



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

Web Page (<http://www.EAA145.org>)

September's meeting will be on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the NOAA Weather Station, Kent Co. Airport

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let Bob S. know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail and check the chapter web page for information or send Bill W. items to put on the web.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The September meeting will be a tour of the NOAA Weather Station site located near the Kent Co. Airport. There will be a SHORT business in their conference room followed by a presentation by John Kowaleski, NOAA aviation point specialist, and tour of the facility. Activities should conclude about 12:00 noon. The meeting will begin promptly at 10 am so please plan your arrival accordingly.

The station is located at 4899 South Complex Dr., Grand Rapids in the first building on the left, by the big radar dome with parking in the front. Enter from Patterson Ave. (drive is just south of the railroad overpass and 36th Street).

AUGUST MEETING REPORT

BUSINESS MEETING

- The August meeting was held in the Riverview Airport hangar meeting room on August 8th with 15 members and guests attending. The meeting began with a voice vote approval of the July meeting minutes followed by the Treasurer's report and voice vote approval. Total funds as of August 1st were \$5826.56 broken down as follows:

Cash on Hand:	\$ 202.15
Savings:	\$5114.57
Checking:	\$ 509.84

- Three guests attending were introduced. Young Eagles flights for the remainder of the season were discussed along with some additional letters of thanks form YE attendees at the recent flight academy.

- James Zeman had requested withdrawal as president due to commitments out of state which preclude his active participation. Three options were discussed. 1. Elect a new president. 2. Move the VP to president and elect a new VP, 3. Continue with a "president in absentia" and have other officers fulfill the obligations. By unanimous voice vote, the third option was approved. The remaining officers will fill in for the current president.

- Dale Buttermore was awarded a "Best in Class" for his aircoupe at the National Aircoupe convention in June 2009.
CONGRATULATIONS Dale !!!

GUEST PRESENTATION

Discussions as to what extent should EAA 145 participate in a project with the West Michigan Flight Academy (WMFA) were conducted. There were many comments and many valid points, both pro and con, on the participation of the chapter in an aircraft building project. The general consensus was that facilitating the introduction of aviation for young students was a worthy task. The mechanics of that participation was viewed as problematic. Many details need to be worked out and the availability of space and resources is extremely limited at this time. Again, consensus was that the best course is to begin small, with individuals with specific expertise helping when needed. As resources are made

available, the project could be expanded into a construction project in the near future.

YOUNG EAGLES

On Saturday, August 15th, Young Eagles were flown from the Sparta Airport. A total of 110 YE's were flown with Chapter 145 handling 38 flights (Dick Foster 21 flights, Dennis Powell 17 flights),

On Saturday, August 24th, 3 Young Eagles were flown from Riverview Airport by Dick Foster.

This concludes flights for the 2009 season.

CHAPTER POSITION AVAILABLE

Due to job conflicts for the next several months, the position of chapter website editor is currently available for any interested party. The position involves monthly updates to the website with the current newsletter and photos of special events (e.g. Weeks Visit, Tri-motor tour, etc). There is minimal effort required and training, ongoing support will be provided. Contact James Zeman if interested and willing to help.

UPCOMING COURSES, GATHERINGS & SEMINARS

The following are upcoming classes or seminars which may be of interest to our members.

1. *E-SLA REPAIRMAN/INSPECTION CERTIFICATION COURSE* (Oct 2-4, Oshkosh, WI)

A required course to for owners to qualify for certification to perform annual condition inspections. Contact EAA National to register, 800-967-5746. Class is limited to 16 students. Tuition is \$299 for EAA members and includes all materials.

2. *DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE-104th ANIVERSERY OF PRACTICAL FLIGHT (Oct 5th, Wright-Patterson AFB)*

A day long celebration of practical flight. Visit Website(www.nps.gov/daav or www.naha.com) for details.

FOR SALE CORNER

Nothing to list

QUIZ ME

There are no questions due to the NOAA Weather Station offsite presentation.

Future tentative programs for 2009 we are working on: **(Do you have any more ideas?)**

Oct: "Wooden Aircraft Construction" - Russell Duffin

Nov: "Rag and Tube Reconstruction" - Chuck Helmholdt

Dec: "Christmas Brunch at Riverview"

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2009 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

10/10 11/14 12/12

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