

Cockpit Clutter



Greater Pittsburgh EAA Chapter 45 is a local group affiliated with the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and seeks to provide aviation fun, history and learning in an organization of like-minded enthusiasts.

Chapter 45 Newsletter

Experimental Aircraft Association

February 2018

February Meeting - 16th 7:30 Chapter Hangar

As the Board of Directors has not met yet for February, a meeting subject has not been set. Come on out and see what is going on.

Next meeting will be a Board Meeting
on Friday, February 9th.

The following General Membership meeting is on
February 16th, 2018



And THIS is the Kelly-D Biplane, built by member John Warren which has now been moved into the Chapter hangar as a Monday evening Workshop project. The plan is to git 'er done!

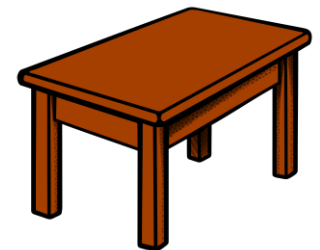
Chapter Workshop is every Monday evening, 7:00PM - Visit to help or check on progress, or bring your own project (anything at all) to work on and use the shop equipment that the chapter provides.



At left, a nice view of member John Twigg's T-18 rebuild also in the chapter hangar. Which project will get air under the wheels first?

And below, a pic showing a corner of the chapter workshop with the dust collection system set up by member

Jake McClelland.



PASS IT FORWARD TABLE

We are trying a program used successfully by other EAA Chapters where members bring items that they no longer need and pass them on, free of charge to other members. We would like to begin with Aviation-related or workshop-related items that need a new home. An important stipulation is that **if no-one claims your donation, YOU MUST TAKE IT HOME at the end of that meeting.** For items that would have more of a group appeal, such as things for the Hangar tool box, you may want to just donate them to the Chapter. See Jake McClelland about these donations.

Like Christmas every month, you may go home with something you didn't know that you needed. At the January meeting, **BRING SOMETHING TO PASS ON!**

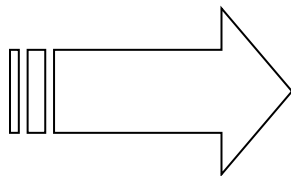
Some Suggestions:

Aviation Books AN hardware
Old instruments Tools



At left, a drill press stand brought in last month by JackD for the Pass it Forward Table

For Sale: from member Paul Jencka, “**Bob Stuckert, a pilot at Mt. Pleasant, asked me to spread the word; he is in possession of a never-started wing kit for a Lancair IV. They came with a barn that had been sold after the owner passed away, at least that's story I got. The wing kit is for sale, but no price was mentioned. I would expect it would be VERY low!**”
Contact Paul at p.jencka@comcast.net



Above, we have a weight shift glider from the early days of flight and as we move to the right, a futuristic flying car. Just as aircraft have become technically more complicated yet reliable and practical, so has our world.

In the pursuit of becoming a more modern and up to date organization, with an eye toward growing our membership and still appealing to our core group, the EAA has implored us to start using **social media** to make our group more modern and appealing to a larger audience.

For this reason, the chapter is embarking on a plan to develop this social media through a Facebook page on the internet.

Some of you would naturally welcome a Facebook connection because you already use this platform to stay in touch with other groups, friends and family members. But to many of you members out there, Facebook sounds foreign and something you want nothing to do with, yet Facebook, like airplanes has come a long way and is now the standard for staying in touch.

It is not mysterious or black science. It is modern communications and is relatively easy to use. No, you would not need to post any personal information on the internet and No, you do not need to be active on Facebook just to look at the chapter pages. This is a means of communication and a quick way to send out information to our group. It will be information such as upcoming meetings and events, and also what others may be willing to post about their aircraft or aircraft building activities.

If you are a Facebook user already, we are trying to implement two pages, one for chapter activities and updates (<https://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter45>). Folks with FB accounts will need to "follow" the chapter page if they want to be automatically updated on any new posted information.

And a second page for bringing others in the chapter up to date with anything EAA or airplane related that *you* might want to post on your own (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/251839415353874/>) Folks with FB accounts will need to "join" the group to contribute. The group is public; therefore, anyone can view the group posts.

In the following months, we will explain to those without a Facebook accountfd how to get signed up (it is FREE and easy) and if there is enough interest, we could possibly have a group class for Newbies to get comfortable with Facebook.

Chapter Position needing filled: *It has come time for your newsletter editor to finally move on. I will be stepping down from being the editor for Chapter 45 at the end of 2018. The job is not difficult and I will not only help to mentor the new person but will continue to submit articles and Shop Tips for publication in the newsletter thereafter.*

*Contact me, JackD at hangarb7@yahoo.com
or the chapter prez, Ken at eaachapter45@gmail.com*

FI YUO CN RAED TIHS, THN YOU AER PSSIBLY A GOOD CNADIDEAT FRO OUR
NXET NWES LTTER EIDTOR. LTE ME KNWO HOW YOU DID.
