

EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: **Saturday, February 10, 2024 – 10 AM**
Riverview Airport (08C) in the Big Hangar



GRAND RAPIDS **CHAPTER 145** **SINCE 1962**



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

The Chapter meeting for February will be a presentation of a Bahamas Flying Trip, narrated by Jeff Frey. Jeff and his family spent a week in the Bahamas on vacation. Jeff flew his crew in his Piper Saratoga. Jeff was not part of a larger traveling group, so he did all the research and planning himself, and he is going to share his first-hand knowledge with us.



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/ea/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week

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

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

If you hurry up, you can view the 2023 archives from last year (before they move them somewhere else). Stay warm, the good flying weather will be here before we know it!

Stay for pizza after the Jeff Frey's presentation.

Randy Houtman

THANK YOU TO AEROMED AND PAT MORELL

The January meeting was highly successful, with a chance for Chapter 145 members to talk first hand with Pat Morell, EAA Chapter 145 member and professional pilot for AeroMed. Pat, standing in first photo, talked about their missions, practices and experiences in flying medivac out of GRR. Accompanying him was a

registered flight nurse, Curt Haaksma, who remains with patients in the back, throughout the flight, delivering high quality medical assistance if needed enroute.

Then, we dove into the equipment inside their immaculate hangar. Looking in the cockpit, seeing the inside of back compartment with the gear for patient transport, and talking with Pat gave us insight into their operations, professional staff and great hardware they fly. Pat and Curt were really great at answering all of our many questions.



FREE ONLINE INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE FROM CHAPTER 145 MEMBER

Nancy Priebe is currently working on obtaining her Instrument Rating via an online course. This course offered a special pricing offer: Buy One, Get One Free. Nancy is offering the second course to another pilot. Call her at 616 406-7049 /email priebe@toast.net. That course is good from Pilot Institute for either PPL or Instrument as part of their FOMO campaign for Black Friday, the equivalent of a buy one get one pass. She would like to pass it on to someone so they can get started!

MASTERS OF THE AIR – New Streaming Series

Just released on Apple TV+ (January 26) is “Masters of the Air”, a story of the B-17s flying during World War II. The series focuses on the 100th Air Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force, the “Bloody 100th”. For aviation buffs and military historians this is a series to watch. Based out of Thorpe Abbots RAF field, given USAAF designation Station 139, the pictures and action are incredible. This is well worth watching.

EAA ARCHIVED TOPICS OF INTEREST

<https://www.eaa.org/videos/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week-2024>

If you missed some or all of the presentations from EAA for Homebuilders Week, the link above will take you to EAA National website. A series of one hour videos cover everything from building, painting, even latex, engines, electrical, wood, fabric, sheet metal, etc. Props, wheels, engines and electronics are there too. Worth browsing depending on your specific interests, and you can go at your own time and pace.

FLYING SAFETY

<https://www.faasafety.gov/>

Another Reminder: The above link takes you to the FAAsTEAM website, and a great resource for remaining current, safe and earning Wings credits.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THIS YEAR

Please fill out form and return this to Treasurer, along with \$25.00 payment.

EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Dues are \$25.00 Per Year -- January 1 through December 31

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Feb 20 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Mar 9 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Mar 19 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

April 13 (10 AM) Riverview Airport (08C)

April 16 (7 PM) Riverview Airport (08C)

Bahamas Flying Trip – Jeff Frey

VMC Club – EAA Chapter 145

Air Force Stories – Gary Marsh

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A-10 Pilot – Bob Ardema

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Treasurer's Report for December 28, 2023:

Liabilities:	\$4195.00
Cash:	\$110.85
Checking:	\$22.28
Savings:	\$4864.46
Total Assets:	\$4997.59

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