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# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Thursday, Dec 10, 2020 – 8 pm**  
**\*\*\*online event\*\*\* [EAA.org/WrightBrothers](http://EAA.org/WrightBrothers) \*\*\*At Home\*\*\***

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

The **Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet** is a substitute for having the Chapters annual banquet at Riverview. The food and fellowship will not be the same; however we can still enjoy the spirit of aviation online.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EAA Chapter 145 invites all members, friends and family to enjoy the annual Christmas Brunch at home. COVID prevents us from gathering at Riverview this year for our normal festive and delicious brunch.

Although we are not getting together with large groups, we can still realize the joy of the season. So what is the reason that we have Joy this time of year? This is not a big mystery and I bet you know the "Reason for the Season." Think about as many reasons as you can, but in the end, you'll agree there is only one true reason. Wishing you happiness, but most of all Joy. We'll also look forward to next year. Cheers, Dick

## FACEBOOK

EAA Chapter #145 now has a Facebook page. Keep an eye on the site for events and notifications and photos. This will be an ever-evolving page, as we learn how to best use it.

<https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/>

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## Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet – Virtual Event

December 10, 2020 – This annual banquet honors the spirit and achievements of the Wright Brothers.

**WRIGHT BROTHERS**  
MEMORIAL BANQUET

FEATURING  
**CAPT. JIM LOVELL**  
HOSTED BY CHARLIE PRECOURT

Thursday, December 10, 2020  
LIVE STREAMED AT  
[EAA.ORG/WRIGHTBROTHERS](http://EAA.ORG/WRIGHTBROTHERS)

## EAA145 OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

The following members are nominated for the positions specified.

In person voting is not possible, so election will be by consent unless members email substitutions to Dick foster by December 31, 2020.

President: Dick Foster

Vice President: Bruce Whitman

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Swietek

Newsletter Editor: Randy Houtman

Website Editor: Bill Willyard

## MEMBERS "e-BULLETIN"

Because the face to face and large group activities in the chapter are limited, we have started an online information bulletin. This is to help keep members informed about chapter activities and member projects. The e-bulletin is designed to provide basic info about what you doing in sport aviation. Any info you would normally share at a group meeting can be sent to Randy to be included in the e-bulletin.

### \*\*\* \$10 DISCOUNT OF DUES \*\*\*

Chapter dues for next year are only \$25 if paid by December 31, 2020. You'll save \$10 by paying early. After the first of the year, the dues will be \$35.

Dues are payable to "EAA CHAPTER 145" and can be mailed to Bob Swietek at the address listed at the end of the newsletter.

## YOUNG EAGLES

At this time, all Young Eagle events have been put on hold. EAA headquarters is working on Young Eagles Workshop materials for chapters to use. This is planned to be a "turnkey" operation for local chapters...more in 2021.

## EAA #145 HANGAR

-Karl Kotecki has his Sonex project in the EAA hangar.

He has attached the wings and is working on wiring.

-Hangar space is currently available. Contact Dick Foster for details.



## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.flymicro.com/records>

Just last year, the governing body that controls aviation world records, the FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE (FAI), revised the definition of microlights/ultralights. World records are of course the definitive and internationally recognized way the ultimate performance in microlights and paramotors is recognized.

The previous definition of a microlight was 300kg (661lbs) max weight and a stall speed less than 65kmh (40mph). Now they have expanded the MTOW weight to 400kg (881lbs) and stall speed less than 83kmh (51.5mph). For different types of ultralights (seaplane, amphib, autogyro) and if flown with 2 people there are different weight allowances.

So this change opens up opportunity for many more aircraft to break world records.





## EAA WEBINARS

While we are stuck at home we might as well make good use of the time... to get educated. EAA has over 600 webinars, on every aviation subject. Some EAA Webinars qualify for credit in the FAA's WINGS or AMT awards program.

Use this link to access the webinars: <https://eaa.org/Videos/Webinars>

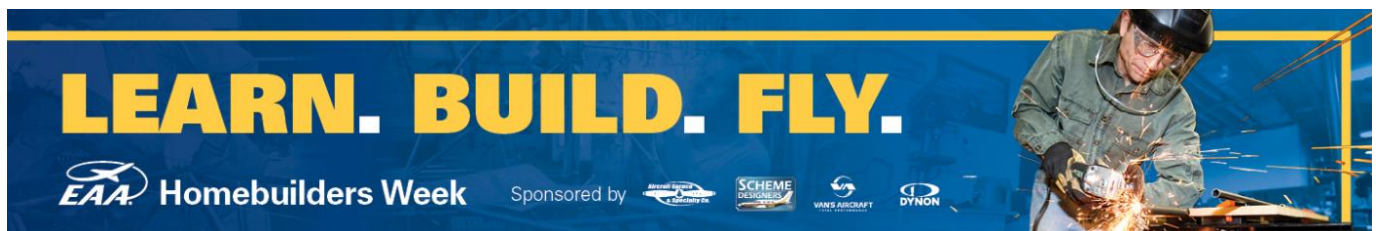
You can also sign-up for upcoming webinars in December and January. Topics include:

- **RANS S-21 Outbound, All Metal, All Purpose**
- **Hot Topics in Aviation Medical Certification**
- **Night Flight**
- **The Sonerai Story**
- **It's Baffling**
- **Surviving Carbon Monoxide**
- **The International Aerobatic Club**



## EAA HOMEBUILDERS WEEK

Join us on January 26-30, 2021, during the first **EAA Homebuilders Week** online event. Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community will bring their knowledge and information to builders everywhere through free and interactive webinars. Topics covered include workshops on sheet metal, welding, and wood, aircraft designs from a variety of industry leaders, part selection when building, buying secondhand, and more.



This weeklong event coincides with the 68th anniversary of the first Experimental Aircraft Association meeting on January 26, 1953. Homebuilders Week will be a tremendous learning opportunity that celebrates our legacy of, as EAA founder Paul Poberezny often said, using hand and mind to create aircraft that allow us to enjoy the personal freedom of flight!



Use the following link to sign-up:

<https://eaa.org/eaa/aircraft-building/homebuilders-week/schedule>





## S.M.A.T. – School of Missionary Aviation Technology

Thanks goes out to Terry & Jerry for the great presentation about SMAT. The School of Missionary Aviation Technology provides mission-driven students with FAA-certified training in aircraft maintenance and flight. SMAT offers a professional, rigorous, and certified curriculum.

We learned that by taking the courses, you can earn college credits at the same time. Also, SMAT is opening an FBO at Ionia – so they will be offering flight training and maintenance services. We wish SMAT good luck on their future endeavors.

## AOPA Flight Training Scholarships Available

AOPA members have access to a wide array of benefits, including flight training scholarship awards. Made possible through donations to the [AOPA Foundation](#), these awards can help members reach their aviation goals. Review the available scholarship options below. Apply today or forward this email to someone who would benefit from financial assistance with flight training for a primary certificate or advanced training.



**The deadline for scholarship applications is Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).**



### AOPA High School Flight Training Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of the Ray Foundation, 80 exceptional high school students, ages 15 to 18, each will receive a \$10,000 flight training scholarship to pursue a private, sport, or recreational pilot certificate. This scholarship program is a component of the AOPA You Can Fly program, a collection of initiatives working to building a larger, more vibrant pilot community.

**AOPA Teacher Flight Training Scholarships** As part of the AOPA You Can Fly program and thanks to the generosity of the Ray Foundation, up to 20 teachers will be awarded flight training scholarships of \$10,000 each to pursue a private pilot, sport pilot, or recreational pilot certificate.



### AOPA Primary Flight Training Scholarships

Current AOPA members, including AOPA AV8RS, who are at least 16 years of age on February 14, 2021, are eligible to apply for a flight training scholarship of \$2,500 to \$7,500, to be applied to training for a private pilot, sport pilot, or recreational pilot certificate.

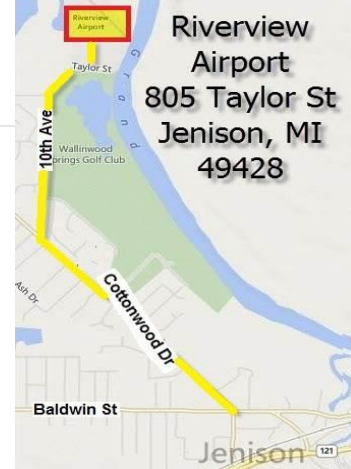
### AOPA Advanced Flight Training Scholarships

Current paid AOPA members with aviation career aspirations are encouraged to apply for an advanced flight training scholarship, ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000





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: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/>



**DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED - \$10 off**

Dues of \$25.00 (\$35 in Jan '21) 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 and update with your payment.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (tentative)**

<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet (on-line)</b>
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting – EAA VFR Club – Radek Vishkoski</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b>	<b>Meeting –</b>
Spring '21	Bahamas	West Michigan Flyers – Bahama Trip

**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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**Treasurer's Report:** (as of Dec 2th)

Liabilities: \$4055.00  
 Cash: \$145.85      Checking: \$6.52  
 Savings: \$6758.27      Total: \$6910.24

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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:
e-mail address _____	EAA Chapter 145 Treasurer
Home Phone _____	6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE
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