

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Saturday, January 6, 2024 – 10 AM**

Note: This is a week earlier than usual.

AeroMed Hangar, GRR Airport, 5254 44th Street



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JANUARY PROGRAM

The Chapter meeting for January will be visiting the AeroMed Hangar at Ford Airport. We will be meeting one week earlier than usual, January 6 at 10 AM. Our meeting will be hosted by the on-duty pilot, Pat Morell, a Chapter 145 member. The location is at their hanger 5254 44th Street, across the street from the AmWay hangar at GRR Airport.

Pat was a Black Hawk pilot in the military, and will be discussing the AeroMed operation, missions and showing us inside their helicopter. We can ask him questions about his experiences, weather, landing zones and day or night operations. He is a talented gentleman with lots of knowledge. One caveat: while on-duty, Pat may be asked to launch for emergencies, so we may have to be flexible.

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What a year! Welcome to a New Year. We want to thank each and every one of you for helping support the chapter as a volunteer, presenter, or attendee.

Here is a sample of some of the programs, events, and activities that EAA Chapter145 participated in 2023:

- Speed with Economy - Randy Houtman & Bruce Whitman
- VMC CLUB – Bob Swietek
- AERO-MED HELICOPTERS – Pat Morell
- Weeks Hangar Work Party - EAA 145 trip to Oshkosh
- MINI-MAX Aircraft - David Cooper
- Knocking off the Rust – Tom Kozura & Dr. Andrew Focks
- Young Eagle S.T.E.P.S. flights
- OSHKOSH Airventure – EAA 145 camping
- ForeFlight App – Christian Bell
- OSHKOSH In Review – Randy Houtman & Bruce Whitman
- Wings of Mercy Young Eagle flights – Holland (BIV)
- Doug Squires Eagle Flight – Hugh Eisen & Dick Foster
- Grand Rapids Tower Tour (GRR)
- Riverview Bonfire (08C)
- Riveting Workshop – Bob Swietek & Bruce Whitman
- Annual Christmas Brunch

Happy New Year, Randy Houtman

SPECIAL AWARD TO DICK FOSTER



A well-deserved award was recently given to Dick Foster for his years of service to EAA, Young Eagles and especially for his leadership and service to Chapter 145. A “Lifetime Membership” award was given to him by Randy Houtman, President, for all that Dick has done for Chapter 145. Congratulate Dick when you next see him. Only two other people, founding members, have been given this honor.

HOMEBUILDERS WEEK

Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek


The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA’s Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and

hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

 Homebuilders Week Schedule January 22 - 26, 2024					
To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek					
Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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NEW TOPICS OF INTEREST FROM FAASTeam

New Webinars from the FAA Aviation Safety people that you might find of interest include:

“Chilly Checklist – Tips to Preheat Aircraft Engines” (Select Number: GL13125707)

“Putting Your Aircraft to Bed” (<https://medium.com/faa/putting-your-aircraft-to-bed-7c8b196fcb37>)

These choices can be researched by going online to FAAsafety.gov website and finding these and other topics to help all of us become better, safer pilots. WINGS credit is available for taking these subjects, and you may even win prizes.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR NEXT YEAR



The image shows a yellow membership application form for EAA Chapter 145. The title is "EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM" with a subtitle "DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st". The form is divided into two columns. The left column contains fields for: Name, Co-Pilot / Spouse, Address, City, State / Zip, e-mail address, Home Phone, Work Phone, and National Membership #. The right column contains a field for Aircraft Owned/Projects. Below the right column, there is a section for payment instructions: "Check payment: Bring this form to the meeting or mail to: EAA Chapter 145 Treasurer, 6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49546".

Please fill out the form and return this to Treasurer, along with \$25.00 payment.

NEW MEMBERS

New members are always welcome at Chapter 145. This month we welcome Charles Armstrong from Shelbyville. Say “hello”, share your aviation experiences and find out what his interests in aviation he finds exciting.

Is there someone new to this area with an interest? Do you know students who are considering a career in aviation? Feel free to bring along a guest with you. Members love to talk flying!

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan 6 (10 AM) Ford Airport (KGRR)
5254 44th Street
Jan 16 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)
Feb 10 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)
Feb 20 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)
Mar 9 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)
Mar 19 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Aero-Med HQ Tour
Note Date Change
VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145
Bahamas Flying Trip – Jeff Frey
VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145
Air Force Stories – Cary Marsh
VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

EAA145 Officers for 2023:

President, Randy Houtman	(466-4462	N49272Q@gmail.com)
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VMC Club: Bob Swietek	(581-3138	airdale69@aol.com)

Treasurer's Report for December 28, 2023:

Liabilities:	\$4195.00
Cash:	\$110.85
Checking:	\$72.69
Savings:	\$5163.26
Total Assets:	\$5346.80

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EAA Chapter 145 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA145>

EAA National website: www.eaa.org