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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.

Meeting Topics to be discussed at the Board Meeting on March 12th. Got an idea or want to host a meeting? let us know.

March 12th 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting @ Hangar / Everyone welcome as we discuss chapter business. Friday 7:30PM

March 19th - General Hangar Meeting
Program subjects: Main Program-undetermined; Show 'n Tell – bring us what you are working on!
Friday 7:30PM

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

April 16th - General Hangar Meeting -

May 21st
- Tentative Spring Potluck Social – Indoor Picnic

Other events this year:

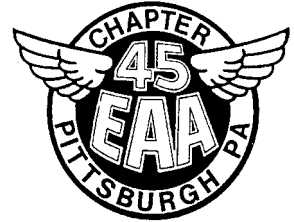
Legal Eagle Hands-on Workshops
Spring Social Pot Luck Dinner
Oshkosh Convention (Airventure)
EAA's B-17 visit
Summer EAA Picnic at the airport
November Pot Luck Indoor Picnic

(at left: Sonex with a mean look)

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March 2010

This month's General Meeting will feature a guest speaker arranged by Paul Jencka: Jim Takitch will tell about the action he saw in the Pacific on the USS Kidd, a Fletcher class destroyer. He is 83 years old and has a great story to tell about surviving a kamikaze attack.

Working on a project at home? Bring it to a show n tell at the March General Meeting.

Last month (February meeting), we were lucky enough to have a great explanation of fiberglass fairing work by Richard Seman, homemade knives made from saw blades and other scrap steel by Ernie Romito, a fuselage tubing straightener designed and built by Jim Slomer, and a complete metal homebuilt in full size paper templates by Jack D.

Members, we want pictures and stories of you, your family, and your friends enjoying aviation! We also want pictures and stories of your aircraft projects. Please send your information to [Steve Glaeser](mailto:sglaeser@comcast.net) (sglaeser @ comcast.net) and keep an eye out for it on the Chapter website.

Check it out... www.eaa45.org

It is that time of year again when we must ask you to complete the form below and mail us your chapter DUES.

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.



Picture: Designer Leonard Milholland

Chapter Project: The LEGAL EAGLE Ultralight Chapter Hangar at Rostraver

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

March 22nd (Monday Evening); April 5th & 19th (Monday Evenings) ***
Tentatively May 3rd and 17th

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...

Around the Patch...



At left, the Warren-Dernorsek Aeronca Chief says good bye in the dead of winter. A fellow came up from South Carolina to pick up the ol' gal. Here she sits on his special trailer, wrapped with shrink plastic for protection. Those guys couldn't wait to get back to the Carolina's where it's warmer. They said it was in the 60's there and felt cool. I told him if it got into the 40's, we'd start talking about going swimming!

Here are John Warren's new Double Eagle fuel tanks. He's got the engine, fuselage, wheels and now tanks.



Other tidbits ... Rob & Karen Rossi and Jim & Pat Carr are currently visiting the country of Israel; Rudy & Maria Vogelsberger just left for a month to visit Europe. John Mateka is considering a visit to Sun N Fun in Florida, combining a trip to see friends and a daughter in Alabama.

Shop Tip # 44 Tight Bulbs by Jack Dernorsek

This tip seems so simple to me yet I find that very few people ever do this or even consider it. Notice how modern room light bulbs seem to never go into a socket smoothly anymore? I once even had a bulb twist the whole socket and break a wire because the bulb and socket were gauded together. Well, this is mostly because the light bulb base is aluminum and now so is the light bulb socket material made from aluminum (used to be brass or brass-plated steel). So the bulb goes in with a grinding twist, and then, months or years later, it really has difficulty coming cleanly and smoothly out of the socket. Just a tiny dab of petroleum jelly on the bottom couple of threads and not only does the bulb go in smoothly, it will come out just as easily. This is really great for outdoor lights such as flood or spot lamps which are prone to weathering.

JOHN PERERA JR.

I was told that a member from a long time ago had recently died, so I did a search and realized that there was no obituary available for John Perera. Since John had been a loyal past member, I decided to write one.

John Perera Jr., 83, of 1712 Williams Street, McKeesport, PA died March 1, 2010

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)

John was the chapter treasurer for many years in the Boards of Directors under Presidents Ernie Lanyi and Foster Hartman.

He owned a concrete block-type hangar in D row that he built. One interesting note is the hangar trusses came from a burned out building in McKeesport.

John was always on the scene to offer advice, an opinion, and a firm suggestion, many times when you didn't want it or need it. But he had a kind heart, and once provided Mr. Warren and Mr. Dernorsek a few free aluminum Aeronca ribs to repair their Chief wing. John was always available for a hangar work party or preparing for the summer picnic.

John also had a brother, Joe Perera who had been a Chapter member for a short while but he passed away a long time ago.

Referring to John's ability to monitor the chapter's funds while he was treasurer, someone once remarked, "If you ever want a nickel watched, give it to John."

That was high praise. God Bless you, John.

View of Rostraver Airport from a ski-equipped Aeronca Champ shortly after the Big Snow of February 2010. Thanks to Paul Jencka

