



JUNE 2013

EAA CHAPTER 145

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Matt Clupper

Chapter Activity: Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 9:00 am
Rapid Air – (GRR) Gerald Ford Int. Airport

We will be having an activity this month instead of the official chapter meeting. The freshman class of the West Michigan Aviation Academy will be getting airplane rides over at Rapid Air. The chapter members can help with the Young Eagle activities, as well as have an opportunity to tour the Rapid Air facility and the WMAA charter high school. Please contact Dick Foster if you are planning to attend the June 8 event. A follow-up email will also be sent out to all members, and you can respond at that time.

Last month, Ron Walters shared his knowledge of what work can be done by the owner/operator of aircraft – Owner Main't Under Parts 61 & 91. He was very thorough, focusing on preventative maintenance. Safety is the key, after all, there's no pulling over to the shoulder of the road up there. You'll be coming down one way or another. Ron told of the importance of consistent inspections, of checking the oil filter for debris, the condition of the spark plugs will tell a lot of the health of your engine.

No one likes preventative maintenance, we just want to firewall it. But when you think of the alternative – the loss of the aircraft or even life – a bit of maintenance doesn't sound so bad.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Please read the following article, "Leading by Example", about EAA Chapter 145, written by EAA headquarters. Then consider that this is one event and think about all the other events that our chapter participates in during the year.

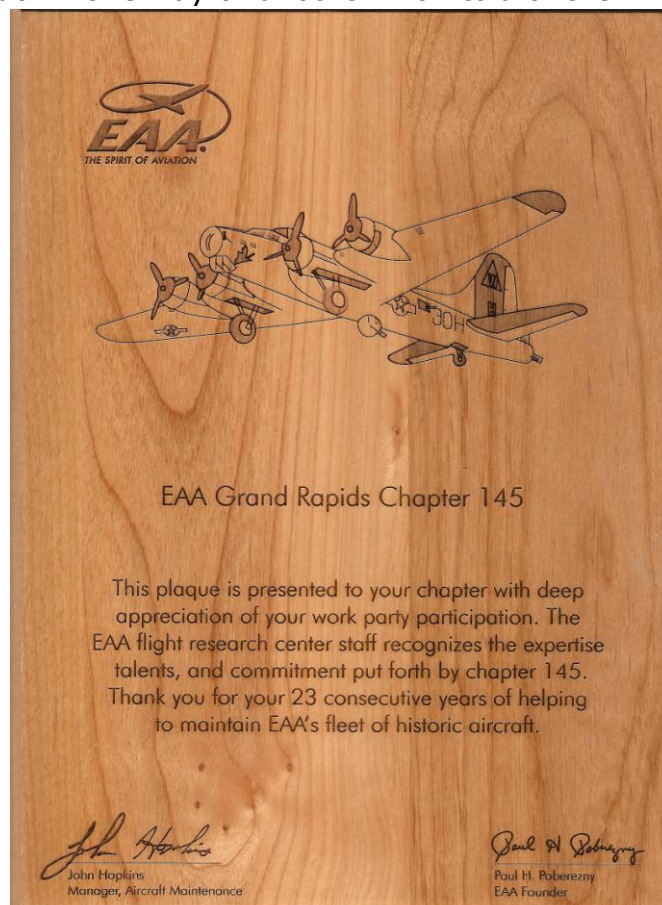
Also note the award plaque given to us for Helping at the Weeks hanger for 23 years (The plaque is at Riverview; see the photo copy here).

I think that we can all be proud of the impact that Chapter 145 has on sport aviation in West Michigan.

Blue Skies, Dick

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EAA Chapter 145 – Leading By Example

EAA Chapter 145 (Grand Rapids, Mich.) made its annual visit to EAA's Kermit Weeks Hangar on April 19-21. This was the chapter's 23rd consecutive annual trip to volunteer its time and talents at EAA headquarters. The Chapter provides its member's transportation to Oshkosh and the EAA provides housing at the Binder House on the AirVenture grounds. Chapter members look forward to this weekend every year. It's a great opportunity to introduce someone to grassroots aviation, and members get to share their time with people who love airplane "stuff" just as much as they do. This year, they helped restore the B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* before it took off for its national tour, and they also toured the EAA AirVenture Museum.

EAA Chapter 145 President Richard Foster has had the "privilege of attending" the past 23 years. He specifically thanked EAA and its crew for making the visit to Weeks interesting and worthwhile for his Chapter.



EAA Chapter 145 members with EAA founder Paul Poberezny in the Kermit Weeks Hangar, March 1990.



EAA Chapter 145 members with EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast at Oshkosh, April-2013

Young Eagle events in West Michigan, 2013

== A/C & pilots needed ==

June 8	West Michigan Aviation H.S.
June 15	Greenville Area Aviation Association
June 22	Young Eagles Event
June 22	West Michigan Flight Academy
August 24	Great Lakes Aviator Build-off
August 24	Wings of Mercy

== Ground people needed ==

Rapid Air (GRR)	EAA145
Greenville	GAAA/EAA145
Grand Haven	EAA211
Riverview (08C)	EAA145
Sparta	EAA704/EAA145
Holland	WOM/EAA145



WEBSITE(s) OF THE MONTH:

www.riverviewairport.com

The local Riverview pilots group created this site to share the happenings around our local '08C'

www.facebook.com/pages/Riverview-Airport/115468211816419

This is the Facebook page of Riverview Airport. People post pictures, share stories and news.

www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=2359714378001

This link shows the approach and landing into Big Creek Idaho, on the EAA video site.... a bit of inspiration and motivation ahead of the fall Backcountry Tour.



FAA Wants EAA To Pay Them To Staff Oshkosh

ANN RealTime News Update, 0001ET, 05.23.13: The FAA has twice promised ANN a statement this day in order to understand some of their rationale for this sudden AirVenture cost recovery/User Fee scheme. If and when they provide this promised statement, we will make sure you see it right away. In the meantime, we have talked with EAA Boss Jack Pelton about the matter and have come to the understanding that EAA WILL apparently wind up having to pay the FAA something for their services... the same ones that we all thought were paid for by our income, fuel, and numerous other taxes. The primary question is just how much will EAA pay for all this and what effect might it have on AirVenture 2013? EAA has apparently NOT had a lot of warning about this and the manner and timing with which the FAA has extortionately demanded these fees positively begs for an aggressive Congressional investigation. ANN is currently researching additional details about this matter and will present more info as it becomes available.



Original Report, 1502 ET, 052213: Despite a clear mandate in opposition to user fees and similar funding mechanisms oft discussed by the FAA, the FAA has decided to start enacting some user fees of its own. And... they've made a pretty aggressive demand for EAA to pay them to staff the event.

The EAA, via published statements, has noted that, "General aviation is wearing the target as the FAA looks for revenue, with the agency appearing to be readying a plan to add burdens on recreational aviators with increased costs for a variety of activities. This is occurring even after the Congress enacted legislation that enabled the FAA to fully fund air traffic services. The agency is moving more aggressively toward assessing costs on duties that have always been covered under the FAA budget, including some essential air traffic operations and functions."

EAA's Dick Knapinski has confirmed that the FAA has its hand out... and to the tune of well into six figures. EAA says that, "the agency is asking EAA to cover certain costs for its AirVenture operations, including air traffic controllers' travel, per diems, and overtime, which had traditionally been covered by the FAA. This may be an early indication of further efforts by the FAA to charge GA operators for functions in ways that could add unforeseen costs for the average pilot who simply wants to enjoy flying."



"This issue is significantly bigger than AirVenture," said EAA Chairman Jack J. Pelton. "We'll have full air traffic staffing and operations at Oshkosh and are well-prepared for our event. Unfortunately this is coming at a great cost to EAA. The larger issue, however, is about the unknown and alarming new direction the FAA is taking in charging for an equivalent level of safety that has previously been provided. If the FAA asks for reimbursement on certain AirVenture operations for which it has always budgeted, where else could the agency unilaterally impose assessments, fees, and other costs on GA? It's a frightening thought."

EAA adds that, "GA should continue to contribute its fair share to FAA and national airspace operations through the current aviation fuel tax. EAA will, however, vigorously oppose efforts to burden aviators with costs for which the FAA already receives funding and has budgeted as part of its stated mission of providing a safe, efficient national airspace system."

Sneak Peek: EAA Chapter Video Magazine

Last month chapter leaders received an e-mail with more details on EAA's upcoming **Chapter Video Magazine**, a new monthly video series created exclusively for the purpose of showing at chapter meetings. Included in that e-mail was a link to download a 4-minute teaser video, which is now available for all to watch.

www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=2270052454001

Beginning May 1, 2013, these 20- to 25-minute videos can be downloaded and shown at chapter meetings to inspire, engage, entertain, and educate members on various aspects of EAA and the broader aviation community. This will include segments such as Project Patrols, Hints for Homebuilders, Volunteer Spotlights, and News from HQ, and feature videos on EAA members who are doing interesting things out in the field.

Here's a sneak peek at some of the upcoming videos you'll see:

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Van's Aircraft Follow Chad Jensen, EAA's homebuilt technical specialist and fellow RV-7 builder, as he tours the factory and sees where the magic happens.

Steel Tube Fuselage Construction Mike Hoy, EAA 505817, lets us look over his shoulder as he builds a steel tube fuselage. This four-part series gives an overview of the process and is packed with hints and tips along the way.

Paul's P-64 Comes Back to Life The P-64 is not only a rare aircraft in aviation history but an icon in EAA's history. We recently took the aircraft out of the museum and restored it back to flying condition. Watch Paul Poberezny himself bring the 1,200 horses back to life for the first time in more than a quarter century.

Beyond the Ropes: Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose Tour the inside of Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose. Its size - breathtaking. Its design - a true engineering marvel.

Project Patrol: Douglas World Cruiser Bob Dempster, EAA 277264, is nearing the first flight of his Douglas World Cruiser replica, a massive biplane standing 14 feet tall that he plans to fly around the world one day. These videos and many more are coming your way to enrich your monthly meetings and help grow participation in aviation.

Note: If you are a chapter leader and did not receive the informational e-mail on March 28, please let us know by e-mailing chapters@eaa.org so we can add you to the distribution list.



Builders' Tip: Cleaning Sandpaper and Files

This tip came from Terry Schubert, editor of the Central States newsletter, via Jim Doyle, EAA 151172 since 1980, and RAA member from Calgary, Alberta. - Editor

This is a great way to clean file teeth and clogged sandpaper using a rubber-type product called crepe rubber. If you do a lot of woodworking, you may already be familiar with it. You may even be able to find an old pair of shoes whose soles are made of this material.

Remember those light-colored super rubbery soles? I bought a block of crepe rubber from Lee Valley Tools for about \$8. It's about 1 1/2-inch x 1 1/2-inch x 8-inch long, and it lasts a long time. It cleans aluminum stuck in file teeth, and fiberglass, wood, and other crud stuck in sandpaper, greatly extending the sandpaper life. Also, it does not create a lot of obnoxious smoke or overheating like ordinary rubber might do to your files or sandpaper.

Editor: Crepe rubber also does an excellent job of cleaning up excess rubber cement or liquid frisket (watercolor masking material). You can also make your own version using clear Silicone 2 caulking. You have to make your own block by applying about two-thirds of a tube spread thinly onto a sheet of wax paper or plastic. Let it dry for two days and cut into strips the length and width of the block required. Glue these strips together with the rest of the caulk and glue them to a paint stirrer, if you like, to make a useful handle! Leave to dry another two days, and voila, you have a nice cleaner-upper that should last a long time and save you money on sanding belts. If you have any silicone caulking that's going to expire without being used, this is a great use for it. In fact, if you have any that's already been hardening for a few years, you might just want to cut the tube open and see what'cha got!



Crepe Rubber Blocks

HANGER SPACE

The chapter hanger is available for anyone who has an aviation project to work on.
Contact Dick Foster for details

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9	Ann Arbor (KARB)	EAA Chapter 333 Pancake Breakfast
June 15-16	Ypsilanti, Willow Run(KYIP)	Thunder over Michigan Air Show
July 3-7	Battle Creek	Battle Creek Balloons & Airshow
July29-Aug4	Oshkosh, WI	OSHKOSH!!
Aug 6-10	Mentone, IN (C92)	Gyrocopters & Paramotors Convention
Aug 17-18	Chicago, IL	Chicago Air & Water Show
Aug28-Sept2	Ottumwa, Iowa	Antique Airplane Fly-In www.antiqueairfield.com
Sept 13-16	Idaho	Idaho Backcountry Tour
Sept 20-22	Michigan Air Tour	www.michiganairtour.org

If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me

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Cash:	\$163.62	Checking:	\$30.12
Savings:	\$1413.01	Total:	\$1606.75

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DUES ARE \$35.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st

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