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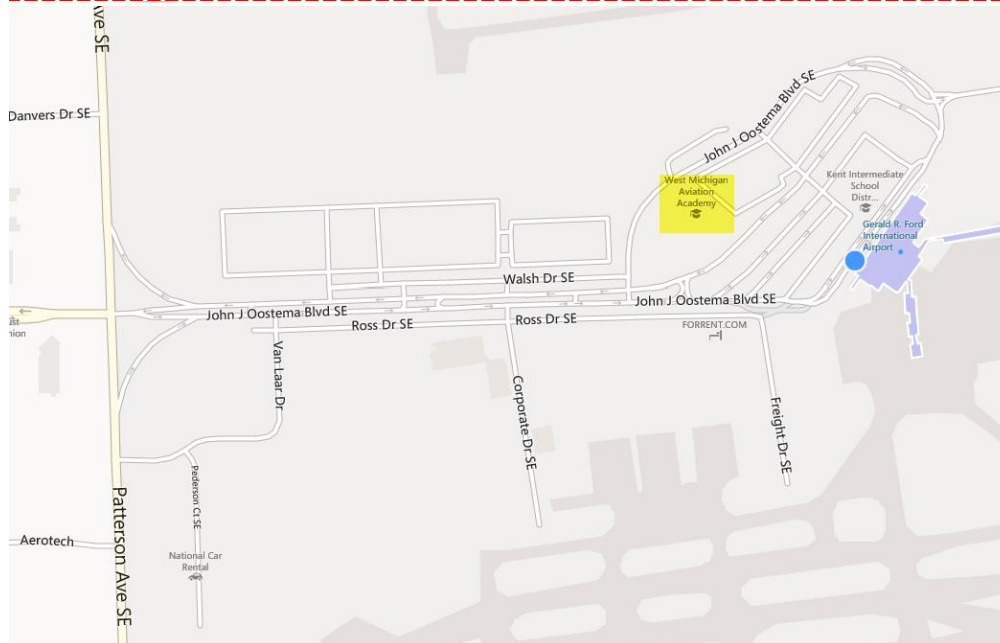
# EAA CHAPTER 145

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**Chapter Meeting: Saturday, May 10, 2014 – 1 P.M.  
Ford International (GRR) @ West Mi Aviation Academy**



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This month we will be getting a tour of the West Michigan Aviation Academy by George Pavey. George is the Dean of Aviation at the school, and will show us around their facility. The school is located at Ford International (GRR), in the middle of the big loop. Go down the main airport road, take the left as if you're going to Rapid Air, then you'll see the school building on your right.

Last month, we listened to the harrowing story of the 445th Bomb Group of the 8th Army Air Force. Linda Dewey told us what happened on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 1944, and is referred as the Kassel Mission. See [www.kasselmission.com](http://www.kasselmission.com) for more information. She is the daughter of one of the surviving pilots on that fateful day.

The Kassel mission of Sept. 27, 1944, actually was percentage-wise the worst loss of any mission throughout the war. Of the 35 planes that went in to the target, only four returned to base. Twenty-five of the bombers went down immediately around the target, or were crippled badly enough that they went down within a radius of maybe 15 miles of the point of combat.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EAA145 made its annual trip to the Kermit Weeks Restoration Hanger in Oshkosh, WI on April 25 to the 27, 2014. This was the 24<sup>th</sup> time that your chapter has made the 6 hour drive to work with the staff at the Weeks Hanger. The question is why do we continue to go that distance to work on such a variety of projects? Here are a few reasons for you to consider.

The six of us that went this year and the dozens who went other years, simply enjoy the company of people who like aviation. EAA provides the Binder house, a two story farm house, converted to house EAA volunteers as a place we can hang-out. This is just a short way from Paul's house, so it's easy to get to Weeks and the Museum. We do lot of "hanger flying" and sharing each other's experiences around airplanes.



The friendly staff at Weeks makes it a real pleasure to work there. For example, Saturday morning the director of Weeks, John Hopkins, took the time to searched around, find us at IHop and then had breakfast with us before going to the Weeks hanger. John and one of his A&P's Eric provided guidance for the many types of projects that we worked on. Here is a list:

- Monocoupe; grease wheel bearings and install wheel pants. To be used for display
- AT-6; preflight, install battery, pre-oil, fuel and then John starts. To be flown at AirVenture
- Dual powered parachute; remove engine to be sent in for overhaul.
- Christian Eagle; remove wings and tail feathers to be sold.
- B-17 prop blade; clean, grind, and polish prop for display.
- Cabin Waco; create swirl pattern on aluminum floor plates.
- Ford model T car and truck; install battery, water and the John starts. This is part of the Pioneer Airport collection. (Also got a ride)

On Sunday, we had a chance to visit the EAA museum for a couple of hours. Here is another example of how friendly the EAA people are. The museum normally opens at 10:00, but on returning from breakfast we notice cars leaving the museum at 9:00. We pulled in and the man locking the door said that a group of Boy Scouts had just left from an overnight in the museum. I explained that we were volunteers from Michigan and asked if we could we get in early. He said if you came all that way to volunteer, you can get in now. We had the museum to ourselves for an hour...what fun.



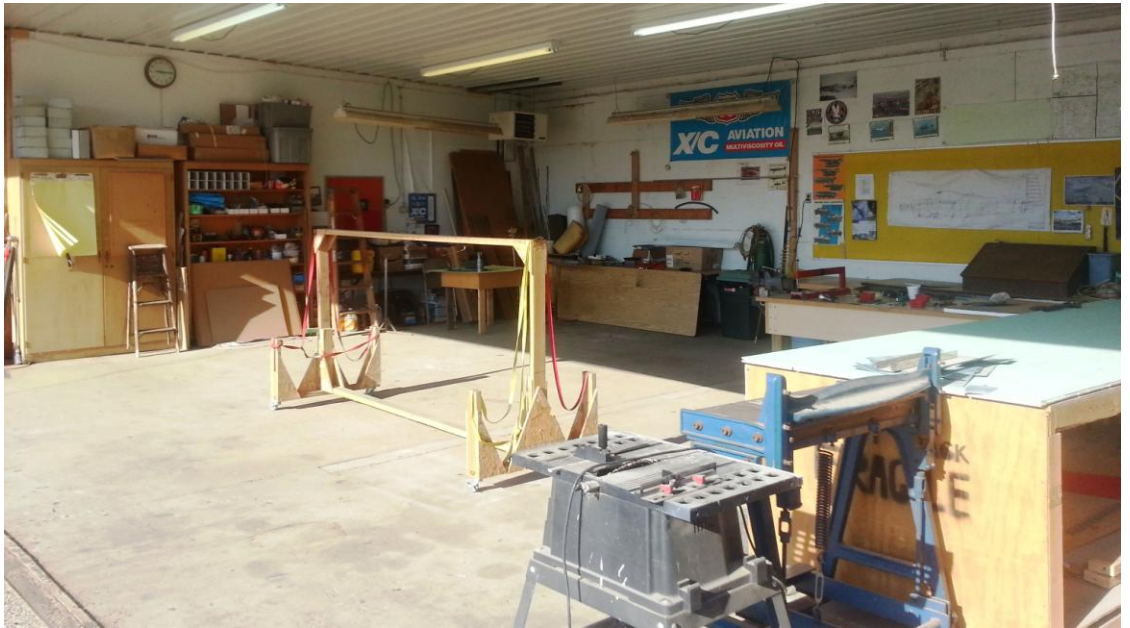
## HANGER SPACE

Just look at the nice job of spring cleaning done in the EAA #145 hangar.

Thanks go out to those keeping the hangar neat and organized.

The hangar offers a warm and dry and secure area to work on projects. It is furnished with large flat layout tables and various tools to speed-up the building process.

The hangar also has a sizeable library of books and videos for your reference. So if you need extra space for your project, please contact Dick Foster for more details.



**FOR SALE:** Kel DeVries has VW engine conversion parts for sale: Slick 4216 mag w/harness, qty(4) Champion REL38B aircraft plugs, Mag coupling for Slick mag, Monnett shrink-fit prop hub, Monnett E-Lectro-X engine mount casting w/ spacers and rubber mounts POSA slide carb w/ mixture control Monnett intake manifold castings, 'Y' casting Intake piping, couplings, clamps. Contact Kel thru the classifieds at [KITPLANES.com](http://KITPLANES.com) or catch-up to him at one of our meetings.





Check out [www.michigan.gov/aero](http://www.michigan.gov/aero) and look at the calendar tab. The nice weather is here and the pancake breakfast events are starting to roll in.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3	Kalamazoo Arpt	Young Eagles Event
May 10	Gerald Ford(GRR)	George Pavey – Tour of West MI Aviation Academy
May 17	Ottawa Exec (Z98)	Dawn Patrol – Pancake Breakfast
May 17	Oakland Arpt (VLL)	Midget Mustang Fly-In
May 17	Riverview Arpt(08C)	Young Eagles Event
May 24	Freemont Arpt(FFX)	Dawn Patrol – Pancake Breakfast
May 31	Gerald Ford(GRR)	Young Eagles - West Michigan Aviation Academy
June 7	Riverview Arpt(08C)	Poker Run – see Herb Harney for info
June 7	Riverview Arpt(08C)	W.M.F.A. breakfast/lunch Fly-In
June 14	Greenville Airport	Young Eagles - G.A.A.A Event
June 15	Allegan Arpt (35D)	Dawn Patrol – Pancake Breakfast
June 28	Big Rapids Arpt(RQB)	Dawn Patrol – Pancake Breakfast
Aug 9	Riverview Arpt(08C)	Chapter Mtg – Marv Tyler
Aug 9	Ionia Arpt	Young Eagles – S.M.A.T.
Aug 9-10	Ypsilanti Airport	Thunder Over Michigan Airshow
Aug 23	Holland (BIV)	Young Eagles – Wings of Mercy
Sept 19-21	East Coast of USA	Riverview Pilots New England Trip
Sept 26-28	U.S.A.F. Museum,Dayton	WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous



**If you know of events that should be on the event calendar, please e-mail them to me**

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