

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Saturday, October 14 2023 – 6 PM**
Riverview Airport Annual Bonfire



GRAND RAPIDS
CHAPTER 145
SINCE 1962



OCTOBER PROGRAM

The Chapter meeting for October will be our annual bonfire. This is a gathering of aviation friends and family around a blazing fire. We'll start about 6 pm and end about 8:30 pm or so. This will be a "Bring-Your-Own-Food" picnic type event. The chapter will provide apple cider, pops, snacks, and the firewood. Also remember to bring a chair to sit around the fire.



Here is a picture from last year.

PRESIDENT CORNER

Our chapter members are looking forward to the annual activities at Riverview, such as this month's bonfire and the Christmas brunch in December. This month's Bonfire and Picnic will be near the pond just north of the "C" hangars. Note we will start about 6:00pm to enjoy the cool of the evening around the fire. It's a picnic, so bring your favorite finger food. We'll supply pops, apple cider, and some snacks. A folding chair may be useful.

For the November meeting, Bruce Whitman and Bob Swietek have come up with a unique program – they will be teaching the chapter how to make good rivet joints. That should be a good hands-on learning event.

We also will be having general elections for the leadership positions. If you would like to serve in one of the leadership roles, please contact me at N49272Q@gmail.com

Thank you, Randy Houtman

YOUNG EAGLES RESULTS FOR CHAPTER 145

No more Young Eagle rallies planned by West Michigan Chapters for the rest of 2023. A total of 751 Young Eagles were flown by the six West Michigan EAA Chapters this summer. Thank you to all the pilots, ground crews and volunteers for their help in introducing young people to aviation!

For Chapter 145, Total YE's = 98. YE Coordinator: Dick Foster, 616-350-4715

June 24 - Riverview, YE-STEPS, 4 pilots, 32 YE's

August 19 - Holland, Wings of Mercy –YE, 5 pilots, 66 YE's

TOUR OF GRAND RAPIDS TOWER



Last month eleven Chapter 145 members and two instructors were given a guided tour of the Control Tower of Gerald R. Ford airport. Members talked afterward about how extensive the presentation of Ford personnel was about operations, and even had a question and answer session. Thank you to the Ford staff!

ADVANCED PREFLIGHT AFTER MAINTENANCE

No surprise! The first flight after maintenance can be risky! Here's why:

The General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) have determined that a significant number of general aviation fatalities could be avoided if pilots were to conduct more thorough preflight inspections of aircraft that have just been returned to service. In-flight emergencies have been the direct result of maintenance personnel who have serviced or installed systems incorrectly. In many cases, although the maintenance personnel made the initial mistake, the pilot could have prevented the accident by performing a thorough or advanced preflight check.

<https://medium.com/faa/advanced-preflight-after-maintenance-196e847b9f07>

The link above details what an experienced pilot should consider doing after maintenance and before you give your friends a ride. In brief, here is the checklist:

- ✓ *Learn all you can about the maintenance that was performed.*
- ✓ *Know what systems or structures were repaired or replaced during maintenance. Don't assume the part(s) replaced are the only parts removed. Often disassembly needs to be done to get to the inoperative part.*
- ✓ *Pay particular attention to trim positions. If work was done directly on the trim system, check for unimpeded flight control surface deflections and make sure the deflections go in the proper direction!*
- ✓ *Make sure all inspection panels are secure and their fasteners are tight.*
- ✓ *Check all fuel tanks for water, sediment, and proper fuel grade.*
- ✓ *After an oil change, always check the engine oil level to ensure it has the proper amount of oil.*
- ✓ *Always check your logbook and paperwork prior to flight to ensure the correct records have been entered.*
- ✓ *If you see a warning tag or sign on the aircraft sign out clipboard, status board, or on the aircraft itself, DO NOT FLY THE AIRCRAFT!*
- ✓ *Participate in, or observe your mechanic perform, an annual or 100 hour inspection.*

SPORTY'S OFFER TO EAA STUDENT MEMBERS

Here is a benefit to new pilots: As an EAA Student Member, you'll receive free access to Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (\$279.00 value). This interactive online course uses real-world video and incredible 3D animations to help you learn the basics of flight. Plus, EAA will reimburse you when you pass your FAA written exam (\$175.00 value.) Just another incentive for new members wanting to learn flying.

NEW MEMBERS

New members are always welcome at Chapter 145. 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

Oct 14 (5 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Oct 17 (7pm) Riverview Airport (08C)

Nov 11 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Nov 21 (7PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Annual Bonfire

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

Riveting Class - Bruce Whitman, Bob Swietek

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

EAA145 Officers for 2023:

President, Randy Houtman (466-4462 N49272Q@gmail.com)

Vice President, Bruce Whitman (915-7304 bwhitmanpe@gmail.com)

Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Swietek (581-3138 airdale69@aol.com)

Newsletter Editor, Rick Saliers (saliersrick@gmail.com)

Website Editor, Christian Bell (cshbell@gmail.com)

Treasurer's Report for September 30, 2023:

Liabilities:	\$4195.00
Cash:	\$110.85
Checking:	\$72.69
Savings:	\$5012.04
Total Assets:	\$5195.58

EAA Chapter 145 website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea145>

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

EAA National website: www.eaa.org