



## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

**April's meeting will be on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the SMAT Hanger at the Ionia Airport.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Let Bob S. know if you prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail in place of postal mail and check the chapter web page for information or send Bill W. items to put on the web.

### APRIL PROGRAM

The April presentation will be a tour of the S.M.A.T. hangars and operations at the Ionia airport (468 Sprague Road). The hangars are on the Northeast corner of the airport. Directions are:  
Take I-96 east to M-66 (exit 67). Go north on M-66 to the stop light at the Taco Bell Restaurant and Menard's Home Improvement (Sprague Rd) and turn right (East). Go to the second drive on the right. Turn right and you are there. The hangar will be open. Hangar flying commences at 9:00am with the meeting starting at 10:00am with a short business meeting.

#### **Treasurer's report for April (March 31, 2010):**

Cash: \$120.46                      Checking: \$454.80  
Savings: \$4142.44                Total: \$4717.70

*During March incomes were from dues (\$75) & hangar donation (\$120). Expenses were for postage (\$44).*

### MARCH MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 10:07am with 15 members and 1 guest attending. The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

### FEATURED PRESENTATION

Members were treated to a slide & video presentation made of the first Week's Restoration trip in 1995. Many of the members attending may have changed but the interesting projects and warm

reception given to us every year since have not. More on the annual trip at the April meeting.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Walt Clausen**, president of EAA Chapter 211, invited all members of EAA Chapter 145 to participate in their trip to the Dayton, Ohio Air Force Museum complex on September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the trip will be \$45 per person for chartered bus transportation (bring your favorite DVD along) and \$50 per person for the motel (based on double occupancy). This is open to the first 55 people so space is limited.

### YOUNG EAGLES

The new year of Young Eagles is beginning. The first rally is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> at Kalamazoo. Following rallies will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Greenville (sponsored by EAA Chapter 145) and June 26<sup>th</sup> at Allegan. Pilots and ground crew wishing to participate should contact Dick Foster for details.

As a result of the efforts of Dick Foster, volunteer ground crews and the many others who fly the YE rallies, many young men and women ultimately gain their ratings. New additions to the YE program include possible scholarships to the EAA Air Academy and full scholarships which could pay for the Young Eagle's total Flight training. More to follow on these events in the near future.

### TECH CORNER

**Mike Dubois** is nearing the end of the road in his RV-9a journey with the imminent final inspection of his plane. Good luck on the inspection and first flight to Mike on his accomplishment.

**QUIZ ME (Answers at the next meeting)**

**Q1:** Which aviation visionary alive today who, to celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday in April, qualified to fly a B-17 aircraft?

Future tentative programs for 2010:

TBD: Movie Morning @ Celebration Cinema

TBD: Military Flight Training – Then & Now

Oct: Bonfire & Picnic

Dec: Riverview Christmas Brunch

**(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the February meeting.)**

**Some possibilities are:**

- **“How to” topics on aircraft building.**
- **“I have this friend who...”**
- **“This is a new product ... This is how it works”**

Newsletter questions and suggestions contact Bob Swietek.

**Remaining 2010 Meeting Dates** (subj. to change)

5/8	6/12	7/10	8/14
9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11

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