

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, February 11, 2012 @ 10:00 am**
At Kent Careers Center at the Gerald R. Ford Airport



GRAND RAPIDS
CHAPTER 145

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

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

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!!

V.P. Bruce Whitman will take charge of the chapter visit to the KISD aviation facilities (hosted by Todd Olson).

Directions: Enter the Kent county Airport grounds by traveling East on the parkway (44th Street). Turn right towards the first building (big white building with yellow trim) past the fuel farm. The entrance is around the back of the building near the eight flag poles.

Pres. Dick Foster will be in Oshkosh to work on the EAA B-17 on February 11. We will check on the possibility of having the B-17 tour in GR this summer.

WEEKS HANGAR

ADVANCE NOTICE: The annual weekend work party to the Weeks Hanger is scheduled for April 20 to 22. Mark your calendars for April. Details for the trip will be included in the March newsletter.

ANNUAL DUES

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2012, you will have received a notice that February is the last newsletter you will receive. To avoid a disruption in newsletter service and a discontinuance of membership, please contact Bob Swietek ASAP or bring your payment to the February meeting.

Treasurer's report (as of February 3, 2012):

Cash: \$183.56 Checking: \$135.70

Savings: \$1,452.16 Total: \$1,771.42

Funds from Dues: \$75.00, Donations: \$174.85
Expenses: \$2777.40 (Hangar, Registration)

JANUARY PROGRAM

Due to the globe-trotting exploits of President Dick Foster, Vice President Bruce Whitman conducted the meeting on January 14. Due to weather issues our primary program was postponed. Officer elections and a business meeting were held, and the DVD video "663 Squadron" was shown.

Officer Elections

Elections were held at the January meeting. The 2012 slate of officers and board members are:

President: Dick Foster

Vice-President: Bruce Whitman

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Swietek

Newsletter Editor: Dave Kosters

Website Manager: Ken Baas & Bill Willyard

Business Meeting

At the January meeting the issue of a dues increase was discussed. Annual expenditures will total \$3660 with anticipated incomes to be approximately \$3150. This necessitated consideration of a dues increase for the 2012-2013 year. By vote of the members present, it was decided to increase the annual dues to \$35 for all new members and reinstating delinquent members after the March 1st grace period deadline.

EAA PROGRAMS

NOTICE: EAA has a variety of aviation programs that of interest to young people. EAA145 Young Eagles coordination, will give a presentation of EAA youth activities to local CAP cadets on February 9. After all, young people interested in aviation are where many adult pilots come from.

YOUNG EAGLES

No YE activities during the winter months. The chapter is working on YE activities for May (Learn to Fly Day) and June, (WMFA 3 dates). More details in the coming months.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Bruce Whitman is rebuilding the O-290 for his Midget Mustang, which is taking significantly more effort (and money) than expected for a mid-time engine. Primary suspect is infrequent oil changes – 100 hours (and no filter). Taxi tests are expected in the spring.

WANTED

COMM RADIO

Bill Willyard is looking for a donation of a 760 channel comm radio to make up a base radio station for Riverview Airport. Unit can be a nav/comm so long as the comm portion works.

WEATHER STATION

A donation jar will be placed in the office at 08C for a new weather station. A wireless station with 1000' range is desired.

HANGAR SPACE

The EAA145 chapter hanger is available for anyone who needs temporary space to work on projects. Contact Dick Foster for details (contact information on Page 2).

It's our Chapter. Its only as good as each one of us wants to make it.

Future tentative programs

February 2012: Tour of Kent Careers Center, Kent County In'tl Apt - Todd Olsen. Emphasis on the rebuilding of the Continental 0200.

March 2012: Oxygen Systems - Riverview Airport - Walter Smiles of Sky Ox Aircraft Industries Inc.

April 2012: iPads for Aviation with Herb Harney

May 2012: Learn To Fly Day (May 19)

TBD: LTC Dr. Greg Pinnell – Aviation Medical

TBD: Hummel Aviation

TBD: Video story of the P-47 thunderbolt

TBD: Aircraft carriers on Lake Michigan?

TBD: A summer “all Pilots” picnic/fly in at Riverview Airport

TBD: A Second Annual Movie Day

TBD: Aircraft Ownership & Operation: An Aviation Attorney's perspective

(This list is shrinking--Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the next meeting.)

2012 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

2/11 3/10 4/14 5/12 6/9

7/14 8/11 9/8 10/13 11/10 12/8

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