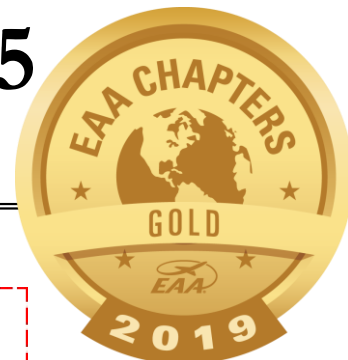


March 2022



# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Mar 12, 2022 – 10:00am**  
**Riverview Airport (08C)–in the Main Hangar** (see map on last page)

## CHAPTER PROGRAM

Tim Sokol, FAASTeam Program Manager, specializing in maintenance & airworthiness, will provide practical information on how to get your aircraft ready for a safe flying season.

Join us for the presentation and pizza lunch to follow.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Someone asked why I volunteer each year as president of EAA Chapter 145. The best answer is "Because I can." Think about the advantages of being a volunteer; you get to do what you like and you can quit anytime!

The volunteers in EAA Chapter 145 seem to enjoy a lot of activities and the members support one another. Also, the volunteer spirit was expressed at the recent West Michigan Chapter (WMC) officers meeting. See the minutes in this newsletter for examples of how much your chapter officers cooperate to make sport aviation alive in West Michigan.

Covid sure has limited our chapter activities the last couple of years; however we are now starting to open up the events and activities in West Michigan. To get an idea, refer to the "FLYING SEASONS EVENTS" in this newsletter

So, if you have some aviation activity you would like to volunteer for, let me know. Maybe we could arrange to let you start enjoying what you're good at.

Blue Skies, Dick

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## EAA #145 VMC CLUB

Thanks to Bob Swietek for introducing the group to the EAA VMC Club. As a reminder the first mtg will be Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Riverview lobby (see flyer down below) FYI: the IMC club is run by Sparta EAA, and they meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7pm.



## DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED

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.

## WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER OFFICERS MEET

At the beginning of the new year the officers of each West Michigan Chapter (EAA 211 – Grand Haven, EAA 578 – Fremont, EAA 145 – Grand Rapids, EAA 704 – Sparta, and EAA 221 – Kalamazoo) get together and discuss the state of each chapter and the year to come. Following are the minutes of that meeting:

## EAA West Michigan Chapters Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2022

**Members Present:** EAA #145 - Dick Foster, Bruce Whitman, Bob Swietek, Randy Houtman EAA #211 - Eric Cassens, Dale Hagen EAA #221 - Bob Aardema, Ginger DeVillers, Dan DeVillers EAA #578 - Ben Kautz, Rocky Frees EAA #704 - Jim Russ, Herb Harney



**Main Discussion:** The reason to get all the West Michigan chapters together is to coordinate events and to open communication between all the chapters. This helps to keep the aviation-minded people close, and not feel isolated. Also, if another chapter has an event, we will not plan an event for Riverview. Multiple events on the same day takes away the amount of folks that will attend our events. Chapter meeting programming was also discussed, and shared with the other chapters so that interesting presenters / programming could be repeated at the neighboring chapter meetings.

The members exchanged contact information, shared dates of various local events, and discussed ideas for future events. Coordination of volunteers and pilots for the Young Eagle events was discussed. Pooling of the Young Eagle credits allows a few kids to be sent to Oshkosh camp at no cost. Kalamazoo & Sparta are having great success with Ray Scholarship award winners.

**Special Events with other EAA Chapters:** For events with a wide interest (STRATUX DIY ADS-B, Aviation Weather, etc) we will announce this to neighboring EAA chapters.

**Camping Flights/Big Tour Flights:** The chapter will keep in contact Herb Harney and other area pilots to get trip locations and dates, then pass on information in the newsletter and on the bulletin board.

**Chapter Group Flights:** Fly outs for the group were discussed. This would allow aircraft with limited size and speed to participate in the group flying activities. Destination examples include Mackinaw Island, Beaver Island, Watervliet camping, Charlevoix, etc.

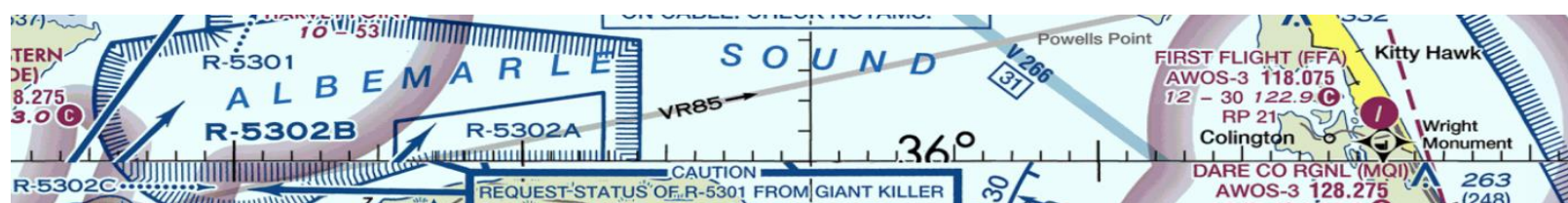
**Oshkosh '22:** We started talking about chapter camping at Oshkosh. If there is no interest, we could lose our "legacy" saved spot that has been the home for #145 for so many years. Chapter campsites will be staked out in the order requests are processed. Chapters that wish to sign up for chapter camping must be registered and paid for by June 30, 2022

**Activity Planning:** Activities for the upcoming year were discussed, among those were Oshkosh Airventure, Young Eagle flights, Eagle flights, Boy Scouts of America Aviation Merit Badge Day, and the October bonfire and Christmas brunch.

**2022 Monthly Programs:** The chapter tries to bring in interesting presenters and programs. If anyone has ideas for monthly meetings please talk with V.P. Bruce Whitman.

**Other:** If anyone has ideas / concerns for the chapter, please talk with any chapter officer. This group can excel when everyone contributes. The group allows members to make connections with other aviation minded people, to learn and share knowledge in this technical field, to inspire and be inspired to move ahead with new skills and experiences.

We want to thank those that helped with events and went the extra mile, we could not have done it without all the help.





## FLYING SEASON EVENTS

The new flying season is here and below is a listing of events you may want to check out. Many have volunteering opportunities, ask Dick Foster for more information:

May 6-7	Kalamazoo Airport (AZO)	Young Eagles Event
May 14	Riverview Airport (08C)	Boy Scouts Aviation Badge & Young Eagles
May 21	W.Mich. Aviation Academy(GRR)	Young Eagle Event
May 28	Fremont (FFX)	Pancake Breakfast
June 4	Grand Haven (3GM)	Open House & Young Eagle Event
June 11	Galloway Landing (MI93)	Lunch Fly-In... Pilots eat free!!
June 11	Sparta (8D4)	Young Eagles Event
June 18	Ionia (Y70)	SMAT Open House Community Day
June30-July4	Battle Creek (BTL)	Battle Creek Balloon & Airshow
July 2-3	Traverse City (TVC)	Cherry Festival Airshow
July 16	Willow Run (YIP)	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow
July 25-31	Wittman Field (OSH)	OSHKOSH 2022
Aug 2-5	Mentone IN (C92)	PRA.org – Gyroplane Convention
August 13	Sparta (8D4)	Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles Event
August 20	Holland (BIV)	Wing of Mercy Pancake Breakfast & Y.E.

## EAA #145 HANGAR

Currently there is a C-172 in the EAA hangar. There's space for smaller projects that could help keep the hangar active. Contact Dick Foster for details.

## NOISE REDUCTION HEADSETS 4 SALE

### **Sigtronics Model S-AR ANR Headset(s)**

Active Noise Reduction Stereo/Mono Headset

American Made Quality

New cost each: \$494

- Up to 19 dB of Active Noise Reduction
- Stereo / Mono Switch
- Ultra-Deep Gel Seals
- Powder Coated No-Glare hardware
- Ultra-Foam Windscreen
- Noise Canceling Mic
- Power - One 9 volt battery
- Perfect Flex Boom
- Only 17 ounces

Two pair available, one set of extra gel ear cushions for each headset.

\$250 each

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Rampfee.me is a one-stop place to find ramp fees, "handling fees", etc. They make the calls to FBOs for you. Fly more. Call less. Protect your wallet from surprise fees and costs. And they have a mobile app for your phone too.



EAA Chapter 145 website: [www.145.eaachapter.org](http://www.145.eaachapter.org)  
 Riverview Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/>

EAA National website: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 12** Riverview Airport (08C)  
**Mar 15** (7pm) Riverview Airport (08C)  
**Apr 9** Riverview Airport (08C)  
**May 14** Riverview Airport (08C)  
 June 4 Grand Haven (3GM)  
 June 11 Galloway Landing (MI93)  
 June 18 Ionia (Y70)  
 June 30-July 4 Battle Creek (BTL)  
 July 2-3 Traverse City (TVC)  
 July 16 Willow Run (YIP)  
 July 25-31 Wittman Field (OSH)  
 Aug 2-5 Mentone IN (C92)  
 Sept 17 Nixon Airport (50G)

## Meeting – Winter Airplane Maintenance/Storage

EAA Chapter #145 VMC Club

## Meeting – Digitizing A/C Logbooks

## Boy Scouts Aviation Badge & Young Eagles

Open House / Young Eagles

Lunch Fly-In... Pilots eat free!!

SMAT Open House Community Day

Battle Creek Balloon & Airshow

Cherry Festival Airshow

Thunder Over Michigan Airshow

## OSHKOSH 2022

PRA.org – Gyroplane Convention

Ultralight and Light Sport Demos

**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 Mar 2th)

Liabilities: \$4055.00

Cash: \$110.85 Checking: \$8.88

Savings: \$6997.69 Total: \$7117.42

Website Editor, Christian Bell  
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## EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 National Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Owned/Projects \_\_\_\_\_

For PayPal payments contact Dick Foster at  
[rbfoster172@yahoo.com](mailto:rbfoster172@yahoo.com)

Bring this form to the next meeting or mail to:

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 6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI, 49546

Experimental Aircraft Association – Chapter 145 – Grand Rapids, Mi







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**Join a community of pilots willing to share experience,  
promote safety, and help improve your flying skills.**

## **Chapter Gatherings**

Third Tues of the Month (Beginning March 15th)

Meeting: 07:00 p.m.

## **Location**

805 Taylor St (Riverview) Ready Room  
Jenison, MI 49428

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