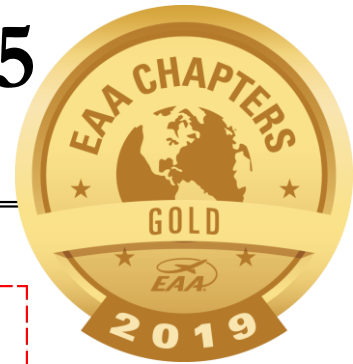


October 2021



# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Oct 9, 2021 – 6:00 pm**  
**Riverview Airport (08C)– Open Field-North of “C” Hangars**



### \*\*\*SPECIAL CHAPTER PROGRAM\*\*\*

The Chapter meeting for October will be our annual bonfire. This is a gathering of aviation friends and family around a blazing fire. We'll start about 6 pm and end about 8:30 pm or so. This will be a "Bring-Your-Own-Food" event. The chapter will provide a variety of beverages and firewood. Also remember to bring a chair to sit around the fire.

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the weather cools, it's a good time to have a get together around a blazing fire. The bonfire is a great way to enjoy a picnic with our friends in the aviation community. Of course, the chapter will provide the drinks: water, soda and adult beverages. Your chapter officers have planned great chapter programs for the rest of the year; November will be a presentation by a local group working on "state of the art" electric aircraft and we end the year with the December Christmas brunch.

One final thought about "normal" activities. The EAA-West Michigan Chapters have been conducting Young Eagle rally's that look very near normal. Also local chapters are holding chapter meetings and activities, well aware that the Covid bug is still around. A lot of credit has to be given to the people who plan these activities and make them safe to attend. Top Marks!  
Cheers, Dick

### EAA #145 HANGAR

Currently there is a C-172 in the EAA hangar. There's space for smaller projects that could help keep the hangar active. Contact Dick Foster for details.

### \*\*\* \$25 DUES FOR 2022 \*\*\*

The chapter had donations and the hangar has seen enough usage to pay for itself. So we'd like to pass the savings on to you, and make belonging to EAA145 affordable. The \$25 dues for 2022 are payable to "EAA CHAPTER 145" and can be mailed to Bob Swietek at the address listed at the end of the newsletter or brought to the monthly chapter meeting.



## YOUNG EAGLES

Results of the Young Eagle events around West Michigan for the last 30 days:

- August 14, Sparta (84D), EAA704: 62 YE's
- August 21, Grand Haven (3GM), EAA211: 110 YE's
- September 11, Wings of Mercy (BIV), EAA145: 16 YE's
- September 25, Greenville (6D6), EAA145: 182 YE'S

Top marks to all the pilots and ground crew who make it possible to introduce **370** young people to aviation.

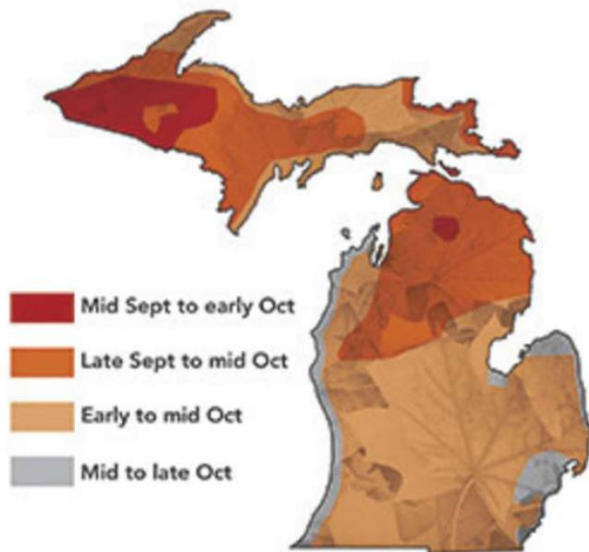


## TOOLS

Eric Spross (A&P) is looking to add to his tool collection. If you have "AN" hardware or extra aviation tools, contact Eric @ (616)706-4421 or [ericpca911@yahoo.com](mailto:ericpca911@yahoo.com)

## COLOR TOUR

Crisp, cool air is circulating throughout Michigan which means fall colors are upon us! Early to mid-October looks to be best time to get out and see the colors this year. The colors last only a few weeks so you'll need to get out while the air is smooth, the visibility and weather is good.



## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

**U.S.A.F. MUSEUM virtual tour:** [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/)



You can virtually walk around the museum with the click of your mouse. It is an immersive, 360-degree, self-guided tour of the entire museum. You can navigate from gallery to gallery by following navigational arrows.

Also, you can virtually sit in most all the aircraft cockpits, and get a feel of what the pilots and crew went thru. The following link allows you a 360 degree view of selected cockpits:

[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/Cockpit360/](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/Cockpit360/)

This is definitely "beyond-the-ropes" and can only be done on the computer.



## U.S.A.F. MUSEUM 'PLANE TALKS'

Speaking of U.S.A.F. Museum, "Plane Talks" occur a few times a year and allow visitors the opportunity to talk to veterans, active duty, former pilots, crew members, engineers, navigators, etc. These experts will be stationed in the galleries near the aircraft or exhibit that relates to their expertise. These Plane Talks programs often occur on the anniversary of a significant Air Force or military event.



Last year I happened to visit the USAF Museum on one of these "Plane Talk" days. I spoke with two F-4 pilots, one of which, during the Cold War, flew the East Berlin route with a side-looking radar to keep a close eye for any suspicious activity.

I also talked with a navigator of a Vietnam era C-130 gunship. He used an electrical device to pick-up the spark plug signals from the trucks on the ho chi minh trail. He then directed the aircraft to intercept. After this, his job was done, so a few times we went back to the rear ramp. This is where a Private was stationed on the open ramp. His job was to call out the anti-aircraft coming up; whether it was of no concern or whether they should turn NOW!! The navigator told me the "no concern" rounds were very close, and the turn NOW rounds just barely missed the plane. The navigator had a newfound respect for the job the Private was doing back there.

Upcoming "Plane Talks" days are November 11 – Veterans Day, and December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.



## PARROT FOR SALE

Dave DeHamer has his Parrot aircraft for sale. It is a 2006 Czech Aircraft Works Parrot, with a 912 Rotax engine. It has less than 120 hours TT.

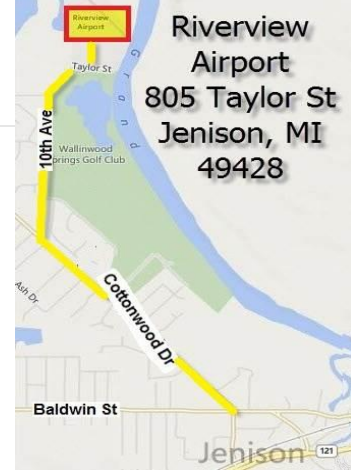
Contact Dave at 262-4369 for more information.

## PIETENPOLS FOR SALE

We have (2) Pietenpols for sale! Pete Steinbacher is selling his "GN-1", and Rick Saliers is selling his "Ultra-Piet". For more information, contact Pete at [petes1776@allcom.net](mailto:petes1776@allcom.net) and Rick at [saliersrick@gmail.com](mailto:saliersrick@gmail.com)



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| Sept 25       | Brighton Airport (45G)         | 9a – 11a Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast         |
| Oct 2         | Gladwin Airport (GDW)          | Dawn Patrol Fly-In Breakfast                 |
| Oct 9         | Fort Wayne IN (KSMD)           | EAA Chapter#2 Chili Fly-In Lunch             |
| <b>Oct 9</b>  | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – Picnic &amp; Bonfire</b>        |
| <b>Nov 13</b> | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – Alex Taylor – ORB Aerospace</b> |
| <b>Dec 11</b> | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – Christmas Brunch</b>            |

**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 and event reminders, or if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, which is full color and delivered days before the print version... please send your e-mail address to: [randall.houtman@dematic.com](mailto:randall.houtman@dematic.com)

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