



## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

**August's meeting will be on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Riverview Airport Hangar 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.

### **AUGUST PROGRAM**

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING SO PLEASE PLAN ON BEING THERE.**

The August meeting will be in two parts which are both related. The first part, "Frugal Flying", is a video about how to build an aircraft for \$6200.00 This is an interview with Tim Buttles where he explains how he built a two place experimental aircraft with a minimum of cash.

The second part will be a round table discussion about WMFA and Chapter 145 volunteers. For those who attended the meeting in July, you will recall the interest, knowledge and passion shown by many of the students who participated. These young people are "hungry" to learn about aviation. Our discussion will be to determine how best this Chapter can help these young folks to realize their dream.

Some topics for discussion might be:

1. What type of aircraft construction should we attempt?
2. Should we refurbish an existing aircraft (e.g. Aeronca 7AC)?
3. How extensive should our involvement become?
4. Should participation be limited to construction/renovation only or should we also include theory classes?

5. How often is practical to meet and accomplish our goals?
6. What resources (in time and equipment) would this undertaking require?

### **JULY MEETING REPORT BUSINESS MEETING**

The July meeting was held in the Riverview Airport hangar meeting room on July 11<sup>th</sup> with 19 members and guests attending. Two new members joined the chapter. The meeting began with a voice vote approval of the June meeting minutes followed by the Treasurer's report and voice vote approval. Total funds as of July 1<sup>st</sup> were \$4831.56 broken down as follows:

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|---------------|-----------|
| Cash on Hand: | \$202.15  |
| Savings:      | \$4119.57 |
| Checking:     | \$509.84  |

There was much discussion concerning the recent Tri-motor visit and ways to improve the experience for the next visit.

### **GUEST PRESENTATION**



The guest presentation was by Patrick Johnson, Founder and CEO of the West Michigan

Flight Academy (WMFA). Patrick gave a slide presentation of the academy's mission, what he hopes to accomplish in the future and a request of Chapter 145 to provide the expertise and resources to tackle a hands on project of building a plane with WMFA student help. Reception of the proposal was generally good

with the promise of discussion and decision in the near future.



The meeting concluded with a barbeque for those members participating in a tour of the airport

facilities with Young Eagles flights and static displays of the Chapter member's projects.

## YOUNG EAGLES

V. P. Dick Foster discussed the young eagles' funds available to our chapter. Since we did not have any candidates for this year's Air Academy, a portion of those funds were donated to Chapter 221 which allowed some young eagles to attend the EAA Air Academy. As a result of our generosity, the following correspondence was received from EAA headquarters and the Air Academy Director.

*“On behalf of the EAA Air Academy we would like to say thank you for helping young people attend the EAA Air Academy 2009 camps. Your involvement in the Young Eagles program has been a blessing to many young people. The students have been able to attend the camps because of the generosity of your chapter.”*

Also included was a letter from a participant of the camp ( Steve Kaiser) thanking us for the opportunity to attend the camp. He goes on to describe some of his experiences while at camp,

*“The lodge is beautiful and the guys here are pretty nice. The airplane ride was amazing, and when I got back on the ground, I was very dizzy.”*

On Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the West Michigan Flight Academy and three Chapter 145 volunteers participated in 15 Young Eagle flights. Bruce Whitman (STLOP A-300) flew 3 YE's, Dwain Schiller (C-150) flew 3 YE's, and Dick Foster flew 9 YE's.

On Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Dick Foster flew 4 YE's in two flights. The next scheduled YE rally's will both be on August 15, one in Sparta

(EAA704) and one at Park Township (EAA 1242). Dick will be flying the Park Township location. Anyone interested in helping out at either location, contact Dick Foster.

## CHAPTER POSITION AVAILABLE

Due to job conflicts for the next several months, the position of chapter website editor is currently available for any interested party. The position involves monthly updates to the website with the current newsletter and photos of special events (e.g. Weeks Visit, Tri-motor tour, etc). There is minimal effort required and training, ongoing support will be provided. Contact James Zeman if interested and willing to help.

## QUIZ ME

**Q1: According to AC 43-13, how many different methods are acceptable to repair Plywood skins?**

**Q2: Of the different acceptable methods for repairing plywood skins, which method is most preferable to repair plywood skins?**

Future tentative programs for 2009 we are working on: **(Do you have any more ideas?)**  
RC Fly-in: Ron Fritz

*Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.*

## Remaining 2009 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

9/12    10/10    11/14    12/12

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