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TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2015

Planning and setting of dates are typically done by your board of directors at the beginning of the year and sometimes change. Unless noted, meetings are held at the chapter hangar at Rostraver Airport. Hangar is C1

EAA Officers and Board Meeting
April 9th 7:30 PM Chapter Hangar
All Welcome to attend our business meeting.

April General meeting, April 17th
at the chapter hangar. See inside for details This may involve a field trip visit to the local helicopter repair facility so be sure to be early to the meeting.

May 8th Board of Directors meeting

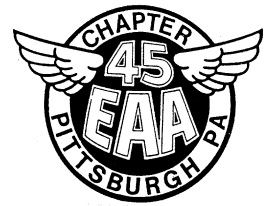
May 15th General Meeting
Workshop nights at the hangar
planned...

Monday night workshop / build nights
are now every Monday evening at the
chapter hangar, 7:00pm

NOTICE !! THE APRIL BOARD MEETING has been rescheduled because of conflicts with some officers. The Board of Directors meeting will be on Thursday, April 9th and as always, all chapter members are welcome to attend this

Cockpit Clutter

EAA Chapter 45 web site <http://45.eaachapter.org>



Chapter 45 Newsletter

Experimental Aircraft Association

April 2015

Year 2015 Membership Renewal Drive

Dues for all members ... \$ 25.00 cash or check ... make checks payable to EAA Chapter 45.

PLEASE MAIL THIS RENEWAL OR DROP IT INTO THE MEMBERSHIP DUES BOX AT THE HANGAR.
PLEASE DO NOT HAND IT IN TO ANY OTHER MEMBER OR BOARD MEMBER.

New members joining after January should pay a pro-rated amount equal to \$ 2.00 per month of the remaining year. Current members or those who haven't paid in a while still owe \$25.00 no matter when you join.

Fill out, clip & mail this slip with dues payment to:

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EAA Membership Dept.
2 Airport Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Name _____ Date _____

Everyone needs to fill out their address so that we may correct errors. The post office makes us PAY double postage for correcting addresses,

Street address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Wk phone _____

*Pilot Y ___ N ___ Spouse name _____

e-mail address _____
(PRINT CLEARLY - chickenscratch will not go through)

*National EAA # _____ * Please note: you do not need to be a pilot to be a member in good standing with our chapter, however **you MUST be a member of the EAA in Oshkosh, Wisconsin**. It is your responsibility to ensure this AND WE WILL ENFORCE THIS REQUIREMENT.

Go to www.eaa.org to join.

NOTE : If you want to check to see if an upcoming meeting is being held or If there are last minute changes, cancellations or locations, check out this web site:

<http://imapilot55.wix.com/ch45>

April Meeting

The April meeting, 7:30 PM Friday 4/17/15, will tentatively be a short field trip across the tarmac to a company called, Uniflight West Penn. This is a helicopter repair facility right on the airfield and should be very interesting. Their web site is www.uniflight.com

PLEASE be EARLY to the meeting, in fact if you can get there by 7:00 PM that would be great so that we can walk over as a group. Those who have difficulty walking can get a lift over. Come check it out.

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BLAST from the PAST: Chapter project, the PU-2

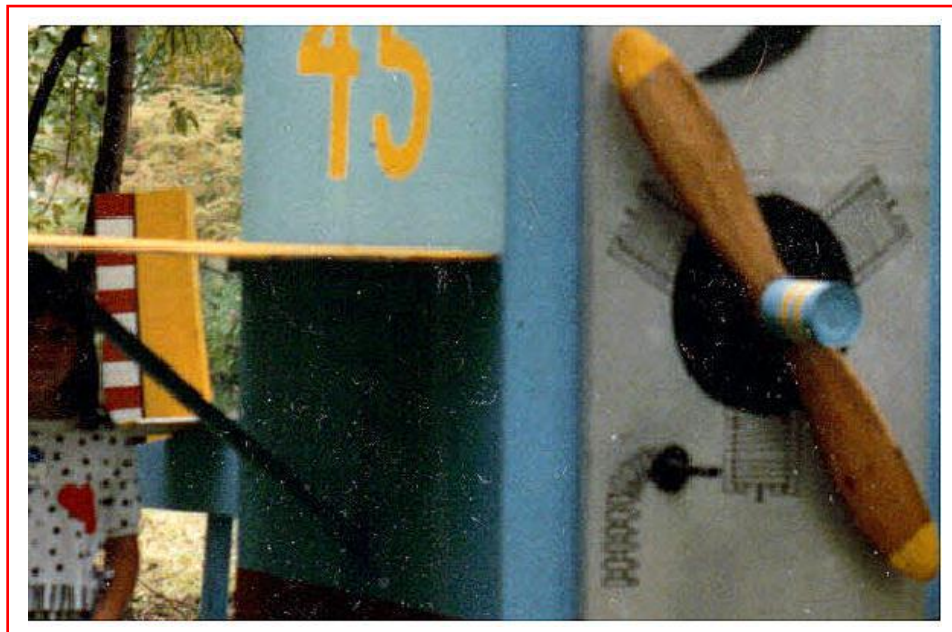
I ran across this picture from 1989, my daughter Susan on the right, under the 'wing' of the PU-2. I have often mentioned the PU-2 to newer chapter members and board members and when I found this picture, I figured I had to publish it.

The PU-2 was a chapter designed and built, porta john used for the chapter picnics. EAA chapter 45 picnics for about 40+ years were held actually off the airport property but adjacent to it. There was a low hill with a flat top that was in the vicinity of the car gate near the restaurant. It extended from about where the first factory building is now on the right side of the entrance driveway, all the way up to about where the first hangar is when you enter that car gate. It gave a great view of the runway and allowed a perfect grandstand to buzz-jobs back in the day. There was an early airport member who owned that property and would only allow Chapter 45 to use it for our picnics, otherwise it was a wooded area that we slowly over the years carved out a nice, wooded and shaded flat picnic spot. I sure miss it.

Back to the PU-2, utilizing composite construction (we used anything available no matter what material we could find as long as it was free) and was very brightly painted, mimicking our Chapter colors also seen on the Chapter Volksplane project.. The main construction was wood and was only a one-holer but it did have a short section of aluminum house gutter inside along the wall, where men could use it just for #1, hence, it was labeled, 'Runway No. 1' and the main hole was labeled, 'Runway No. 2'. During the Saturday picnic work party, we would carry it out to the picnic site from the hangar and after a very nice square hole was dug (different spot every year!), the PU-2 was positioned on top of the spot. Since it was the only bathroom on the airport, it got a lot of use!



Let me point out some other interesting details. Notice that while there are two wings, also note there is a tail assembly, complete with red and white striped rudder. Below is a close up view of the door.



The carved wooden prop has a coffee can for a spinner and the door handle is fashioned into a faux machine gun. See the ammo belt painted on and also the engine cylinders. So what happened to the PU-2?

Eventually we decided to try to leave it outside as we ran out of room in the hangar to store it. After two seasons, it was so dilapidated, it was disassembled.