

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, April 14, 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.

### APRIL PROGRAM

Our April program will be a presentation of iPad aviation applications by Herb Harney.

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

Cash: \$183.56	Checking: \$90.70
Savings: \$1,682.16	Total: \$1,956.42

### MARCH PROGRAM

Our March program was a presentation by Walter Smiles of Sky Ox Aircraft Industries Inc. He discussed the best times to use oxygen (in addition to FAA requirements):

—Day – go on oxygen for 15 minutes prior to landing after flying over 6,000 feet for an hour or more

—Night – any time over 5,000 feet

He also encouraged borrowing a system to see the results in vision clarity and mental focus.

Skyox ([www.skyox.com](http://www.skyox.com)) has many different systems available for single place and up.

They have a 15% discount at Oshkosh.

### YOUNG EAGLES

Summer Schedule:

May 5 — Kalamazoo w/EAA221

May 19 — Riverview, Learn to Fly Day

June 9 — Riverview, w/WMFA

June 16 — Greenville, w/GAAA

June 30 — Riverview, w/WMFA

Volunteers are need on the ground and to fly, contact Dick if you can help (616) 538-8849.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My wife, Chris likes Tiger baseball and I like aircraft. So we agreed to go to Lakeland FL last week to enjoy both of our passions. We spent a day at Kermit Weeks Fantasy of Flight museum. This is an excellent museum with activities and tours of the restoration shops. We were able to take a ride in an open cockpit Standard D5. The afternoon flight demo w/P-51C, was put on by Kermit Weeks, with a chance after for everyone to talk with him and have a photo taken. He's really a down to earth guy. The next couple of days were spent watching the Tigers in spring training. The Tigers won one and tied one. The tigers look good, but there were a lot of players names I didn't know.

The next couple of days we went to Sun-n-Fun. Lots of airplanes, displays and airshows. But the highlight was a ride in the Commemorative Air Force B-29 "FI-FI". Chris had the radio operators' seat and I had the navigators' seat. We unbuckled after take off and had a chance to watch to pilots and flight engineer takes the big bird through number of maneuvers. The four R-3350 engines (8000HP) have a very powerful sound.

Cheers, Dick Foster



## WEEKS HANGAR

So far seven members have signed up to work at the Weeks Restoration Hanger, April 20-22. There is still time to sign up for this aviation activity. See flyer on page 3.

## LEARN TO FLY DAY

Riverview Airport 3rd Annual International Learn To Fly Day will be May 19, 2012. Starting at 9 AM to 1 PM there will be adult aircraft rides, free, to familiarize you with the freedom of flight. EAA Chapter 145 will be offering Young Eagle rides for youth age 8 to 17. These aircraft rides for adults and youth are free.

Volunteers are need on the ground and to fly. For more info or to help out contact: Herb Harney, Phone: 616-457-5040.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

Zenith 701 (in Chapter Hangar)—significant progress, aircraft will be on it's gear shortly

Bruce – Midget Mustang – engine complete and mounted on fuselage, moving to the airport in early April, DAR scheduled for May 1

## TECH CORNER

Bob Swietek has information on several AD's that will be reviewed in our April meeting.

## 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 hanger is available for anyone who needs temporary space to work on projects. Contact Dick Foster for details (contact information on Page 2).

## 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)

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*