

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: Saturday, September 10, 2011 @ 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.

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

A Zenith home built project will be discussed as an activity for the Chapter. This project in the Chapter hanger could give the chapter members a chance to participate in the construction of a experimental aircraft. Come to the meeting and find out the details. There will also be an introduction to the history of EAA145. The Chapter started in 1962 and has contributed to sport aviation in west Michigan. We will start documenting the chapter activities over the past 50 years.



#### **Treasurer's report (as of August 30, 2011):**

Cash: \$183.56	Checking: \$215.29
Savings: \$3,463.11	Total: \$3861.96

### AUGUST MEETING REPORT

Presented the history of Willow Run Airport, which was converted from a youth training farm to a defense contractor field and assembly factory to produce the B-24 bomber on 1024 acres.

### EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

Please note that Dick Foster has a new email address, listed in Officer Information on Page 2.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Russ Duffin is continuing with his journey to obtain a pilot's certificate. His A/C is now on the gear with the wings on and dihedral set.

Bruce Wittman found a 7.5 lb drycell battery (Odessey) and was impressed with its performance. This battery promises to have a huge shelf life and cranking power. Its rated life is about 7-10 yrs. He also built a new battery box to house the new battery.

### YOUNG EAGLES

Chet Uncapher, YE coordinator for EAA211, Grand Haven, had a successful YE rally on Saturday, August 27. 10 pilots flew 183 Young Eagles. Well done EAA211!

### PLANS AVAILABLE

Ken Fryling has donated a box of several different kit plans to the Chapter, including Thorp T-18 plans. Please contact any club officer for more information.

### WWI DAWN PATROL RENDEZVOUS

This event will be at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, from Sept. 23 – 25, 2011. It features WWI aircraft, radio models, reenactors, an auto show, and collectibles.

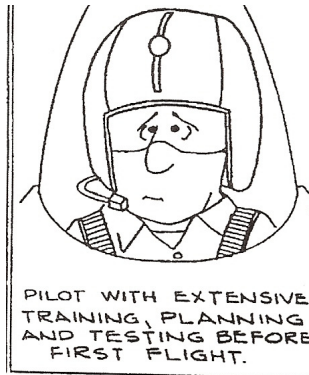
Visit the following link for more details:

<http://aviationdayton.com/events/dawn-patrol.html>

## TECH COUNCIL REPORT

The July presentation on Tech Counselors & Flight Advisors presented the Chapter with much material for member use, including flight test data sheets to record performance characteristics in an orderly fashion. Since only one copy of each document was available, all documents are planned to be posted on the Chapter website in the next month or so. More about this at the September meeting.

Which Pilot Would You Rather Be On The First Flight Of Your New Aircraft?



### Local Tech Counselors & Flight Advisors

Refer to our friends at Grand Haven chapter, EAA211:

Technical Counselors:

Jack Brewer (231) 798-3799

Gary Van Farowe (616) 875-8670

Flight Advisor:

Ken Dannenberg (616) 751-5034

### 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).

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

### 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.)**

### Remaining 2011 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

9/10	10/8	11/12	12/10
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