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EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 10:00 am
Riverview Airport (08C) in the meeting room

CHAPTER MEETING

The EAA Chapter 145 meeting for November will be a demonstration from Mark Lynn on forming sheet metal.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You know, Sport Aviation can be encountered all over the world. I recently traveled from Hungary to Romania with a guided travel group. We had the opportunity to talk with the people that until recently were under communist control. With the cool weather I was wearing my "Young Eagle" jacket. Several east European people asked about the unique logo. When I explained that EAA members volunteer to give introductory airplane rides to young people, free of charge, they were dumbfounded. After all, shouldn't capitalist make a profit on everything? When, they realized that EAA members were helping young people to be the future aviation leaders, one of the EU men said, "You Americans are always ahead of us, we should set up youth programs like this." You never know when a logo will start an interesting conversation.

Cheers, Dick

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1977 LINDBERGH TOUR

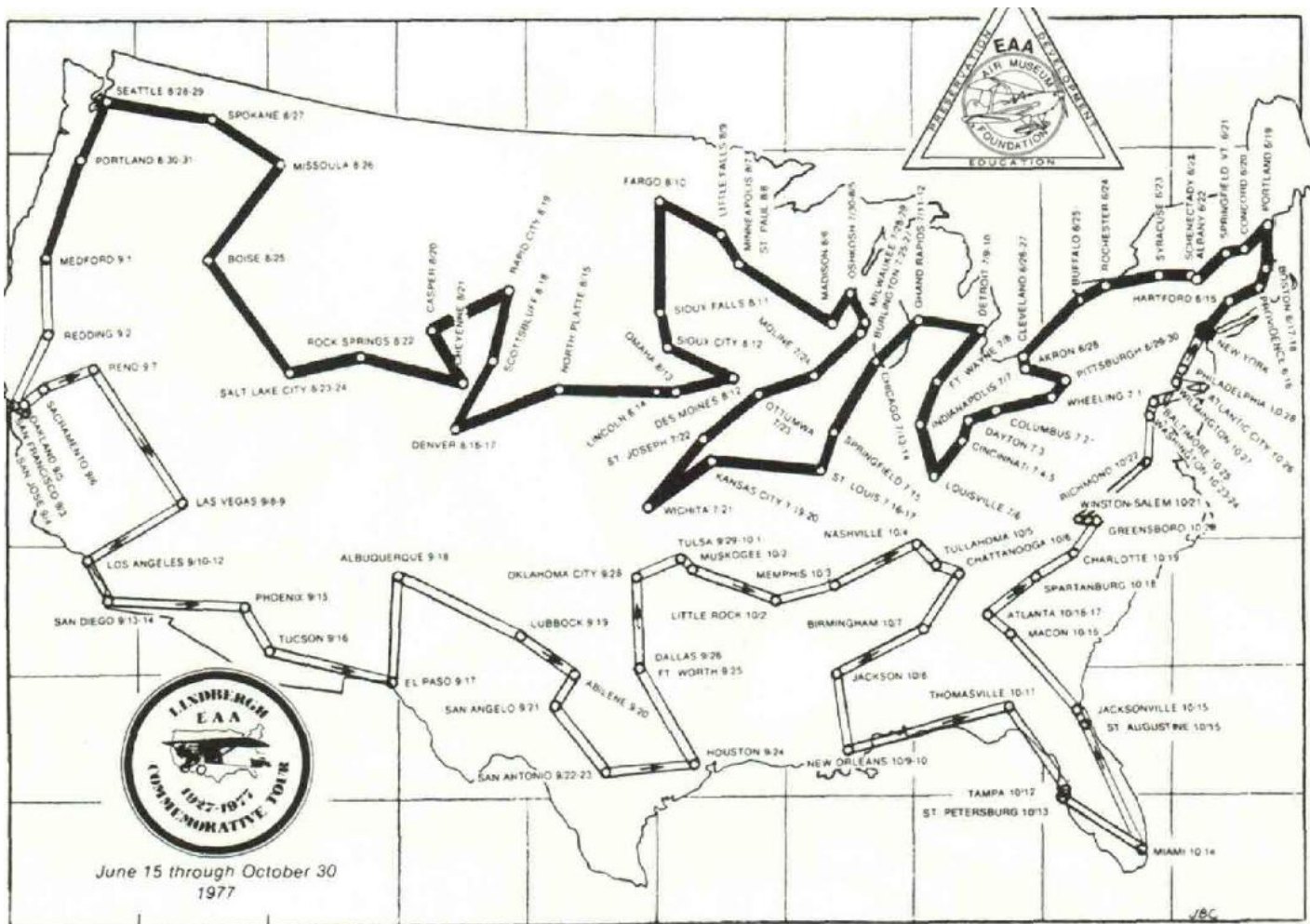


Around a month ago I was visiting Mount Rushmore, and on the return home found myself at the Rapid City Airport in South Dakota. In wondering around the airport, I came across a small area that showcased the history of the Rapid City. The picture to the left sparked my interest. I was impressed that the Spirit of St. Louis got so close to the monument, and made the plane look like a toy. Then I read the plaque below the picture.

The plaque under the photo read:

To commemorate Charles Lindbergh's tour of America in 1927 the Experimental Aircraft Association built a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis in 1977. It visited Rapid City and Sioux Falls and did a flyby of Mount Rushmore. Black Hills Chapter 39 and Sioux Falls Chapter 289 were hosts for the public events in Rapid City and at Tea Airport near Sioux Falls.

I did not realize the airplane was the EAA replica Spirit of St. Louis built for the 50 year anniversary tour of the original crossing of the Atlantic. A little research later revealed that the replica stopped by Grand Rapids, and was hosted by Chapter #145.



Here's what Sport Aviation had to say about the stop in Grand Rapids.

I'm sure a lot of hard work went into the planning and coordination to make the visit a success. Most folks don't realize that these events don't just happen - they take people dedicated to do the background work and make all the little details come together at the correct time. So if you were at the event and helped out, Thank You very much.

July 11-12 — Grand Rapids, Michigan — Coordinators, Chuck Stephens and Ted Peterson.

The aircraft barnstormed across Michigan, landing at Lansing, where Peter H. Burgher, Chairman of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission — and a Lifetime member of EAA — was given a ride in the Spirit. Next was a stop in Ionia and live interviews on local radio.

Upon landing in Grand Rapids, the crews couldn't believe their eyes — a red carpet was rolled out to the Spirit and the parade to the speaker's stand was to the accompaniment of a 40 piece military band! The crowd was tremendous and, as in a couple of earlier stops, never seemed to diminish. People moved in to hear the pilots talk about the airplanes just as fast as others left. This went on for two days running. (Grand Rapids was the biggest and most enthusiastic stop on the Tour up to the time the aircraft arrived in Oshkosh.)

The aircraft were placed in the Amway hangar for the night — a beautiful, absolutely spotless facility.

This is the Chapter #145 newsletter for July 1977... a week before the St. Louis visit:



EAA Chapter 145
Grand Rapids, MI

Pres - Chuck Stephens 361-8402

Vice Pres - Jack Sheppard

Sec - Treas. Dale Buttermore

Regular meeting - July 8, 1977 at the Kent Room
Kent Co. Airport - 8:00 PM

Program: Don't have one lined up yet. We will have a last minute skull session on the Spirit of St Louis tour. I heartily recomend that you come to this meeting. You will be the deciding factor as to whether the tour will be a sucess or not.

Banquet tickets::: The banquet is planned for July 11, 1977 at 8:00 PM. This will give you a chance to get home from work, get out to the airport (Kent Co. Airport), see the Spirit of St Louis, and go to the banquet. We have two films scheduled. A film on EAA and some original 16mm film from Lindbergh's tour in Grand Rapids, 50 years ago. Speakers - Tom Walsh, Earl Spielmaker (new member) And Chuck Kindel. These three were here when Lindbergh was here 50 years ago. Also Bob Ross, and Henry Haig(pilot of the Spirit scheduled for this leg. Bob Ross recently met the person that greeted Lindbergh in Paris a nd also met him in the south Pacific during WWII.

Some of you have received tickets for yourself and in some cases some extra ones to sell. Get the money back to me or at least let me know how many of the tickets you will be using so that we can get some idea of how many will be coming. If you haven't been contacted regarding tickets call me. I can be reached during the day at 616-949-7270 Ext 64 After 4:00 ca ll 361-8402. This is not restricted to EAA members. Ask your neighbor or flying buddy or non-flying buddy and his wife. I can not guarantee any reservations after July 5, 1977. We do have to be a little bit reasonable with the resteraunt with a count of the number attending.

Cost is \$6.50 per person. It is going to be at Bylsma's resteraunt
2303 28th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI

Three meat dinner served family style.

We are the hosts for six area chapters. Lets have a strong turnout of Chapter 145 members. Watch Eyewitness at Noon, Chanel 13 on July 8, and July 12 for coverage. I will be on, on the 8th with some film clips and on July 12th we will have the pilot of the Spirit of St Louis.

Henry Haig is the scheduled Pilot.
Watch your friendly neighborhood Standard Gas Station window for a large poster advertising the Tour. If he doesn't have it up, stop and ask him why he doesn't have it up. July 11, 1977 is being declared "Lindbergh Day" in Grand Rapids by Mayor Drasin. Finally, lets have as many of you as can make it at the Kent Co. Airport at 11:00 am on the 11th of July for the arrival. There is more so Come to the meeting. It isn't this Friday, but next Friday. Chuck

And this is from the Chapter#145 newsletter following the visit, in August 1977:

The Spirit of St. Louis tour stop # 23 was a success. We had a constant crowd of approx. 50 to 150 people on hand (When it wasn't raining) from the time the Spirit got to town until it left tuesday at 6:00pm.

Tuesday about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the scheduled departure, they started packing up the baggage and Vern Jobst came over to me and said that they had time for three rides!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and wanted to know who else should get a ride. Dale Buttermore and Bob Ross(Bob's help and cooperation was a big reason why the Grand Rapids stop was so successful) got rides.

I can't emagine anyone riding (Flying?) in that airplane for 33.5 hours at one time. Vern said to take off the headset sometime during the flight and it sounded like I would emagine being inside a cement mixer half full of $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel ball bearings would sound like. Well, ailmost. It is not a very stable airplane.

Attached to this newsletter is a Commemorative Tour Guide that the EAA Antique/Classic Division published.

The replica Spirit of St. Louis and Stinson chase plane now reside in the EAA Museum in Oshkosh.



YOUNG EAGLES

The Young Eagle rallies have been put to rest for the winter. However, I do have couple of young people that have expressed an interest in flying. I may make individual arranges to get them a YE flight yet his year.

EAA145 HANGER

- Herb H. is working on his RV
- Hangar space is available for anyone working on a project. Contact Dick Foster for details

NAME THAT PLANE

Last month's airplane was the Taylor J.T.1 Monoplane



CHAPTER 145 POLO SHIRTS

We are now accepting orders for Polo shirts with the Chapter 145 logo on them. Short sleeve style are \$26.00 (in light blue color) or long sleeve for \$34.00 (in white color). Caps in royal blue are also available for \$15 each. A sign-up sheet will be at our next meeting, or see Bob Swietek for more information.

WOOD-TV DRONE

WOOD-TV8 conducted the first live drone video broadcast in West Michigan during 24 Hour News 8 at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Dubbed "Drone 8," the craft provided live aerial images over the newly-opened M-231 bridge in Ottawa County. Drone 8 is the first federally-sanctioned drone aircraft cleared for media use in West Michigan.



The drone can be used to record video or provide live aerial footage, offering a one-of-a-kind take on news and weather around the viewing area.

WOOD TV8 News Director Dan Boers said Drone 8 is all about bringing the viewer closer to stories the station covers.



"This will allow us to take our viewers where we couldn't before," Boers said. "It will allow them to have a better visual understanding of the stories we cover."

The drone must be operated by a licensed pilot along with a trained observer and requires strict adherence to Federal Aviation Administration standards and guidelines. It also requires that flights are registered in advance and logs are provided to the FAA.

Storm Team 8 Meteorologist Kyle Underwood is the licensed pilot behind the controls. He spent weeks training in West Michigan and Colorado to become qualified to operate Drone 8.

"I've learned a lot through this process," Underwood said. "The rules for commercial drone flight are actually more restrictive than manned aircraft. Safety is a serious consideration. This aircraft will be an important visual storytelling tool for us. The bonus is we're having a great time flying it!"

The drone used by WOOD TV8 is a DJI Inspire 1 model, which provides 360-degree views from above. The FAA granted Media General, WOOD TV8's parent company, the ability to fly this specific drone for news gathering purposes.

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DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED - BEAT THE DECEMBER RUSH

Dues of \$35.00 are payable to "EAA CHAPTER 145" and can be mailed to Bob Swietek at the address listed at the end of the newsletter or brought to the monthly chapter meeting. If you need to make any updates on your contact information, please include the tear-off slip for member data update with your payment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14	Riverview Airport(08C)	meeting – Mark Lynn – Sheet Metal Fab
Nov 14	Mettetal Airport(1D2)	Chili Fly-In 11a-3p EAA#113 hosting
Dec 12	Riverview Airport(08C)	meeting –Riverview Christmas Brunch

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

If you would like to be on the e-mail list for meeting and event reminders, or if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, which is full color and delivered days before the print version... please send your e-mail address to:
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Treasurer's Report: (As of Nov 4)

Liabilities: \$3500.00	
Cash: \$11.62	Checking: \$79.69
Savings: \$5699.36	Total: \$5790.67

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EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

Name _____ Co-Pilot / Spouse _____ Address _____ City _____ State / Zip _____ e-mail address _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ National Membership # _____	Aircraft Owned _____ _____ Projects / % Compete _____ _____ Bring this form to the next meeting or mail to: EAA Chapter 145 Treasurer 6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE Grand Rapids, MI, 49546
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