



March 2024

EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: Saturday, March 9, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Riverview Airport (08C)–in the Main Hangar (see map on last page)

CHAPTER PROGRAM

Cary Marsh is a former Air Force refueling pilot. He will be relaying his experiences in the Air Force and telling us about his adventures. After the meeting, we'll have chili ready for lunch.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hopefully everyone is taking advantage of the colder time of the year to brush-up on your aviation knowledge. Then you'll be sharp when the good flying weather arrives. Homebuilders Week and Ultralight Days just finished. If you did not see them in person, use the link further below in the newsletter to view the webinars. As a reminder there are over 1000 webinars in the EAA video library on every flying subject you can think of.

VMC CLUB

The VMC Club meets on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Riverview Airport Lobby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 19th. Everyone is welcome to join in.

A safety discussion at our last VMC Club meeting highlighted two great sources for links: AOPA and FAA. Two samples are listed here:

Emergency Procedures: Go Beyond the Textbook

(Editor's Note: You may need to be a member of AOPA in order access their online materials.)

www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/online-learning/safetyspotlights/emergency-procedures

FAA Airplane Flying Handbook, Chapter 18: Emergency Procedures

www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/airplane_handbook/19_afh_ch18.pdf

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/EAA145

The EAA 145 Chapter Facebook allows you to see upcoming events, interesting news items, photos, etc. This is a good tool for getting information and keeping up to date between the meeting times. For quick and easy access, save a 'bookmark' of the EAA 145 facebook page.

EAA #145 WEBSITE

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea145>

Also check out the EAA 145 Chapter website from time to time. The EAA 145 website contains all the past newsletters and e-bulletins, group photos, Young Eagles, and many other items.

THANK YOU JEFF FREY – FLYING TO THE BAHAMAS

The February meeting was an excellent example of a well-planned, well-executed trip by our local member Jeff Frey, to a memorable destination, the Bahamas. Jeff showed us a number of websites dealing with “flying the Bahamas.” He walked us through the considerations he made and choices he had for flying to an island paradise. Read more about it on our website.



RUNWAY AT RIVERVIEW AIRPORT RESTRIPED

Runways 14/32 and the taxiway at Riverview have recently been repainted (restriped? Don't know if this is a real word). The displaced threshold for Runway 32 is clearly visible in the above photo.

Thank you Riverview Airport Management.

MASTERS OF THE AIR STREAMING SERIES

The sixth and final episode of Masters of the Air has now been released. Apple TV+ has broadcast a story of the B-17s flying during World War II. The series focuses on the 100th Air Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force, the “Bloody 100th”. For aviation buffs and military historians this is a series to watch. Based out of Thorpe Abbots RAF field, the pictures and action are incredible. Each B-17 was crewed by 10 men, most very young. The losses were high, facing both flak and German fighters on each mission. Casualties on some missions were approaching 90 percent.



YOUNG EAGLES CREDITS

EAA Chapter 145 participates in the Young Eagles program. To recognize the support from your chapter, EAA HQ has issued the chapter Young Eagles credits based on 2023 flight activity. From January through the end of July 2023, chapters were credited at \$10 per Young Eagle flown, and beginning in August through the end of the year, chapters were credited the standard \$5 per Young Eagle flown.

In recognition of its support, EAA Chapter 145 earned \$670 in Young Eagles Credits for 2023. These credits will be combined with those from other West Michigan chapters to send a deserving youth to summer camp at Oshkosh.

EAA Chapter 145 had extra credits from 2022 and applied all \$560 of the chapter's YE credits to Josie Caswell who is attending the Advanced Camp. She is also sponsored by EAA Chapter 221 K-Zoo.

A big "Thank You" goes out to the Young Eagle pilots and ground volunteers that brought new people to flight.



HOMEBUILDERS WEEK & VIRTUAL ULTRALIGHT DAYS

If you missed some of the presentations for Homebuilders Week or Ultralight Days, the link below will take you to the EAA website. A series of one-hour videos cover everything from building, painting, engines, electrical, wood, fabric, sheet metal, etc. Props, wheels, engines and electronics are there too. It's worth browsing depending on your specific interest, and you can go at your own time and pace:

www.eaa.org/videos/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week-2024

www.eaa.org/ea/aviation-interests/ultralights/virtualultralight-days



ECLIPSE 2024

A solar eclipse will be moving across the Midwest on April 8th, 2024. Indianapolis & Toledo are the closest cities with 100% cover. Grand Rapids will be at 94% coverage. See below for a good link that shows the progression of the eclipse across the USA:

www.greatamericaneclipse.com/april-8-2024



See below for links for aviation events in the path of the eclipse:

www.aopa.org/destinations/event/86

www.aopa.org/destinations/event/457

www.aopa.org/destinations/event/460

<https://midairevents.com/>

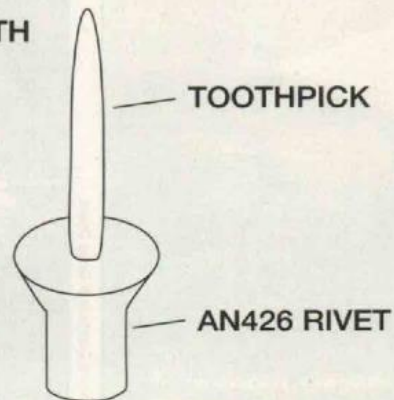


HINTS FOR HOMEBUILDERS

CHECKING THE DEPTH

An easy way to check the depth of a machine countersink is to take a rivet of the proper size and drill a 1/16" hole into the head. A toothpick is then pressed into the hole. Now you can check the depth of your countersunk rivet holes quickly. This tool eliminates the need to reach under the workpiece to pop the rivet back out of the hole after checking for proper countersink depth.

COUNTERSINK DEPTH CHECKING TOOL



WHEN THE NEED ARISES to cut off a section of pipe or tubing, especially if the diameter is larger than 1 inch, it can be difficult to keep the cut square with the length of the tube. If you place a hose clamp around the tube at the cut line, you will create a very solid line that is perfectly square with the tube and substantial enough to act as a cutting guide for your saw. In the photo a piece of 3-inch diameter thin wall tubing is easily cut perfectly square with a hacksaw.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 9	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Cary Marsh, Air Force
Mar 19 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
April 13	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Bob Aardema, Flying Fun
April 16 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
May 11	Air-Zoo Kalamazoo	Meeting – Air-Zoo Restoration Center
May 21 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
June 8	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – OSHKOSH for Newbies
June 15	Ionia Airport	SMAT Open House & B'fast
June 18 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
June 22	Galloway Landings (Green LK)	Food Truck Open House
June 29-30	Traverse City	Airshow – Cherry Festival
July 3-7	Battle Creek Airport	Airshow – Balloon Fest
July 22-28	OSHKOSH (OSH)	OSHKOSH!!!
Aug 24	Newman's Field	Newman's Fly-In

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

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EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

Name _____	Aircraft Owned/Projects _____
Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City _____	_____
State / Zip _____	_____
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