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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

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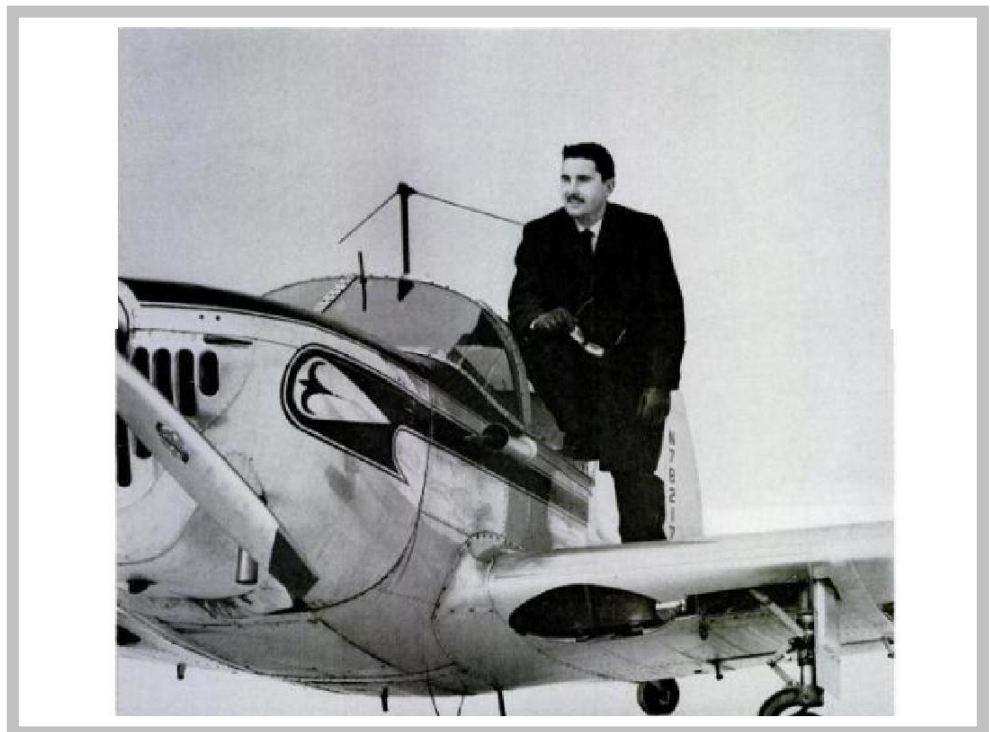
MAY – JUNE 2018

MAY Meeting - Friday the 18th 7:30 pm at the Chapter Hangar

Tentative meeting topic: **The Woody Woodard Mystery**

Clark 'Woody' Woodard was a local and well known 40,000 hour professional pilot and flight instructor. He ran an airplane ferry service and instructed pilots on safe ferry flight practices. After 352 cross-ocean ferries, he was lost when crossing the Atlantic Ocean. He was last located approximately 300 miles northwest of the Azores and was flying a Lake Amphibian aircraft. He did send a Mayday message and was operating a locating beacon on regular schedules so that his batteries would last more than the continuous 72 hours of a standard emergency beacon. He was not only prepared for ditching at sea with life raft and survival suit, he had lost engines in various airplanes over the years, and was cool in an emergency, always walking away unscathed from his exploits.

Strange circumstances surround the search and the 63 year old pilot was never found. Hear the tale and some unpublished details from Ralph Beatty, a professional pilot, instructor and hangar owner at Rostraver. Here is a picture of Woody Woodard with his 1946 Swift from Flying Magazine, 1965



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.

June Board of Directors Meeting, 5/8/18

*Join us for the June Meeting... Tentatively, 6/15/18, 7:30PM
Watch for updates as we may be having a visit from a helicopter service as the meeting topic and meeting date and time may vary.
Better yet, sign up for Facebook to get timely chapter news and updates!*

Sign up for our FREE Facebook page. 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.

The group page is to bring everyone 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.

Sign up is easy and FREE... Just go to www.facebook.com and click on 'First Name' and then fill in the blanks, then click the button Create Account.

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.*

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