July 2021

# EAA CHAPTER 145

**SINCE 1962** 

Chapter Meeting: Saturday, July 10, 2020 – 10:00am Riverview Airport (08C)-at the big hangar (see map on last page)

#### **CHAPTER PROGRAM**

What do seagulls, surfing, and a secret document have in common? Attend the July meeting and find out. Randy Houtman will be telling us about a new wing design that is more efficient than the standard elliptical span loading design. After the program, about 11:30, we'll gather for a "Pizza & Beer" lunch.

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Someone asked me why I volunteer each year as president of EAA Chapter 145. I said "Because it gives me a chance to do what I enjoy." Within EAA chapters there are many people that could benefit from your expertise. So, if you have some aviation activity you would like to volunteer for, let me know.

Also, I bet you have noticed that 2021 has been a different kind of a year. We've gone from small limited gatherings with face masks to large open gatherings without face masks. Now that we can add variety to chapter activities, your chapter is going to branch out with off airport field trips. The first of these is a trip in August to Battle Creek airport to tour the WACO Aircraft factory. The September get together is planned to meet at the Holland airport to support the Wings of Mercy with a Young Eagle rally. Then in October, we'll have our picnic and bon fire back at Riverview. As always, let us know your thoughts about what the chapter is doing.

Blue Skies, Dick

# **YOUNG EAGLES**

- Young Eagle flights are planned at the following Young Eagle events:



July 12-16, EAA221, Plainwell (61D) August 13, EAA221, Plainwell (61D) August 21, EAA221, Grand Haven (3GM) August (?), EAA145, Greenville (6D6) September 11, EAA145, Wings of Mercy (BIV)



#### 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.



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# **OSHKOSH 2021**

OSHKOSH is finally here again!! I'll be taking the Chicago/Milwaukee ground approach.. hope to see you there!

Here are just a few of the many features and attractions that you just can't miss:

# **Rare & Legendary Aircraft**

- '75th (Plus One)' Flying Demos Commemorate End of World War II
- OSHKOSH to Highlight U.S. Air Force Special Operations
- Year of the Fighter featuring the F-15, F-16, F-18, F-22, and F-35.
- U.S. Navy WWII fighter aircraft gathering including F4U Corsairs.
- Observance of the **75th anniversary of D-Day** featuring aircraft that participated in the invasion on June 6, 1944.
- **Goodyear Blimp (dirigible)** Returns for Appearance at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021
- U.S. Air Force Heritage Flights featuring F-22, F-35, A-10, F-86, A-1, and P-51s.
- More than 10,000 airplanes and 2,500 showplanes including warbird, homebuilt, aerobatic, vintage, ultralight, and military aircraft.

# **More Commemorations & Anniversaries**

- AirVenture celebrates 50 years in Oshkosh
- Kolb 40<sup>th</sup> (plus one) anniversary
- Sonerai 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- RV-8 25<sup>th</sup> (plus one)
- RV-7 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Pitts Special 75<sup>th</sup> (plus one) anniversary
- AirCam 25<sup>th</sup> (plus one) anniversary
- Skybolt 50<sup>th</sup> (plus one) anniversary
- Gatherings for Cessna 180, Taylorcraft, Aeronca, and Navions

# **Educational & Entertaining**

- 1,000 forums and hands-on workshops.
- 800+ industry-leading exhibitors.
- enjoy one of the world's finest aviation museums for free!
- Twilight Flight Fest at the Fun Fly Zone featuring EAA STOL Invitational flying, RC airplanes and helicopters, and Patriot Parachute Team, made up of retired U.S. Navy Seals.
- Visit the Seaplane Base nestled deep in the trees in a cove
- Diverse evening activities and informative programs including history-making lineups at the Theater in the Woods.
- Blockbuster movies at the outdoor Airbus Fly-In Theater.
- World-class daily air shows featuring
- Two night air shows with fireworks Wednesday and Saturday.
- KidVenture where youths can experience everything from flying RC airplanes to airplane building projects.
- Tour EAA founders Paul and Audrey Poberezny's legendary estate.



# This year's Warbirds in Review schedule features the following:

Corsair/Mustang/F-86 Grumman Wildcat DH Chipmunk P-51 Mustang Old Crow Cessna Bird Dog NorthAmerican T-28 SpitFire & Hurricane **Grumman Hellcat Grumman Hellcat** Veterans Tribute P-51 Mustang Miss Kitty



Monday, July 26 · 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Monday, July 26 · 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tuesday, July 27 · 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Tuesday, July 27 · 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Wednesday, July 28 · 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Wednesday, July 28 · 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Thursday, July 29 · 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Thursday, July 29 · 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Friday, July 30 · 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Friday, July 30 · 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM Saturday, July 31 · 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM



# Fly-In Theater Schedule:

If you cannot make OSHKOSH this year, there are many ways to stay up-to-date on the happenings over there. Go to "News & Multimedia" page of the EAA website. If you click "*AirVenture Today"* you can view the daily newspaper that Oshkosh produces every day. If you click "EAA Live" you

can see various webcams around the event, you can even

Under the "News & Publications" tab, you can choose "EAA Webinars" tab and have access to many hours of presentations from the most knowledgeable folks in aviation.

There are over 400 webinars on most any subject you can

Also under the "News & Publications" tab, you can

choose "EAA Videos" tab. There you can enjoy an assortment of videos, including aircraft building hints, instruction, highlights, interviews, and personal profiles.

Saturday, July 24: Sunday, July 25: Monday, July 26: Tuesday, July 27: Thursday, July 29: Friday, July 30: Saturday, July 31:

**TOP GUN** ARTISTRY IN THE AIR TORA TORA TORA **30 SECONDS OVER TOKYO** Wednesday, July 28: Disney's "PLANES" **RETURN TO THE SKIES MIDWAY (2019)** Disney's "UP"

#### **MORE OSHKOSH 2021**

watch the daily airshow live.

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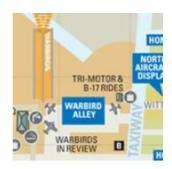




Live Air Show



News



Webcam North



#### THANKS NEIL

Thanks to Neil Hansen for his exciting presentation. He told us about his many adventures as an Air America pilot in South East Asia.

I found it very interesting that it was the people he met and got to be friends with that were the most powerful memories of that time.

If you missed the meeting, Neil will be giving his presentation again at OSHKOSH. See below:

#### Covert Aviation: Air America

Tuesday, July 27 · 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Covert Aviation: Air America Friday, July 30 · 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

### WACO FACTORY TOUR





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 car pool will be sent out mid-July.

WACO Aircraft Corporation 15955 South Airport Road Battle Creek Executive Airport (KBTL) Battle Creek, MI 49015 EAA Chapter 145 website: <u>www.145.eaachapter.org</u> EAA National website: <u>www.eaa.org</u> Riverview Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/EAA145/</u>



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Battle Creek Airport (BTL)	Battle Creek Airshow & Balloon Fest	
Traverse City (TVC)	National Cherry Festival Air Show	
Riverview Áirport (08C)	Meeting-Randy Houtman – Prandtl-D Wing	
Iosco / Tawas (6D9)	Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast	
Mentone, IN (C92)	P.R.A. Convention - Autogyros	
Wittman Field (OSH)	OSHKOSH 2021	
Battle Creek (KBTL)	Meeting – Trip to Waco Factory Tour – 1pm	
Sparta (8D4)	Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast	
Grand Haven (3GM)	Grand Haven Open House Fly-In	
Wurtsmith (OSC)	Oscoda Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast	
Newman's Field (4N0)	Breakfast Fly-In	
Sparta (8D4)	Ford Tri-Motor Tour	
Willow Run Airport (YIP)	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow – Ypsilanti MI	
Holland Airport (BIV)	Meeting -Wings of Mercy & Y.E Event	
If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me		
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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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