

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, March 10, 2012 @ 10:00 am**
At Riverview Airport (08C) in the Meeting Hangar



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.

MARCH PROGRAM

Our March program will be a presentation by Walter Smiles of Sky Ox Aircraft Industries Inc.

Treasurer's report (as of March 3, 2012):

Cash: \$183.56 Checking: \$135.70

Savings: \$1,577.16 Total: \$1,896.42

WEEKS HANGAR

On February 11 four EAA145 members traveled to Oshkosh to work on the B-17 at Weeks hanger (see attached photo). Dick, Dick Jr., Todd and Scott helped with the annual inspection on the "Aluminum Overcast". One engine had "timed" out and required changing. The next weekend work party to Weeks is on April 20-22, see enclosed flyer on Page 3 for details.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Our February Program was at the Kent Career Technical Center. Todd Olson began the "tour" with an overview of the program and the successes of previous students in the field of aviation. We next toured the very nice facility, looking at the shop areas, complete aircraft, test cell and displays. Of particular note was the area where Continental O-200 engines are "overhauled" by students, with one partially assembled engine laid out.

Business Meeting

The treasurer's report indicated an increase from the totals reported in the February newsletter due to additional dues payments received. As of the meeting, we have 22 active members, down from 30 last year.

Hangar status - There is good progress recently on the Zenith 701 project, with several members helping the owner. Donations for the hangar for that project are being received.

Future meetings - The March and April meetings and their subjects were briefly reviewed. It was agreed that the meeting on May 12 would stand and that the chapter would, in addition, support Learn To Fly Day at Jenison on May 19. Combining our Chapter Meeting with Learn To Fly Day was deemed too much for one day. This is particularly true since the WMFA open house is being conducted on Learn To Fly Day also. It was agreed that Dr. Pinnel's previously scheduled (rescheduled) presentation of Sport Pilot Medical and Common Aviaation Medical Certification Problems be allowed to stand for our May 12 meeting.

Fund raisers - It was agreed that the B-17 would be an excellent project if it could be scheduled for this summer or fall. Dick may have a reading on this. A pilot toy box project will be made ready for Learn To Fly Day to see if there is sufficient

interest to proceed with multiples as a fund raiser. Randy Houtman has the plans. He and Bob Swietek will build one or two prototypes in our hangar to display on May 19.

EAA National workshops - Bruce recommended attending these for those building or about to build. The quality of the instructors and the training is excellent based on conversations with instructors of other programs and Bruce's direct experience with the one day "test flying your project" workshop two weekends ago.

YOUNG EAGLES

EAA 145 will sponsor the Greenville Young Eagle rally on June 16, 2012.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

On February 9, EAA145 gave a presentation about the opportunities in aviation for young people to the CAP at the Seidman Center in Grand Rapids. The Eight cadets showed a lot of interest in the opportunities in aviation from EAA and WMFA.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Bruce is building up his "repaired" (nearly an overhaul) engine at the Lowell airport. Work on the Midget Mustang empennage is nearly complete.

WANTED

COMM RADIO

Bill Willyard is looking for a donation of a 760 channel comm radio to make up a base radio station for Riverview Airport. Unit can be a nav/comm so long as the comm portion works.

HANGAR SPACE

The EAA145 chapter hangar is available for anyone who needs temporary space to work on projects. Contact Dick Foster for details (contact information on Page 2).

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

FOR SALE

One quarter shares available in 1947 Aeronca Chief \$8,000. Qualifies for LSA, hangared at Riverview Airport 08C. See "For Sale" page of EAA 145 Web page for more details or call Bill Willyard at 460-6397.

Future tentative programs

April 2012: iPads for Aviation with Herb Harney
May 2012: Dr. Greg Pinnel – Medical Certification

TBD: Hummel Aviation

TBD: Video story of the P-47 thunderbolt

TBD: Aircraft carriers on Lake Michigan?

TBD: A summer "all Pilots" picnic/fly in at Riverview Airport

TBD: A Second Annual Movie Day

TBD: Aircraft Ownership & Operation: An Aviation Attorney's perspective

(This list is shrinking--Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the next meeting.)

2012 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

4/14 5/12 6/9

7/14 8/11 9/8 10/13 11/10 12/8

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EAA CHAPTER 145, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

TO: All Members / Aviation People
FROM: Dick Foster (616-538-8849) (C172foster@gmail.com)
SUBJECT: Trip to Kermit Weeks Hanger, Oshkosh WI.

We will be making our annual trip to the Weeks Hanger on the weekend of April 20 to 22, 2012. The trip is designed to be a relaxing weekend with the getting together of people who like airplane “stuff”. Share the satisfaction of helping restore and maintain the flying aircraft of the EAA collection. Antiques, Classics and Warbirds are kept flying with the support of EAA’s volunteer hangar crew.

The cost is shared by the chapter and each individual will pay for 4 meals. Transportation will be by sharing van space or you can fly. Housing will be provided by EAA at the Binder house, near south maintenance. You should bring a toilet kit, change of clothes and a sleeping bag. You could also bring articles, videos, photos, or anything to help with the hanger flying.

Here is a sample agenda for you to look over:

Friday, 4/20

- Leave Riverview, at 1:00 pm
- Supper on the road at O’Hara oasis
- Arrive Oshkosh about 8:00 pm
- Stay overnight at the EAA Binder house

Saturday, 4/21

- Breakfast in Oshkosh on way to Weeks
- Get to the Hanger by 8:00 am
- Work on aircraft, lunch provided at the Hanger
- End work on projects about 5:00
- Supper near by in Oshkosh
- Sleep at Binder house after extensive “hanger flying”

Sunday, 4/22

- Breakfast in Oshkosh
- Tour EAA Museum, 10 to 12?
- Leave Oshkosh about noon, Dinner on the way back
- Arrive in Grand Rapids about 6:00 pm

This is a great way to introduce someone to grass roots aviation, invite a friend to go. Sign up with me if you want to ride or drive. Contact me if you have any questions.

Let's keep them flying.

Dick