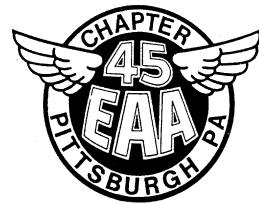


# Cockpit Clutter

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Chapter 45 Newsletter

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A large, detailed image of a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber aircraft in flight, viewed from a low angle. The aircraft is silver with red accents on the wings and tail. The EAA logo is visible in the sky above the plane. Below the aircraft, the text 'JOIN THE FLIGHT!' is written in large, bold, red letters. A circular logo for 'MISSION READY' is overlaid on the text, featuring the EAA logo and the words 'B-17 FLYING FORTRESS' and 'ALUMINUM OVERCAST'. At the bottom of the image, a black banner contains the text 'BOOK YOUR FLIGHT IN EAA'S B-17 ALUMINUM OVERCAST TODAY' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

## DATE & LOCATION:

September 9-11: Washington, PA - Washington County Airport

**Book Sept 9**    **Book Sept 10**    **Book Sept 11**

September 16-18, 2016 Fairfield, NJ - Caldwell/Essex County Airport

**Book Sept 16**    **Book Sept 17**    **Book Sept 18**

**SEE the next page on how YOU can get a FREE ride on the B-17 !!!**

## **EAA's B-17 is returning to the Pittsburgh area, to the Washington County Airport**

Chapter 45 is hosting the visit of the B-17 and we need your help. All we need is bodies to keep folks away from the B-17 during flights and then guide them through the airplane while it is in the tour mode on the ground. We welcome chapter members and non-members to help out.

There have been occasional free rides on the B-17 when the flying day comes to an end and there is an open seat or two. However, notice that the next stop on the airplane's schedule is Fairfield, NJ

That means there is a trip for the airplane from Washington County all the way to Fairfield, sometime during the days of Sept 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. You can have a FREE ride on the B-17, all you have to do is find a way home from there. In the past, the group of people going usually rent a car or two and drive home, or there may be inexpensive airline flights from Fairfield to Pittsburgh. But to spend several HOURS flying in the airplane, which usually means some time in the PILOT'S SEAT up front and riding in the plexiglass bubble over the countryside, it is worth it!

If there are more people registered for the trip than can go, then names will be pulled out of a hat to determine who goes. Of course, you have to volunteer to help while the airplane is here and chapter members get precedence over non-members for the flight.

***COME ON!*** Being around the B-17 and those radial engines is always FUN ! Call Ken McClelland at 412-292-3038 or e-mail him [eaachapter45@gmail.com](mailto:eaachapter45@gmail.com)

to set up a time to be there on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of September. It's easy and you will have a good time.

**We need some help and only YOU can help and have a chance to ride on the bomber!**

Directions to Washington County Airport: I-70, get off on Exit 15, go east on West Chestnut Ave. In only a tenth of a mile, make a right onto Franklin Farms Road

(Wave hello to Merle Mankey when you pass his house) Make a right at T onto Park Avenue and this takes you to the airport.

**Notes on members....** Chapter VP John Warren is doing very well and will be allowed soon to fly again in his C-172

Rudi Vogelsberger suffered a mild heart issue and received a stint and is doing well. See pic from picnic

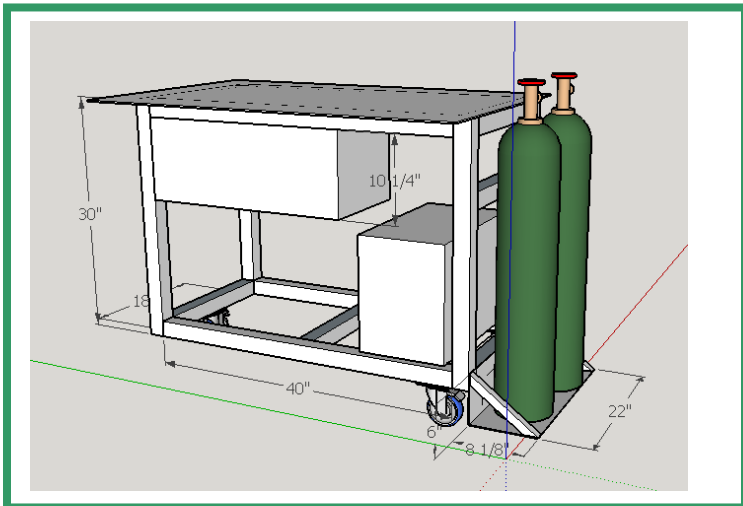
Arvin Daniels has been duking it out with some cancer issues over a few years and is on the mend after an operation to remove some tissue and treatments. He reports that he is getting better.

*If you have some news regarding yourself or other chapter members, let your editor know so that we can get you well-wishes from the group.*



***NO BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER however, if there is business to attend to for the board, then an ad hoc meeting when we can gather the most board members may be necessary.***

*September General Meeting, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM  
Tentatively the discussion will be Jack Dernorsek's AD fix on the Taylorcraft, some Show n Tells and Ken McClelland may talk a bit about the surprise damage found later on John's Aeronca after the accident. If you have a Show n Tell, bring it!*



**Teaser: In next month's issue of Cockpit Clutter, we'll see a great article and pictures of Steve and Michelle Glaeser's mobile welding cart they built.**



**LAST month there was an article here on explaining the legalities of drone use (aka Multicopters or UAS - Unmanned Aircraft Systems)** Since a few of you didn't notice it, here is some further information... lightweight drones used for recreation are considered model aircraft.

The following is from this web site:

[http://www.faa.gov/airports/special\\_programs/uas\\_airports/model\\_airplane\\_faqs/#qn2](http://www.faa.gov/airports/special_programs/uas_airports/model_airplane_faqs/#qn2)

**Is model aircraft use prohibited within five statute miles of an airport?**

There are no legislative prohibitions. However, Section 336 of Public Law 112-95 requires the operator of the model aircraft\* to notify the airport operator and airport traffic control tower (if one is located on the airport) prior to operating within five miles of an airport. For ease in determining distances, the FAA interprets this as five (5) statute miles from an airport reference point (ARP) as denoted in the current FAA Airport/Facility Directory (AFD) or for airports not denoted with an ARP, the center of the airport symbol as denoted on the current FAA-published aeronautical chart. Please note that model aircraft operators must also comply with the requirements of the airspace where they intend to fly the model aircraft. Please refer the model aircraft operator to the local airport traffic control tower, if one is located at the airport, for specific questions on airspace operating requirements.

*\*-not just drone use- bold letters by editor.*

If you are using a drone or UAS, please see, read and understand all FAA requirements shown on line, starting your research at [https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/fly\\_for\\_fun/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/fly_for_fun/)

We encourage the safe use of these devices but it is your responsibility and fines and jail time can be the result for operating outside of the FAA guidelines.

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**All picnic pictures courtesy of member John Mateka, thanks John! More next month...**





Yes, yes, Heil Hitler to you too, Paul. But in front of the American Flag?!

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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

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SEPTEMBER 9-11 B-17 visit to Chapter 45 !! Coming to Washington County Airport - see announcement

September 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:30PM General Membership meeting at the hangar

October 14<sup>th</sup> -7:30PM Directors and Board Meeting at Rostraver. All are welcome to attend our business meeting.

October 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30PM General Membership meeting, a presentation by Richard Seman titled, Aircraft Judging at AirVenture and How to get your project featured in Sport Aviation.

Monday night workshop / build nights are EVERY Monday night through Spring, Summer and Fall, unless otherwise noted.

check out the meeting web site for updates

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