

January, 2025



EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: January 11, 2025 10:00 AM
Riverview (08C) Topic: Bob Swietek

CHAPTER PROGRAM

The Chapter 145 monthly meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month, for January on the 11th at 10 AM in the big hangar at 08C. The topic this time is Bob Swietek.

Our chapter meeting this January is our outgoing treasurer Bob Swietek giving a presentation on 'Making a Marine Pilot'. Bob, a USMC aviation veteran, will discuss the types of aircraft he flew aboard, the events he experienced, and the places he saw during his active duty service. Bob's flying stories are always a treat, and just like the VMC Club meetings that Bob leads, there's always something to learn.

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This Chapter 145 meeting is a great chance to socialize and kick off the New Year! 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

The New Year is a good time to look back and look forward. Look back at the fun flying adventures that were taken, the pancake breakfasts and the \$100 hamburger runs, attending airshows, etc. And looking forward to the New Year and what may be in store, like making progress or finishing a kit project, or improving your aero-knowledge and proficiency. Wherever we are in the journey of aviation, it's good to take the time to visualize, and plan to make it a reality.

Thank you, and I think 2025 will be another rewarding year for EAA Chapter 145.

All the Best, Randy Houtman

EAA CHAPTER 145 YEAR IN REVIEW

What a year! Welcome to a New Year. We want to thank each and every one of you for helping support the chapter as a volunteer, presenter, or attendee.

Here is a sample of some of the programs, events, and activities that EAA Chapter 145 participated in 2024:

AERO-MED HQ Tour – Pat Morrell

VMC Club – Bob Swietek
Bahamas Flying Trip - Jeff Frey
Weeks Hangar Work Party - EAA 145 trips to Oshkosh
KC-135 Refueler Adventures - Cary Marsh
70 Years of FLYING FUN - Bob Aardema
Young Eagle S.T.E.P.S. flights
OSHKOSH for Newbies – Randy Houtman
OSHKOSH Airventure – EAA 145 camping
OSHKOSH In Review Program – Randy Houtman
Wings of Mercy Young Eagle flights – Holland (BIV)
ORB Aerospace facility tour in Lowell
EAA #145 Riverview Bonfire (08C)
De-Icing/Winter Prep/Winter Flying – Rick Saliers
EAA #145 & Riverview Christmas Brunch

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, January 21. Everyone is welcome to join in. Contact Bob Swietek in advance for the copies of the monthly discussion questions.

We have open discussions about flying topics, generally one or two ideas suggested by EAA National, and then whatever news, safety or Riverview information members find of interest.

EAA HOMEBUILDERS WEEK

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27th
30 online sessions to expand your knowledge of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 27th, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31st, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on, January 30th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26th, 1953. I can't think of a better way to recognize our organization's founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van's Aircraft.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

The next page shows the schedule; look for topics of interest and find the instructions about how to watch them online.



Homebuilders Week Schedule

January 27 - 31, 2025

To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Time CST	Monday 1/27/25	Tuesday 1/28/25	Wednesday 1/29/25	Thursday 1/30/25	Friday 1/31/25
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC - Sean Elliott, Rob Hackman, & Jack J. Pelton	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dave Nelson
1:00-2:15	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Composite Construction - Mark Fors	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Liability of Selling Your Homebuilt - Kathy Yodice
2:30-3:45	Fabric-Covering Basics - Nate Hammond	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Sonex Highwing Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	The Need for Speed: Kitbuilt Options - Dave Forster	Hardware for Homebuilts - John Cox	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Breusing	Weight and Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Engine Selection Basics - Dick Koehler	Gas Welding - Budd Davisson	Working With Wood 101 - John Egan
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation - Phil Lockwood	Designing the Perfect Paint Scheme and Its Impact on Budget - Craig Barnett	Data-Driven Diagnosis of Engine Issues - Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits - Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM – CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Last month we held our annual Christmas Brunch in the big hangar at 08C. We had over 60 people attend, ham provided by Mike DuBois, every family brought a dish to pass, and we enjoyed spending time together. Some brought other guests and introduced them to Riverview Airport.

It's great to be able to meet the families of Chapter 145 members. We could remember events of 2024, tell stories of flying experiences and share the season's good will.



NEW CHAPTER 145 GEAR

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



NEW MEMBERS

None this month. Anyone you might have in mind to join? Meetings are free and most visitors find our members and meetings informative.

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.

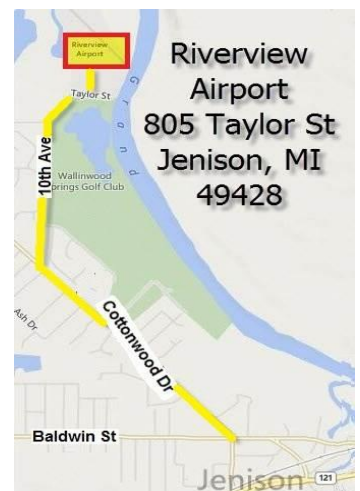
ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EAA AND CHAPTER 145

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

Riverview Facebook: www.facebook.com/EAA145

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 11 Riverview Airport (08C)
January 21 Riverview Airport (08C)

Monthly 145 Meeting – Bob Swietek
VMC Meeting

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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Treasurer's Report: (as of December 30)

Liabilities:	\$4195.00
Cash:	\$135.85
Checking:	\$402.36
<u>Savings:</u>	<u>\$5163.82</u>
Total:	\$5701.93

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

Name _____

Co-Pilot / Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____

State / Zip _____

e-mail address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

National Membership # _____

Aircraft Owned/Projects _____

Check payment: Bring this form to the meeting or mail to:

EAA Chapter 145 Treasurer

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