

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 am



GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

Web Page (<http://www.EAA145.org>)

The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 10, 2008 at the Riverview Airport Main Hangar.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let Bob S. know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail and check the chapter web page for information or send Bill W. items to put on the web.

JANUARY PROGRAM

The January meeting will commence with the election of officers for the 2009 Calendar Year. Currently the nominees are: James Zeman (Pres), Dick Foster (VP & YE), Bill Willyard (Treas), Bob Swietek (Newsletter Editor), and Hugh Eisen (Officer at Large). Anyone else interested in participating, please contact Dick Foster for inclusion in the nomination slate.

The guest speaker for this month will be Bruce Whitman presenting "How to fly the AT-6". (*An autograph session will follow the meeting*).

December Meeting Report

The December brunch was held at the main hangar of Riverview Airport on December 13th. On behalf of the officers of Chapter 145, a big **Thank You** to the airport manager and staff for hosting this year's brunch.

By any measure the brunch was a huge success (*measured primarily by the loosening of belts after the meal*). Many dishes to select from, many recipes swapped, and much enjoyment and camaraderie. Photos of the festivities will be available for viewing at the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None. (Too busy eating to conduct any)

NEW BUSINESS:

EAA National will be conducting EAA SportAir Workshops at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh on January 17th & 18th. Course topics will be Discover Aircraft Building, Gas Welding, Sheet Metal Basics, Composite Construction, Electrical Systems and Avionics, Fabric Covering, What's Involved in Kit Building (Evening Course). Detailed course descriptions and information are available at: <http://www.sportair.com/workshops/index.html>.

YOUNG EAGLES UPDATE

No flights were scheduled for December

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

If you have not already done so, please complete a new membership form and return it as soon as possible to Bob Swietek during the monthly meetings or email/mail to me at airdale69@aol.com or 6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. If you cannot find the form sent out with the

November newsletter contact Bob Swietek by phone or email and I will be happy to get you a new one. There will also be blank forms at the January meeting for your convenience. It takes everyone in the chapter to make meetings a success, so put your two cents into the pot.

ANNUAL DUES

Membership dues are now being accepted by our treasurer, Bill Willyard. Dues for 2009 continue at \$25.00. As before, members in arrears after March 2009 without prior arrangements with the chapter treasurer will be considered delinquent and removed from the active member and newsletter roll.

QUIZ ME

No questions this month due to the Christmas Brunch. If you didn't attend the November meeting and would like the answers to the November questions, contact Bob Swietek.

Future tentative programs for 2009 we are working on: **(Do you have any more ideas?)**

January: How to fly an AT-6: Bruce Whitman (SNJ for you Navy types)

February: Rag & Tube Construction Techniques: Ron Fryling

March: So you Build To Build an RV: Chapter Member Participation

April: Private Airstrips in Michigan: Steve Zelle

May: Backpack Flyer: Terry Lutke

June: RC Fly-in: Ron Fritz

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

Remaining 2008 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

1/10 2/14 3/14 4/11 5/9 6/13

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