

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Friday, September 15, 2023 - 10 AM**
GRR Control Tower (KGRR)

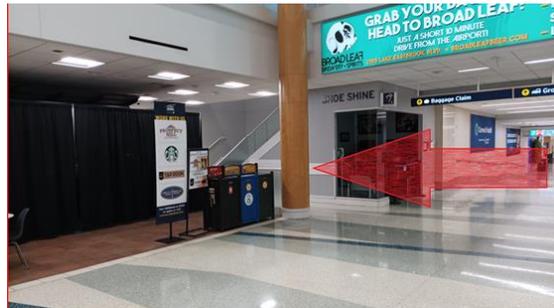


GRAND RAPIDS **CHAPTER 145** SINCE 1962



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Note the New Date and Location for the September Meeting: **Friday September 15 at 10:00 AM at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Tower.**



Have you ever visited the inside of a commercial airport tower and seen how they operate? Now you have the chance! Our meeting this month will be a tour of the Tower Operations at KGRR. Since they cannot accommodate us on a Saturday, we have reserved Friday, September 15 for our meeting. Please assemble near the elevator adjacent to the Starbucks location (now with curtain, for construction) on the south end of the entrance to the concourses. Red arrow above points where to meet.

PRESIDENT CORNER

Well, August was a busy month for flying activities. Hopefully you got a chance to attend some of the events; from the PRA gyroplane event in Mentone, the Northport Woolsey Fly-In, Newman's breakfast, Sparta's big Fly-In event, and of course our Wings of Mercy Young Eagle event.

I want to thank all the pilots and ground volunteers that made the Wings of Mercy Young Eagle event a great success. EAA Chapter 145 gave flights to 66 kids. We were able to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. When we fly a kid, we get "Young Eagle" points to use for various chapter products. The points can also send a kid to EAA Oshkosh summer camp (EAA Air Academy). That is what we do with our points. Later in the newsletter see a 'thank you' letter from one of the kids that we were able to send to Oshkosh summer camp. It is great to see the result of all our hard work.

We can look forward to more fun flying events in September. Keep an eye on the EAA 145 Facebook page for upcoming events. The flying season is not done yet, and we still have a chance to get out there and enjoy airplanes with other like-minded folks.

Randy Houtman

WINGS OF MERCY, YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Chapter 145 in cooperation with Wings of Mercy at KBIV had a highly successful day flying Young Eagles on August 19. A hearty "thank you" to all the pilots and volunteers who helped the operation run smoothly and safely! Five pilots: Jeff Vos, John Streyle, Kris Kropf, Timothy Johnson and Herb Harney combined for a total of 27 flights and flew 66 Young Eagles. These young kids emerged from the planes with big grins on their faces, talking excitedly about their day they will remember. Chapter 145 volunteers have now mastered the online registration, preflight documentation and awarding certificates. We keep getting better at

Dear EAA chapter 221 and 145,

Thank you for giving me this chance to come

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Dear EAA chapter 221 and 145,

Thank you for giving me this chance to come to the EAA Air Academy. This has been the best week ever. I have had so much fun, I've made a bunch of friends, and learned so many things. I have seen an old Corsair plane starting and while it started I was worried it would not start but after a few seconds it started! it was so cool and so fun to watch. I have also seen so many cool planes both old and new. I also rode in a cessna 162 and a bell 47 helicopter both were so fun and inspirational. In the workshop I have made so many things such as a wooden wing rib, a composite airfoil, and a instrument case. These have helped me know how planes are made.

Sincerely...

- Josie Caswell

EAA WEBINARS: ONLINE RESOURCES

Here is a listing of EAA Webinars for the month of September. These are free of charge and cover topics that include aviation history, piloting tips, fascinating stories and more. More details and registration are available on the EAA National website.

Legal Interpretations

Wednesday, September 6 at 8 PM EDT

AeroEducate for Your EAA Chapter

Monday, September 11 at 8 PM EDT

The Sikorsky S-38

Tuesday, September 12 at 8 PM EDT

Dealbreakers – Lessons Learned from Prebuy Examinations

Wednesday, September 13 at 8 PM EDT

MOSIAC: Expending Light Sport

Thursday, September 14 at 8 PM EDT

IAC Aerobatic Center Highlights from AirVenture 2023

Wednesday, September 20 at 8 PM EDT

Collision Avoidance in the Traffic Pattern

Wednesday, September 27 at 8 PM EDT

NEW MEMBERS

New members are always welcome at Chapter 145. Is there someone new to this area with an interest? Do you know students who are considering a career in aviation? Feel free to bring along a guest with you. Members love to talk flying!

FUTURE EVENTS

Sep 15 (10 AM) Gerald Ford International KGRR
Sep 19 (7pm) Riverview Airport (08C)

Tower Operations
VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

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Treasurer's report (as of August 30):

Liabilities: \$4195.00
Cash: \$110.85
Checking: \$72.69
Savings: \$5012.04
Total Assets: \$5195.58

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