

December 2021



EAA CHAPTER 145

SINCE 1962



Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 – 11:00am
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.
- Ham, place service, and drinks provided
- Sign-up at Riverview bulletin board or email 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.

As you know Happiness is not Joy. We are happy when we fly or build a project or sit around talking with our friends. Joy is the reason why we are happy. 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." Think about as many reasons as you can, but in the end, you'll agree there is only one true reason. Hope to see you at the Riverview Brunch. Wishing you happiness, but most of all Joy to you and yours.

Dick

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.

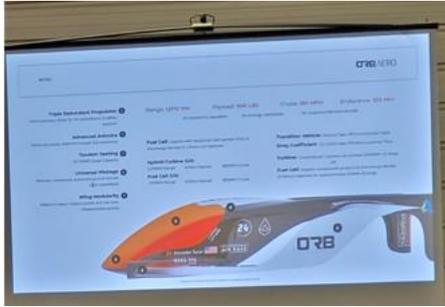
TOOLS

Eric Spross (A&P) is looking to add to his tool collection. If you have "AN" hardware or extra aviation tools, contact Eric @ (616)706-4421 or ericpca911@yahoo.com



THANKS ALEX

Many thanks to Alex Taylor of ORB Aerospace, presenter of last month's meeting. He shared the progress of the *SJX* vehicle, and his vision of the future of aviation.



AIRPLANE CLUB OPPORTUNITY

(notice from Grand Haven Chapter 211)

We have a couple of members who have a very interesting proposal for one or two people willing to take them up on the offer. It involves the restoration and ownership of a 1946 Commonwealth Skyrainger once owned by former Chapter 211 member Herb Kelly before he passed away. Current Chapter 211 member Bill Verduin now owns the aircraft and is seeking a partner or two willing to form a club to finish it and co-own the plane with him. Bill is willing to donate what he has invested so far and also support the repairs.

A&P Mechanic and fellow Chapter 211 member, Gary Van Farowe, has offered to open his shop to help complete the project, "working on it either on a Tuesday or Thursday night like we did on the Eaglet." Though this is not an official Chapter project, Gary and Bill would like people who want to learn fabric, interior, etc. skills to help also.

In looking at the project, Gary estimates it will take \$15,000 to \$20,000 to complete. If you have any questions, please contact:

Bill Verduin (616) 403-1666 or Gary VanFarowe (616) 795-5650



(File photo of a nicely restored Commonwealth Skyrainger)



PIETENPOL FOR SALE

Rick Saliers is selling his "Ultra-Piet". For more information, contact Rick at saliersrick@gmail.com



PARROT FOR SALE

Dave DeHamer has his Parrot aircraft for sale. It is a 2006 Czech Aircraft Works Parrot, with a 912 Rotax engine. It has less than 120 hours TT.

Contact Dave at 262-4369 for more information.



GUESS WHERE



Take a guess on the location of this historical aviation site

(answer on next page)

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH www.noradsanta.org

For 60 years, **NORAD** and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) have tracked Santa's flight.



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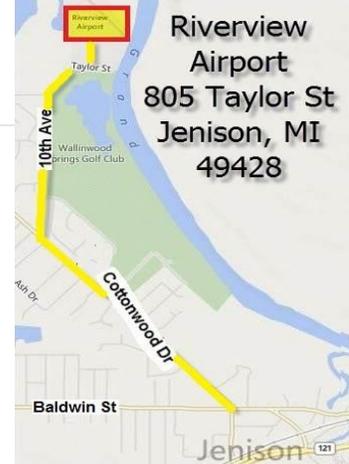
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EAA Chapter 145 website: www.145.eaachapter.org EAA National website: www.eaa.org
 Riverview Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/>



Riverview Airport
 805 Taylor St
 Jenison, MI
 49428

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec 11 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Riverview Christmas Brunch - Save the Date |
| Jan 8 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – Digitize Your LogBooks |
| Feb 12 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – T.B.D. |
| Mar 12 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – “Brushing off the Rust” - FAAST |
| Apr 9 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – EAA VMC Club – |

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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 Cash: \$110.85 Checking: \$8.80
 Savings: \$6949.08 Total: \$7068.81

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Name _____	Aircraft Owned/Projects _____
Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	_____
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****The Wright Brothers used Huffman Prairie Flying Field in Dayton from 1903 – 1910 to refine their design, to make exhibitions, and to start a flying school****

RIVERVIEW

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



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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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Merry Christmas

Please join with your fellow EAA Chapter 211 family and Chapter 704 on Saturday, December 11, 2021 for an evening of Camaraderie and Holiday Spirit at our 2021 Christmas Dinner Celebration.

The venue will be Gordon Gilcrest's hangar at the Paul C. Miller-Sparta Airport, 9140 Vinton Avenue NW, Sparta, MI.

Chapter 211 will be furnishing meat, soft drinks and water. Please bring a dish to share and your Holiday spirit(s). A social hour is planned for 5:00pm with dinner beginning at 6:00pm.

