



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

March's meeting will be on Saturday, March 13, 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

Several members have still not paid your dues and have received final notices attached to your email or included in your hardcopy newsletter. If you have not already done so, please submit your 2010 dues (still \$25.00) to Bob Swietek or bring them to the meeting.

MARCH PROGRAM

The March presentation will be "The 1995 Trip to Weeks Hangar". A video review of the trip to the Weeks Restoration Hangar in Oshkosh. In 1990 the Chapter made it's first trip to Weeks with enjoyable results. For the past 20 years, EAA145 members and friends have been traveling to Weeks to help out. The wide variety of "projects" we have worked on will be shown in the photos and video during the March meeting. Past "Weekers" are encouraged to bring their photos to the meeting to share. On April 16, 2010, EAA Chapter 145 will once again travel to "Mecca" and work on a project(s) at the Weeks Hangar. Come join us. [See the attached itinerary for details.](#)

Treasurer's report MARCH (Feb 28, 2010):

Cash: \$120.46 Checking: \$498.80

Savings: \$3972.44 Total: \$4591.70

During February incomes were from dues (\$150). Expenses were annual Website renewal (\$60) and replenishment of coffee stores (\$12.84).

FEBUARY MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 10:28am with 14 members attending. The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Members were treated to a short video presentation made for the Grand Rapids Art Fair. Titled "**The Captain and the Mechanic**", it shows the dreams of a young boy who wants to fly but has a fear of heights. His boss the Captain tries to make him overcome his fears. After his father is killed testing an aircraft, we jump ahead a few years. The lad, now grown is the airfield mechanic but still wants to fly. Circumstances cause the mechanic to hide in the same old biplane where he ultimately overcomes his fears and flies the plane. The aircraft used was a SE-5 replica belonging to our own Chuck Garrett with the movie being shot at the Wayland, MI airport by Phil Miller & crew. Total running time was 18 minutes. The film was enjoyed by one and all (popcorn was extra).

BUSINESS MEETING

- Changes were made to the Chapter's by-laws to reflect the realities of Officer Representation during board meetings. By-laws were approved by unanimous voice vote of the members present.
- Information on the expiration of paper airmen's certificates was presented. Renewals can be made online for \$2.00 per certificate at www.faa.gov. Expiration of the paper certificates is **March 31, 2010.**
- A note from Helen Adastik was read on her husband's (Alex) recovery progress

after his recent stroke. “He has made some progress but not much – so this is very hard. He has lost some weight but is eating soft foods now.” All members join the

Officers of EAA145 in wishing Alex a speedy and full recovery.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

As you may be aware, **Rep. Vern Ehlers** is retiring from public office at the end of his term. Rep Ehlers is also a member of EAA145. If you have read the local newspapers, you are also aware of the testimonials offered on the representation given by Rep. Ehlers over many years. To the growing list of “Atta-boys” and thanks, a thanks from Bill Willyard:

“On Sept 2009 I purchased a 1947 Aeronca Chief knowing that the title search indicated a lien executed on 8/26/80. A “Google” of the internet indicated that the aircraft has had two owners since execution of the lien and that the bank originally issuing the lien has since merged twice. The lien owner has since passed away. I figured there was little risk of the lien not being paid off.

After purchase I found the original AC Form 8050-41 and submitted this form, certified as true, by the local branch of Bank of America (the current merged name of the originating bank). The FAA replied that I needed to provide a certified copy or photo static copy of the document approving the merger of the originating bank. (Can you see where this is going?) After many days of “googling”, I decided this was becoming a lost cause and subsequently forwarded copies of the documentation along with a letter of explanation to Congressman Vern Ehlers requesting help in locating the documents required by the FAA. Congressman Ehlers made the necessary contacts to resolve the matter without further involvement by myself. I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to Mr. Ehlers and his staff for their efforts in resolving this matter.

William Willyard”

On behalf of the Officers and members of EAA145, best wishes to Vern and his wife Joanna in whatever future endeavors may come their way.

YOUNG EAGLES

The new year of Young Eagles is beginning. The first rally is scheduled for May 22nd at Greenville. Pilots and ground crew wishing to participate should contact Dick Foster for details. As a result of the efforts of Dick Foster, volunteer ground crews and the many other pilots who fly the YE rallies, many young men and women ultimately gain their ratings. A case in point is Tyler Whitney of Fenwick, MI. Shown here



Tyler used the Sporty’s certificate given at a past rally to complete his ground school and written test. Tyler’s next goal is to pass his flight test. You never know how you may influence the next Young Eagle.



Could this young man be the one you influence?

TECH CORNER

Bill Willyard passed along an email from Rotax announcing an extension of time between overhauls (TBO) for their Rotax Engine Type 912 (Series). This series now carries a TBO of 2000 Hrs or 15 years for new engines. Older engines may also increase their TBO by following service bulletins SB-912-004Rev 2, SB-912-004-UL Rev 2, SB-912-005 Rev 3, SB-912-005-UL Rev 3, SB-912-014 Rev2, SB-912-041/SB-914-027 Rev1 or SB-912-041-UL/SB-914-027-UL Rev1

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)

Q3: When flying IRF, for which types of navigational aides can I substitute my IFR-certified GPS?

Future tentative programs for 2010:

April: SMAT Update & Facility Tour

TBD: Movie Morning @ Celebration Cinema TBD:

Military Flight Training – Then & Now

(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the February 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 2010 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

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

The 2010 officers for EAA145:

- President, Position Open
- Vice President Dick Foster
(538-8849 rfoster@grcc.edu)
- Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Swietek
(676-2951 airdale69@aol.com)
- Newsletter Editor, Bob Swietek
(676-2951 airdale69@aol.com)
- Website Editor, Ken Baas
(260-0227 kbaas@celebrationcinema.com)