

EAA Chapter 145 MEETING: **Saturday, September 8, 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.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

This month EAA145 will review the sights, sounds and activities at Airventure 2012. We have interesting collection of video and audio from Airventure. We also invite you to tell your story or show your photos...bring them along to the meeting. See you Saturday September 8.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What is with this idea of community? I've noticed some coming together of various groups as we try to provide activities that a lot of people can enjoy. Our chapter became more aware of other groups during the 50th anniversary open house. This last month has provided a couple of examples of how aviation people get together for the benefit of the total group (community).

The EAA145 tour of the WACO facility is a case in point. About 25 people showed up at 10am for the tour; 9 from EAA145 and the rest from other chapters (community). One of the owners, Peter Bowers gave us a tour for about two hours. He said; "it's OK to touch, but do it gently". He explained and showed us the welding of the fuselage tubing in large jigs, metal fabrication, wooden spars and rib construction for the wings, covering and stitching, painting and avionics. There were four completed WACO's, a couple in for restoration, and several in construction. The company recently purchased the plans for the Great Lakes Special A/C and is tooling up to start producing it. This biplane will cost about half as much as a WACO. Needless to say, we all had a great time; I exchanged some photos with members of another chapter (community).

Another example of "community" is the Wings of Mercy (WOM) event at West Michigan Regional (Tulip City) airport. Our chapter worked with WOM, the Lions club and the Boy Scouts to provide Young Eagle flights during the event. The youngsters could have breakfast, fly balsa-wood models, attend a ground school "demo", or even get a ride in the real thing, thanks to the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program. The pilots and ground crew came from several chapters (community).

Thanks to all who work for aviation "community",
Dick



YOUNG EAGLES

Here are the results for YE flights at the Wings of Mercy event (Aug. 25, 2012, Holland, MI). Seven pilots provided 52 Young Eagles with a flight.

Ann Meengs, EAA211	6
Greg Forbes, EAA145	9
Jake DeHaan, EAA211	3
Daniel Nally, EAA145	9
Glenn Vogel, EAA145	12
Jerry Baarman, EAA145	3
David Hast, EAA145	10

Many thanks to the pilots for flying and Randy for printing certificates. There were lots of smiles and who knows how many future pilots. No more YE rallies are scheduled for this year.

UPDATE FROM BRUCE WHITMAN

Friends and fellow EAA members -

Thank you all for your good wishes, support and prayers for my quick recovery. They have definitely had a positive effect. As most of you know, I nosed over in my Midget Mustang (not yet registered) on Tuesday July 24 at (08C) Ionia while conducting taxi tests. A complete analysis of the reasons for that accident must wait for another day, but the results are obvious. The A/C wound up on its back with extensive damage - me with my head in the dirt and unable to move. Soon, two or more folks arrived, picked up the tail at my insistence and I was able to crawl out and walk away. I was transported to Butterworth Hospital where I spent three days being x-rayed, scanned, and otherwise evaluated. The bottom line is that I was released with "only" a neck collar to be worn for the next three months. I have been gaining strength, reducing pain killers and learning to cope with the collar 24/7 ever since. To facilitate the healing of three cracked vertebrae, I must not turn my head nor look up or down until then. Obviously, driving and flying are out of the question. I should be able to join you all in Jenison in November.

As to the aircraft, I now have it back in my shop for evaluation and an eventual decision on what to do with it.

Thanks again and best regards,

Bruce

UPDATE FROM DICK FOSTER

Dick Foster is making progress with strength and flexibility of his knee. The therapist was able to bend his knee 115 degrees (with pain). Now Dick has to keep exercising so he can bend 115 degrees without pain. He hopes to be able to get back in the cockpit by the end of October.

Treasurer's report (as of Sept. 1, 2012):

Cash: \$183.56	Checking: \$43.35
Savings: \$1,777.41	Total: \$2,004.32

*Annual Dues will be \$35 for 2013
Beat the rush and pay at the next meeting*

Future Programs

September: Airventure Review

October: Riverview Bonfire

November: Elections & Speaker on Flying Cubs

December: Riverview Brunch

2012 Meeting Dates (subj. to change)

10/13 11/10 12/8

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