



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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The March meeting will be on Saturday, May 9, 2008 at the Riverview Airport Main Hangar.

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.

MAY PROGRAM

The topic for the May program will be a "Cheap-Trike-Flyer" presented by Terry Lutke. Terry has designed an inexpensive way to fly, just the thing for those who may want to bore holes locally on a summer evening. He builds a single seat tricycle powered paraglider in his Dorr workshop. The flyer uses a 4-stroke engine and burns 1 gph. The Cheaptrikeflyer has a gross weight of 420 lbs and reaches a speed of 35 mph. Terry will fill you in with the details, answer your questions and give a demonstration, weather permitting. Also, checkout his website at [ww.cheaptrikeflyer.com](http://www.cheaptrikeflyer.com)

APRIL MEETING REPORT

The April meeting was held at the meeting room of Riverview Airport hangar on April 11th. The meeting commenced with the unanimous voice vote approval of the March minutes and voice approval of the Treasurer's report as of April 1st, 2009. The \$199.33 increase was due to collection of annual dues and a hangar donation.

Cash on Hand: \$202.15
Saving: \$4393.17
Checking: \$414.38
Total: \$5010.03

BUSINESS MEETING

The annual Kermit Weeks Hangar Trip scheduled for April 17th – 19th was discussed. A copy of the itinerary was attached to the April newsletter and posted on the Chapter

website for member's review. Departure was at 12:30. 10 people attended and, as usual, had a great time. The group worked on the Ford Tri-motor, a B-17 engine and a Bleriot replica. Details & photos will be presented at the May meeting. **Note: Anyone who attended and took any pics is asked to give Bob Swietek a copy of their photos for compilation.** Any CDs or memory cards will be returned.



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 8th with media flights on June 11th. The tours & flight loading will be at Rapid Air's Hangar location on Jun 12th, 13th and 14th. Volunteers to help with all aspects of the tour are needed. If you can spare the time, please sign up with James Zeman. The EAA National HQ will be publishing a 30 second public service announcement which can be used for TV and movie theatres. The spot was not available to be shown at the April meeting, but will be shown as it becomes available. The possibility of advertising at the Festival of the Arts program on the weekend before the Tri-motor tour is being investigated. More discussion on the planning details at the May meeting, (volunteer schedules, operation hours, security, crew transportation, etc.) to name a few.

Linda, the Riverview Airport Manager, requested help in identifying the individual who forgot to enter his name when refueling at the March meeting. A copy of the attendance list will

be provided to help identify the party. (*Note: the individual was identified in April and was not a chapter member. A thanks from Linda for the chapter's help*)

YOUNG EAGLES

This year's calendar of Young Eagles flights is beginning to develop. One is scheduled for May 2nd at Kalamazoo, May 30th in Greenville and another one June 27th in Allegan. There is also the possibility of a rally in September at the Lowell Airport. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer pilot or ground support crew is asked to contact Dick Foster at the phone number listed at the end of this newsletter.

GUEST PRESENTATION

The guest presentation was by Steve Zelle on the topic of privately owned airports in the State of Michigan. The presentation was very informative showing the great number of emergency strips available in the area and state. Many favorable comments were made on the content and presenter including the innovative use of the TopoUSA 5.0 software by DeLorme. Steve offers a collection of all airports in Michigan for \$25.00. This is a very handy reference to have for short cross country planning. Steve can be reached at 248-960-7758, 248-408-0943 (cell) or his email at zelconsult@gmail.com.

COURSES AVAILABLE

The E-LSA Repairman/Inspection Certification course will be held May 15th – 17th at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh, WI Cost is \$299.00 for members and includes all materials. Contact EAA at 800-967-5746

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.

New! 2001 Buccaneer Amphibian for sale. Contact Len Galloway for details. Serious inquiries only, please.

New! WANTED. Piper Cub rudder. Call Russell Duffin at 616-365-1796 with offers.

AIRVENTURE UPDATE

- Airbus A380 is coming to EAA AirVenture 2009. The A380 will arrive and perform a demonstration flight to kickoff the air show on July 28th. After commanding the stage at the AeroShell Square, AirVenture's main aircraft showcase area, it will open the air show again on July 31st with a demo flight prior to its departure.

- Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and 1st Officer Jeff Skiles, of US Airways Flight 1549 fame, will be featured speakers at the Theater in the Woods evening program on July 31st.

QUIZ ME

Q1: A student rents an aircraft from a friend (he pays for gas and expenses) then hires a CFI to give him instruction. Does the A/C require a 100-hour inspection?

Q2: Is the Magnaflux process used to identify subsurface flaws in ferrous metals a wet or dry process?

A: Attend the May meeting

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

June: Backpack Flyer: Terry Luke

July: RC Fly-in: Ron Fritz

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2009 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

6/13 7/11 8/9 9/12 10/10 11/14 12/12

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