



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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January's meeting will be on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Riverview Airport meeting room.

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.

ANNUAL DUES

The time for annual dues (due January 1st) is now at hand. If you have not already done so, please submit your 2010 dues (still \$25.00) to Bob Swietek or bring them to the meeting. As in the past, members who are not current as of March 1, 2010 will be removed from the newsletter mailing list and placed in the inactive list until made current again.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

The election of officers for the 2010 calendar year will be held at the January meeting. **The position of President is still open for election.** Anyone wishing to participate contact Dick Foster ASAP. *The chapter only works if members are ready to participate and commit to its success.*

JANUARY PROGRAM

"HOW TO BUILD A WOODEN AIRPLANE (and survive your mistakes)" by Russell Duffin. Russell has been working on the construction of an RW-11 for a number of years. The "Rag-Wing" plans gave him most of the dimensions, but he had to get the materials, fabricate the parts and assemble the pieces. It's been an interesting process of trial and error, & error & error. Russell will share his pictures with us and describe what it takes to build a wooden aircraft.

DECEMBER MEETING REPORT

BUSINESS MEETING

There was no business meeting as everyone was too interested in eating, catching up on events with friends and acquaintances and eating some more. The end of year treasurer's report (December 31, 2009) is attached below:

Cash: \$201.16 Checking: \$777.80
Savings: \$3554.96 Total: \$4533.92

During December incomes were from dues (\$225) and hangar donations (\$160). Expenses were for annual hangar rent (\$2312.40).

YOUNG EAGLES

No Activity.

NEW !! New to the "first time" orientation flight arena is the ability to fly adults (over 17 years old to ...). The guidelines (updated release forms and pilot guidance) are available online on the EAA website at www.eaa.org/chapters/resources.

GUEST PRESENTATION



Again another fine Brunch was provided by Linda and crew from Riverview Airport. A big "**Thank You**" to the whole crew. Also a big "**Thank You**" to everyone who added to the repast by bringing a dish to pass. As you can see from the

attached



photos everyone had a good time. A complete set will be available at the next meeting on Jan 9th.

NEW !! EAA TRAIL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

This is a program offered through the National Office. This new program empowers chapters to give a complimentary six month EAA membership to new chapter members. It includes all benefits of EAA membership (Including EAA Sport Aviation magazine) free of charge for six months. Specific details can be found online at www.eaa.org/chaptertrial.

FOR SALE CORNER

Nothing to list

QUIZ ME (Answers at the next meeting)

Q1: *Spark plug gaskets can be annealed to soften used gaskets. Quenching the annealed gaskets should be done in sand, oil, water or a combination of any two methods?*

Q2: *What documents are required onboard an amateur-built aircraft? (hint: just be a straight ARROW)*

Future tentative programs for 2010: Jan: How to build a wooden airplane – Russell Duffin
Feb: Adastik Aero Sled – Alex Adastik

(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the January meeting.)

Some possibilities are:

- “How to” topics on aircraft building.
- “I have this friend who...”
- “This is a new product ... This is how it works”

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2009 and 2010 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

1/9	2/13	3/13	4/10
5/8	6/12	7/10	8/14
9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11

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