

**EAA Chapter 145 Meeting: Saturday, November 10, 2012 – 10:00 am
At The Riverview Airport Meeting Hangar (08C)**



**GRAND RAPIDS
CHAPTER 145**

Web Page (<http://www.EAA145.org>)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let me know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail and check the chapter webpage for information or send Ken Baas items to put on the web.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Ever wonder how airplane clubs work, you know where more than one pilot owns an aircraft?

Well this month EAA145 will host Bill Purosky from Chapter 55 who will provide the answers. He will give a presentation on the “formation, care and feeding of flying clubs.”

Treasurer's report (as of Oct. 30, 2012):

Cash: \$138.66	Checking: \$43.35
Savings: \$2,326.66	Total: \$2,508.57

2013 Dues

Please pay your dues promptly.

Major upcoming expenses for the chapter are \$2400 (Hangar rent), \$470 (EAA National Registration), \$460 (Hangar Propane). Only the propane can be deferred. Both Hangar rent & National registration are due in late 2012.

DUES FOR 2013 ARE NOW DUE

Dues for 2013 are \$35.00 and are payable to "EAA Chapter 145" Mail to Bob Swietek or bring to the November meeting.

YOUNG EAGLES

No Activity At The Present Time

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you had any heroes in your life? People who really influenced who you are? One of my heroes was my older brother Harry. He joined the USMC in 1944 and saw action on Guam and Iwo Jima. I wanted to be like him, so I didn't smoke. After the war, he taught me how build and fly control-line model airplanes. He also earned his private pilot's license, increasing my interest in aviation. Forty years later I earned my private pilot's license. I thought of my brother, the Marine, because this month is the 237th anniversary of the US Marine Corps which was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Thousands of men have been Marines, including those in the USMC Aviation component which is 100 years old. During WWII 120 Marine aviators were aces and 11 earned Medals of Honor. One of these medal winners was Gregory "Pappy" Boyington who shot down 26 planes, tying the American record. Over Rabaul on January 3, 1944, he was shot down and became a prisoner of war. To his squadron, he was a hero. Who is your hero? Happy birthday to the Marine Corps and its many heroes. "Semper Fi in the Sky"

Dick



Vought F4U Corsair

AVIATION TRIVIA

The Amazing Boeing 737

The Boeing 737 was first flown in April of 1967, over 45 years ago. As of August 2012, Boeing has built 7,283 copies. The order backlog is over 2,000 aircraft (over 7 years in 2011 production time—the production capacity has since been increased). The 737 is operated by more than 500 airlines, flying to 1,200 destinations in 190 countries. With over 10,000 aircraft ordered, over 7,000 delivered, and over 4,500 still in service, at any given time there are on average 1,250 airborne worldwide. On average, somewhere in the world, a 737 takes off or lands every five seconds. Since entering service in 1968, the 737 has carried over 12 billion passengers over 65 billion nautical miles, and has accumulated more than 296 million hours in the air. The 737 represents more than 25% of the worldwide fleet of large commercial jet airliners.

100 Years of the B-52?

The first B-52 flew in April of 1952 (after 6 years of extensive design modifications from the original contract award in June of 1946). Production ended in 1962, after a total of 744 copies built (including test aircraft). In 2012 it was announced that USAF engineering studies suggest that the life span of the B-52 could extend beyond 2040.

Cessna 172

Measured by its longevity and popularity, the Cessna 172 is the most successful mass-produced light aircraft in history. The first production models were delivered in 1956, and more than 43,000 (and counting) have been built.

FOR SALE

Share in Cessna 172M at Riverview.

The Green Falcons Flying Club has a 1/8 share for sale in their 1973 C-172M

Contact Dick Foster for details.

It's our Chapter. It's only as good as each one of us wants to make it.

Future Programs

November: Elections & Bill Purosky (EAA55)

December: Riverview Brunch

January 2013: Mac McClellan

2012 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

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