



GRAND RAPIDS

CHAPTER 145

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EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: Friday September 14 at 6:30pm

The meeting will be at Len Galloway's house, about 2 miles south of Caledonia, near 108th & Duncan Lake Rd, SE. Members are asked to bring a chair. Dick will provide a special DESERT treat for everyone. This month's meeting will be a visit to see Len's new project. He has acquired a Buccaneer amphibious ultralight. You are all invited to view this remarkable aircraft and hear the whole story of how this "Buc" came to Michigan.

Directions: Take M 37 past Caledonia to 108th st. Go west on 108th past Duncan lake road then take the drive (south) just before the boat launch road. Large pine trees are at that drive. OR take Kalamazoo Av. to 108th turn east on 108th st. go 4.6 miles on 108th to just past Duncan lake boat launch road and turn south by the pine trees to Len's house.

Dick Foster called June's meeting to order at 7:10, Hugh Eisen was out of town. Seven members attended.

No treasures report was given, Chuck was out of town.

Dick reported that the B-17 visit was well received by those who visited the warbird. The volunteers that helped out with the B-17 were great and EAA145 wants to say "Thanks" for a job well done. The amount of money made by the chapter will not be known until about 8 weeks after the event, so the information should be available for next month's meeting.

Progress reports: None reported.

Young Eagle News: Bob Swietek worked ground control (many thanks) and Dick flew Young Eagles and at Park Township on Saturday Aug. 18 (46YE),

and Kalamazoo Air Zoo on Aug. 25 (36 YE). The next YE rally will be at Three Rivers on September 8, any one interested in helping contact Dick Foster. More information at this meeting.

Last month's program was an excellent presentation on PRIVATE airstrips in Michigan by Steve Zelle. Steve comes from EAA133 in Canton MI. He has researched and located over 500 private airstrips in Michigan. He told an interesting story of how he started looking for private airstrips in Michigan just for the fun of it. Steve soon realized that recorded information about private airstrips by the state was of a limited nature. He started contacting the owners of private strips to record basic

information about each strip: name, phone, runway info, ID, etc. He found most owners very helpful and willing to share details, only 19 out of 540 said no! Steve publishes a comprehensive list of "Privately-Owned Landing Strips in Michigan" (\$22). If you would like a copy contact Steve Zelle, 248-960-7758, zelconsult@ameritech.net.

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

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?

Questions, comments? Contact Dick Foster (616-538-8849) rfoster@grcc.edu