was never found. Grrrrrrrr

First, using a piece of thread, string or fishing line, tie one end to the end of the tube about an inch down. Make the line about 6” long and tape the other end to the side of the can. I finish by putting a drip of hot glue on the knot on the little tube to keep the lanyard from sliding off. Now you can slip the tube onto the side of the can like normal and still be able to pull it up and insert it into the nozzle for normal operation.

Another method is to dedicate one can to the workshop where you won't taking the little tube off the nozzle; just put a drop of hot glue right on the nozzle, holding the tube. This solves another of life's little annoyances.



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**Chapter Work Party
to prepare for the annual picnic
Saturday August 20th**

We typically meet at the Eagles Landing Restaurant about 8AM for breakfast and then about 9AM head over to the hangar and airport picnic site to prepare for the picnic on Sunday. We usually finish up preparations about 11:30AM

EAA CHAPTER 45's Annual Picnic at Rostraver

Where: Rostraver Airport in the back field spot.

Tentatively When: Sunday, August 21st

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: \$5.00 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,
HANGAR STORIES AND MAYBE 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....)

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.

If you could chip in to do some of the cooking on the grill or the corn pot, that would be helpful as well.