



August 2021

EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: Friday, August 13, 2021 – 1 pm
Waco Factory, 15955 S. Airport Rd, Battle Creek

CHAPTER PROGRAM

The August chapter meeting will be on a Friday afternoon in Battle Creek, not Saturday morning at Riverview. We will tour the WACO Aircraft facility at the Battle Creek airport and will meet on August 13, at 1:00pm for a two-hour tour. The facility will be in operation, so we can see the operations and talk with the people that build the aircraft. There is a sit-down restaurant at WACO if anyone wants to have lunch before the tour. You are on your own, just be ready to start the guided tour at 1:00pm. To help with transportation a list of people willing to carpool will be sent out mid-July.

*WACO Aircraft Corporation
15955 South Airport Road
Battle Creek Executive Airport (KBTL)
Battle Creek, MI 49015*

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EAA #145 HANGAR

Currently there is a C-172N in the EAA hangar. There's space for smaller projects that could help keep the hangar active. Contact Dick Foster for details.

TOOLS

Eric Spross (A&P) is looking to add to his tool collection. If you have "AN" hardware or extra aviation tools, please contact Eric @ ericpca911@yahoo.com

WEBSITE EDITOR

Bill Willyard, current Website Editor, will move on to other projects at the end of the year. Anyone interested in doing the chapters web activities, please contact Dick Foster.

YOUNG EAGLES

- Plans are underway for the following Young Eagle events:



August 13, EAA 145, Greenville (6D6)
August 14, EAA 704, Sparta (8D4)
August 21, EAA 221, Grand Haven (3GM)
September 11, EAA 145, Wings of Mercy (BIV)
September 25, EAA145, Greenville (6D6) *(In planning stage)*
If you would like to help at an event, contact Dick Foster for details.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Now that AirVenture is in the books for 2021, there is time to turn to West Michigan EAA activities in August.

The first is the annual fly-in at Sparta, hosted by the Peach Ridge Air Force, EAA chapter 704. There is a cook-out Friday, August 13 and a pancake breakfast and Young Eagles on Aug 14. Also note that EAA704 will host the Ford Tri-Motor at Sparta August 26-29. Next there is an open house & fly-in at Grand Haven on August 21. EAA211 will hold a Young Eagle rally at that event.

EAA chapters in West Michigan can help each other by volunteering to help on the ground or flying. So, if you are interested in helping or just hanging around an airport, check out the contact info below.

Let's volunteer and enjoy the weather. Hope to see ya around the airports.

Cheers, Dick

Sparta Fly-In / Ford Tri-Motor: (84D):

-President: Jim Russ, 616-570-8089, jim@therevolutionllc.com

Grand Haven Open House & YE Rally: (3GM)

-President: Mark Lynn, 231-578-8883, mlynn@emi

BILLS' PLANE FOR SALE

Bill Willyard is putting his 1947 Aeronca Scout (Chief) up for sale. And if you know Bill then you know that it is in immaculate condition. Contact Bill at (616)460-6397 or Wwillyard@aol.com for more information.



SPARTA FLY-IN BREAKFAST

Area Event: Annual Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast: Paul C. Miller Airport (8D4), Sparta
August 14th 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM



GRAND HAVEN OPEN HOUSE FLY-IN

Area Event: Open House/Fly-in: Grand Haven Memorial Airpark (3GM), Grand Haven
August 21st 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



FORD TRI-MOTOR TOUR

Area Event: Sparta (8D4) is hosting the Ford Tri-Motor for rides
August 26th – 29th



NEWMAN'S FLY-IN

Area Event: Newman's Fly-in / Breakfast: Newman's Field (4N0), Kalamazoo
August 28th 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM



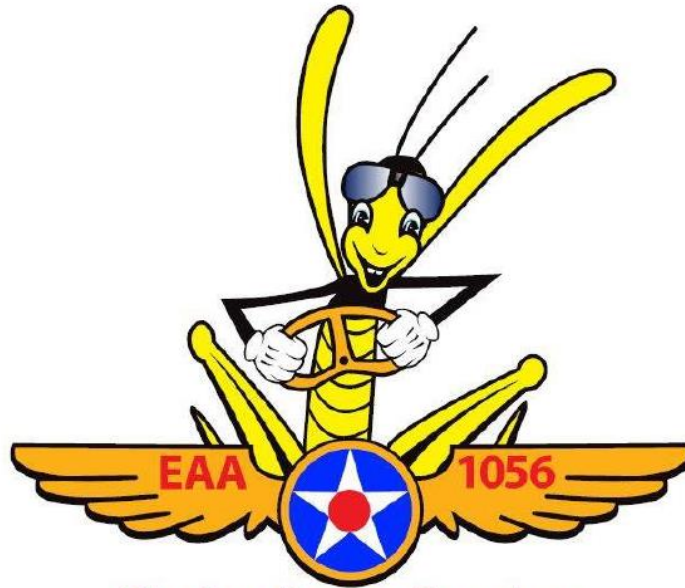
PIETENPOLS FOR SALE

We have (2) Pietenpols for sale! Pete Steinbacher is selling his "GN-1", and Rick Saliers is selling his "Ultra-Piet". For more information, contact Pete at petes1776@allcom.net and Rick at saliersrick@gmail.com





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The Grasshopper Squadron

Poker Chip Run Fundraiser!

When: September 18, 2021 (Rain out Date October 9, 2021)

Pre Flight Brief for Pilots and Crew at 1400.

Dinner Served at 1730

Where: Howell—Spencer J Hardy Airport EAA Chapter Hanger (Southeast Hangers)

What: A Poker Chip Run in a circuit to airports around the area (the list will be given at the pilot/crew brief; approximately 1.5 hr trip time), flour bombing competition, and landing competition followed by dinner. 50% of the proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center and the other 50% will be in the prize pot.

Cost: Poker Chip Run Entry (Multiple Entries Allowed Per Person)—\$20/entry

Meal Only - \$15/person

What is a Poker Chip Run? A Poker Chip Run is similar to a poker run except instead of collecting playing cards at each stop, you collect a poker chips from a bag mixed with several different colors. After completing your last chip pickup, you'll have a chance to add points (or lose some) in a flour bombing operation on your way back to the airport. Once everyone lands (you will be judged, so it's time to practice) an honorary guest will draw from a bag of chips to randomly assign a point value to each chip color. Should there be a tie, landing grades will be used to break the tie. This makes the competition truly anyone's game throughout the whole event.

After the points are tallied and awards are given, it will be time to feast on a delicious grilled dinner consisting of Steak, Potatoes, and Salad at the airport with some drinks.

Prizes:

First Place: 70% of the Pot

Second Place: 20% of the Pot

Best Landing: 10% of the Pot

RSVP by 10 September 2021:

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