

# EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: NONE FOR AUGUST



## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

**The August meeting will not be held.**

**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.

### AUGUST PROGRAM

No meeting will be held due to AirVenture 2008 and scheduling conflicts with the Officers. There will be a meeting in September which may be a fly-in /drive-in at the Wilderness Airport. More information to follow later in a special newsletter with the details.

### July Meeting Report

- The meeting was called to order at 10:15am with June's meeting minutes approved

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report for July

### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. The Ford Tri-Motor Tour** was held on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and by all accounts, a great success. Monday was "Media Flight" day with a very favorable G.R. Press news article printed on Tuesday. Tuesday's turnout was moderate with 8 flights. Wednesday's turnout was significantly larger with 23 flights conducted. The next stop for the Tri-motor was Port Clinton, OH. Reports were that the turnout there was poor.

Our chapter participation in support of the operations was excellent. Many thanks to all who helped. Dick Foster handled media coverage, Hugh Eisen effected overall management, "Bud" Potts gave passenger

briefings and Ken Fryling regaled visitors with tales of the restoration history, to name a few.

A special thanks to the following organizations for their donated support:

Universal Forestry Products – Donated hangar space

Rapid Air Service – Donated operation facilities

Tony Betten Ford – Donated vehicle for crew transportation

There were many suggestions for next year's tours. One was to return the B-17 next year with the Tri-motor to return in 2010. Another suggestion was to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a B-25 tour.

**2. A Young Eagles rally** held at Greenville on June 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. EAA Chapter 145 combined with the Greenville Area Aviation Association to "man" the rally. EAA 145 provided Young Eagles materials, pilots Dick Foster and Dale Buttermore along with ground crewman Jim Zeman. GAAA provided 6 A/C and pilots, along with volunteers for the ground school, registration and A/C parking. A total of 98 Young Eagles were flown. Many thanks to GAAA and EAA 145 volunteers who made this rally such a success. (*Since its inception in 1992, the program has introduced 1.4 million Young Eagles nationally*)

August will be a big month for Young Eagles rallies with three currently scheduled. If you can volunteer any time either as a pilot or ground crew, contact Dick Foster for details and requirements.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. On Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sparta EAA Chapter was treated to a presentation on a Sopwith Camel restoration in progress. It was suggested by members of this chapter that we ask the builder to recreate that presentation for our chapter, which will be investigated.
2. Hugh Eisen passed around brochures on an Inner City Aviation Introduction program for at risk kids. The program is conducted by the West Michigan Flight Academy. There was some interest in knowing more about the program so Hugh will pursue setting up a presentation with Pat Johnson, the founder.
3. The remainder of the meeting was a "Show & Tell" discussion with each member relating something about his background and how he came to develop the passion for aviation. Each individual had different experiences in their association with aviation, but all had a common thread, a love of aviation that overcame many obstacles over the years. As editor, I was impressed with the rich variety of experiences and talents possessed by this chapter, a fact which many of you are aware. In the coming months, I will be attempting to capture these talents in a reference collection for the chapter.

## CHAPTER E-GRAM

In future newsletters, information of interest to chapter members will be posted here from EAA national and AOPA headquarters. If there are specific topics you would like to see, let me know and I will do my best to include them here. (editor)

1. A full time position is opening at EAA headquarters for a **Technical Aviation Specialist**. This is a paid position reporting to the Manager of Membership & Technical Services. Anyone

interested in applying should view the skill requirements listed on the EAA website at [www.eaa.org/careers/tech\\_aviation\\_spec.asp](http://www.eaa.org/careers/tech_aviation_spec.asp)

2. The list of Lycoming engines affected by the AD on fuel injected engines has been expanded to include more engines (17,740). The expanded AD is effective Aug 14<sup>th</sup>.

## QUIZ ME

In the future, this section will present questions which may be of interest to chapter members. I will endeavor to present challenging questions to test your knowledge of aviation, regulations and construction procedures. Any suggestions for questions from members are welcome. **The answers will be given at the next chapter meeting, so attend to find the answers.**

1. *Are you allowed to receive dual instruction in your homebuilt airplane during the test period?*

Future program ideas we are working on: (Do you have any more ideas?)

Rag & Tube aircraft construction  
National Weather Station visit  
Hovercraft Shop visit...Don Bender  
V tail Sonex...Evan Stroup  
Visit to Jackson, light sport aircraft?  
IA Refresher Course, how to inspect aircraft...Gleim's courses  
Private airstrips in Michigan...Repeat visit by Steve Zelle?

Newsletter questions, suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

## **Remaining 2008 Meeting Dates** (subj. to change)

9/13	10/11	11/15	12/13
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