



August 2022

EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Aug 13, 2022 8 am - 12 noon
Sparta Airport (8D4) – Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles

CHAPTER PROGRAM

We will not have our normal meeting at Riverview this month. Chapter 704 in Sparta is having a pancake breakfast & Young Eagle event on August 13th. So we ask that you support our neighboring chapter and take the short trip over to Sparta Airport (8D4) to enjoy a pancake breakfast and help with the Young Eagle flights. See below for more details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As you can see by the meeting place this month, EAA145 is volunteering to help Sparta, EAA704 with its annual Friday / Saturday fly-in event. As a chapter member you can join in activities by volunteering to help for a while, get free food and enjoy the fellowship. See the Sparta fly-in section for basic info and below for contact details.

The following Saturday on August 20, EAA145 will once again help the Wings of Mercy in Holland with their annual Care Affaire open house by providing Young Eagle flights. This is another opportunity to volunteer to help a worthy organization that serves the West Michigan community with mercy flights. There are many ways to help both by flying and on the ground. As a chapter member you can join in activities by volunteering to help for a while, get free food and enjoy the fellowship. See the Wings of Mercy Care Affaire section for basic info and below for contact details.

Also, I received an email from Sherry Wells asking if there were any founding members of EAA145 still living in Grand Rapids. EAA145 was founded in 1962 and I was not aware of any original members in the area. She sent some information about Harry Wells, the co-founder of EAA145 which is included in the newsletter for your enjoyment.

Cheers, Dick

Volunteer contact info: flyrfc172@aol.com, 616-350-4715

YOUNG EAGLES

The five EAA West Michigan Chapters have planned several Young Eagle events this summer. See results of completed events, along with upcoming events below:

Completed: **31** Y.E.'s flown on May 14, B.S.A. – (08C) EAA145

Completed: **73** Y.E.'s flown on May 21, WMAA students (GRR) EAA704/145

Completed: **145** Y.E.'s flown on June 4, Grand Haven open house (3GM) EAA211/145

Completed: **147** Y.E.'s flown on June 11, Greenville, GAAA-Y.E. (6D6) EAA145

August 13, Sparta (8D4) pancake breakfast & Y.E. EAA704

August 20, Holland (BIV), Wings of Mercy - Y.E. EAA145

-Ground and pilots are always welcome, contact Dick Foster for details.

EAA145 HANGAR

The C172 in the chapter hangar has moved out, so the hangar is now open for projects. If you would like to use the chapter hangar, contact Dick Foster.

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SPARTA FLY-IN HELP

Sparta EAA #704 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles event August 13th. The planning details follow. If you can help out, please contact Herb Harney (below) or James Russ (jaruss@therevolutionllc.com)

Wednesday/Thursday Aug 10 & 11: Initial set up starting with road and street signs. Cleaning and preparing hangar for Friday and Saturday events. Setting up tables and chairs. There may be some guys that can't do Friday so I will have some set up and need help on the Wednesday/Thursday. I will be flexible about time to help so have anyone interested to contact me.

Friday Aug 12: Setup for Tailgate BBQ and Party. This event is open to everyone. We will start the setup on Friday mid-morning. We will need to put up parking barriers for planes and cars. We have some tents that need to go up and a couple exhibits to set up. Make sure all the food and drinks are ready for event by 5 PM, event starts at 6 PM and will continue until dusk. We will have the opportunity to do adult Eagle rides also so if any wants to mentor potential pilots we like to spend about an hour with any adults that are **SERIOUS** about perusing pilot license. We are not just giving rides but must prequalify these adults. We need pilots with their plane to do these and must meet all EAA requirements. Carbon Cub will be doing some STOL demonstrations also. Food and drinks are provided with donations accepted. We will need some help with clean up also.

Saturday Aug 13: Pancake Breakfast - starts at 8 AM. We will start setting up and preparing for the breakfast at 6:30 AM. We need folks to park planes, park cars, bus tables, cook food, serve beverages. We need folks to help with traffic control on the ramp for young eagles and fuel sales. I am looking for a couple to do the silent auction. Simple and does not take much to do. Let me know your thoughts.

Breakfast is \$10 adults, \$5 kids under 10, or \$30 per family
Herb Harney <hharneycloud@icloud.com>

WINGS OF MERCY CARE AFFAIRE



The Holland Wings of Mercy **Care Affaire** event will be held on Saturday **August 20th** at the West Michigan Regional Airport (BIV). The activities will be in the Fogg hangar, a new facility at BIV, about 8am to 1pm.

Once again EAA145 is providing Young Eagle flights as one of the activities. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the Y.E. event. There is a need for online computer assistance, dispatching people, Y.E. escorts, parking aircraft and ramp safety. As always, volunteers are well cared for with free food and drinks. Please think about how you can help, contact Dick Foster for details.

OPEN HOUSE - WEEKS REUNION

Last month's gathering of Weeks Hangar volunteers and friends was enjoyable with 35 people attending to talk with the 19 weeks Hangar volunteers. Fellowship, displays and food provided resources for a great time.

EAA145 HISTORY, 60 YEARS AGO

Harry F. Wells, 1921-2015. Co-founder of EAA 145 in 1962:

A Detroit newspaper photo showed a sad young Harry with his damaged model plane. Alongside his high school yearbook (1939) photo was "Lindbergh and me."

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, went to Officer Candidate School, and became a navigator in a B-24. He credited the Tuskegee Airmen with escorting his B-24 and crew back to base in Italy for his surviving WWII. He was called back for the Korean War, had his birthday on both sides of the International Date Line.

He used the GI-Bill to get a pilot's license, became an instructor, bought 40 acres and developed a grass strip into Wells Airport, which survives 3 miles east of Rockford. He flew wife, 4 small children and two Chihuahuas in a Waco QDC to Florida in the 1960s. He last owned an Aeronca Chief, Stinson and a Staggerwing Beech.

Deafness ultimately caused a loss of balance, a fall and a head injury fall in 1998 so he never flew again. He died at age 93 in the VA Facility in Augusta GA.

Submitted by Sherry A. Wells, his only offspring to get a pilot's license. And in charge of the hangar full of stuff!

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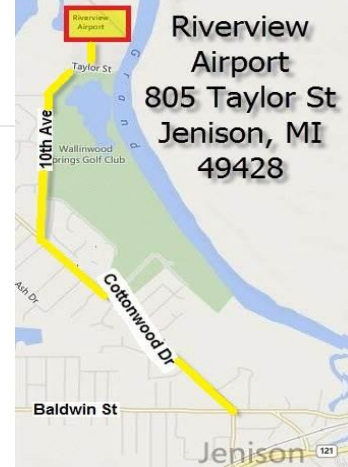
EAA #145 VMC CLUB

The VMC Club meets on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Riverview airport lobby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday Aug 16th. Come on by and share your flying experiences with fellow pilots, that way flying will be enjoyable for all of us.

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

EAA National website: www.eaa.org

Dues of \$25.00 are payable to "EAA CHAPTER 145".
 Refer to the Membership form below for payment methods.
 If you need to make any updates on your contact information,
 please include the tear-off slip.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 13
 Aug 16 (7pm)
 Aug30-Sept5
Sept 10
 Sept 17
 Sept 20 (7pm)
Oct 8
 Oct 18 (7pm)

Sparta Airport (8D4)
 Riverview Airport (08C)
 Blakesburg, Iowa
Riverview Airport (08C)
 Nixon Airport (50G)
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Pancake B'fast & Y.E. Event
 VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
 Antique Airfield Fly-In <https://antiqueairfieldia27.com>
Meeting - ADS-B, Brian Pugh, FAA
 Ultralight and Light Sport Demos
 VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
Meeting - Picnic & Bonfire
 VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145

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

Name _____	Aircraft Owned/Projects _____
Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	
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9TH ANNUAL SPARTA AIRPORT PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLY-IN



JOIN US FOR CUBS AND CAKES
AT THE
DAVE DUPERRON MEMORIAL
FLY IN

FRIDAY NIGHT COOKOUT

TIME: 6PM-10PM

BURGERS, BRATS, BEVERAGES, MUSIC &
ADULT EAGLE FLIGHTS
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

SATURDAY FLY-IN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TIME: 8AM-NOON

HEARTY BREAKFAST, COFFEE & JUICE

ADULTS: \$10

CHILDREN under 8: \$5

OR FAMILY: \$30

**AUGUST
12-13/2022**



FLY IN AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY, WARBIRDS, FREE YOUNG EAGLE
FLIGHTS, VINTAGE & CLASSIC AUTOS ON DISPLAY,
EVENT SPONSORS

FREE ADMISSION TO AIRPORT
GROUNDS

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