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# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Cancelled due to coronavirus**

## CHAPTER PROGRAM

Due to the coronavirus, this month's meeting is cancelled. While you are 'sheltering in place' you may want to catch up on the EAA Chapter videos. See below for the link:

<http://eaa.brightcovegallery.com/chapters>

Be safe out there... soon we'll be able to 'social distance' by taking the airplanes out and exploring Michigan and beyond.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to a New Year. Here is a sample of some of the programs, events, and activities that EAA chapter 145 participated in 2020. We want to thank each and every one of you for helping support the chapter as a volunteer, presenter, or attendee.

- Rick Saliers – RV9A Build Review
- Herb Harney – Niagara Falls Flying Trip
- (4) meetings cancelled due to covid
- Open Hangar Day at Riverview
- Rick Saliers – Peitenpol Build Review
- Bruce Whitman & Bob Swietek – Riveting Workshop
- Riverview Airport Bonfire and Cookout
- SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation & Technology)





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued....

It's true that we are still very limited in our face-to-face activities; however this doesn't mean that there is no way to enjoy sport aviation. One good option to visit EAA.org and see what is available online. Here are a couple of examples to get you started:

**"Learn. Build. Fly."** A weeklong event that brings experts together to offer builders free, interactive webinars. EAA founder Paul Poberezny often said, using hand and mind to create aircraft that allow us to enjoy the personal freedom of flight!

**"The Sky Has No Limits."** Improving your flying and safety with EAA Proficiency365, the online hub of EAA resources and programs. I really liked the EAA Virtual Flight Academy. It's a free flight simulator with an "instructor" to evaluate your flying skills. Check it out.

**"Chapter Activities."** There are a limited number of members around Riverview, nevertheless there are activities. Let me name a few. The RAG flying club (Chris) Warrior wing was removed, repaired and reattached; and the RAG C-150 had engine overhaul and interior upgraded. Hank completed restoration of his 1946 Ercoupe with a flight (Hugh at the controls). Rick is rebuilding the nose gear on his RV-9A. Bob is still riveting on his RV-14A tail. This was just a sample of members keeping the spirit of sport aviation going.

Hang in there, better days are ahead.

Cheers, Dick

## EAA HOMEBUILDERS WEEK

### **Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26**

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft  
By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

**1/26 - 1/30**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

[Register to attend live presentations >](#)

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders: ([www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 1 p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity. EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

# LEARN. BUILD. FLY.



Homebuilders Week

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The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc. Visit [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

# MIDWEST FLYER

## MAGAZINE

**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**

<https://midwestflyer.com>

From hard-hitting editorials and columns from experts in aviation law, pilot health, flight training, aircraft maintenance, and airport development, to feature stories about pilots, planes, airport restaurants and travel destinations, and the most complete and current calendar of aviation events in the Midwest, Midwest Flyer Magazine has the content readers are looking for without all of the fluff! People may skim over other aviation publications, but they read Midwest Flyer Magazine from cover to cover.

### 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.

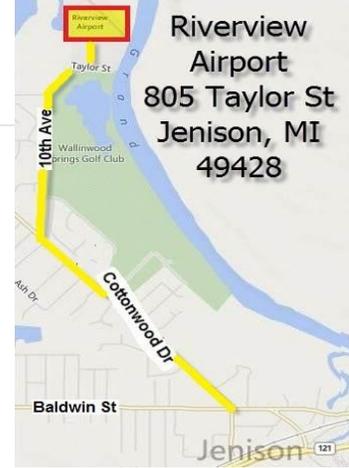


### EAA #145 HANGAR

- 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.



EAA Chapter 145 website: [www.145.eaachapter.org](http://www.145.eaachapter.org) EAA National website: [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)  
 Riverview Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/>



**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 and update with your payment.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Jan 9</b>  | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – Cancelled</b>                           |
| <b>Feb 13</b> | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – T.B.D. watch for newsletter updates</b> |
| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>Riverview Airport (08C)</b> | <b>Meeting – T.B.D. watch for newsletter updates</b> |
| Spring '21    | Bahamas                        | West Michigan Flyers – Bahama Trip                   |
| July 1-5      | Battle Creek Airport           | Battle Creek Airshow & Balloon Festival              |
| July 4-5      | Traverse City                  | National Cherry Festival Air Show                    |
| July 20-26    | Wittman Field (OSH)            | <b>OSHKOSH 2021</b>                                  |
| July 28-Aug 1 | Mentone, IN (C92)              | P.R.A. Convention - Grycopters                       |
| Aug 29-30     | Willow Run Airport             | Thunder Over Michigan Airshow – Ypsilanti MI         |

**If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me**

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Liabilities: \$4055.00  
 Cash: \$145.85      Checking: \$6.52  
 Savings: \$6758.27      Total: \$6910.24

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Co-Pilot / Spouse _____	_____
Address _____	Projects / % Complete _____
City _____	_____
State / Zip _____	Bring this form to the next meeting or mail to:
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