

November 2022



# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Nov 12, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Tom Kozura's: 938 River Rock Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI**

## CHAPTER PROGRAM

Tom Kozura of KOZAERO will be talking about his Sopwith Camel reproduction that is under construction. The Camel uses an original Le Clerget 9B rotary engine. For more info, see:

[www.kozaero.com/sopwith-f1-camel.html](http://www.kozaero.com/sopwith-f1-camel.html)

The meeting is NOT at Riverview.. it is at Tom's:

**938 River Rock Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI**

(see map on last page)

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

-Last month's Bonfire and Picnic was a very pleasant event. About a dozen members enjoyed fellowship, food, and fine weather around the fire. It was so enjoyable I didn't get home until 10pm.

-This month we'll travel to Comstock Park to visit Tom Kozura's Sopwith Camel reconstruction. This is a rare opportunity to visit Tom's garage and see & hear about this unique project that started with a special clock. Come Saturday and hear the rest of the story.

-The Chapter Christmas Brunch is back and set for 10 December at 11:00am. Save the date, more information in the next newsletter. (*Sign-up at Riverview bulletin board or email me*)

-As I noted last month, I really enjoy belonging to EAA145. As members, you are so supportive and easy to work with. Now, I think it's time for a younger member to enjoy working with this fine chapter as President. Please give this some serious thought and let's talk.

-Cheers, Dick



## EAA #145 VMC CLUB

The VMC Club meets on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Riverview airport lobby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday Nov 15th.

Everyone is welcome to join in the flying discussions.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Chapter #145 new member Dennis Pitz. He is working on a Fisher Super Koala. So when you see Dennis be sure to give him a warm welcome to the club.

## EAA #145 HANGAR

There is space available for projects that can help keep the hangar active. Contact Dick Foster for details.

## YOUNG EAGLES

-After 30 years of Young Eagle rallies, 2.3 million young people have been flown by EAA chapters.

-EAA chapter 145 pilots have contributed over 5000 Young Eagles.

-YE event on 22 October at Sparta (8D4), EAA#704  
Chuck and 2 other pilots flew 29 Young Eagles.

## **DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Dues of \$25.00 are payable to "EAA CHAPTER 145" and can be mailed to Bob Swietek at the address listed at the end of the newsletter or brought to the monthly chapter meeting. If you need to make any updates on your contact information, please include the tear-off slip for member data and update with your payment. Please have payment in by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to stay current.



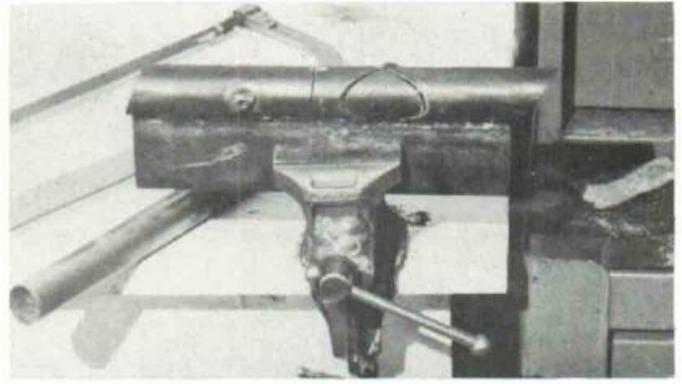
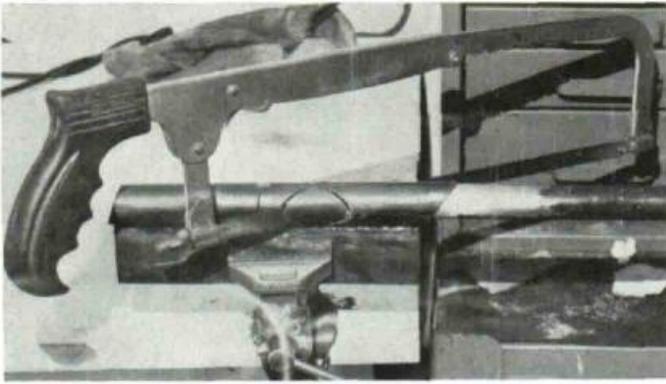
## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

[www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone](http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone)

The War Zone is your daily source for military, defense, and geopolitics coverage and analysis. As a full-spectrum defense-analysis website, T.W.Z. covers the air, sea, land, space, and cyber, domains of warfare, with an infusion of geopolitical context to offer deeper insights to a highly loyal audience comprised of technology enthusiasts, defense insiders, and decision-makers, as well active-duty military members.



## HINTS FOR HOMEBUILDERS



### **Tube-Cutting Jig**

*By Andrew H. Harness, EAA 12899  
2805 SW. 55th, Oklahoma City, Okla.*

A very practical tool cutting jig can be made from a piece of scrap tubing with an inside dimension big enough to swallow the largest tube that might be cut. Weld the

tube to a plate edge for securing in a vise as well as to hold the jig together after the miter slots are cut.

### **UPDATE: DORR FLYING CAR**

Formal charges finally came down for the person that flew his car over the Dorr exit at 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

He was charged with flying without a license. After all, he was operating outside the rules that govern ultralight flight.

The vehicle carries 16 gallons of gas, which is over the 5 gallon limit. It weighs around 2000 lbs, which is way over the 254 lb weight for an ultralight. And the vehicle was going much faster than the maximum speed allowed of 55 knots (63 mph) for ultralight craft.

He is looking for a good lawyer, and a flight instructor so he'll be properly licensed the next time he takes his flying car for a spin.



## EAA WEBINARS

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

Enjoy the EAA webinars. The following is a list of upcoming webinars happening soon. Most qualify for FAA WINGS & ANT credits. You can also search the webinar archives to listen at your own pace:

### November Webinars

#### Real-Life Breakdowns

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AT 7 P.M. CDT

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.*

[Register >](#)



#### Past Aircraft of the Collection

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenters: Chris Henry and Ben Page | *Museum Webinar Series*

[Register >](#)

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#### Talk to the Tower — Communicating in Controlled Airspace

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

[Register >](#)

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#### ForeFlight IFR Pro Tips

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Gary Reeves | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

[Register >](#)

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#### Flying the World's Fastest Airplane, the SR-71

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, AT 7 P.M. CST

Presenter: Phil Soucy and Ed Yeilding

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|---------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Nov 12</b> | <b>Comstock Park Area</b>      | <b>Meeting – Tom Kozura – Sopwith Camel</b> |
| Nov 15 (7pm)  | Riverview Airport (08C)        | VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145                 |
| <b>Dec 10</b> | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – Christmas Brunch</b>           |

**If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me**  
 If you would like to be on the e-mail list for meeting and event reminders, or if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, which is full color and delivered days before the print version... please send your e-mail address to:  
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**Treasurer's Report:** (as of Nov 2th)

Liabilities: \$4055.00  
 Cash: \$110.85    Checking: \$8.88  
 Savings: \$6267.82    Total: \$6387.55

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## 938 River Rock Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI

Take 131, exit @ West River Drive, Left on Pine Island Dr, Right on Pendleton Dr, Left on Silverstone Dr, Right on River Rock Dr

