

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, December 10, 2011 @ 11:00 am**  
**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—Riverview Main 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.

### **DECEMBER PROGRAM**

The December meeting of Chapter 145 will be the annual Christmas brunch at Riverview Airport. All of your aviation family and friends are invited. We just have to know how many are going to show up for the feast.

Here are the details for the Riverview Christmas brunch:

**Date:** Saturday December 10

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Place:** Main Hangar, Riverview Airport

**Food:** Bring a dish to pass

**RSVP with number attending by 12/6/11.**

Use one of the following methods:

Sign up on the airport bulletin board

Email [c172foster@gmail.com](mailto:c172foster@gmail.com)

Call: Dick, (616) 538-8849

Call: Linda, (616) 457-5040

#### **Treasurer's report (as of September 28, 2011):**

Cash: \$183.56      Checking: \$94.47

Savings: \$3,163.11      Total: \$3,441.14

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

No new flights in November. There are flights scheduled for 15 Boy Scouts on December 3 at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, weather permitting.

### **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Dick Foster has been working on the "History of EAA145" and has collected a lot of interesting information of the chapter's activities over the past 50 years. There was a brief Power-Point presentation at the November 12 chapter meeting. Several original members of EAA145 attended to add their comments and answer questions.

#### **Meeting Discussion:**

1. State of the Chapter's finances and the need for a dues increase.
2. Future election of officers and their term of office. Several ideas were discussed and will be presented in more detail at January's meeting.
3. Possible addition of board member positions as a way of gaining experience as an officer before taking office.

### **ANNUAL DUES**

It's annual dues time, currently at \$25.00. Beat the Christmas rush (and the dues increase) by paying before January 1st. Pay at the December meeting or send a check to Bob Swietek (address listed on Page 2). Make your check payable to "EAA Chapter 145"

### **EAA145 WEB SITE**

Check out the changes in the Chapter web site, <http://eaa145.org/> Bill Willyard is helping Ken Baas by acting as the web editor (he can show you how to get stuff put on the web site). Ken will be the web administrator and keep the site license up to date. Let Bill know if you have any materials that should be posted on the EAA145 web site. Thanks Bill.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

**Bruce Whitman:** Recent progress on my Midget Mustang project includes completion and installation of the seat, and seat belt/shoulder harness, refinishing the landing gear, installing new tires, brake linings and wheel bearings. Wiring of the panel and battery cables has begun. Engine overhaul activity is awaiting parts and machine shop completion of cylinder honing and valve seat regrind.

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### FOR SALE

Several items are available “free” to a good home. They are located on the right side of the Chapter hangar. If you want them, let an officer know ASAP.

- **Inner Tubes** – Specialty Tires, 6x6.00, 6TR20 (need cores and stems)
  - **Flood Light** – Halogen (500w Max) – Needs mount and bulb
  - **Skill Saw** – 10” table saw, needs a blade guard and rip fence
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### 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.*

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## Future tentative programs

Feb 2012: Kent Careers Center with Todd Olsen  
April 2012: iPads for Aviation with Herb Harney  
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)

1/14	2/11	3/10	4/14	5/12	6/9
7/14	8/11	9/8	10/13	11/10	12/8

### **The 2011 Officers for EAA145:**

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