

February 2015



EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, February 14, 2015 – 10:00 am
Riverview Airport (08C) in the meeting room**

CHAPTER MEETING

Todd Steyhour, of Grand Rapids Technologies will be showing our group the range of products available.

They make engine monitors, EFIS systems, AHRS, and panel designs.

See www.grtavionics.com



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Open Cockpit Weekends:

The Kalamazoo Air-Zoo Museum lets you sit in the cockpits of selected aircraft from time to time. See the following list for the dates & aircraft. Entry to the Air-Zoo is \$10.

February 6, 7, 8

sit in the cockpit of the B-25 & Mig-15

February 13, 14, 15

sit in the cockpit of the Skyraider & Mig-21

February 20, 21, 22

sit in the cockpit of the Buchon(ME-109) & Mig-15

February 27, 28, Mar1

sit in the cockpit of a P-47 & Mig 21

WEEKS RESTORATION HANGER

It's time to start thinking about the EAA#145 annual trip to the Weeks hanger in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We will be going the third weekend in April, 17-19. See last page for details of the trip.

HINTS FOR HOMEBUILDERS

Attached please find an article on making an engine dehumidifier. If your airplane sets for long periods without activity, this idea would be good to avoid internal engine corrosion.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.funplacestofly.com>

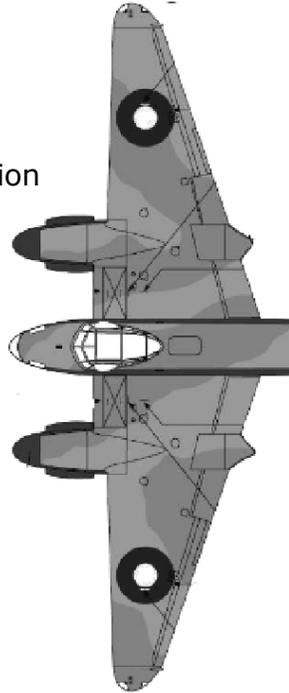
This website is a good source for all your \$100 hamburger needs. It has an airport search feature, weather map w/TFR's, and event calendar. It also features a "Fun Places To Fly" listing – this has suggested destinations, such as an airport with restaurant, or a destination in itself such as Mackinac Island.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I was out of town the first week in January, so I just got around to compiling the yearly list of activates for your Chapter. Here is a sample of the programs, events, and activities that EAA Chapter 145 participated in 2014. How many do you remember?

- Military air drop presentation by Arthur Deane
- Flying in the back country of Idaho, presentation by Herb Harney.
- Experimental aircraft engines presentation by Dennis Wyman
- The Kassel Mission in WWII, by Linda Dewey
- Weekend work party at the Weeks Hanger in Oshkosh
- Tour of West Michigan Aviation Academy with George Pavey, Dean of Aviation
- Boy Scout merit badge activates and Young Eagle flights at Riverview.
- Pancake breakfast with WMFA and Young Eagle flights at Riverview
- STEM in aviation, Tech Talk at Kent ISD
- Young Eagle events in Riverview, Greenville, and Sparta
- Aviation photos by Marge Beaver of Photography Plus
- West Michigan Aviation Academy (HS), Young Eagle flights at Rapid Air.
- Wings of Mercy Open House at Holland, Young Eagle flights.
- A couple of RV projects moved into the EAA hanger at 08C.
- Boy Scout Young Eagle flights at Lowell.
- School of Missionary Aviation (SMAT) at Iona event with Marv Tyler
- Metal Working Tools demonstration, by John Jones
- Annual Cook Out & Bonfire at Riverview
- New England Flying Adventure, Bar Harbor and Providence Town
- Goeff Robinson talk about the EAA Vintage Aircraft Association.
- Annual Christmas brunch at Riverview



WOW! Local EAA chapters do a lot to promote grass roots aviation. You can be proud to be part of the Chapter. I don't have room to list all the names, but you all know who you are.

So thank you, one and all, Dick.



Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Day

For the past couple years, pilots at Riverview Airport have held a Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Day in which we expose youth to our world in hopes of sharing our passion.

This year, the Boy Scouts have approached us again and informal discussions have generated the date of May 2nd, with a rain date of May 16th.

What we do are two half-day sessions of educational fun for the Scouts during which they earn the Aviation Merit Badge and get an EAA Young Eagles flight, as well.

Last year, we exposed an aviation life to approximately 80 youth from West Michigan. They rotated among 6 breakout groups, covering the various requirements, including Why Planes Fly, PreFlight, Navigation, Intro to Panel Instruments, and they even build an actual operating aircraft from a foam picnic plate. And most are surprised to learn that O8C has two operating runways!

We also need pilots who would be interested in offering short, 15 minute, YE flights. The BSA has more qualifications than the EAA, however, including the requirement that the flight be in a type certified (non-Experimental) aircraft.

If anyone is interested in helping for one --or both?-- of the half-day sessions, including the YE flights, please contact John Bry: jbry3@triton.net

Here's a link that explains the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-AVIA.aspx> In Boy Scouts, the Merit Badges are used for higher rank advancement. Each is to expose youth to a potential career path. A Scout may earn up to 21 Merit Badges or more



EAA Chapter 145 website: www.145.eaachapter.org

EAA National website: www.eaa.org

Riverview Facebook: 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

February 14	Riverview Airport(08C)	meeting-Todd Steyhour, G.R. Technologies
March 14	Battle Creek Airport	meeting-WACO Aircraft Factory Tour
April 11	Riverview Airport(08C)	meeting-KOZAERO-WWI Sopwith Camel
April 17-19	OSHKOSH, WI	Week's Hangar Trip – Work & "hangar flying"
May 2	Riverview Airport(08C)	Boy Scout Merit Badge – Education & Flights
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)	Gryocopters & Paramotors: P.R.A. Convention
Aug 29	Grand Haven Airport	Grand Haven Fly-In Breakfast
Aug 29-30	Ypsilanti Airport	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow

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

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Liabilities: \$3500.00
Cash: \$118.62 Checking: \$87.94
Savings: \$3902.68 Total: \$4109.24

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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:
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Home Phone _____	6962 Bridgewater Dr. SE
Work Phone _____	Grand Rapids, MI, 49546
National Membership # _____	

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