

December 2022



# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Dec 10, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Riverview Airport (08C)–in the Main Hangar** (see map on last page)

## CHAPTER PROGRAM

EAA Chapter 145 invites all members, friends and family to enjoy the annual Christmas Brunch.

- Main Hangar, Social Hour at 10:30 am
- Bring a dish to pass by 11:00 am
- Plan to eat at 11:30 am
- Meat, place service, and drinks provided
- Sign-up at Riverview bulletin board or Text: 616-350-4715 / email: [flyrfc172@aol.com](mailto:flyrfc172@aol.com)



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a year! We have been working through all types of "adjustments" to keep some type of normality in our lives. It is the "Season of Joy" that will provide us with the comfort we seek, not just happiness.

Christmas is a time of giving and joy. When I was eight, I received some model airplanes for Christmas. Those models sparked a lifelong interest in aviation for me. To this day, I still build model airplanes and fly big aircraft, both provides me happiness.

As you know Happiness is not Joy. We are happy when we fly or build a project or sit around talking with our friends.

So what is the reason that we have Joy this time of year? This is not a big mystery and I bet you know the reason for the "Season of Joy". If not, maybe we can figure it out at the Brunch. I sincerely wish you Happiness, but most of all Joy.

Blessings to one and all, Dick

## CHRISTMAS SUPPER INVITATION

Please join EAA Chapters 211 and 704 for Christmas dinner on December 10, 6pm, at Sparta Airport. Meat provided, bring dish to pass and table service. (See attached flyer below)

## EAA #145 VMC CLUB

No VMC Club meeting for December.



## EAA #145 HANGAR

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

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH: [www.flightaware.com](http://www.flightaware.com)

FlightAware was the first company to offer free flight tracking services. FlightAware provides live flight data, airport delays, fuel prices, FBO reservations, weather maps, flight planning, flight routes, oceanic tracks, and navigation charts, as well as aviation news and photos to over three million users a month.

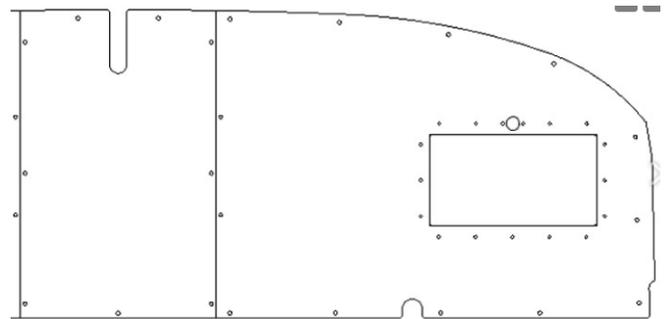
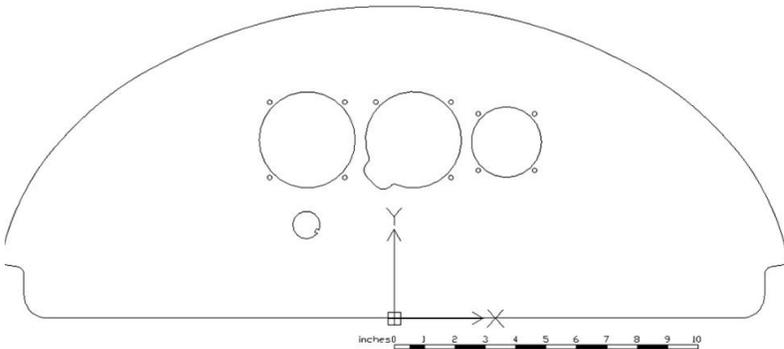


[www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org) N.O.R.A.D tracks the arrival of Santa on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

## VAN'S 3D CAD PANEL MODELS RELEASED

Van's Aircraft announced the release of 3D models of both the panel and sub panel areas for our popular kit aircraft to enable builders to design their panel installations in CAD.

RV-4 INSTRUMENT PANEL LAYOUT



Now that Solid Works is available for every EAA member, and Fusion 360 free of charge for home use, Van's has received several requests from builders for 3D models of the panel and sub panel.

Files are available for the following aircraft RV-7 & 9 (Tip-Up & Slider), RV-8, RV-10 and RV-14, on the downloads page of the Van's Aircraft web site. They have posted files in an IGS format recognized by SolidWorks and Fusion 360 as well as many other CAD programs. Users who wish to have files in another format may use the above CAD programs or a third party program to convert the files.

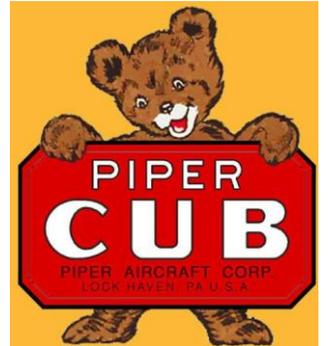


## CALKINS FIELD AVIATION

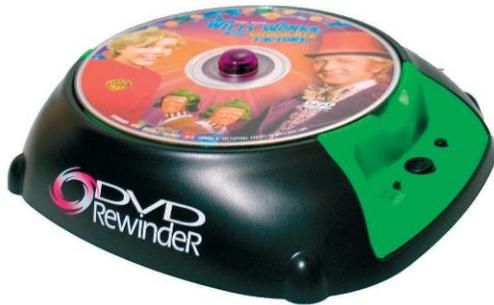
Pete Steinbacher of Calkins Field Aviation LLC, is our local source for all your maintenance needs, right here at Riverview. Pete has an A&P license and Inspection Authorization (IA). Pete provides Annual Inspections, 100-hour inspections, maintenance and repairs on all types of aircraft. He has done extensive renovations to the main hangar at Riverview. There is a fully functional machine shop at his disposal.

Pete is also an experimenter. He is finished with a Piper Cub project, and has a Newport-11 project waiting in the wings. Pictured below are Pete Steinbacher, Bill Willyard, and Larry Baine (A&P). Larry and Bill often help Pete with the projects; be it a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of eyes to double-check work, or strong arms to help move items around.

Pete can be reached at (616)889-5971



## **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.

And if you act now, we will include a DVD rewinding service.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting – Christmas Brunch</b>
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting – “64 MPH Faster” Speed Mods</b>
Jan 17 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting – T.B.D.</b>
Feb 21 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting – T.B.D.</b>
Mar 21 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145

**If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me**

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Liabilities:	\$4055.00
Cash:	\$150.85
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Savings:	\$5682.82
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5804.55</b>

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# RIVERVIEW

*Merry Christmas*



# CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



## Saturday, December 10, 2022

## Main Hangar at 11a.m.

- ▶ Social hour 10:30 to 11:30
- ▶ *Bring a dish to pass (by 11:00)*
- ▶ We plan to eat at 11:30
- ▶ Ham, service, and drinks provided
- ▶ All Family and Friends invited
- ▶ Sign-up with number attending\*  
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Our December meeting will be  
**The 2022 Christmas Party**



*Merry Christmas*

Please join your fellow EAA Chapter 211 family, and other area EAA Chapters on Saturday, December 10, for an evening of Camaraderie and Holiday Spirit at our

**2022 Christmas Dinner Party!**

The venue will be Gordon Gilcrest's hangar at the Paul C. Miller – Sparta Airport, 9140 Vinton Avenue NW, Sparta, MI, right by the entrance gate on 11 Mile Road.

The gate should be in the open position, but if not, the code is 1228

Please bring a dish to share and your Holiday spirit(s).

A social hour is planned for 5:00 pm with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm.