

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, May 13, 2023 – 10:00 am**
Riverview Airport (08C) in the Hangar



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MAY PROGRAM

Knocking off The Rust, Spring Flying

Tom Kozura will be our featured speaker this May. Our chapter was fortunate to visit Tom and see the progress on his Sopwith Camel, which is an incredibly detailed construction. (Tom has also built five other aircraft.) Tom is an FAA inspector, program manager for their FAST Team (FAA Safety Team) and has a long background in aviation. He was a pilot flying B-52s and E-3s for the USAF, flew for Northwest Airlines and operated a flight school in Sparta.



Tom's topic will address getting back into flying, such as after the winter layoff. "Your first flight of the year should not be going into Oshkosh." Perhaps it shouldn't be any long cross country trip. Yes, we need to be current to carry passengers, but what level of proficiency should we be comfortable with and how to we get to that level? Join us to hear what an experienced pilot and safety instructor has for advice.

Note: Pizza to follow meeting.

PRESIDENT CORNER

Each of us has our favorite websites for weather, navigation, airports, FAA rules, general info, etc. I would like to develop a list of the most useful aviation websites and post them to the EAA Chapter 145 website. By using our collective knowledge, I think we can build a good list. Please bring your favorite flying websites to the May 13 meeting, or send them to me at N49272Q@gmail.com.

Thank you, Randy Houtman

FLYING YOUNG EAGLES AND ADULTS

Were you aware that you could individually fly a youth (8-17 years) or an adult (18 or older) under one of two EAA programs?

Many of our chapter members volunteer to help with Young Eagle (YE) events to introduce young people to the amazing world of aviation. But were you aware that you could fly an individual without waiting for a YE event?

Two programs from EAA nationally are available to you:

Young Eagles is designed to introduce youth, aged 8 up to 17, to aviation with a free rider in a small aircraft (up to 3 kids), with parent permission.

Eagle Flights are for sharing the aviation lifestyle with adults, aged 18 and up, with a one-on-one introductory flight.

And we need pilots. The requirements are fairly straight forward and apply to both Certified and Experimental aircraft: Pilots need to be EAA national members, current with medical, current to carry passengers, current with their flight review, have proper insurance, and comply with the FAA regulations. This is the stuff most of us should be doing with our aircraft. To fly Young Eagles, pilots need to complete Youth Protection Training, free of charge from the EAA National website. EAA then provides a million dollar insurance policy for the flight.

Detailed information is available online: see YoungEagles.org or EagleFlights.org, both of which are accessed through the national EAA website. More details, materials and suggestions are displayed there.

Should you want to talk to our local Eagles contact, touch base with Dick Foster, 616-350-4715 or c172foster@gmail.com. Individual forms are available from Chapter 145. Perhaps you will be the mentor that starts someone on their aviation career.

INAUGURAL EAA Learn to Fly Week!

Expert flight instructors and reps from aviation organizations will present free and interactive webinars to help jumpstart your flight training journey. Dates are **May 15-20** and is sponsored by Sporty's. Use the following link: (<https://www.eaa.org/ltfweek>) Topics covered include how to get started in flight training, tips for saving time and money in flight training, preparing for FAA written exam, examiner tips for passing the check ride and much more. If you are new to flying or have friends who are interested, be sure to let them know!

CHAPTER HANGAR DISCUSSION

At the May 13 meeting, we will have a discussion whether to keep renting the Chapter hangar at Riverview or return the hangar back to Riverview Airport (08C).

Through the years the hangar has been a good asset. Many aircraft have been built there, and improvements such as insulation and heat have been made. However, the hangar has become a liability. The lack of projects means there is no revenue to offset the rental costs. Plus there is a cost for insurance that EAA HQ provides to cover liability for a Chapter hangar.

The Chapter will be out of money if we do nothing. The hangar is costing four times the amount of incoming Chapter dues. Regarding fundraising options, we could host pancake breakfasts or do other things to raise money, but the money primarily would be going directly to pay for an empty, unused hangar. Those funds could be going for better uses.

We are at the point where a difficult decision must be made. The Chapter officers would like input from the membership to help make a decision at the Chapter meeting on May 13.

NEW MEMBERS

Another new person has joined Chapter 145 recently. Please welcome Dan Evans to our group. Introduce yourself and share your experiences in aviation.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 6 (9-12 pm)	Gerald Ford Airport (GRR)	Young Eagles for WMAA
May 6 (8-11 am)	West Mich Regional (BIV)	Tulip Time Fly-in Pancake Breakfast
May 13 (10-12 am)	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Tom Kosura – Knocking off the Rust – (Spring Flying)
May 13 (9-12)	Kalamazoo (AZO)	Young Eagles @ Air Zoo Chapter 211
May 15-20	EAA Online	Learn to Fly Week
May 16 (7 pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club Chapter 145
May 20 (9-12)	Sparta Airport (8D4)	Flying Start, per EAA Learn to Fly Chapter 704
May 27 (8-12)	Fremont (FFX)	Pancake Breakfast Fly-In
June 3 (9-12 pm)	Plainwell (61D)	Young Eagles Chapter 221
June 3 (8-2 pm)	Grand Haven (3GM)	Young Eagles/Open House Chapter 211
June 4 (7-11 am)	Houghton Lake (HTL)	Pancake Breakfast
June 10 (10 am)	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Agenda TBD
June 10 (8-12 pm)	Sparta (8D4)	Young Eagles Chapter 704
June 10 (8-12 pm)	Greenville (6D6)	Young Eagles Chapter 1692 (new chapter)
June 17 (7:30-5 pm)	Ionia (Y70)	SMAT Community Day, Fly-in
June 19-23 (9-1:39 pm)	Ludington (LDM)	PASA Youth Camp Chapter 221
June 20 (7 pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club Chapter 145
June 24 (9-12 pm)	Riverview (08C)	STEP Girls Young Eagles Chapter 145
July 1-2	Traverse City (TVC)	Traverse City Air Show (Saturday/Sunday)
July 8 (10 am)	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Agenda TBD
July 18 (7 pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club Chapter 145
July 24-30	Airventure (OSH)	Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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Treasurer's report (as of Apr 30):

Liabilities:	\$4195.00
Cash:	\$110.85
Checking:	\$13.92
Savings:	\$5735.68
Total Assets:	\$5860.45

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