

CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 10th AT 10:00 AM 2005

GRAND RAPIDS



CHAPTER 145

Program for this Saturday, 9/10

Hugh and Kel will team up to present up to date information on the Sport Pilot Certification. The two main areas of certification are the pilot requirements and the aircraft specifications. The pilot requirements to obtain a Sport Pilot Certificate will be explained, which includes some interesting snags, unless done properly. The aircraft specifications will also be detailed so you will know which types and size of A/C qualifies. Bring a pencil so you can take notes at this most interesting presentation for all those who want to keep flying.

Notes from August 13 meeting:

Chapter 145 met at Riverview airport. Hugh was out of town so Dick took charge of the meeting. A business meeting/coffee took place at 9:45. Items for the chapter were discussed. The chapter meeting started at 10:15, with the program at 10:30. There were 16 members and one guest.

Old Business: Chapter dues will be effective and collected in January of each year for all members, regardless of when you joined. The Chapter hanger has the back wall covering completed and the side walls are scheduled next. This is a Chapter project so any one wanting to help with the hanger upgrade, contact Bill Willyard (538-5456)...thanks.

New Business: Discussion took place about the day and time of future meetings. Summer day/time may be different from

winter time/day. Programs for future meetings were reviewed, suggestions from members were noted.

August Program Review

A DVD presentation of Mike Melvill and Spaceship One was shown. Mike came to GRCC last February and gave a talk and video presentation about Scale Composite Company and the development of Spaceship One. The video of the actual flight into space was great.

EAA Looks at Where We Are and What's Ahead

Thursday's (September 1, 2005) first anniversary of the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rule marks an inaugural year highlighted by amazing advances in infrastructure and aircraft, along with a clearer picture of the challenges that must still be met to fulfill the promise of these new categories of airplane and pilot certification.

Over more than a decade of direct involvement and leadership on the rule, EAA finds the one-year anniversary of what's commonly known as the "sport pilot rule" a point of celebration and renewed motivation to continue to build access for those who wish to participate.

"Some in the aviation community are amazed at how quickly airplanes and interest in sport pilot emerged after the rule became reality last September," said Earl Lawrence, EAA's vice president of industry and regulatory affairs, who also chairs the ASTM International committee that created the consensus standards for light-sport aircraft. "EAA's long involvement with the rule, however, told us that the interest would be very high for both potential sport pilots and the light-sport aircraft that they'll fly. We've seen many parts of the infrastructure take shape and new aircraft come to the marketplace."

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