

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: Saturday, February 11, 2023 – 10:00 am
Riverview Airport (08C) in the Big Hangar



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CHAPTER 145
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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Bob Swietek created and runs the VMC club for EAA Chapter 145. He will be giving the group a preview of how the VMC club works. A scenario will be presented, then an interactive discussion occurs to find the best way the scenario should have been handled.



PRESIDENT CORNER

“And now for something completely different....” (Those of you who know Rocky & Bullwinkle will remember that line from the show) Randy Houtman is giving a shot at being president of EAA Chapter 145. So welcome him aboard in this new role.

In January, Bruce Whitman and Randy Houtman went to Oshkosh to attend the EAA Leadership Academy. There was much to be learned, and they are still trying to absorb all that was presented. They will do their best to share and apply what was learned so EAA Chapter 145 will continue to be a successful chapter.

The chapter leaders and board members met to discuss various items and to plan the year ahead. The minutes of that meeting can be seen on the following pages.

FACEBOOK

[**www.facebook.com/EAA145**](https://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 to your device.

EAA #145 WEBSITE

[**https://chapters.eaa.org/ea145**](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, chapter photos, Young Eagles, and many other items.

Annual Dues will be \$25 for 2023. Beat the rush and pay at the next meeting.

Future Programs

Feb 11	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – EAA VMC Club – Bob Swietek
Feb 21 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
Mar 11	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – Pat Morrell – AeroMed Helicopters
Mar 21 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145
Apr 8	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – T.B.D
Apr 18 (7pm)	Riverview Airport (08C)	VMC Club - EAA Chapter #145

EAA145 Officers for 2023:

- ✚ President, Randy Houtman (466-4462 n49272q@gmail.com)
- ✚ Vice President, Bruce Whitman (915-7304 bwhitmanpe@gmail.com)
- ✚ Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Swietek (581-3138 airdale69@aol.com)
- ✚ Newsletter Editor, Randy Houtman (n49272q@gmail.com)
- ✚ Website Editor, Christian Bell (cshbell@gmail.com)

Treasurer's report (as of Feb 3):

Liabilities: \$4195
Cash: \$110.85
Checking: \$30.79
Savings: \$5789.30
Total: \$5930.94

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EAA Chapter 145 Facebook: [**https://www.facebook.com/EAA145**](https://www.facebook.com/EAA145)

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

EAA CHAPTER 145 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2023

- Call to Order, Opening Comments

The Chapter 145 board of Directors meeting was called to order on Jan 14, 2023 at 12:25pm. Presiding was Dick Foster (Outgoing President). Attending were Randy Houtman (Newsletter Ed.), Bruce Wittman (VP), Bob Swietek (Sec/Treas), Christian Bell (Website Ed), Rick Saliers (Board Member), Rick Forberg (Board Member) and Robert Dreyer (Board Member).

- Officer Introductions, Questions & Concerns

Dick Foster introduced the three new board members to the group. Also indicated that Randy Houtman agreed to become the new president of the Chapter pending a voice vote of the attending membership at the Feb meeting.

- Financial Status & Cost of Operations

Bob Swietek presented a summary of 2022 Income & Expenditures (Sheet Attached). Bob Also indicated that he would present the summary to the general membership at the February meeting.

- Chapter Renewal Details and Costs

Bob Swietek submitted the annual chapter renewal to EAA National on November 26, 2022 for \$398.00. This includes the annual membership renewal and insurance coverage on our hangar rental and any activities we may conduct during the year.

- Chapter Officer Elections

Randy is the proposed president. Voting will be conducted at the Feb meeting. Bob Swietek suggested that Bruce Wittman preside over the voting as he is the current and assumed new Vice President.

- ✓ Newsletter Editor

Randy will remain as newsletter editor until someone else is identified and accepts the challenge. Rick Saliers indicated that he was interested in learning more about the position. He will work with Randy Houtman to see the extent of the task, Status can be reviewed at the next board meeting. Christian Bell and Randy will discuss coordination of Newsletter, Facebook and Website activities as appropriate. Update will be made at the next board meeting.

- ✓ Board Member Makeup

1. New Board Member at Large – Rick Forberg
2. New Board Member at Large – Robert Dreyer
3. New Board Member at Large – Rick Saliers
4. Board Emeritus Member – Dick Foster

Total number of board member positions should be reviewed as part of the By-laws review process

- ✓ New Board Positions to be Created?

No additional positions are planned at this time but the total of available positions should be identified as part of the by-laws review.

- ✓ Voting by email

The idea of email voting was addressed and the discussion which followed indicated that there would be more problems than in-person voting.

(e.g. Who would collect and tally votes? Would the votes need to be secret? How long would email voting extend? When would it begin? ETC. It was decided that voting would be in-person on a date and place to be identified.

- Activity Planning

1. AirVenture Camping

Bruce Wittman indicated that he will again coordinate and reserve Chapter camping spots at AirVenture this year. Currently, it is too early to begin planning but notice will be given at the appropriate time.

2. Young Eagle Events

Dick Foster will retain his Young Eagles coordinator responsibilities. He is currently developing an agenda of YE rallies for 2023.

3. Special Presentations/Activities Planned?

Several ideas were presented and discussed.

- A visit to the Great Lakes Center radar site – Christian Bell
- A joint chapter meeting and Kalamazoo Air Zoo visit – Dick Foster
- A rusty Pilots start of the season considerations presentation – Rick Forberg
- A joint VMC Club and chapter meeting to acquaint the membership with the activities of VMC club

4. BSA Merit Badge Day

There is a possibility of a BSA aviation merit badge. Dick Foster will discuss with the past troop leader. Rick Forberg will discuss with the BSA executive leadership to see if more troops might be interested in participating. Update at the next board meeting

5. Dayton AF Museum visit / EAA704

Dick Foster will discuss with EAA 704 on the possibility of a joint bus trip this year. Further information will be presented as available.

6. Other Items

The possibility of another YE day rally for the freshman class of the Grand Rapids Aviation Academy at the Grand Rapids airport may be a possibility. Dick Foster (??) will discuss with the YE coordinator of EAA 704. More info at a future date.

- Chapter Dues Membership Roster/ Dues Status (Sec/Treas Report)

Bob Swietek reviewed that if all current members renew we will have a total membership of 53 persons. As of Jan 14, there are 28 members yet to renew. Bob Swietek will send an e-blast to the 28 persons reminding them of the dues and requesting a decision on whether they want to continue in the chapter for 2023.

- Chapter Hanger Use and Agreements

Bob Swietek obtained a copy of the current EAA145 hangar use agreement. He will review the content and report on any suggested changes at the next board meeting.

- Coordination with other EAA Chapters for Special Events

Question was raised on whether another annual meeting of the West Michigan EAA Chapters was necessary or desired. Randy Houtman will discuss with the other West Michigan chapters.

- Chapter By-Laws (Are they current?, Need Review/Changes?, Member Ratification?)

Bob Swietek discussed the need for by-laws review. It's been nearly 13 years since the by-laws were reviewed (Feb 2010). Several changes were suggested by Bob Swietek and Rick Forberg. It was recommended that both members review the current by-laws and bring recommendations to the board. A status report to be given at the next meeting.

- Activities and Fund Raising

Tabled until a future meeting

- Open Discussion

- Bob Swietek indicated that he was prepared to hold a future VMC Club meeting during the regular chapter meeting as the featured presentation. He stated that he only needs to know when the program director would like to hold it.
- Several members of the board indicated that the presentation on "increasing speed of home-builts and the efforts of Bruce Whitman" was great. More of the same would be welcome.

- Meeting Adjournment

Chapter 145 board meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm