



## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

**There will be no June meeting. This month's meeting will be in support of the Ford Tri-motor visit at RapidAir**

**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.

### JUNE PROGRAM

The Tri-motor visit preparations are going well. The tri-motor will be staged at RapidAir for its Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> visit. Flight operations begin at 9am. Morning shift volunteers should be at RapidAir no later than 8am to allow for any security requirements. All other volunteers should be there no later than 12 noon.

**Volunteers are still needed. Even if you can help out for only one 5 hour shift, please contact James Zeman as soon as possible.**

Shifts will be 11:30am – 6pm, Thursday; 8am - 1pm & 1pm – 6pm Friday through Sunday.

### MAY MEETING REPORT

The May meeting was held at the Riverview Airport hanger meeting room May 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting began with a unanimous voice vote approval of the April meeting minutes followed by a treasurer's report. Total funds as of May 1<sup>st</sup> were \$5012.54 broken down as follows:

Cash on Hand: \$202.15  
Saving: \$4396.01  
Checking: \$413.38

### BUSINESS MEETING

Most of the business meeting centered on the upcoming Ford Tri-motor visit scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>. A request for volunteers was made to man the various

positions needed. Interested parties should contact James Zeman as soon as possible.

James Zeman has secured hangar space for the Tri-motor. Amway Corp. has generously donated one of their hangars for this purpose. The Tri-motor will arrive on June 8<sup>th</sup> with media flights on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The tours & flight loading will be at Rapid Air's Hangar location on Jun 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers to help with all aspects of the tour are needed. The advertising at the Festival of the Arts program on the weekend before the Tri-motor tour will be provided.

### YOUNG EAGLES

A rally was conducted at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on May 2. Operations went from 8am to 3pm with a total of 133 young eagles flown. Something new for this year was that in cooperation with Sporty's Air, each new young eagle received a beginner's flight log book with an access code to their online ground school program. This is a free offer and is worth several hundred dollars if purchased retail. The next rally will be at Greenville Airport on May 30<sup>th</sup>. As part of the young eagles program is the accumulation of cash credits for the chapter to sponsor the participation of selected young eagles in the EAA air academy. To date, the chapter has accrued \$1615.00 in credits

Congratulations to Dick Foster in being recognized by the National organization of EAA for his participation and volunteer work in providing introductions to the world of flying for over 1000 young eagles.



## GUEST PRESENTATION

The guest presentation was by Terry Lutke on his Cheaptrikeflyer shown on the left. In addition to a very informative presentation, everyone had the opportunity for some hands-on contact with the trike. Due to weather conditions on the morning of the presentation, Terry was not able to demonstrate the flight characteristics but was able to provide a static run up for all interested parties. At less than \$8000, a very inexpensive option for some local fun. The price of the unit includes instruction time.

## 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.

## FOR SALE CORNER

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. (3/09)

2001 FOR SALE. Buccaneer amphibian for sale. Contact Len Galloway for details. Serious inquiries only, please. (3/09)

*New!* FOR SALE. Air speed indicator by Falcon Gage. Model ASI 160-3, 0-160 knot, 3 1/8" diameter. Call Russell Duffin at 616-365-1796 (5/09)

## QUIZ ME

There are no quiz questions this month due to no business meeting in June

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

July: RC Fly-in: Ron Fritz

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

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

7/11 8/9 9/12 10/10 11/14 12/12

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