

January 2019



EAA CHAPTER 145

SINCE 1962



Chapter Meeting: Saturday, January 12, 2019 – 10:00am
Riverview Airport (08C) in the big hangar

CHAPTER MEETING

For this month's meeting we will hear from Gregg Kaat. Gregg is building a Sonex "B" Model – the one with more cabin room and choices of engines. Gregg already built a Kolb and is looking to move inside, out of the cold breezes and is done with eating bugs.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to a New Year. Here is a sample of some of the programs, events, and activities that EAA chapter 145 participated in 2018. We want to thank you for helping support the chapter as a volunteer, presenter, or attendee.

- Tour of SMAT facilities at Ionia (Y70)
- DRONE-8 presentation - Kyle Underwood
- RV-9A project - Rick Saliers
- Windcraft Aviation, Go-Fly competition - Alex Taylor
- Mustang two project - Bruce Whitman
- Weeks Hangar Work Party - Chapter 145 trip to Oshkosh
- Back to the cockpit - Gus Hawkins
- Boy Scouts Aviation Badge - Young Eagle flights at 08C
- WMFA - Young Eagle flights at 61D
- GAAA Young Eagle Event - EAA145 at 6D6
- Young Eagle flights - Grand Haven, 3GM
- Parrot LSA project - Dave DeHamer
- Riverview Open House for Steamboat Campground – EAA145
- Help with YE rally at Sparta - EAA704 (8D4)
- OSHKOSH Airventure - EAA145 camping
- SMAT Open House - EAA145 A/C parking
- Yellowstone Flying Adventure - Herb Harney
- Wings of Mercy YE flights - Holland, BIV
- How to Buy an A/C - Jack Dekkinga
- Riverview Airport Bonfire and Cookout
- Chapter videos and updates - EAA145
- Boy Scouts Aviation Badge - Young Eagle flights at KAZO
- Annual Riverview Christmas Brunch

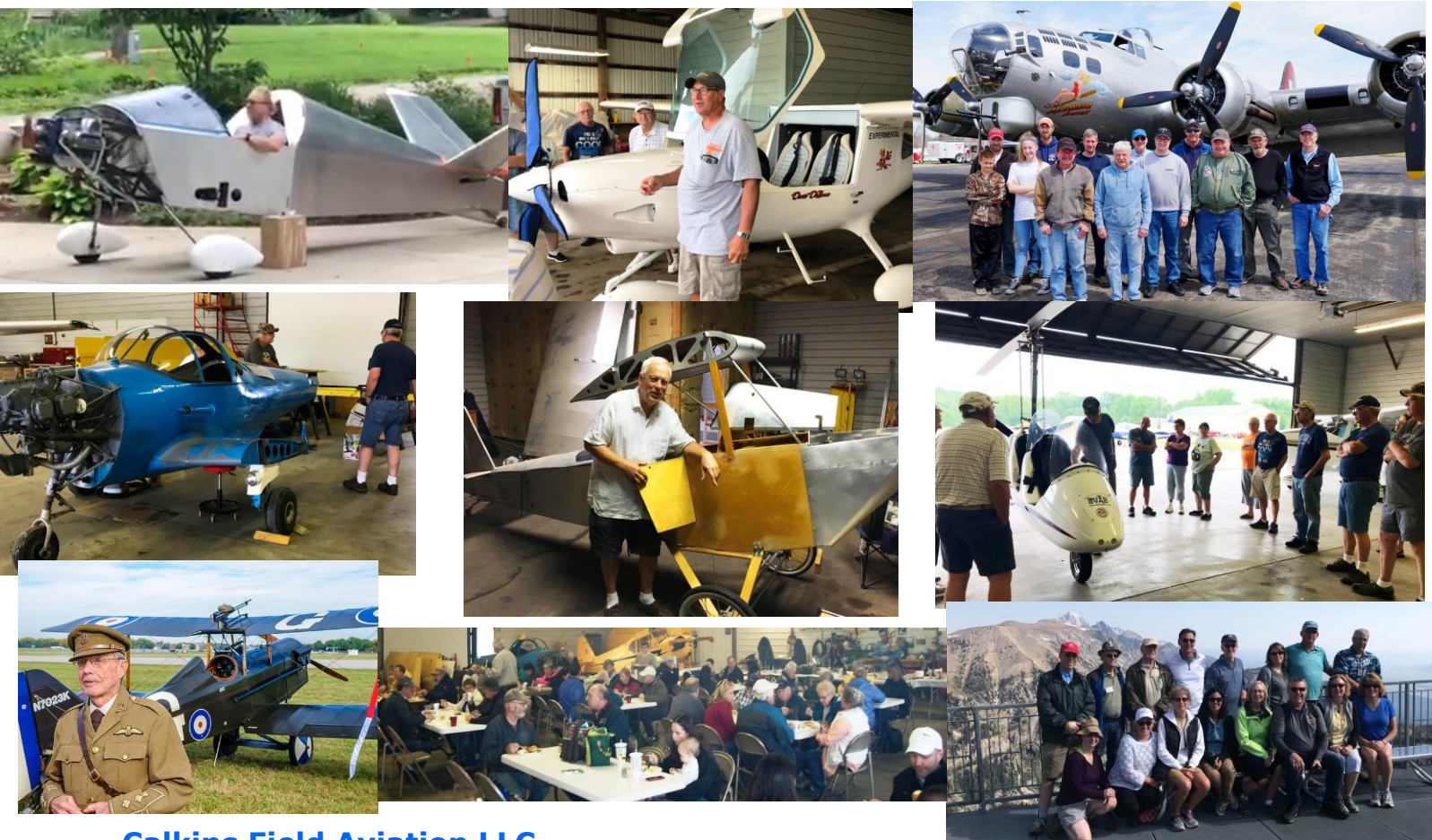
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – continued....

WOW! Local EAA chapters do a lot to promote sport aviation. I'm proud to be part of EAA145 with all of the hardworking, dedicated officers and members. I don't have room to list all the names, but you all know who you are. So thank you and I feel that 2019 will be another rewarding year for EAA Chapter 145. All the Best in the New Year, Dick



Calkins Field Aviation LLC

Pete Steinbacher of Calkins Field Aviation LLC, is our local source for all your maintenance needs, right here at Riverview. Pete has an A&P license, along with Inspection Authorization. Pete provides Annual Inspections, 100-hour inspections if req'd, maintenance and repairs on all types of aircraft. He has done extensive renovations to the main hangar at Riverview. There is a fully functional machine shop.

Pete is also an experimenter. He is almost finished with a Piper Cub project, and has a Pietyenpol project waiting in the wings.

Pictured below are Pete Steinbacher, Bill Willyard, and Larry Baine. Larry and Bill often help Pete with the projects; be it a 2nd set of eyes to double-check work, or strong arms to help move items around.



Pete can be reached at (616)889-5971



VFR CHARTS

Note that paper charts are **not** mailed out automatically anymore. If you want to receive a paper chart you'll need to visit www.michigan.gov/aero/ and find the **Airport Directory** page. Then click "**Add your name to the aeronautical chart mailing list**" (see pic below)

AIRPORT DIRECTORY



Aeronautics publishes an Aeronautical Chart and Airport Directory each spring. **Charts and directories are available for purchase** year round at the Michigan eStore. The MiAirports app is available for free on all Android and Apple devices.

Chart: If you are a pilot and would like to be added to the complementary chart mailing list, you must sign up using our electronic mailing list below.

Directory: If you own an aircraft, have a valid State of Michigan aircraft registration, and indicated on the registration form that you would like a copy of the directory, one will be sent to you automatically.

Charts and Directory at the Michigan eStore

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2018 Airport Manager Fixed Base Operators 

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EAA145 HANGAR

- Scott Dykstra moved his RV-9A into the hangar for final assembly details, details, details.....
- Todd Verhage has his Power Parachute Trike into the hangar for refurbishing.
- The Chapter now has a form for members to fill out if they want to put a project in the hangar. Contact Dick Foster for details.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

It was great to see everyone at the Christmas brunch last month. A time to catch up with old friends and make new ones..... a time to share stories and make up new stories. Thanks for all the folks that brought in dishes to share. Not much of the food was left at all- that is a good sign of the talented chefs we have in the area.

It was nice to see Ron Fritz and his wife in attendance. That made me remember the archive folder that Ron gave us - it is full of photos and newsletters over the history of Chapter 145. I attached Ron's copy of the very first newsletter of Chapter 145 below. Hopefully we can keep going strong for another 50+ years.



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EAA National website: www.eaa.org

Riverview Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Riverview-Airport/115468211816419

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 12

Feb 2

Feb 9

Mar 9

Apr 13

May 18-22

July 3-7

July 22-28

July 30-Aug 3

Aug 3-4

Riverview Airport (08C)

Canton/Plymouth (1D2)

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Galtinburg TN (KGKT)

Battle Creek Airport

Wittman Field (OSH)

Mentone, IN (C92)

Willow Run Airport

Meeting – Sonex “B” Model – Greg Kaat

EAA#113 Frostbite Chili Fly-In 11a-2p

Meeting – Herb Harney – Yellowstone Flyin’ Trip

Meeting – Scott Dykstra – Vinyl Wrapping RV9A

Meeting – Dennis Hutchinson – Davis DA-2

Riverview Pilot’s Trip – Great Smoky National Park

Battle Creek Airshow & Balloon Festival

OSHKOSH 2019

P.R.A. Convention – Gryocopters

Thunder Over Michigan Airshow – Ypsilanti MI

If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me

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EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

DUES ARE \$35.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st

Name _____
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National Membership # _____

Aircraft Owned _____

Projects / % Complete _____

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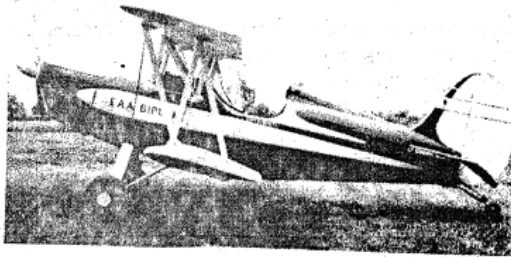
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MEETING
PLACE

WYOMING STATE BANK
28th St. & Michaels



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THE HOME BREWERS GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Hello Folks! This is the first issue of Chapter 145's monthly newsletter, "The Home Brewers". This publication will depend almost entirely on the contributions and help of the Chapter Members. In order to publish news, we'll have to have it by the end of the first week of every month. President Robert Burch (Phone LE 4-1909) will be happy to accept all items of news from members or from other interested persons. We ask everyone to bear with us these first few months while we organize a regular publishing staff.

CONTROL TOWER REPORT

By Bob Burch

As a beginning, I'd like to congratulate EAA Chapter 145 on the forming of this newsletter, which will help to hold the Chapter together. There are several items to mention at the present. The first is the Michigan EAA Conference dinner, which will be on the first day of December, in Lansing. The Albert Pick Hotel, corner of US16 and M78 is the meeting place, and registration starts at 4:30 PM. Business meeting from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, and a buffet style dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Speakers will be Cliff DuCharme of Aerial Blight Control, West Bend, Wisconsin, and Roger Dan Ray, a race and airlines pilot from Continental Motors in Muskegon. An added feature may be some motion pictures of the 1962 Rockford Fly-In.

The second point is to mention the Auto Show at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. Anyone who has any information as to the organization and planning of this show is urged to call me or to bring it up at the next meeting.

A nice display at the Auto-Rama could do us a lot of good in the public eyes. Let's talk about it at the meeting.

The program committee tells me that Mr. Lincoln Thomas from FAA will be at the meeting to help us with whatever problems we might come up against with our flying machines. Try to think of questions and points of discussion to help Mr. Thomas give us an interesting evening.

I got out to Harry Wells' field the other day and it is really shaped up. However, the field is not to be used yet. Also, when flying over his place, keep above 1,000 feet, since some complaining neighbor could put an end to a lot of work and money by closing the field because of low flying. Thanks

Jack ElenBaas dropped in to see me the other day. Seems that he is looking for airplanes, old or what-have-you, so if you know of anything that sounds good, let him know. His address is R. R. #3, Holland, Michigan.

Work on my Baby Ace is going along very slowly with the weather getting colder; and my Cub has a stuck valve and ran out of license at the same time, so I have plenty of work ahead of me. This is all now, see you at the meeting. Remember, the Wyoming State Bank (basement room), Rogers Plaza, 8:00 PM on November 16.

Bob Burch

PROGRESS REPORTS

"FLASH" - We have another Beech stagger-wing in the Chapter. Yes, a bright red beauty with a P & W 450. Chuck Thomas is the proud owner, and he says it really moves along with all those horses in front.

We'll have a new member soon, Chuck Houvey, who has moved to Grand Rapids from Canada. He has built a Peitenpol Air Camper, and has converted several VW engines for aircraft use, making all of the parts himself. Glad to have you with us, Chuck!

Bud Potts and Larry Datema report slow but steady progress on their Porterfield 35-70, in spite of the theft of their gas welding equipment. They also report a sudden interest in rotary wing craft; and any information will be welcomed.

Dave Rydzewski is still trying to decide on a plane to build. He still likes the Tailwind, a nice ship.

Henry Karston says that he is very busy relettering the blueprints of his glider (to-be). He saw a picture of a completed Cherokee II in this month's magazine and is really going to town now.

Harry Wells and associates have their Aronca Chief in the color now and it may be test hopped soon. They had hoped to have it flying before snow, but, of course, Michigan weather beat them to the punch.

Bob Burch and Willie Benedict spent a Saturday morning taking pictures of Al Adastik's building from the air. The State bought Al's shop to put the expressway through. Al was on the roof with a bedsheet to be sure the fellows would shoot the right building.

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Wayne Fredline has a 47 Aronca Chief which he has painted and installed interior to match. Wayne likes to work on the interiors of cars, airplanes, etc. Right now he is building a Chapter bulletin board, but he may be able to help out someone with an upholstery problem in the future.

Some persons have volunteered help and technical advice to those members who have the needs. They are:

1. Harry Wells - Flight instructor, ground school, etc.
2. Pete Van Sledright - A & E mechanic.
3. Willard Benedict - A & E, welding, covering.
4. Bob Burch - welding, covering, etc.
5. Larry Datema - Engines, metal work, covering, etc.
6. Bob Hoffman - Drafting, engineering.
7. Bud Potts - General A & E, covering, etc.

Remember, the Manual 18 and the local FAA office are invaluable. Use them for all aircraft construction.

WANT ADS

Want to Sell - Heath mid-wing with Lycoming - Bob Giffried.

Want to Sell - Piper J5A - Bob Burch.

Want to Sell - Rearwin 7000 Sportster, fresh cover, engine - Willard Benedict.

Want to Sell - Stinson 165 - Chuck Thomas

Want to Sell - Waco QDC - Harry Wells.