

March 2015



# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 10:00 am**  
**WACO Factory, Battle Creek Airport (BTL)**

## CHAPTER MEETING

This month, the group will be taking a tour of the WACO factory in Battle Creek, MI. The tour will begin at 10am. Waco builds the Waco YMF & Great Lakes 2T-1A biplanes. The address and a map to the factory are on a following page.



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## LAST MONTH

Thanks to Greg Toman & Todd Stehouwer of Grand Rapids Technologies for their demonstration of the GRT Avionics product line. It's amazing to see the advanced state of avionics compared to just a few years ago.

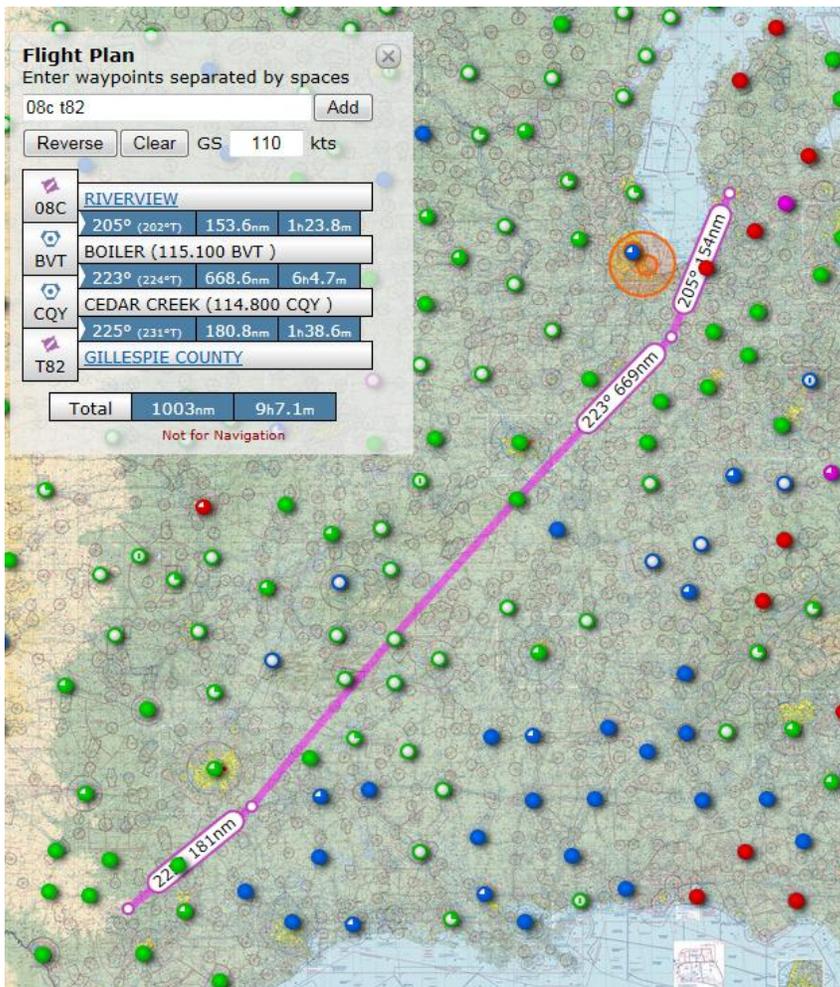


## RIVERVIEW PILOTS BIG TRIP

This year's big trip will be to the "Hangar Hotel" in Fredericksburg Texas. The date for this adventure is September 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. It looks to have no mountains - all flat and level along the route. Once there, golfing is next to the airport, and other local airports may be investigated. We will have more details as the event draws near.

## MICHIGAN AIR RALLY

A fundraiser to help the West Michigan Flight Academy is being planned for August 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> starting at Muskegon Airport, then up to Harbor Springs Airport. It is a proficiency challenge that offers flyers the opportunity to practice their fuel planning, pilotage and dead-reckoning skills on a cross-country flight. see [www.miairally.org](http://www.miairally.org)

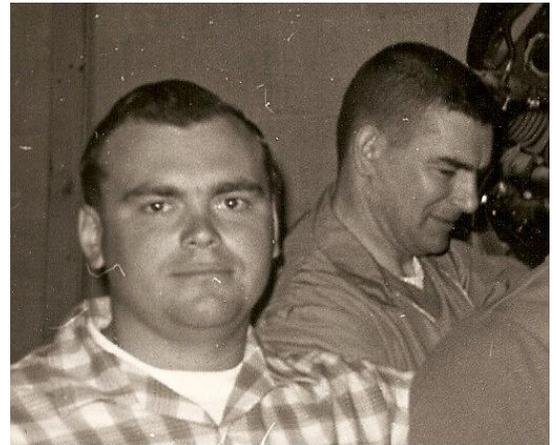


## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

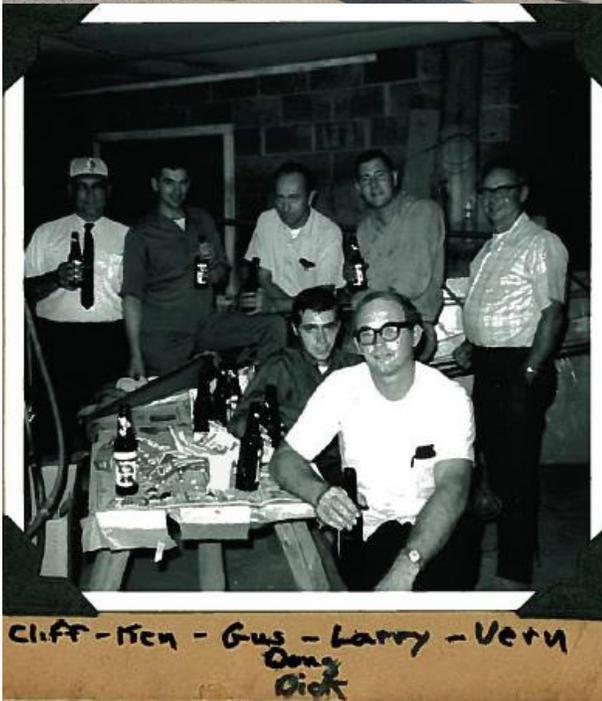
### Kenneth Arthur Fryling, 1934-2015

The passing of Ken leaves a void that can only be filled with memories. Fortunately, I have many memories of Ken's activities and will share a few with you.

Ken was one of the early members of EAA145 and served as an officer in EAA145. He also built a Mong Sport experimental aircraft. Ken was active in the early years of establishing Riverview airport and it soon became his second home. I like to think of Ken as the "Mayor" of Riverview.



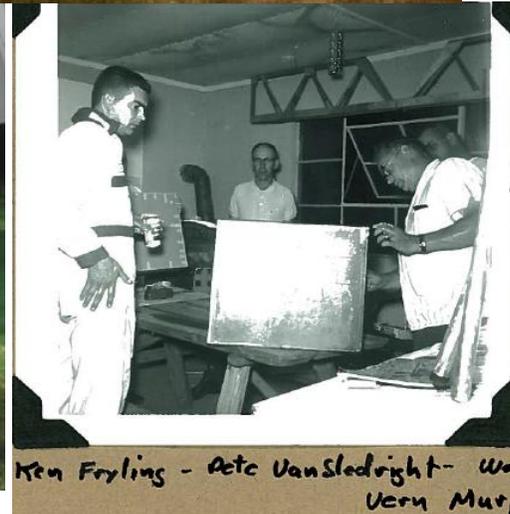
Ron Fritz and Ken Fryling



Over the years, Ken supported many of the activities at Riverview. I will relate a memory I have of him at a Young Eagle rally. We were flying Young Eagles out of Gary Kramers hanger, when I had the pilot door pop open in flight. After landing I discovered that the hinge pin had broken. Thinking a new hinge pin would have to be ordered from Cessna, I was about to ground the A/C. Ken came over and asked what was wrong...he then replaced the hinge pin with a piece of thin welding rod and I was back in the air in 10 minutes, flying Young Eagles. The C-172, N12989, still had the welding rod in the hinge when it was scrapped... thanks Ken.

Ken and I were about the same age, so we reminisced about the time we spent in the military. He was in the Air Force and I was in the Army, Special Forces (Airborne)... One thing we had in common was the Fairchild C-119, "Flying Boxcar". He worked on maintaining the C-119 and I jumped out of them. After repairing the C-119 for a while, Ken liked to call them flying Coffins 119. I had to agree with him, that's why I eagerly jumped out of them.

I know many of you have lots of memories of Ken, keep track of them and we will bring those memories to light when Riverview has a celebration of Ken's life later this spring. Here's to the memory of Ken, Pilot, Mechanic, and Friend.  
Dick



Ken Foyling - Pete VanSledright - Wally Vern Murphy



### YOUNG EAGLES

EAA Headquarters has notified Chapter 145 that it has earned 445 Young Eagle credits for a total value of \$2,225. This credit may be used to send a child to the EAA Air Academy or to support local Young Eagle activities.

Young Eagle activities planned so far for 2015:

- May 2 - Boy Scout Merit Badge at Riverview
- June 6 - W.M.F.A. open house at Riverview
- June 13 - G.A.A.A., Y.E. rally at Greenville
- August - W.O.M., open house at Holland

Volunteers are needed for flying YE's and working on the ground, see you later, Dick

### STEM – TECH TALK

S.T.E.M. is Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and how they relate to learning. Two EAA145 members will be presenting Tech Talks for the STEM conference at Kent Career Aviation Center, GRR, on March 19. Dick Foster will present STEM in LED lighting for aircraft and Eric Spross will present STEM in Carb Icing in aircraft engines.

### WEEKS RESTORATION HANGER

The chapter will be going on its annual week-end work party trip to the Weeks hanger in Oshkosh, WI on April, 17-19. A couple of members have signed up and there is room for more. See the following sheet for details of the trip.

## **EAA CHAPTER 145, 2015 Trip to Weeks Hanger**

TO: All Members & Interested Aviation People

FROM: Dick Foster (616-538-8849), (c172foster@gmail.com)

SUBJECT: Trip to Kermit Weeks Hanger, Oshkosh WI.

We will be making our annual trip to the Weeks Hanger on the weekend of **April 17 to 19, 2015**. The trip is designed to be a relaxing weekend. People who like airplanes have the opportunity to get together and share the satisfaction of helping restore or maintain the aircraft of the EAA collection. Antiques and Warbirds are kept flying with the support of EAA's volunteers.

The cost is shared by the chapter and each individual will pay for 4 meals. Transportation will be by sharing van space or you could fly. Housing will be provided by EAA at the Binder House. You should bring a toilet kit, change of clothes and a sleeping bag. Also bring toys, books, videos, photos, or anything to help with the "hanger flying."

Here is the schedule:

### **Friday, 4/17**

- Leave Riverview airport, about noon
- Supper on the road at the O'Hara Oasis
- Arrive Oshkosh about 8 p.m.
- Stay overnight at the EAA Binder House

### **Saturday, 4/18**

- Breakfast in Oshkosh on way to Weeks
- Get to the hanger by 8 a.m.
- Work on aircraft, lunch provided at the hanger
- End work on projects about 5 p.m.
- Supper nearby in Oshkosh
- Sleep at Binder House after extensive "hanger flying"

### **Sunday, 4/19**

- Breakfast in Oshkosh
- Tour EAA Museum, 10 to about noon
- Dinner on the way back
- Arrive in Grand Rapids about 7 p.m.

This is a great way to introduce someone to grass roots aviation; invite a friend to go.

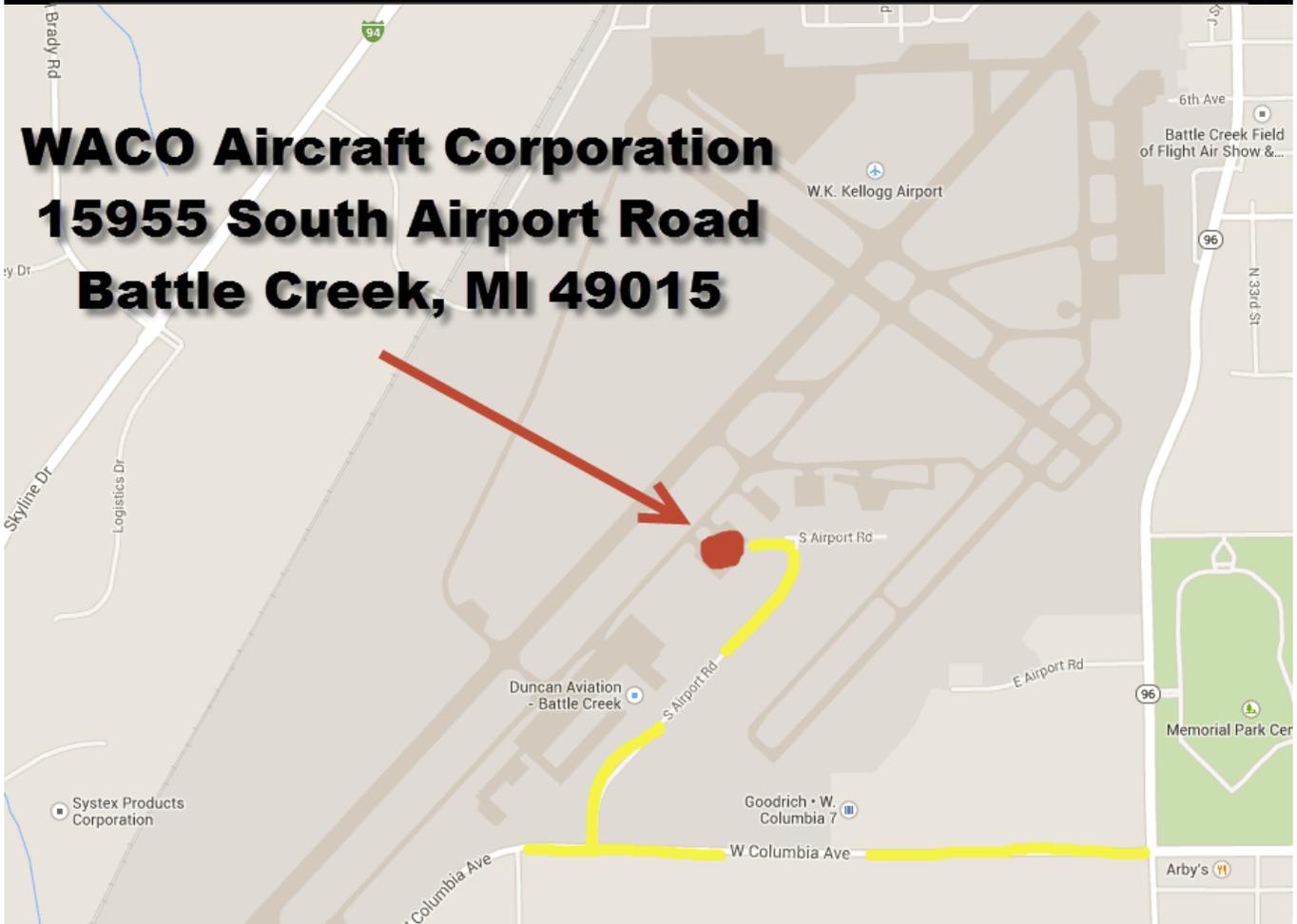
**Please let me know if you can go...ride or drive?**

Keep them flying.

**Dick**

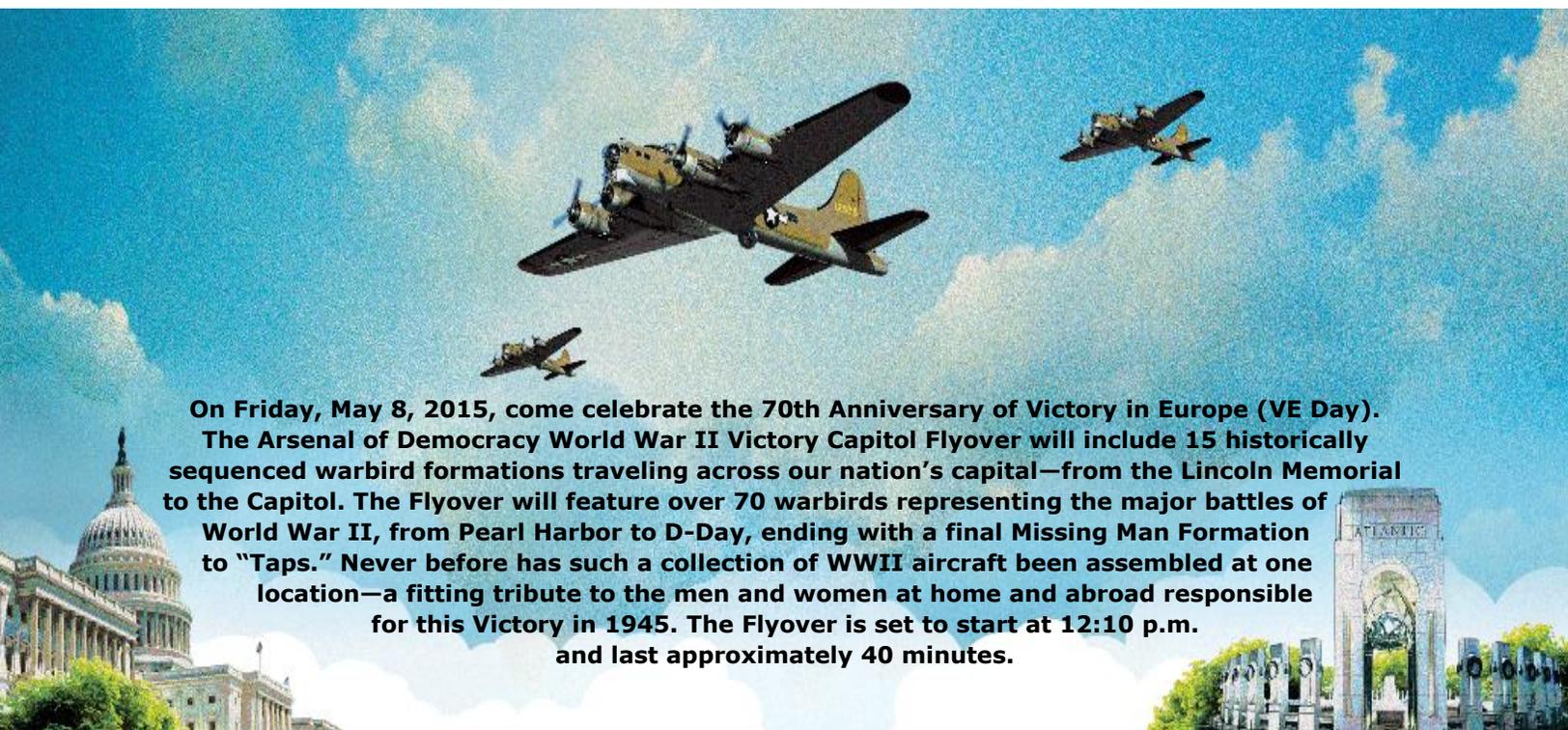


**WACO Aircraft Corporation**  
**15955 South Airport Road**  
**Battle Creek, MI 49015**



**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**

<http://ww2flyover.org/>



**On Friday, May 8, 2015, come celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day). The Arsenal of Democracy World War II Victory Capitol Flyover will include 15 historically sequenced warbird formations traveling across our nation's capital—from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol. The Flyover will feature over 70 warbirds representing the major battles of World War II, from Pearl Harbor to D-Day, ending with a final Missing Man Formation to "Taps." Never before has such a collection of WWII aircraft been assembled at one location—a fitting tribute to the men and women at home and abroad responsible for this Victory in 1945. The Flyover is set to start at 12:10 p.m. and last approximately 40 minutes.**

EAA Chapter 145 website: [www.145.eaachapter.org](http://www.145.eaachapter.org)

EAA National website: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

Riverview Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Riverview-Airport/115468211816419](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Riverview-Airport/115468211816419)



**DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED**

Dues of \$35.00 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. If you need to make any updates on your contact information, please include the tear-off slip for member data update with your payment.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>March 14</b>	<b>Battle Creek Airport</b>	<b>meeting: WACO Aircraft Factory Tour</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Riverview Airport(08C)</b>	<b>meeting: KOZAERO-WWI Sopwith Camel</b>
April 17-19	OSHKOSH, WI	Week's Hangar Trip – Work & "hangar flying"
April 21-26	Lakeland Florida	SUN-N-FUN 2015
May 2	Riverview Airport(08C)	Boy Scout Merit Badge – Education & Flights
May 8	Washington DC	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day Flyover
June 27-28	Ionia Airport (Y70)	S.M.A.T. Open House / Fun Fest
July 1-5	Battle Creek Airport	Battle Creek Airshow & Balloon Festival
July 20-26	Wittman Field (OSH)	OSHKOSH 2015
July 28-Aug 1	Mentone, IN (C92)	Grycopters & Paramotors: P.R.A. Convention
Aug 14-15	Muskegon Airport(MKG)	Michigan Air Rally – see <a href="http://www.miairrally.org">www.miairrally.org</a>
Aug 29	Grand Haven Airport	Grand Haven Fly-In Breakfast
Aug 29-30	Ypsilanti Airport	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow
Sept 18-20	Fredericksburg Texas	Riverview Pilots Flying Adventure Trip

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

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Liabilities: \$3500.00  
Cash: \$118.62      Checking: \$87.94  
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**EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM**

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

Name _____	Aircraft Owned _____
Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	_____
Address _____	Projects / % Complete _____
City _____	_____
State / Zip _____	Bring this form to the next meeting or mail to:
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