

February, 2025



EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: February 8, 2025 10:00 AM
Riverview (08C) Topic: Hot Air Ballooning

CHAPTER PROGRAM

The Chapter 145 monthly meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month, for February on the 8th at 10 AM in the big hangar at 08C. The topic this time is Hot Air Ballooning presented by Tom Brown.

Tom has a unique aviation knowledge set. Hot Air Ballooning has special shapes (Experimental), one person “hoppers” (Ultralight) as well as standard shapes. Want to take a ride?

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Tom sent the following website URL: www.gentlejourneyballoons.com He is going to describe this type of flying, what it is like to ascend in a basket, experiences he has had, and answer any questions you might have. What a great chance to experience being airborne, drifting over the countryside, seeing things really low and slow.

This Chapter 145 meeting is a great chance to socialize and share flying and building stories! We have a great group of pilots, families, students, builders and perhaps new people with an interest in aviation. All are welcome!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hopefully everyone got the chance to view the webinars during the recent *EAA Homebuilders Week*. Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community shared their knowledge and information with builders. If you missed it live, you can see the archives at:

www.eaa.org/aaa/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week

And coming up next month EAA is hosting *Virtual Ultralight Days*. See link below for more information:

www.eaa.org/aaa/aviation-interests/ultralights/virtual-ultralight-days

If you hurry up, you can view the 2024 archives from last year (before they move them somewhere else).

Stay warm, the good flying weather will be here before we know it.

Randy Houtman

JANUARY MEETING – BOB SWIETEK EXPERIENCES

Bob Swietek, Marine Corps (Retired) gave a presentation about his Marine experiences, including earning his Naval Aviation wings, various postings starting back in 1969, his helicopter training, various aircraft he has flown in, and his career. Bob retired from the Reserves in 2006.



This is a great example of taking the time to hear about the background of a veteran. A number of our chapter members have served in the US military. We should look for the opportunity to listen to them, formally as we did with Bob, or simply engage a veteran on the side. Perhaps over the pizza that will be served following the February meeting?

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, February 18. Everyone is welcome to join in. Contact Bob Swietek in advance for the copies of the monthly discussion questions.

We discussed in January flying with or without an MEL (Minimum Equipment List). Can you go VFR with inop instruments? What might you do if you are in IMC and your gyro equipment fails? We also had an open discussions about jet wash and helicopter vortices. Give them space! We also talked about flying topics,

generally one or two ideas suggested by EAA National, and then whatever news, safety or Riverview information members find of interest.

EAA HOMEBUILDERS WEEK

Last week EAA presented the fifth year of Homebuilders Week. There were thirty webinars presented over five days (January 27 – 31). And it was loaded with advice for beginners and experienced builders. Construction, wiring, covering, painting, buying and selling were all discussed. A big feature of this included the recording for those who missed the time slot. You can go to:

EAA.org, then click on [Videos](#), then search for the topic of your interest. (This author sat through Fabric Covering Basics, Designing the Perfect Pint Scheme, and Buying a Used Homebuilt.) All had great information and links to further research the subject. This is proving to be a great source for continued enhancing my skill set.

NEW CHAPTER 145 GEAR

Chapter 145 has prepared a new look to our Chapter 145 apparel. Thanks to Nancy Priebe and a local supplier, Stichtime, we now have available shirts, hats, and embroidered patches for sale. Below is shown the new logo. A great idea for birthdays or that cool pilot look, see Nancy at our next meeting. (Nancy is also the new Secretary/Treasurer for Chapter 145.)



The newly designed Chapter 145 logo.

NEW MEMBERS

None this month. Anyone you might have in mind to join? Meetings are free and most visitors find our members and meetings informative.

ANNUAL DUES BEING COLLECTED

Just a quick note that dues for the next year are being collected now. For \$25.00 USD, you can send or deliver cash or a check to Chapter 145. Using the Application/Renewal Form at the end of the newsletter you can mail or deliver in person the remuneration and form at our meetings.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EAA AND CHAPTER 145

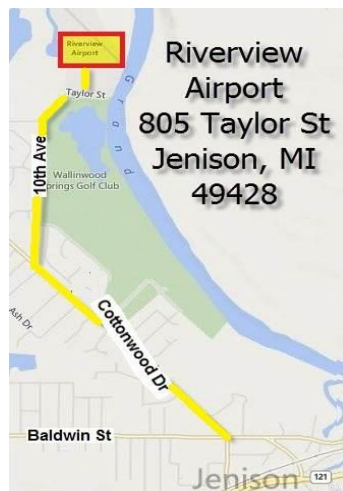
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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8 Riverview Airport (08C)
February 18 Riverview Airport (08C)

Monthly 145 Meeting – Ballooning
VMC Meeting

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, event reminders, or the newsletter electronically... please send your e-mail address to: saliersrick@gmail.com

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Liabilities: \$4195.00
Cash: \$130.00
Checking: \$1402.26
Savings: \$4348.19
Total: \$5880.45

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 _____	
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