

# 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

APRIL - MAY 2018

**APRIL Meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Chapter Hangar**

**This will be a PotLuck meeting (note start time)**

**The chapter will be providing hotdogs and hamburgs and you are asked to bring a small potluck/covered dish to share -Desert, snax, side dish**

**Also, this will be a Show n Tell meeting. Bring something you've been working on or interested in to show the group.**

*Last month, after the planned meeting topic, member and inveterate experimenter, Mike Axelrad showed off his breadboard version of an auto pilot he is working on, that borrows from multicopter/drone technology.*



*Mike has also constructed a neat RV-4 with an Ecotec Auto conversion engine. See these Youtube links to see him flying and also doing a run-up on the engine. Thanks, Mike for sharing your knowledge and passion for experimentation!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cp9jg9NNx0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnljdbYJQTc>

*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.*



From the workshop: at left, Jake McClelland just acquired a vintage drill press and here he is starting some needed maintenance. "It will look like new", he says.

Join us for the

## ***MAY Meeting - Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm at the Chapter Hangar***

### ***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



## WASP Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds Dies

Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds of Connellsville, Penn., passed away Thursday, March 15, 2018, at home. She was 95. She took a Civilian Pilot Training Program at her local airport in Connellsville and completed it, receiving her pilot's certificate at the end.

Her duties included flight testing planes, ferrying aircraft from repair stops and transporting people and materials for the war effort. Reynolds recalled fondly her time flying the WASPs as "the closest thing to God. I've always felt that way. There's nothing like it, especially when you're on a solo flight." Shutsy Reynolds once spoke in front of our chapter and she was a classy, proud lady. She was an inspiration to many women.

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](http://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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