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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

### MAY 12<sup>th</sup> - meeting at Connellsville Airport to discuss our role in the upcoming Air Race Classic! see article inside.

May 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting This may involve a field trip visit to the local helicopter repair facility so be sure to be early to the meeting.

JUNE 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, ALL WELCOME

JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Westmoreland County Airshow - EAA involvement, see inside.

JUNE 22/23<sup>rd</sup> AIR RACING ! -EAA involvement, see inside.

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

NOTICE: The planned General Meeting at the helicopter facility was mis-communicated as for April, but it is still tentatively for the MAY MEETING.

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



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# MAY Meeting - TRY AGAIN !!

The MAY meeting, 7:30 PM Friday 5/15/15, 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 <u>www.uniflight.com</u>

**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.



Get ready for JUNE !! EAA CHAPTER 45 is again involved with the Westmoreland County Airshow on June 20/21<sup>st</sup>.

This is our main fund raising campaign for the year and we are asked to volunteer man some sales booths. It is easy work and we get into the airshow for FREE ! Please come to the May meeting to volunteer or contact Member Arvin Daniels, 724-610-0567 or Travisbeangr33@yahoo.com

If you paid your 2015 dues, hooray! If not or you have any question that you haven't, please contact Arvin Daniels, 724-610-0567 or Travisbeangr33@yahoo.com

# AND NOW, HOW ABOUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT CHAPTER 45?



Transcontinental AIR RACING! And it is passing through our area in June! History: Women's air racing all started in 1929 with the **First Women's Air Derby**. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH, site of the National Air Races. Racing continued through the '30's and was renewed again after WWII when the **AII Women's Transcontinental Air Race** (AWTAR), better known as the **Powder Puff Derby**, came into being. In 1977, the **Air Race Classic, Ltd**., (**ARC**) stepped in to continue the tradition of transcontinental speed competition for women pilots and staged its premier race. <u>http://airraceclassic.org</u>

At a time when some people are inclined to down-play and have only negative views of general aviation, it is encouraging each summer when dozens of women pilots get into their airplanes and race each other over trans-continental routings. There is a spirit of camaraderie in spite of the keen competition, and the Air Race Classic proves a boon to aviation in general. Many other people are drawn into the annual events through sponsorship, ground/air assistance, timing, officiating and as spectators.

*Our Deal:* EAA Chapter 45 has been assigned to help with the route stop at Connellsville Airport. We need help in several areas and it promises to be fun, exciting and the camaraderie at these events is always outstanding!

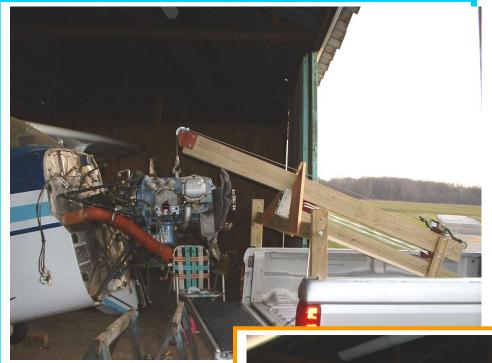
We need help marshaling airplanes arriving for fuel and SAFETY. We may have crowd control taken care of by CAP / JROTC but the marshaling may include a small amount of crowd control as part of Ramp Safety.

There are scheduled to be 54 aircraft and 118 pilots go through Connellsville as part of the Air Race on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and perhaps June 23rd.

Contact EAA Member Gary Sobek <u>Gary@RVdar.com</u> (cell phone 310-403-6197) or come to the General Meeting at 7:30, May 15<sup>th</sup> at our chapter hangar to chip in to help, **OR...** 

**FOOD** and INFO: There is a Pilot Get Together at the Connellsville Airport in the terminal building, Tuesday May 12 @ 6:00 PM for Pizza, maybe wings, and refreshments where Gary will go over where we stand. Follow up story... At the March meeting, **Steve Roper** gave a talk on his successes and failures of Buying Salvage Airplanes. Here is a follow up story and some pictures. From Steve,

"Here are some pictures that I did not get a chance to show at my talk. As I mentioned I was afraid of possible loss to thief. This is what I made to remove the engine from N172WW. The Tee hanger roof trusses were very rusty and I was afraid they would not support the weight of the engine so I made this hoist. It was made from yellow pine. It had skate board wheels mounted on the boom to make it extend and retract. A 1000 lb. hoist to lift the engine and a rope hoist to extend the boom. I had all the materials and only had to buy the wood. I designed it to hold 300# extended."



Good work, Steve !

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





And a quick report from Steve and Michele Glaeser who recently returned with an airplane project on the Chapter 45 trailer....

"Four days and 3109 miles later I have an Acro Sport 2 project in my hangar. The trip went great, only real issue was running out of duct tape (...but we got more!). Photo attached is leaving Westcliffe, CO. (I'm pretty sure after another 3000 miles the fuselage would be completely wrapped in duct tape!) "



