

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Saturday, November 11, 2023 – 10 AM**
Riverview Airport (08C) in Chapter Hangar



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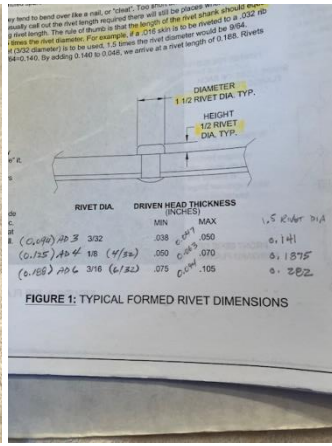
THANK YOU VETERANS!

Saturday, November 11 is Veterans Day. Many of our members have served, and most of us have friends and relatives who chose to honorably serve in the United States military. Talk with them and tell them how important it is to make and keep our country strong. Tell them “Thank you.”



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The Chapter meeting for November will be Riveting. Adjectives for this event include: riveting, stimulating, fitting, drilling, counter sinking, deburring, aligning, match drilling, bucking, squeezing, mechanical, pneumatic, and delicious (pizza). Bob Swietek and Bruce Whitman will be presenting a workshop on riveting, the do's and don'ts. This will give Chapter members a hands-on chance to work with the rivets, tools and metal working for forming airplane components. Bob is hand building an RV-14A.



You will have the chance to set rivets, whether single rivets in hard-to-reach places, hand squeeze edges or buck rivets with another person (inside and out of structures).

We will also be hosting a local business: Orb Aerospace, who has expressed an interest in riveting, as it relates to aluminum fabrication.



Orb Aerospace is an aviation start-up, based at Lowell Airport (24C). Their CEO Alex Taylor will visit us, perhaps joined by other Orb employees. They have prototyped a small VTOL vehicle for personnel use, as a networking platform or other small payload operations.

We will start in the big hangar at 10 AM for registration and a brief business meeting and then adjourn to the Chapter 145 Hangar, Building C, Hangar 1 for the workshop.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month we will be educated about riveting on a metal airplane. You will learn how to layout, drill, deburr, dimple, countersink and drive rivets. Each style of rivet and each riveting tool will be discussed and demonstrated.

The annual Christmas Brunch is coming up for next month's meeting. This is a time to gather and catch up with the families and friends in our small aviation community.

We are looking forward to next year already, and planning interesting topics for the chapter. If any of you have ideas or topics for future meetings, please let one of the officers know. We are always looking for input to make educational and entertaining meeting for our club members.

All the Best!, Randy Houtman

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY - GREAT MEMORIES!

Doug Squires was born and raised in Minnesota. He and his brother used to ride their bikes to the local airport, hang out with the pilots, and occasionally get rides with them, some eighty years ago. He also visited his cousin in Grand Forks, MN, who operated an airport and they flew with his brother there. Doug went on to become a brick layer, moved about and now resides in senior care in Byron Center. He still loves aviation, and for his 90th birthday, Dick Foster and Hugh Eisen, Chapter 145 members, helped provide a memorable flight.



Doug was accompanied by his daughter Valerie (jeans jacket) and Jennifer Rozema, Coordinator at The Oaks at Byron Center, where Doug lives. They loved the flight around West Michigan! Doug recalled some of the planes from when he was a young man, and even wondered if we had Ercoupes at Riverview (08C). Hugh and Dick made this gentleman a very happy birthday present and brought back great memories.

OCTOBER BONFIRE at RIVERVIEW

Weather was not inviting to start, but a dozen EAA Chapter 145 members braved the elements and joined in friendly “hangar flying” and good fellowship. Our officers certainly know how to start a blaze! This annual event was in lieu of our regular monthly chapter meeting. And don’t forget our annual Christmas brunch coming up in December.



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

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

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

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

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

Riveting Class - Bruce Whitman, Bob Swietek

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

Annual Christmas Brunch

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Treasurer's Report for October 30, 2023:

Liabilities: \$4195.00

Cash: \$110.85

Checking: \$72.69

Savings: \$5013.26

Total Assets: \$5195.80

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