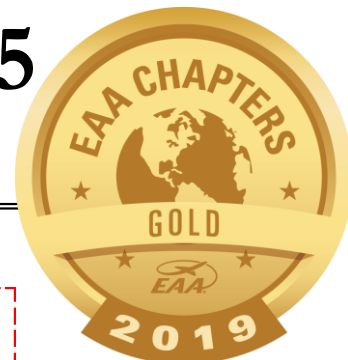


Sept 2020



EAA CHAPTER 145

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Chapter Meeting: Saturday, Sept 12, 2020 – 10:00am
Riverview Airport (08C)–EAA Chapter Hangar (see map on last page)

CHAPTER PROGRAM

Our chapter program this month is a riveting workshop. Bob Swietek and Bruce Whitman will be sharing their expertise on the process of riveting. Once again, we will meet outdoors, with open hangar activities and lunch. Meet your friends at the Chapter hangar at 10am for registration and a brief update. Then we'll go to Bob's hangar for a presentation about riveting on his RV-14A. After that we'll return to the EAA hangar area for a "Pizza & Beer" lunch.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At this month's chapter officers meeting, we decided, again, to get together and enjoy our aviation community. We are using outdoor activities and CDC protocols to stay as safe as possible. We decided that this was better than just canceling all chapter activities.

This month, 12 September, we'll get educated about riveting on a metal A/C along with hands-on activities. In October, we plan to modify our annual bonfire from a pot-luck to a bring-your-own-food. That way we can still enjoy the fire and friends within CDC guidelines. For the November meeting we plan to move indoors and use the main Riverview hangar for a video presentation by SMAT. We are still working on the details for this type of meeting. The annual Christmas Brunch is still up in the air, with no place to land (sorry for the pun), more info later.

Hopefully it won't be long before we get back to normal aviation activities. For now we'll make the best with what we have and make progress in a safe manner.

All the Best, Dick

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

One thing leads to another and Hank Bethke is doing a full restoration on his Ercoupe. Hank flies a Challenger, and was looking for a new "challenge". He picked up this Ercoupe and noticed a few things were not up to his standards. Before he knew it, a full tear-down was underway. This will be a brand new aircraft after he's done with it. Good Job Hank

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<https://www.facebook.com/antiqueairfield/>

September 2nd-7th: The Blakesburg Fly-In is the gathering place for all lovers of antique aircraft. You'll see around 180 vintage aircraft that will only be seen all together at this event.



SE5a KITPLANE FOR SALE

Craig Garrett has his British SE5a airplane for sale. For more information please contact Craig at garrett@iserv.net Literally, this airplane is part of a handful of planes allowed to fly on the grounds of the U.S.A.F. Museum in Dayton. Now you can be a part of that history



THANKS RICK

Last month, Rick Saliers presented an overview of his two projects. He gave a very thorough reporting on the details and decisions made during each step of the building process. Now he can enjoy the open air with the one airplane and the get up and go with the fast airplane. Thanks Rick



West Michigan Aviation Academy Students Finish Flight Training

Thirteen West Michigan Aviation Academy (WMAA) students completed the work to earn their private pilot certificate. Congratulations to the following WMAA students: Sierra Barna, Kiehl Dahnke, Drew Daugherty, Nick Gutowsky, EAA 1101129, Taylor Hall, EAA 1239333, Zach Herrera, Matias Martinez, Triston Mayton, Vixie Moore, Nathan O'Droski, David Rozelle, Joe Skrycki III, and Ford Yates.



When the school closed down in April to comply with Governor Whitmer's executive order regarding COVID-19, staff put their heads together to find a way to help seniors who had been pursuing their private pilot certificate complete their training.

"The private pilot license is the capstone of our aviation program," said George Pavey, Dean of Aviation and Engineering. "These students took on the additional challenge of remote learning to complete their studies and prepare for the licensing test. Although we could not complete their oral exam and check ride before graduation, my team committed that we would find a way to get them in the air as soon as we could, even if it meant flying all summer."

YOUNG EAGLES

At this time, all Young Eagle events have been put on hold. EAA headquarters has online Young Eagle activities for interested youth.

EAA #145 HANGAR

Karl Kotecki still has his Sonex project in the EAA hangar. He is working on attaching the wings and rigging. There is hangar space available. Contact Dick Foster for details.



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sept 2-7 | Blakesburg IA (IA27) | Antique Airfield Fly-In |
| Sept 12 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – Riveting Workshop |
| Sept 12/13 | Cheasaning Airport (50G) | Cheasaning Sportplane Funfest |
| Sept 19 | Lowell Airport (24C) | Pancake Breakfast |
| Fall '20 | Niagara Falls Trip | West Mich Pilots Group – Niagara Falls |
| Oct 10 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – Bonfire |
| Nov 14 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – S.M.A.T. |
| Dec 12 | Riverview Airport (08C) | Meeting – Christmas Brunch |

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 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:
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