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Chapter 45 Newsletter

Experimental Aircraft Association

JULY 2017

Westmoreland County Airshow a Success!

Chapter President Ken McClelland would like to thank all those members and helpers who came out to volunteer their time. He feels that it was one of the best shows as far as participation and the chapter received a record \$2,080 for our part in the event.

This is our main fundraising event and it helps to keep our yearly costs and dues low.

So thank you if you helped at the airshow and we hope to continue this yearly program.

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There is no GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH (July) or in August

There IS a Board Meeting on July 14th at the Chapter Hangar

IGNORE THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER - DATES WERE INCORRECT!

EAA Chapter 45's Annual Picnic @ Rostraver

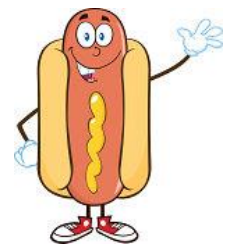


Where: Rostraver Airport

When: Sunday **August 20th**

12:00 noon to about 5PM

Club supplies the Hamburgers,
Hotdogs, Buns, and Fresh Corn



You are encouraged to bring: a Potluck Dish (main dish, desert, or salad or snax, or ?) and chairs.

NOTE: A handheld radio will be given as a Door Prize - must be present to win. Drawing at 3PM **Cost: \$5.00 Adult \$1.00 kids up to 12**

From Mark Baker, President of the AOPA:

General aviation is facing a HUGE threat in Congress and I need your IMMEDIATE help.

As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives is now considering legislation that would privatize Air Traffic Control and turn it over to the big airlines.

We've faced privatization battles before. But we've never faced such a huge coalition of powerful interests pushing full throttle for this proposal – including not only airline executives but the President of the United States and powerful members of Congress.

Make no mistake. Spending billions and billions of dollars to turn over ATC to a private corporation managed by the airlines is not good. Giving special interests monopoly control over ATC is a bad idea that could have huge and unknown consequences for general aviation. In nearly every nation where privatization has been tried, general aviation has declined.

The bottom line is that losing this battle is NOT AN OPTION if we want to keep our freedom to fly.

AOPA is making it clear to every member of the U.S. House and Senate exactly where we stand, but I also need YOUR immediate and personal help in this fight. And I'm asking you to do two things today.

If you haven't already done so, please write your representatives in Congress and ask them to publicly and firmly oppose this ATC privatization proposal.

Year 2017 Membership Renewal Drive

Dues for all members ... **\$ 25.00** cash or check ... make checks payable to EAA Chapter 45.

PLEASE MAIL THIS RENEWAL OR DROP IT INTO THE MEMBERSHIP DUES BOX AT THE HANGAR.
PLEASE DO NOT HAND IT IN TO ANY OTHER MEMBER OR BOARD MEMBER.

Fill out, clip & mail this slip with dues payment to: EAA Membership Dept. / 2 Airport Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Name _____ Date _____

Everyone needs to fill out their address so that we may correct errors. The post office makes us PAY double postage for correcting addresses,

Street address _____

Town, State, Zip _____ Telephone # _____

*Pilot Y ____ N ____ Spouse name _____

e-mail address _____
(PRINT CLEARLY - chickenscratch will not go through)

*National EAA # _____ * Please note: you do not need to be a pilot to be a member in good standing with our chapter, however **you MUST be a member of the EAA in Oshkosh, Wisconsin**. It is your responsibility to ensure this AND WE WILL ENFORCE THIS REQUIREMENT. Go to www.eaa.org to join.

On the previous page, you see our Chapter dues renewal. This will be due on August 1st and if you remember, we have shifted our dues 'year' to start now in August rather than January. Please pay them promptly or when you arrive at the picnic. If you are a new member in 2017 and have paid your full dues amount already, your dues are not again due until August 1st, 2018

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BUILDER'S CORNER - workshop tips and tricks by Jack D

Do you have a battery powered drill with a battery that has pooped out? For example, I have a Ryobi 18V system with three drills, two rotary saws and a recip saw. All of the batteries that I have are from 2006-2009 and are the NiCad type. New Lithium batteries are \$40-50 each plus I would need a new charger, about another \$40. Since I love the Ryobi line and there is nothing wrong with the tools, I will eventually need to purchase these new batteries. I could purchase 'new' old style NiCad units on the internet, but they would already be several years old since manufactured.

When the old, inoperable battery is inserted into the charger, it gives a yellow indicator showing that the battery is no longer able to accept a charge. At this point, most folks toss the battery and buy a new one.

But I have found that you can trick the charger into believing that there is nothing wrong with the battery by inserting the battery, then quickly and repeatedly inserting the power plug in and out of the AC outlet.

After about ten inserts, the light goes from yellow to red, showing a charge sequence. The battery is now usable and will hold a decent charge. I have been doing this for about a year on two old batteries.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

Unless noted, meetings are held at the chapter hangar at Rostraver Airport. Hangar is C1

July 14th - Board Meeting 7:30 PM
Directors and Board Meeting at Rostraver. All are welcome to attend our business meetings.

No General Membership meeting in July – Oshkosh AirVenture !

August 19th – Picnic prep day at the airport

August 20th – EAA Airport Picnic at Rostraver

Monday night workshop / build nights are EVERY Monday night

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