



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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May's meeting will be on Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Meeting Hangar at Riverview Airport.

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 May presentation will be an update on the Dayton Air Museum trip in September for those interested. Walt Claussen (Chapter 211) will be here to give an update and collect deposits to reserve your space(s). As of this date the bus fare will be \$46.00 per person with the motel costing \$47.00 plus tax (per person-double occupancy).

Also, there will be a short film on AirVenture 2009 for those interested in this year's AirVenture and wondering about what to expect.

Treasurer's report for May (April 30, 2010):

Cash: \$120.46	Checking: \$398.80
Savings: \$4144.87	Total: \$4664.13

No activity this period

APRIL MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 10:28am with 8 members and 1 guest attending. The meeting adjourned at 1:07pm

FEATURED PRESENTATION



Dwayne

The featured presentation was given by Dwayne Lindsley (Programs



Davey

Director for SMAT) and Davey Fore (Chief Pilot for SMAT). Dwayne talked about the history of SMAT, its objectives and the programs in place



to certify both pilots and A & P's. Noteworthy is the fact that SMAT can certify an A & P in one year through their curriculum.

Those present were then treated to a tour of their current hangar facilities and presentations from some of their current students. After the tour we were presented videos on the flight training side of AMAT. SMAT trains pilots specifically for rough terrain flying. Locations serviced by their graduates, what we would call deer camp "two tracks", are highways. As evident from the videos



shown, their type of flying involves landings on strips as small as 1300 feet with the added pleasure of being on a mountain plateau with 1500 foot drop-offs immediately before and after the thresholds.

BUSINESS MEETING

Dick Foster updated everyone on the upcoming annual Week's Restoration Center trip on April 18th. (**Anyone who attended this year's visit, please see Bob Swietek with any photos you may want to share.**)

Dick also informed all present on the future presentations planned for this year. For a complete list, see the "Future Programs" section below.

YOUNG EAGLES

The first rally is scheduled for May 1st at Kalamazoo. Following rallies will be May 22nd at

Greenville (sponsored by EAA Chapter145) and June 26th at Allegan. Pilots and ground crew wishing to participate should contact Dick Foster for details. As a result of the efforts of Dick Foster, volunteer ground crews and the many other pilots who fly the YE rallies, many young men and women ultimately gain their ratings. New additions to the YE program include possible scholarships to the EAA Air Academy and full scholarships which could pay for the Young Eagle's total Flight training. More to follow on these events in the near future.

May15th (Saturday) is **International Learn to Fly Day** where "grownups" of all ages can see what the joy of flying is all about. The West Michigan Flight Academy (WMFA) is planning a series of events and is asking for our participation in the form of displays and flights. Dick will have more on this event at the meeting.

TECH CORNER

- An update on the first flight of **Mike DuBois**: All went well with the flight although there was some cylinder head temperature issues requiring tweaking of the baffles.
- Mike's RC-7 is moving out and Jack's RV-7 is moving into the Chapter Hangar. **There is still space for another project. Anyone interested?**

QUIZ ME (Answers at the next meeting)

Q1 (April): Which aviation visionary alive today who, to celebrate his 89th birthday in April, qualified to fly a B-17 aircraft?

Answer: Paul Poberezny. Why? Because he could.

Q1 (May) What is this aircraft?



Future tentative programs for 2010:

Jun: Morning at the Movies @ Celebration Cinema

Jul: Carol Ann Garrett – Flying the Mooney around the world

Aug: Diabetes & the Pilot & flying as a Sport Pilot if your medical has been refused.

Sep: AirVenture Wrap-up, What's up for EAA145 next year

Oct: Bonfire Picnic at Riverview
 Nov: Officer Elections / Recruiting Efforts
 Dec: Riverview Christmas Brunch
 Jan 2011: (TBD) P51 reunion

It's our Chapter. Its only as good as each one of us want to make it.

(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the next 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"

Remaining 2010 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

5/8	6/12	7/10	8/14
9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11

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