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EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: April 12, 2025 10:00 AM
Riverview (08C) Topic: High Performance Aircraft Maneuvers

CHAPTER PROGRAM

The Chapter 145 monthly meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month, this month April 12 at 10 AM in the big hangar at 08C. The presenter this meeting is Jeff Ostrander, from Majestic Air at Lowell Airport.

We are hoping, weather permitting, that Jeff will bring his Super Decathlon aircraft to Riverview as well as talking about aerobatics, spins, and tail wheel training, all of which Jeff offers at Lowell Airport (24C). His contact information is jeff@flyMajesticAir.com or 616-514-8880.

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Jeff's website includes YouTube videos of a variety of flights, showing the excitement and attitudes he can take you through. <http://www.flymajesticair.com>. Spins and upset recovery makes for an exciting ride. Helps to really fasten your seatbelts!

This Chapter 145 meeting is also a great chance to socialize and share flying and building stories! We have a great group of pilots, families, students, builders and perhaps new people with an interest in aviation. All are welcome!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the weather warms up, I'm getting ready for Young Eagles again this summer. As chapter members you should know that EAA has a policy regarding Young Eagle flights that deals with Youth Protection. Here is what you need to know about EAA's Youth Protection Policy:

- Young Eagle pilots are required to have the training and background check.
- Ground coordinators are required to have the training and background check.
- Ground volunteers are not required to do the training, it's optional. EAA has set up on-line training to be easy, it takes about 10 minutes and it's free.

Please go to the EAA web site and complete the training/check so you can help with Young Eagle activities this summer. www.EAA.org/YouthProtection. Let me know if you have any questions. I believe that the Young Eagle program has done a lot for general aviation and I'm looking forward to your support this summer.

- Randy Houtman

YOUNG EAGLES

So far this year, we are working on plans for a few Young Eagle events. May 10, we will be hosting a church group. Around June 20th, we will be working with the GVSU STEP program, then probably at the Sparta Pancake Breakfast and the Wings of Mercy event in August. If you are interested in helping at any of these activities, please contact Anthony Howard or John Streyle – Young Eagle coordinators.

MARCH MEETING – ENGINE MANAGEMENT 101

Bruce Whitman was our featured speaker, and he based his talk on Engine Management 101, a book written by Bill Ross, the 2023 GAA National Aviation Technician of the Year. The book is available from Superior Air Parts, through their website. The book covers topics such as:

- Choosing the right mechanic
- Extending engine life
- Oil change as diagnostic tool
- Keeping your engine cool
- Magneto maintenance
- FAA-approved Parts Manufacture Approval (PMA) parts
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Bruce also added his experiences with engine maintenance, specialized tools, monitoring your engine performance, and understanding the care and clues to better engine operation.



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Proven tips to extending your engine's life
while lowering your operating costs.



CHILI COOKOFF

We had a treat at the last meeting, a chili competition. We had about ten different recipes served anonymously, with samples being available to meeting attendees, who then voted on their favorite. And the results are in:

- 1st Place – Jeff Streit with a Buffalo Chicken Chili
- 2nd Place – Lina Spross with a 3-Meat (Beef, Venison & Bacon) Chili
- 3rd Place – Randy Houtman with his Grandfather's Chili



We need to thank Randy Houtman for his suggestion for the competition.

PREPARATION FOR SPRING FLYING

Your Newsletter Editor recently completed his Basic Med certification using the AOPA Online Basic Med Course. The timing is for completion every two years, and includes one part (online course) taken by the pilot and a second part (medical physical) completed by my personal physician. This got me thinking of Spring flying and ideas to get ready and proficient for the upcoming season.

I ran across these three acronyms I have used prior to flying. They also serve as thoughtful ideas to improve my flying skills. Before a flight, it helps to review:

- IMSAFE (Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Emotion)
- PAVE (Pilot, Aircraft, Environment (V), External Pressures)
- 5Ps (Plan, Plane, Pilot, Passengers, Programming)

Also, a coalition of aviation organizations (including EAA) has come up with a National Pause for General Aviation Safety. This initiative encourages general aviation pilots to dedicate 15 to 60 minutes over the next six months to enhancing their safety practices. Visit [GAsafe.org](https://www.gasafe.org) to access aviation safety for content tailored to your specific flying interests. You can earn FAA Wings credit for this effort.

VMC CLUB

The VMC Club meets on the third (3rd) Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Riverview Airport Lobby. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15. Everyone is welcome to join in. Two questions are sent in advance: a VMC question and then an IMC question. (Contact Bob Swietek in advance to have him email the questions; then think about what you might do in these situations.) Other 145 members then offer their thoughts on what they might do and why. The questions are sent from EAA National.

We talk other flying topics, including a flying scenario, where you might find an airplane problem. What would you do? We also have an open discussion regarding whatever news, safety or Riverview information members find of interest. Come join us.

NEW CHAPTER 145 GEAR

Chapter 145 has prepared a new look to our Chapter 145 apparel. Thanks to Nancy Priebe and a local supplier, Stitchtime, we now have available shirts, hats, and embroidered patches for sale. Below is shown the new logo. A great idea for birthdays or that cool pilot look, see Nancy at our next meeting. (Nancy is also the new Secretary/Treasurer for Chapter 145.)



The newly designed Chapter 145 logo.

ANNUAL DUES BEING COLLECTED

Just a quick note that dues for the next year are being collected now. For \$25.00 USD, you can send or deliver cash or a check to Chapter 145. Using the Application/Renewal Form at the end of the newsletter you can mail or deliver in person the remuneration and form at our meetings.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EAA AND CHAPTER 145

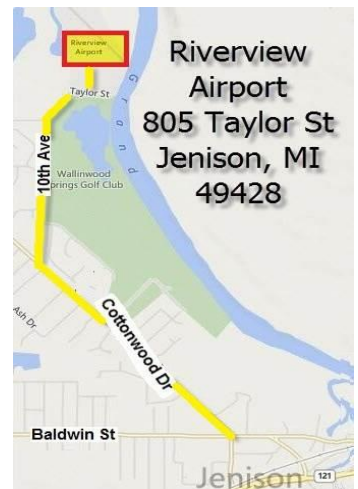
EAA Chapter 145 website: www.145.eaachapter.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 2 | Kalamazoo Air Zoo at Flight Discovery Center | 7 PM | F117 Restoration |
| April 5 | Battle Creek (BTL) | 11 AM- 5PM | WMU Fly-IN |
| April 12 | Riverview Airport (08C) | 10 AM | Monthly 145 Meeting – Aerobatics |
| April 15 | Riverview Airport (08C) | 7 PM | VMC Meeting |
| April 26 | Owosso (RNP) | 4 PM | Easter Egg Hunt |

May 3
May 4

Barstow (IKW)
Bay City (3CM)

9 AM

Pancake Breakfast
Tacos

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, event reminders, or the newsletter electronically... please send your e-mail address to: saliersrick@gmail.com

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Cash: \$100.36

Checking: \$1402.26

Savings: \$4689.19

Total: \$6191.81

EAA CHAPTER 145 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM
DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR – JANUARY 1st to DECEMBER 31st

Name _____

Co-Pilot / Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

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e-mail address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

National Membership # _____

Aircraft Owned/Projects _____

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