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EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Gathering: Saturday, Nov 14, 2020 – 10:00am
Riverview Airport (08C)–at the E.A.A. hangar (see map on last page)

CHAPTER PROGRAM

The program this month will be a video presentation by SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology). We'll set up in the E.A.A. hangar with CDC safety measures. Come early for coffee and cookies. After the SMAT presentation, enjoy a pizza and beer lunch.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the weather cools and we needed to set up a video presentation, the chapter decided to move indoors using CDC protocols. We will be gathering in the EAA hangar next to Karl's Sonex project; what a great place to gather, next to a local home built and hear about world mission aviation. All the basic EAA areas are present, friends, aviation and food.

For obvious reasons, the annual Christmas Brunch at Riverview will not happen this year. However, there is another aviation "banquet" that you can take part in. On December 10, all EAA members are invited to the virtual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet. This annual banquet honors the spirit and achievements of the Wright Brothers. The featured speaker will be Capt. Jim Lovell as he looks back on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission. Details will be provided in the December chapter newsletter.

For now let's think about what chapter activities would be interesting in 2021.
Cheers, Dick

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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.



***** \$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.

The chapter had donations and the hangar has seen enough usage to pay for itself. So we'd like to pass the savings on to you, and make belonging to EAA145 affordable.

Dues 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.

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A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

By: David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157, Vice President of EAA Chapter 252
EAA Membership Development Manager

The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together, and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all of our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events.

This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation, and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like

many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.

One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back, and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator, or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization!

We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.



It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit www.EAA.org/Legacy to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By gifting a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14	Riverview Airport (08C)	Meeting – SMAT video presentation
Dec 12	Riverview Airport (08C)	Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet(on the line)
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

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