

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 11 AM**  
**Riverview Airport (08C) in Chapter Hangar**



## **GRAND RAPIDS**

# **CHAPTER 145**

**SINCE 1962**



### **DECEMBER PROGRAM**

The Chapter meeting for December will be our Annual Christmas Brunch. Everyone is invited. A separate email with the details has already been sent to you.

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

As we wind down 2023, I am thankful that 70 years ago Paul Poberezny had the idea to start EAA. The original founding group consisted mainly of those who built, restored, and modified their own aircraft. EAA soon included people across all aviation interests — as Paul Poberezny put it, “welcoming all who wished to participate.” Over the 70 year history, EAA welcomes anyone involved in flying, building, restoring, or simply enjoying flight at any level.

61 years ago, a group of “Home Brewers” from the Grand Rapids area formed EAA Chapter 145. EAA Chapter 145 has been around almost as long as EAA itself, with the same passion for all aspects of aviation. We attached the first EAA 145 newsletter later in this newsletter, so you can see their enthusiasm as they started this new adventure. So as we gather for the Christmas brunch, let's remember old friends as we welcome and meet new friends.

Merry Christmas, Randy Houtman

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR NEXT YEAR**

<b>EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM</b>	
<b>DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st</b>	
Name _____	Aircraft Owned/Projects _____
Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City _____	_____
State / Zip _____	_____
e-mail address _____	Check payment: Bring this form to the meeting or mail to:
Home Phone _____	EAA Chapter 145 Treasurer
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National Membership # _____	Grand Rapids, MI, 49546

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

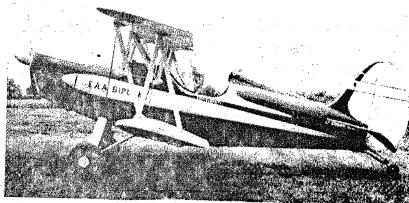
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## THE HOME BREWERS

### GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Hello Folks! This is the first issue of Chapter 145's monthly newsletter, "The Home Brewers". This publication will depend almost entirely on the contributions and help of the Chapter Members. In order to publish news, we'll have to have it by the end of the first week of every month. President Robert Burch (Phone LE 4-1909) will be happy to accept all items of news from members or from other interested persons. We ask everyone to bear with us these first few months while we organize a regular publishing staff.

#### CONTROL TOWER REPORT By Bob Burch

As a beginning, I'd like to congratulate EAA Chapter 145 on the forming of this newsletter, which will help to hold the Chapter together. There are several items to mention at the present. The first is the Michigan EAA Conference dinner, which will be on the first day of December, in Lansing. The Albert Pick Hotel, corner of US16 and M78 is the meeting place, and registration starts at 4:30 PM. Business meeting from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, and a buffet style dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Speakers will be Cliff DuCharme of Aerial Blight Control, West Bend, Wisconsin, and Roger Dan Ray, a race and airlines pilot from Continental Motors in Muskegon. An added feature may be some motion pictures of the 1962 Rockford Fly-In.

The second point is to mention the Auto Show at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. Anyone who has any information as to the organization and planning of this show is urged to call me or to bring it up at the next meeting.

A nice display at the Auto-Rama could do us a lot of good in the public eyes. Let's talk about it at the meeting.

The program committee tells me that Mr. Lincoln Thomas from FAA will be at the meeting to help us with whatever problems we might come up against with our flying machines. Try to think of questions and points of discussion to help Mr. Thomas give us an interesting evening.

I got out to Harry Wells' field the other day and it is really shaped up. However, the field is not to be used yet. Also, when flying over his place, keep above 1,000 feet, since some complaining neighbor could put an end to a lot of work and money by closing the field because of low flying. Thanks

Jack ElenBaas dropped in to see me the other day. Seems that he is looking for airplanes, old or what-have-you, so if you know of anything that sounds good, let him know. His address is R. R. #3, Holland, Michigan.

Work on my Baby Ace is going along very slowly with the weather getting colder; and my Cub has a stuck valve and ran out of license at the same time, so I have plenty of work ahead of me. This is all now, see you at the meeting. Remember, the Wyoming State Bank (basement room), Rogers Plaza, 8:00 PM on November 16.

Bob Burch

## PROGRESS REPORTS

"FLASH" - We have another Beech stagger-wing in the Chapter. Yes, a bright red beauty with a P & W 450. Chuck Thomas is the proud owner, and he says it really moves along with all those horses in front.

We'll have a new member soon, Chuck Houvey, who has moved to Grand Rapids from Canada. He has built a Peitenpol Air Camper, and has converted several VW engines for aircraft use, making all of the parts himself. Glad to have you with us, Chuck!

Bud Potts and Larry Datema report slow but steady progress on their Porterfield 35-70, in spite of the theft of their gas welding equipment. They also report a sudden interest in rotary wing craft; and any information will be welcomed.

Dave Rydzewski is still trying to decide on a plane to build. He still likes the Tailwind, a nice ship.

Henry Karston says that he is very busy relettering the blueprints of his glider (to-be). He saw a picture of a completed Cherokee II in this month's magazine and is really going to town now.

Harry Wells and associates have their Aronca Chief in the color now and it may be test hopped soon. They had hoped to have it flying before snow, but, of course, Michigan weather beat them to the punch.

Bob Burch and Willie Benedict spent a Saturday morning taking pictures of Al Adastik's building from the air. The State bought Al's shop to put the expressway through. Al was on the roof with a bedsheet to be sure the fellows would shoot the right building.

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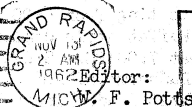
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## TOP AVIATION WEBSITES

We have been collecting a list of top websites dealing with aviation. Below we have collated the information, broken down into various subject areas. For some topics, such as specific avionic manufacturers, it is best to go directly to the company websites. However there is excellent information for you whether you are a builder, repairman or pilot.

If you have another favorite(s) you would like to share, please pass this along to one of the Chapter 145 officers.



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gan weather beat them to the punch

Want to Sell - Rearwin 7000 Sportster,  
Fresh cover, engine - Willard Benedict.

## TOP AVIATION WEBSITES

### ORGANIZATIONS

EAA.ORG  
facebook.com/EAA145  
aopa.org  
wai.org

### WEATHER

usairnet.com/weather  
windy.com  
aviationweather.gov  
weathermeister.com

### NAVIGATION

skyvector.com  
airnav.com  
vfrmap.com  
metar-taf.com  
airportguide.com  
iflightplanner.com/AviationCharts

### MEDIA

youtube.com  
kitplanes.com  
avweb.com  
flyingmag.com  
planeandpilotmag.com  
midwestflyer.com  
aero-news.net  
bydanjohnson  
psfmagazine.com

### TRACKING

flightaware.com  
flightradar24.com  
radarbox.com  
liveatc.net  
adsbexchange

### ACTIVITIES

funplacestofly.com  
socialflight.com  
oldrhinebeck.org  
antiqueairfield.com  
tta.aero/ttfi  
sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com

### PRODUCTS

barnstormers.com  
trade-a-plane.com  
foreflight.com  
iflygps.com  
controller.com  
sportys.com  
aircraftspruce.com  
wicksaircraft.com

### PHOTOS

airliners.net  
planespotters.net  
jetphotos.com

### TRAINING

groundschool.com  
boldmethod.com  
4vfr.com  
pilotinstitute.com  
skybrary.aero

### MUSEUMS

nationalmuseum.af.mil  
aviationtrailinc.org/blog  
airzoo.org  
airandspace.si.edu

### RULES

faa.gov  
faa.gov/regulations\_policies/faa\_regulations

### MEDICAL

flightphysical.com

### OTHER LINKS

mrwebman.com/aircraft\_links.htm  
online.lynn.edu/resources/aviation/top-aviation-resources  
planeandpilotmag.com/article/aviations-top-websites  
www.airfields-freeman.com

## 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

### **Dec 9 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)**

Dec 19 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

### **Jan13 (TBD) Ford Airport (KGRR)**

Jan 16 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

### **Feb 10 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)**

Feb 20 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

### **Annual Christmas Brunch**

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

### **Aero-Med HQ Tour**

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

### **Bahamas Flying Trip – Jeff Frey**

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## NEW MEMBERS

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### **Treasurer's Report for November 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](http://www.eaa.org)