

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: Friday March 14, 2008 at 7:00pm



GRAND RAPIDS

CHAPTER 145

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

The March meeting will be on Friday, March 14, 2008 Gerald R. Ford Airport.

MARCH PROGRAM

Gerald R. Ford Tower Operations Tower manager, Steve Dooley will be our host. He will give an overview of tower operations in the Grand Rapids area. We will also visit the radar room, the tower and have a chance to ask questions. (Note: Steve signed up for an evening shift just so he could guide this tour. Our many thanks to Steve.) *Directions to the airport and parking location are attached at the end of this newsletter.*

DIRECTIONS

Don't be concerned about the construction at the airport, as it makes our visit easier. The short term parking is right at the north end of the terminal! Here are the directions:

- Go to 44th & Patterson SE and take the road into the airport.
 - Follow the **Red** "Short Term Parking" signs past the passenger drop-off point, to the "Short Term Parking" lot. (Handicap parking is available)
 - Take a ticket (It will cost about \$3 when you leave).
 - Enter the terminal and walk the length of the building to baggage claim area 1
 - Turn left and walk up the hallway towards concourse A.
 - Meet in front of Starbucks Coffee @ 7pm.
- Any questions call Dick Foster at 538-8849. If you need help on Friday Dick's cell number is 350-4715

EDITOR'S NOTE: EAA145 dues (\$25) were due in January for the 2008 year. This will be the last newsletter for anyone not paid. To continue receiving this newsletter, contact Bill Willyard immediately.

- Let Bob S. know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail.
- Check the chapter web page for information or send Bill W. items to put on the web.

February Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Minutes of January's meeting were read & approved by voice vote.

- SECRETARY'S REPORT: We ended February with a total of \$4930.67. (\$921.40 (checking), \$3807.12 (saving) and \$202.15 in cash.)
- OLD BUSINESS: An agenda for the annual trip to the Kermit Weeks Hangar is forthcoming. It will be available with next month's newsletter. (*See attached information*)
- NEW BUSINESS: 1. Articles about Dave McPerron (flying a Cub replica as a right hand amputee) and the controversy over building the EAA Museum were made available (if copies are desired, see Bob Swietek)
- 2. The possibility of sponsoring the EAA trimotor for a visit was discussed. Membership comment and/or questions were solicited.
- 3. Wayne Fredline's sale of his Starduster One project for \$4800.00 was discussed. If anyone is interested, contact Bob Swietek for details.
- 4. The upcoming visit to the Grand Rapids tower was discussed. The visit will be the March meeting. Time and directions will be in

the March newsletter. (*See attached directions*)
5. The possibility of EAA145 sponsoring a Greenville Young Eagles flight in May was mentioned. Dick Foster will provide details at the March meeting.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Dick Foster presented what courses and information are available to interested persons on the AOPA website. Large selections of interactive courses were previewed. Those interested can log onto "asf.org" and utilize this source of information. Membership in AOPA is not required.

POSSIBLE MEETING DAY CHANGE

A few members have asked that EAA145 meet on a different day. The choices are:

1. Friday PM,
2. Saturday AM
3. Saturday PM

Please indicate your preference to Dick Foster by email or phone as soon as possible.

Future program ideas we are working on: (Do you have any more ideas?)

- Rag & Tube aircraft construction
- National Weather Station visit
- Hovercraft Shop visit...Don Bender
- V tail Sonex...Evan Stroup
- Are Quick-Build kits worth it?...topic for discussion
- Visit to Jackson, light sport aircraft?

IA Refresher Course, how to inspect aircraft...Gleim's courses
Private airstrips in Michigan...Repeat visit by Steve Zelle?

Newsletter questions, suggestions or comments? Contact Bob Swietek

2008 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

1/11	2/08	3/14	4/11	5/09	6/13
7/11	8/08	9/12	10/10	11/14	12/12

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TO: All Members / Interested Aviation People

FROM: Dick Foster (616-538-8849) (rfoster@grcc.edu)

SUBJECT: Trip to Kermit Weeks Hanger, Oshkosh WI.

We will be making our annual trip to the Weeks Hanger on the weekend of April 18 to 20, 2008. The trip is designed to be a relaxing weekend with the getting together of people who like airplane "stuff". Share the satisfaction of helping restore and maintain the flying aircraft of the EAA collection. Antiques, Classics and Warbirds are kept flying with the support of EAA's volunteer hangar crew.

The cost is shared by the chapter and each individual will pay for 4 meals. Transportation will be by sharing van space or you can fly. Housing will be provided by EAA at the Binder house, near south maintenance. You should bring a toilet kit, change of cloths and a sleeping bag. You could also bring articles, videos, photos, or anything to help with the hanger flying.

Here is a sample agenda for you to look over:

Friday, 4/18

- Leave Grand Rapids, about 1:00 pm
- Supper on the road
- Arrive Oshkosh about 8:00 pm
- Stay overnight at the EAA Binder house

Saturday, 4/19

- Breakfast in Oshkosh on way to Weeks
- Get to the Hanger by 8:00 am
- Work on aircraft, lunch provided at the Hanger
- End work on projects about 5:00
- Supper near by in Oshkosh
- Sleep at Binder house after extensive "hanger flying"

Sunday, 4/20

- Breakfast in Oshkosh
- Tour EAA Museum, 10 to 12?
- Leave Oshkosh about noon, Dinner on the way back
- Arrive in Grand Rapids about 6:00 pm

This is a great way to introduce someone to grass roots aviation, invite a friend to go. Sign up with me if you want to ride or drive. Contact me if you have any questions.

Let's keep them flying.

Dick