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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.

FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH  
Board of Directors  
Meeting - @ Hangar

February 20–General Meeting @Hangar

March 13<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH  
Board of Directors  
Meeting - @ Hangar

**March 20 – SPRING SOCIAL @Hangar**  
Our famous and well-attended  
Spring Potluck Social meeting.

Bring a potluck item; a covered dish, a desert, a snack or munchie... You won't go hungry. Bring a friend or your spouse. Spouses typically attend this meeting.

April 10 - Board of Directors Meeting -  
@ Hangar. Everyone welcome

April 17 – Take a rest from doing your taxes and see the planned Alaska vacation video featuring intrepid explorers and bear hunters, Paul & Diana. See Paul at left fixing his computer so that he can create the movie.

**Plan to visit often and bring a friend...**

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February '09

## CANCELLED MEETING FROM JANUARY WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY

As most of you know, we cancelled last month's meeting as it was bitterly cold and we did not expect a big turnout. As it was, by the time I got home, I didn't feel like going out again as most of you probably felt. So we will do our January meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

As usual for my meetings, it will be a smorgasbord of stuff that I will be presenting. If you don't like the presentation, at least come and enjoy a donut! I'll be showing and talking about some recent projects, ideas, n stuff. Maybe even a future chapter project...

On a sad note, I must tell you about the passing of Dr. Palmer's son, David. I have included a copy of the obituary from the Valley Independent on a following page. David grew up in Monessen but was currently living with his immediate family in Indiana. Doc, our prayers are will you.

Have you noticed the membership dues slip below? Unless you have paid your dues, it is due for 2009 right now! Have a question if your dues are unpaid? Contact Rudy our Membership Director at [vogei@verizon.net](mailto:vogei@verizon.net)

We have set the date for the Spring Potluck Social meeting for March 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be other interesting things we are doing as a group this year, including a tentative visit to a Radio Control flying field in June. Stay tuned...



### 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 prorated 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](http://www.eaa.org) to join.

**Minutes from the 01/09/2009 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting** Secretary: John Handis

The January 2009 EAA Chapter 45 Board of Directors Meeting (BOD) Meeting was called to order at 19:33 hours (7:33 PM) EST by President Clark Irwin. BOD Members present included Clark Irwin, Travis Hall, Paul Jenka, Diana Collier, Rob Rossi, Chuck Meyers, Gary Kreutzer, Marty Fao, Gary Jasper, John Handis, Jack Dernorsek

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

**Old Business:**

Clark read the previous meeting minutes from the November Meeting.

Monthly Meetings: November is the dinner Meeting.

Jan --- Jack Dernorsek --- Topic TBD	Jul --- BOD Only --- EAA Convention
Feb --- Jack Dernorsek --- Topic TBD	Aug --- BOD Only --- Ch. 45 Picnic date TBD
Mar --- Presenter TBD --- Topic TBD	Sep --- Presenter TBD --- Topic TBD
Apr --- Paul Jenka --- Alaska trip	Oct --- Presenter TBD --- Topic TBD
May --- Presenter TBD --- Topic TBD	Nov --- Various presenters --- Dinner Meeting.
Jun --- Presenter TBD --- Topic TBD	Dec --- BOD Only --- Holidays

**Treasurer's Report:**

Diana Collier distributed the Treasurer's Report for November. Gary Jasper questioned if there were expenses for the November dinner. Chuck Meyers made motion to accept report. Favorable unanimous vote was taken.

**New Business:**

File cabinet for chapter: Store in closet.

Should it be a locking cabinet? Diana mentioned everything filed is old data, and probably does not need to be locked up.

Clark asked if anyone had a cabinet to donate to the chapter, or should we appropriate funds to purchase one. Paul Jenka said he has an old (non-locking) one to donate.

EIN number: There was an impromptu meeting in early December concerning this topic. Chapter has not been required to file tax returns. Now IRS requires the chapter to file, requiring that the chapter request an EIN number.

No taxes if the chapter made less than \$25,000 for each of last 3 years. The amount raises to \$50,000 next year.

During this process, Jack uncovered something in Chapter Bylaws. Our official name is EAA Greater Pittsburgh Chapter 45, Incorporated. We need to drop the Incorporated. We are a social club, not a corporation, in the eyes of the IRS.

We need to update/change bylaws. Board members have to pay dues, as that is part of the definition of a social club.

No more than 1/3 of income can come from something other than Dues. Aluminum Overcast would blow us out of the water. Clark suggested that we cross that bridge when we get to it. Maybe we just pay taxes for that year.

Jack mentioned that we should review ALL bylaws, and update them accordingly. Many have not been changed in decades.

Clark got the chapter insurance renewal paperwork filed last week. \$506 insurance. \$50 Chapter Renewal Fee.

**Minutes from the 01/09/2009 Chapter 45 Board Of Directors Meeting** , continued...

Former Secretary Marty Fao: Do I remain a member of the board? Jack motioned to keep Marty as a board member. Chuck Meyers seconded. A unanimous approval vote followed.

Jack lead a discussion about growing our membership.

Distributed new (paper) Cockpit Clutter, which Jack will be Mailing/E-mailing tomorrow. An example (back page) of what Chapter 859 in Wintersville, OH is doing to get people interested: They are building a very cool simulator with video screens and "shake 'em up" bank and climb/dive motion run by MS Flight Simulator. They plan to have pilots and schools come and "play" in the simulator.

Jay Apt thing was another example. Jack sent notices out to other EAA Chapters/Aviation groups. It was a raging success, but we failed to capitalize.

It was asked if we have ever done a chapter project, and a history of our failures/successes with previous projects was reviewed.

Clark mentioned an outreach program. He is trying to get Boy Scout Troops/Indian Guides in for tour of the airport.

John Handis mentioned the Allegheny County Airport (AGC) open house. He said he would try to get a date from AGC, and see if they would let the chapter set up a booth/display.

Gary asked if the local papers offer discounts/free advertising to nonprofit organizations. Clark said he would ask his wife if there is a section of the paper that would be appropriate.

Marty Fao said that he would check with the PennySaver.

If we reach out to groups, we gotta have great meetings. Like the Jay Apt speaking date.

Whatever we do, we have to look at more than chapter members this year, but years to come. Having a presence at shows is what advertising is all about. After they see an ad 3 or 4 times, it clicks.

Reach out to other flying/aviation clubs. Get to other club's meetings.

Assign a mentor to visitors, to follow up with calls. Gung-ho sign-ups never come back.

Clark made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Meyers seconded. Favorable unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting ended: 20:33 hours (8:33 PM) EST

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**Shop Tip # 37** by Jack Dernorsek

OK, so maybe this one is a little goofy, but I use it. I have allergies that give me bad headaches so I use a respirator quite a bit when working in dust or especially cutting wood. I purchase the 3M NIOSH 8511 at Home Depot. They are really more of a fancy dust mask, but they fit my face great, and have an air valve that allows your exhaust breath to exit the mask preventing moisture buildup inside the soft filter material. They work very well.

But when wearing a mask and cutting wood or masonry, there is no way to blow away the dust that is covering the cutting line that you are trying to follow. So I cut a short length of flexible clear 3/8" polygon tubing (about 4-6") and hot glued it into a hole near at the front of the respirator, near my mouth. You must keep the hose in your mouth and only breathe through your nose to make the respirator effective, but I can blow away the dust while I cut. Keep the hose short so that the hose doesn't dangle and become a nuisance or get entangled in the equipment.

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**What airplane does this rib go to?**



## David A. Palmer (Son of Member Dr. Ralph Palmer)

### Richmond, Ind.

David A. Palmer, 64, of Richmond, Ind., died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, in Reid Hospital, Richmond, Ind. He was the son of Dr. Ralph E. Palmer Jr., of Monessen, and the late Helen (Conaway) Palmer. David grew up in Monessen, where he was active in scouting and a member of the United Methodist Church. He graduated from Monessen High School in 1962 and attended West Virginia Wesleyan College with the class of 1967. David's first post-college job was at JC Penney in Middletown, Ohio, where, as an assistant store manager, he hired a co-ed, Sharon Weber, for a summer position. He married her in 1971. David moved his family to Richmond in 1979 to take a management position with Nettle Creek Industries. He was later employed by Vandor Corporation and currently worked in textile sales. In Richmond, David was a member of the Richmond Noon Lions Club and an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the Old Trail District Committee. He had also served as Troop Master for Troop 16, where he continued to display his love of the outdoors by participating in campouts and teaching outdoor skills. He enjoyed camping and boating and had served as a referee for the Richmond Youth Soccer Association. David was a former board member for Girl Scouts and was a member of Centerville United Methodist Church. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sharon Palmer; daughter, Jennifer Palmer, of Greenwood, Ind.; son, Andy (Lindsay) Palmer, of Lafayette, Ind.; sisters, Patricia Palmer Aptaker, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Dr. Susan Palmer, of Edmond, Okla.; brother, Ralph E. 'Rick' Palmer III, of Monessen; grandson, Carter Palmer, and a grandchild to be born in July 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to: Boy Scouts of America, 199 South Plum St., Hagerstown, Ind. 47346.

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Did you know that your chapter has classy pins and embroidered patches for sale, cheap? The cloiseneuve 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.



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**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> MARK YOUR CALENDAR !**

**Welcome to the Third 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.**

**Wives and spouses are very welcome.**

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

Thank you. See you at the next meeting!

## From our Local EAA / IAC Chapter at Grove City Airport

We have only four commitments for the IAC Aerobatic Judges school. That isn't enough to make it economical for the instructor to come out for the weekend. We need more participation. Mark Stewart has asked the instructor to consider June or July. This gives us more time to find a few more students. I'm also inviting anyone from EAA 161 and EAA 45 at Rostraver.

The course will cost about \$60 and will take place at Grove City Airport over a weekend. Not only do you not need to be an aerobatic pilot to judge aerobatics, you don't even need to be a pilot.

Please let me know ASAP. Contact Jim Knights [jimknights@zoominternet.net](mailto:jimknights@zoominternet.net)

Upon completion of this course you will be qualified to volunteer as an assistant judge at any IAC competition, and will have completed one requirement towards becoming an IAC Regional Judge. For previously certified Judges, attendance at this seminar will fulfill recurrency requirements for attending a Judges Seminar as defined in IAC Rule 2.6.3.

**INTRODUCTION TO AEROBATIC JUDGING SEMINAR. This course presents the basic concepts of aerobatic judging. In this 2-day class provides:**

### Who should attend this seminar:

- IAC members who would like to become certified as an IAC Regional Judge (see IAC Rule 2.6.1)
- Companions/spouse of competition pilots who would like to learn to critique
- Newcomers to aerobatics who would like to learn the basic rules for judging
- Competition pilots seeking a better understanding of judging criteria
- Previously certified Regional or National Judges who need to attend a Judges Seminar to satisfy the recurrency requirements defined in IAC Rule 2.6.3
- Current Judges who would like to brush up their knowledge of judging criteria (only need to attend 2nd day).

