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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.

JANUARY 9TH – Board of Directors Meeting - @ Hangar

January 16 – General Meeting at Hangar.

FEBRUARY 13th – FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH Board of Directors Meeting - @ Hangar

February 20–General Meeting @Hangar

March 13th – FRIDAY the THIRTEENTH Board of Directors Meeting - @ Hangar

March 20 - General Meeting @Hangar

ETC. ETC. ETC. ETC. ETC. ETC. ETC

After our planning sessions in the early part of the year, watch for dates for special events like the Spring Social Pot Luck Dinner, August Picnic at the airport, and Fall Social Pot Luck Dinner.

Plan to visit often and bring a friend...

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January '09

MEMBER TO PRESENT JANUARY MEETING THIS WEEK BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE SUBJECT, YET

OK, so that is not exactly head line news. I usually don't know what the meeting subject will be up to a few days out, but it is always an adventure.

Why not show up the January 16th meeting and see if I am still undecided? It should have something to do with airplanes. That's the intent, anyway.

On a more serious note, it is time to send in your yearly chapter dues. Please include the dues slip below. This is important as we will have an earlier cut-off this year due to insurance requirements.

Here's a question for you... what do YOU want to see us do as a chapter? How about a few suggestions? Come to a meeting and give us your thoughts.

Please welcome our new Chapter Secretary, Mr. **John Handis**. John is a long time active member, holds a Private Pilot Certificate and also sports a Lifetime EAA number. This is his first time to serve on the Board of Directors. Thanks, John!

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.

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*Pilot Y ___ N ___ Spouse name _____

e-mail address _____
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*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.



Can you believe that the last visit of the B-17 was already a year and a half ago? First Day volunteers, Sept 2007

Shop Tip # 36 The Short Cord by Jack Dernorsek

1) Pretty often, that appliance, or band saw, or shop light, or drill, etc, etc is just a few inches from having a cord long enough to reach the outlet. Like you, I just hate to pull out a long extension cord just to plug a device in that is only two feet from the outlet to the end of the cord. (In some cases, a long cord is bad for a device with a motor as it reduces the available amperage and voltage for the motor and will cause windings to heat detrimentally.)

For me, this happened so often on a goose-neck shop light that I use, I finally took a piece of cord with a plug on it (salvaged from an old appliance I threw away) and using a “three prong adapter”, one of those devices that has three holes but only two prongs to convert a three prong plug to an older outlet, I fed two pieces of shrink tubing onto the wire ends, soldered the ends to the prongs on the outlet, heat shrunk the tubing to cover the prongs, and I have an extension cord that is only about 18” but stays with that light.

Yes, occasionally it still is not long enough but that now happens so infrequently that it is not as big a nuisance to get out that long cord. And I also have a few short cords that I made up from heavier gauge extension cords that are a lot more convenient inside the workshop rather than stringing out and then rewinding that long cord.



2) Another nuisance is when you string out a long extension cord, but it only has one place to plug in at the end. So, you either have to alternate plugging in a second tool or you have to plug some device into the cord to offer more outlets.

Well, at the Harbor Freight junk store I found very inexpensive short extension cords that have the multiple outlets where you can plug several items in, like used on a computer desk or behind your TV entertainment center. It comes with a switch and pilot light, and has a slender profile so you can leave it plugged in to the extension all the time, even if it is rolled up for storage. And the light shows you when the other end is plugged in.

Here is your loyal
Chapter Pres with
astronaut
Dr. Jay Apt at a
fun meeting last
year.



Here is an interesting project to consider.... Our good friends at EAA Chapter 859 over in Wintersville, Ohio have been busy designing and building a real airplane simulator. An early assembly picture is shown below. I've been following their progress and it is really sweet.



Chapter President, Dave Tulenko
sent me the following message:

"Hopefully our "Area 51" flight simulator project will be done in time. It has been a neat project for us. Letting us use our imagination and giving us a chance to do some problem solving. Each week we seem to come up with a new idea. We still have a lot of work to do. But imagine three (3) 19" Flat Screens, surround sound and being 3/4 enclosed. We did some test runs using a lap top, and it is realistic. The Sim will be full motion with a 30 degree bank plus 20 degree climb/dive working with a Micro Soft Flight Simulator Program. All control by servo's. We are now redesigning the main cage for easier access. Our goal is to have a state of the art simulator and a learning tool for both pilots and local schools."

So, Chapter 45... Should we take a field trip to go see it and maybe think about building one? Let us know!!!!