



## GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER 145

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

**January's meeting will be on Saturday, January 8, 2010 at the Riverview Airport Meeting Room.**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Let Dave Kusters 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.

### JANUARY PROGRAM

The January meeting will be about the largest gathering of P-51's since WWII. Randy Houtman will host a DVD about the 2007 gathering titled "The Gathering of Mustangs & Legends". The DVD is about 90 minutes, switching between interviews with the Legends and air show performances of the P-51's.

#### Treasurer's report for December (December 31, 2010):

Cash: \$122.46	Checking: \$264.29
Savings: \$3365.56	Total: \$3752.31

Income: \$150.00 (Annual Dues)
Expenses: \$2462.40.00 (Hangar Rental & Meetings)

### ANNUAL DUES

**Annual dues collection began at the November meeting with no change to the \$25.00 level (see Bob Swietek). Bob will be at the January meeting to collect dues from anyone who wishes to do so. Not going to the meeting? No problem. Just place your check (Made out to: EAA Chapter 145) in an envelope and send to Bob Swietek at the address listed in this newsletter.**

### DECEMBER MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 11:20 am with 70+ members and guests attending. The meeting adjourned at 12:53 am

### FEATURED PRESENTATION

There was no formal business meeting this month as everyone was busy stuffing themselves with the great food prepared by Airport Manager Linda and all the participating guests. Chapter 145 again wishes to extend our appreciation to Linda and all the airport staff for their efforts in making this brunch a success.

### BUSINESS MEETING IN MEMORIUM

It was noted that Bob Burch (one of the founding members of Chapter 145) recently passed away. This Chapter has a rich heritage which many members may not be aware but will become evident in the near future. Chapter 145 wishes to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Bob on his passing. Bob was instrumental, among others with creating what is now Chapter 145.

### YOUNG EAGLES

No Report

### TECH COUNCIL REPORT

For those who may have missed December's Sport Aviation article on Chuck Helmholdt, check out page 76 of the issue. It is a nice 2 page article about Chuck's efforts in the rebuilding of his PA-14 (Cub) after his accident. Also a copy of the article will be available at the January meeting.

EAA Workshops are planned for January 29-30, 2011. Cost of each 2 day workshop is \$195 - \$299 with a one day workshop being \$25. A copy of the notice with contact information will be available at the January meeting or call Bob Swietek.

### AVIATION KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

*December Question:*

Q: The Republic F-84 (circa 1945) was a straight wing, axial flow turbojet, capable of exceeding mach 1.03 in level flight. **T or F**

**False. The F-84 was designed to be the first supersonic aircraft but for a variety of reasons (wing design, underpowered engine, and overall weight) never made the grade. It was, however, originally designed with a straight wing and the first axial flow engine.**

*January Question:*

*Q; To hold a sport pilot's certificate you must:  
Be at least 17 years of age and;*

- 1. Be able to speak English.*

Future tentative programs for 2011:

TBD: Video story of the P-47 thunderbolt

TBD: Aircraft carriers on Lake Michigan?

TBD: A history of Chapter 145

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

October: Annual Riverview Picnic & Bonfire

November: Officer Elections

December: Annual Riverview Christmas Brunch

**(Do you have any more ideas? Bring them to the next 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"

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

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

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

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