



GRAND RAPIDS
CHAPTER 145

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The April meeting will be on Saturday, April 11, 2008 at the Riverview Airport Main Hangar.

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.

APRIL PROGRAM

The topic for the April program will be "Private Airports in Michigan" presented by Steve Zelle. Steve has made it his hobby to locate, get permission and list 100's of airports not listed on sectionals... a good idea if your engine goes silent! Steve will answer all of your questions after his presentation. His booklet will be available for purchase for \$25.00 should you want one. You won't want to miss this meeting!

MARCH MEETING REPORT

The March meeting was held at the meeting room of Riverview Airport hangar on March 14th. The meeting commenced with the unanimous voice vote approval of the February minutes and voice approval of the Treasurer's report as of March 1st, 2009. The \$320.00 increase was due to collection of annual dues and hangar donations.

Cash on Hand: \$202.15
Saving: \$4144.38
Checking: \$414.38
Total: \$4810.7

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual trip to the Kermit Weeks Hangar scheduled for April 17th - 19th was discussed. A copy of the itinerary was attached to this newsletter and posted on the Chapter website for member's review. If anyone is interested in

attending this trip, it is requested that they notify Dick Foster ASAP so that accommodations can be made for lodging and transportation. When contacting Dick, please indicate whether you can drive or will need a ride.

James Zeman has been working to secure hangar space for the Tri-motor. Amway Corp. has generously donated one of their hangars for this purpose. The tours & flight loading will be at Rapid Air's Hangar location. The EAA National HQ will be publishing a 30 second public service announcement, to be shown at the April meeting, which can be used for TV and movie theatres. More discussion on the planning details at the April meeting, (volunteer schedules, operation hours, security, crew transportation, etc.) to name a few. It was also noted that there is a possibility of having the B-17 back next year. More on this subject as it develops.

NEW BUSINESS:

In Memoriam:

Chapter 145 wishes to express its sincere condolence to Ron Christ on the passing of his mother. Our hearts and thoughts go out to you and your family.

Mags for Sale

Slick mags are available for sale at \$85.00 apiece. Anyone interested in purchasing these mags should contact Russell Duffin for details and ordering information.

E-Mail Change

Kel DeFries wishes to inform everyone that his new email address is: sonerai@comcast.net

Young Eagles Update

This year's calendar of Young Eagles flights is beginning to develop. One is scheduled for May 2nd at Kalamazoo, May 30th in Greenville and another one June 27th in Allegan. There is also the possibility of a rally in September at the Lowell Airport. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer pilot or ground support crew is asked to contact Dick Foster at the phone number listed at the end of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

If you have not already done so, please complete a new membership form and return it as soon as possible to Bob Swietek during the monthly meetings or email/mail to me at airdale69@aol.com or 6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

There will be blank forms at the April meeting for your convenience. It takes everyone in the chapter to make meetings a success, so put your two cents into the pot.

QUIZ ME

Q1: How does the Hobbs meter differ from a tach-based hour meter and which is preferable?

Q2: Where can the torque requirements be found for tightening an AN-818 coupling when connecting a flare connection?

A: Attend the March meeting

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

May: Sail planes: Irv Jousma

June: Backpack Flyer: Terry Luke

July: RC Fly-in: Ron Fritz

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2009 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

5/9 6/13 7/11 8/9 9/12 10/10
11/14 12/12

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