

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

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March Meeting - 16th 7:30 Chapter Hangar

Chapter president, Ken McClelland will give a brief explanation of the vortex generators he just purchased for his airplane, to tame the stall characteristics.

Sorry to report...

Jan Mateka, loving wife of member John Mateka passed away suddenly on March 3rd. They only found each other a few years ago and were married for the past six years. They were very busy and active in a lot of activities and enjoyed their time together greatly. She was a very sweet and gentle lady and will be missed.



From the workshop: at left, John Handis working diligently on his 3D printer project. Perhaps only software issues at this point....

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.

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

Shop Tip #81 by Jack D

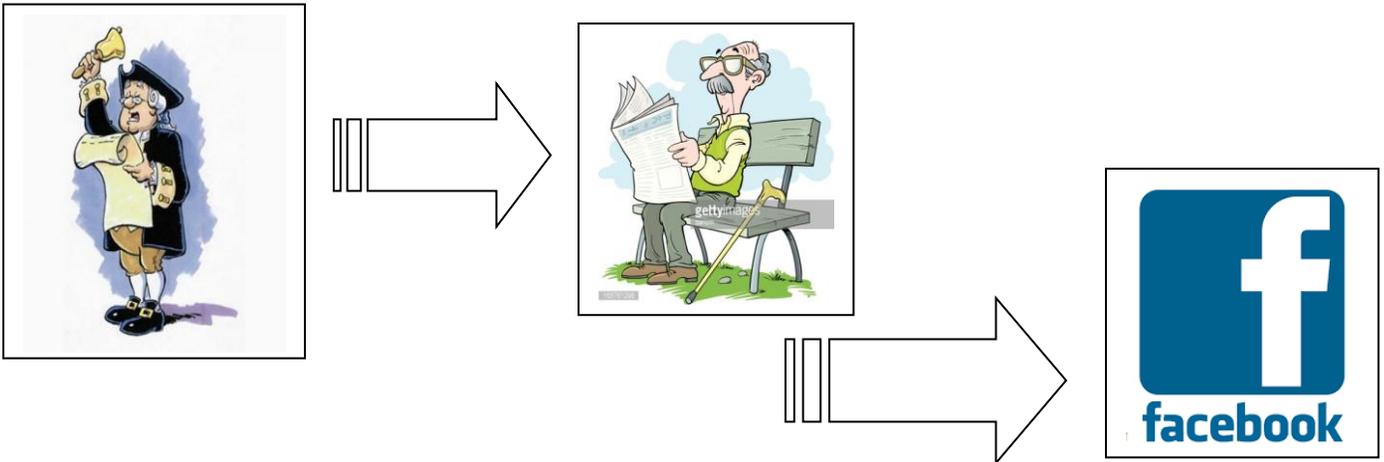
I recently found that a Kidde fire extinguisher in our chapter hangar was part of the safety recall put out last November by Kidde. It seems that fire extinguishers manufactured by them during a period of at least ten years are prone to not working or exploding when used. Some units with a plastic handle and plastic valving are apparently defective and they will replace your Kidde or private branded extinguisher (such as many Sears brand units) for FREE. Search for Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall or use this link

www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product.../recall-kidde-fire-extinguisher/

The web site is excellent at explaining which units are recalled and the process for getting a new one Free from them. They even send a post paid box to send the old unit back so you don't have to try to dispose of it.

Note, First Alert extinguishers are not made by Kidde.





Long ago, the town crier was the way to make sure everyone heard the news, but things changed when newspapers became common. Today, the simplest way to be sure to get all the current info about what is going on in Chapter 45, your friends and the world at large is by Facebook. It is not rocket science but easy and effective.

For this reason, the chapter is embarking on a plan to develop social media through a Facebook page on the internet.

Some of you would naturally welcome a Facebook connection because you already use this platform to stay in touch with other groups, friends and family members. But to many of you members out there, Facebook sounds foreign and something you want nothing to do with, yet Facebook, like airplanes has come a long way and is now the standard for staying in touch.

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.

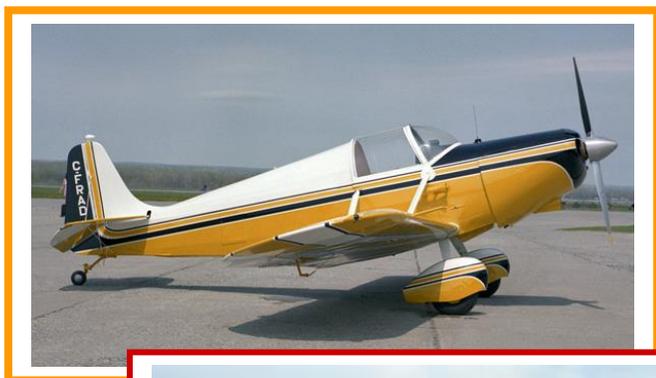
Chapter Position needing filled: *It has come time for your newsletter editor to finally move on. I will be stepping down from being the editor for Chapter 45 at the end of 2018. The job is not difficult and I will not only help to mentor the new person but will continue to submit articles and Shop Tips for publication in the newsletter thereafter.*

Contact me, JackD at hangarb7@yahoo.com
or the chapter prez, Ken at eachapter45@gmail.com

QUESTION: Would you attend more meetings if the meeting were on a different night of the week? Would you come more often if the main general membership meeting was on a Thursday evening?

Let us know.... eachapter45@gmail.com

Or let us know what YOU would like to see or change...



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