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# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: September 14 Meeting for Chapter 145  
ORB Aerospace Facility Tour, Lowell, MI (24C)**

## CHAPTER PROGRAM

The September 2024 meeting will be held for Chapter 145 on our normal second Saturday of the month, this month September 14. Note location: ORB Aerospace, Lowell, MI. Join EAA Chapter 145 as we tour ORB Aerospace, a company that is working to make aviation accessible to all through innovative e-vtol design solutions. ORB is at the cutting edge of this new field, so this will be a great opportunity to get an up-close look. Address: 730 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, MI. (Lowell Airport (24C)) 10 AM to Noon.

There is also a pancake fly-in at 24C the same day. Double dip on the activities.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I can't believe it's September already, summer goes too fast. Hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy some aviation events this summer – like Oshkosh, other airshows, pancake breakfast Fly-Ins or airport open houses. Looking forward, there is still good flying weather out there to enjoy. Keep an eye on the EA Facebook for upcoming events around West Michigan.

Thank you, Randy Houtman

## GOLD CHAPTER

EAA Chapter 145 earned the **GOLD Chapter** status again. There are ten (10) metrics used to establish the gold rating that a chapter needs to achieve. Each metric shows that we are going above and beyond the average effort. Thank you to each and every person that made this possible, and put in the extra time and effort that got us here. Thank you.

## VMC CLUB

The VMC Club meets on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Riverview Airport Lobby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17. Everyone is welcome to join in.

We have open discussions about flying topics, generally one or two ideas suggested by EAA National, and then whatever news, safety or Riverview information members find of interest. For example, August had a discussion about traveling off-shore from Seattle to Anchorage (most direct, good weather, but fewer

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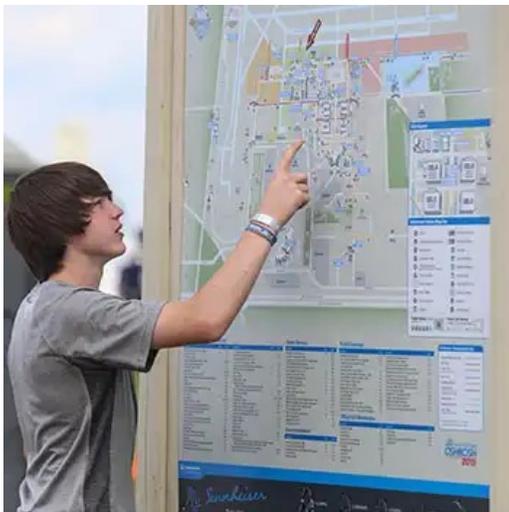
alternates, into headwinds). Or should you go in-land, follow the Al-Can Highway (longer, but more potential alternative stops, poorer weather)? Members discussed their various decisions, and reasoning for such maneuvers.

## IMC CLUB

Our friendly local EAA Chapter 704 in Sparta routinely meets the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of the month for an IMC Club. September's meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 6:30 pm in the airport lounge at 8D4, 9100 Vinton Avenue, NW, Sparta. Confirm that meeting is scheduled by checking their website.

## OSHKOSH IN REVIEW

Always a highlight for summer aviation, AirVenture 2024 was a roaring success. Randy Houtman shared his experiences at Oshkosh, along with other members who spent time at the greatest airshow available. Four military demonstration teams flew their routines, thousands of people and aircraft visited Whitman Field, and this year's event was great! Start making your plans for next year.



If you had the time, you might also have visited the Museum, where the B-17G Aluminum Overcast is now on display. For two weekends this Spring, groups from Chapter 145 traveled to Oshkosh and worked at the Weeks Restoration Center to help reassemble the B-17G, making it suitable for static display.

## YOUNG EAGLES

Chapter 145 helped out again this year at Wings of Mercy, West Michigan Regional Airport (KBIV), in Holland. Dick Foster YE 145 Coordinator and Grace Spelde (Event Coordinator) led an exceptional event. Though the weather was marginal, three pilots were able to fly 64 Young Eagles, whose excitement was testament to how important these flights are to them.





## HOUSE CLEANING

Riverview management wants us to clean-up / dispose of the library in the coffee kitchen. Look in the cabinets over the computer and printer. If you want any of the books in those cabinets those are free for the taking.

## NEW MEMBERS

Is there someone new to this area with an interest in aviation? 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!

EAA Chapter 145 website: [www.145.eaachapter.org](http://www.145.eaachapter.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 6	Howard City (Sikkenga Private)	Waterwheel Annual Fly/Drive-In 22567 West Lake Montcalm Road
Sep 6-7	Calkins Field (41C)	Wayland Balloon Fest
Sep 7	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Fly-In
Sep 8	Fowlerville (65G)	Fowlerville Rotary Dawn Patrol Breakfast
Sep 8	Hillsdale Muni Airport (JYM)	Patriots' Day Fly-In

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

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Cash: \$85.85

Checking: \$263.85

Savings: \$5840.27

Total: \$6189.87



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

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Aircraft Owned/Projects \_\_\_\_\_

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