



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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February's meeting will be on Saturday, February 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

The time for annual dues (due January 1st) is now here. 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.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The February program, originally scheduled "Adastik Aero Sled", has been cancelled due to Alex's unfortunate stroke. He will be undergoing speech & physical therapy and EAA Chapter 145 wishes to extend to Alex our hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

In his place we will be:

1. Discussing and voting on some small changes to the By-Laws. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the by-laws with the **proposed changes in red**.
2. Provide updates on SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology)
3. Show a film on the manufacture of the Australian Mosquito
4. (As time permits) View a film "Captain and the Mechanic" produced by Phil Miller for the GR Art Fair and shot at the Wayland Airport (featuring Chuck Garrett's SE-5 replica).

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Treasurer's report (January 31, 2009) is attached below:

Cash: \$168.30 Checking: \$398.80

Savings: \$3947.44 Total: \$4514.54

During January, incomes were from dues (\$200) and hangar donations (\$80). Expenses were for annual EAA National registration & insurance (\$379.00).

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Russ Duffin presented an update on the construction of his **RW-11 "Ragwing"**. Russ has been creating his masterpiece for several years, working out of his garage as weather permits. Several excellent photos accompanied his presentation showing the problems, goofs and successes realized so far. Asked why he chose wood over more advanced materials such as aluminum or composites, Russ replied, "I like the look and feel of wood". What better way to eliminate the pressures of everyday life?

YOUNG EAGLES

No Activity.

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
FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

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.

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 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 2009 and 2010 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

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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