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This Month's Membership Meeting

August 10, 2023
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

Oshkosh Stories and fun!!

PLEASE join us!

Hamburgers during social hour!

2023 Board Members and Officers

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
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President's Corner

WHAT A BLAST!!!!

Despite having to drink water by the gallon because of the heat and having to hold the sides of our tent up to keep it from collapsing in the multiple storm we had an absolutely amazing time at Oshkosh!!!! We spent lots of time hanging out with both people from the chapter and also with those dear friends that we only see once a year at this great event. This month's meeting promises to be tons of fun sharing our stories with each other that went, for those that couldn't, and hopefully to inspire some of you that didn't to join us there next year. This was mine and Sandie's 7th event and this year we took a slightly more laid-back approach and spent more time socializing than we have in the past. That's not to say we didn't cover the grounds well as we averaged over 15,000 steps a day and covered 54.4 miles of walking in our 6 days there. I took in more classes and hope to do more next year. It is always awesome to see friends that you see each year there like a big family reunion but also to witness someone experiencing it for the first time and remembering your first trip there is also extremely special. We loved meeting up with lots of you there and of course regret not seeing the others that were there that we didn't get a chance to see. Make sure you come on out for a burger and fun this month.

We also have a lot of aviation events going on over the next couple weeks. A little something for everyone. One of my personal favorite events is this weekend and that is the Michigan Ultralight Association Fly-in at Purdy Field. Be sure to check this one out. The food the church cooks is amazing and it is a very laid back atmosphere with fun all around. Make sure to get the details of the flyer included in the newsletter. If Short Take Off Landing (STOL) flying is your thing be sure to head up to Chesaning to check out the Great Michigan Bush Company and their event up there. If you're looking for a bigger event then the Thunder Over Michigan airshow down at Willow Run is also this weekend. Next up is next weekend on the 19&20, the flyin up at Oscoda which is a beautiful flight and nice event. Then in 2 weeks the pilot rodeo and campout at Owosso is happening. Needless to say, there is a lot to go and see when it comes to aviation this month. Sandie and I hope to attend as many of these as possible when we aren't busy working on building the hangar at home or in the near future welcoming our first grandbaby who already has a pile of aviation themed clothes and toys, I think Sandie had her Jeep over gross weight with all the stuff she bought for the baby at Oshkosh.

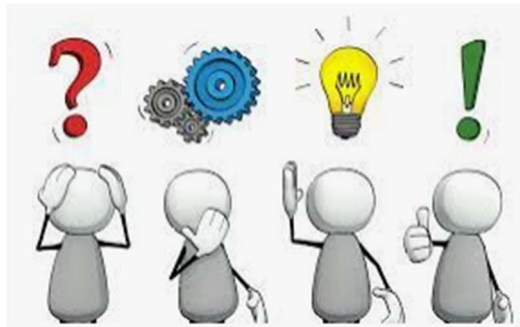
See you all Thursday,
Jake

Looking for Program Ideas!

We are looking for programs for future membership meetings. Remember, these meetings are YOUR meetings and meant to be fun and engaging! So, share your ideas with us!

- Project report?
- New technology or aviation concept?
- Special flyout location you'd like to share?

Send them to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com.



MULA's Annual Ultralight Fly-in Aug.12th

Purdy Field, at **Duffield Methodist Church**

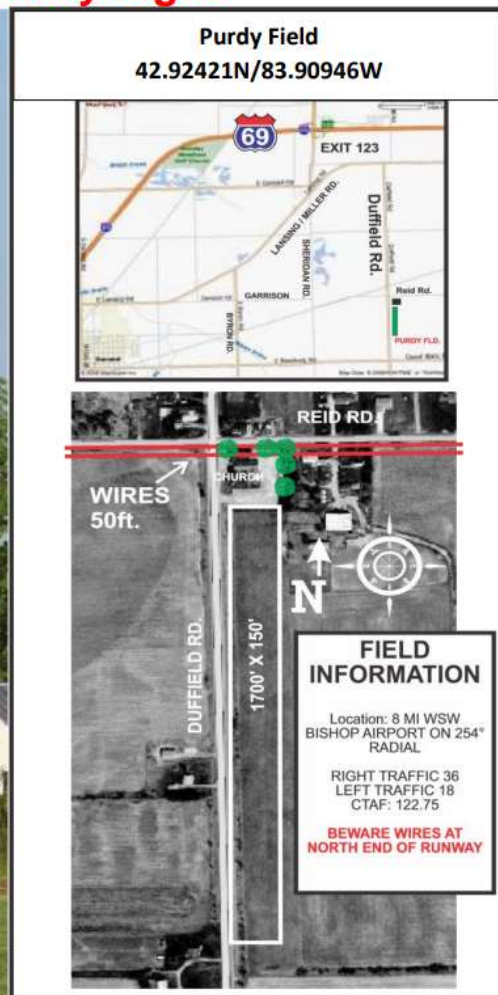
7001 Duffield Rd. , Durand, MI.

INFORMATION: www.michiganultralight.org

Facebook group Michigan Ultralight Flying Club

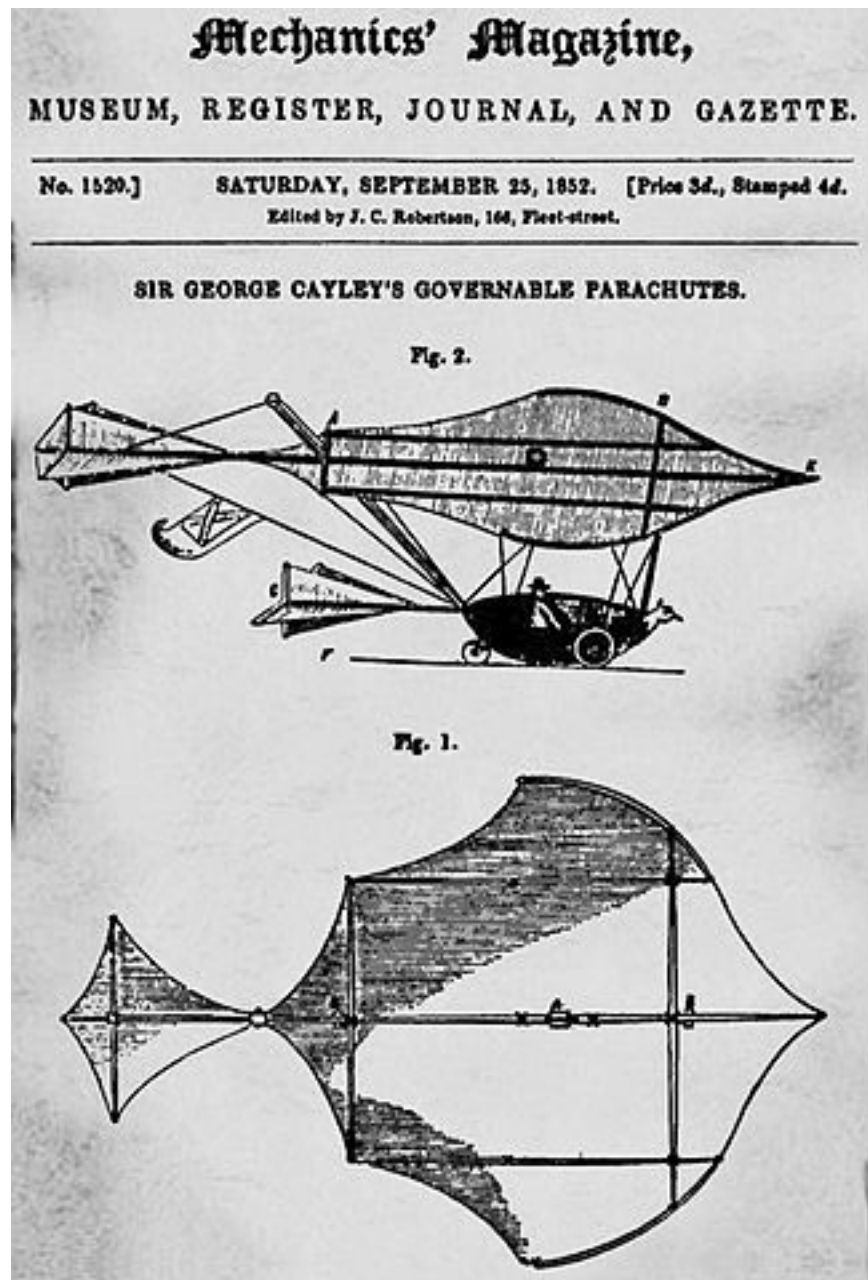
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Camping Friday and Saturday
Live Music Saturday night



Did You Know...

Scientist Leonardo da Vinci drew a "flying machine," but never built it. It wasn't until 1799 that a realistic plan for an aircraft was made by George Cayley. He's called the "Father of Aviation" because he drew plans for a plane with "fixed wings," which meant that they didn't move. Before this, scientists tried to imitate the flight of birds; they made aircraft with wings that flapped up and down!



<https://study.com/academy/lesson/aviation-lesson-for-kids-history-facts-terms.html>

Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

It's a new year so it's time for a reminder since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles this year! I always need more pilots and ground crew! Here's what is needed to be each. 😊

Young Eagle Pilot – Before you can fly a youth:

(See link at: [Become a Volunteer Pilot | EAA](#))

- 1) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future Young Eagles Day Event, Sandie will be able to see you in Young Eagles Day.org and send you an invite to participate through that program!

Young Eagle Ground Volunteer:

- 1) (OPTIONAL) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) (OPTIONAL) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future Young Eagles Day Event, Sandie will be able to see you in Young Eagles Day.org and send you an invite to participate through that program!

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Sandie at EAA77YoungEagles@gmail.org. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

Join your fellow EAA77 members and families for some social fun!!

- ➔ **Ice Cream** Flyouts to Chesaning – Tuesdays at 7pm (on VFR days) – Call Jake Carmer with questions at (810)919-0121.

Come join the fun!!

#thePilotLife

This section is for you to share your photos and flying stories.

Email to  EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com or tanny.gang@gmail.com

JOHN V LINSOWE

I think "Airplanes & Ice-cream" could be the next "Airplanes & Coffee" on Facebook



ROB HAGERMAN

Rob and his sister visited the Silver Lake Sand dunes in the Cherokee.





**On his way back from golf, Rob
enjoying some cloud surfing!**

SANDIE, JAKE, TANMOY, JUSTIN, DOUG & TAYLOR ISHAM, ISAAC, CHUCK

Eyes watch pictures & videos.

OSHKOSH 2023

Mind cherishes the memories.

Heart skips a beat with joy!



Hope this picture keeps getting crowded every year 😊



Pre-OSH warmup flight over Big Mack



Few clouds at 2000'
Super smooth flight to start the adventure.

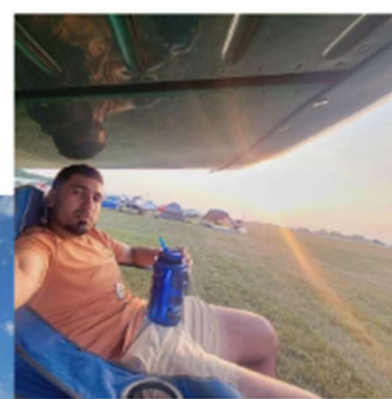
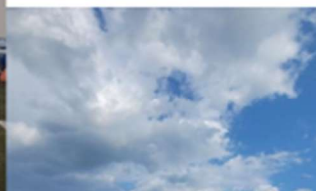


The Chicago Skyline – *what a sight*



My First Oshkosh

*Like something I imagined,
Something I can't explain!*





"The GROVE" RV Camp

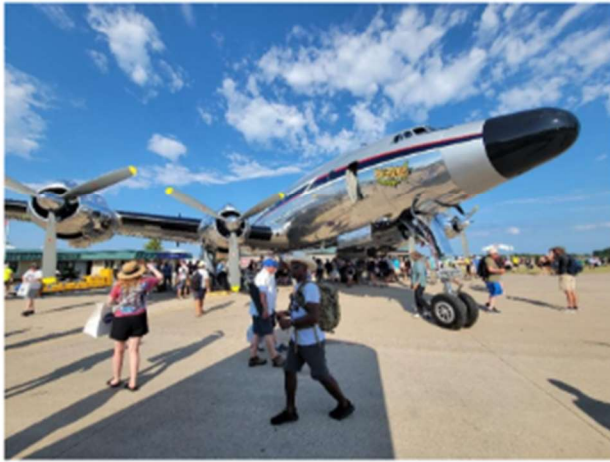
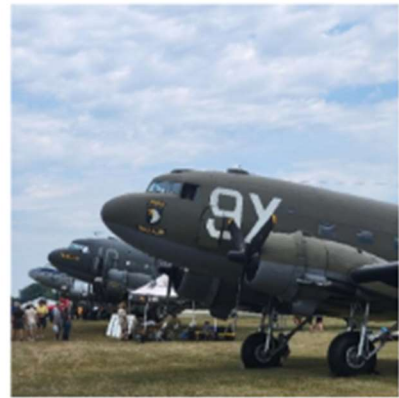
15 RVs arrived from Boscobel RV Bash in formation and setup "the Grove". This is where we all hung out and got to meet awesome new people every day.





**Anywhere you look,
there's a plane!**







What's Oshkosh without storms!?



Dinner *SOS Bros Beer Tent*
what happens in OSH stays in OSH

Breakfast





THANK YOU

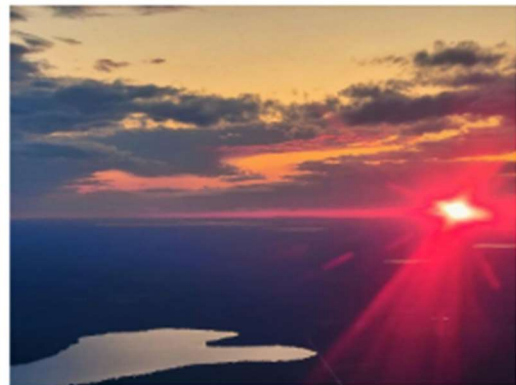
To the awesome volunteers



RETURN LEG

I took the northern route crossing the lake over the Beaver & Fox Islands and then spending the evening with friends at Petoskey beach.

The news of the crashes at AirVenture left me somber when flying back.



The residents of Brigadoon could barely squeeze into a day all the living built up during a century of sleep; the residents of AirVenture barely squeeze into a week all their passion for aviation built up over only a year. We who come here may never catch up on all we come to see and hear, and that fact alone would be enough to keep us coming back.

A Sleeping Village Awakens Once More, AVWeb.com



Additional Oshkosh Updates!

There were at least 21 of our EAA77 chapter members at Oshkosh this year for at least a portion of the week! If I missed anyone, my apologies!

- Jake Carmer
- Sandie Carmer
- Tanmoy Ganguly
- John Orme
- Gabriella Orme
- Isaac Faris
- Doug Isham
- Taylor Isham
- Chuck Morris (and his grandson)
- Scott Skalski
- Rick Hayes
- Don Niles
- Denny Demeter
- Justin von Linsowe
- Dave Burch
- Ronalee Burch
- Jeff Spinney
- Bob Dueker
- Dean Ebert
- Sam Brokaw
- Sue Brokaw

We didn't get to see everyone while there, but we tried! 😊

What was your favorite part? Come to this month's meeting and share! Bring pictures and videos! We'd love to see them!

Dualstar Aircraft for Sale



Dale Sweeney, a non-chapter member, made a donation of this Flightstar-2 Seat LSA SN# 001 manufactured by Pioneer International Corporation. It's been stored for the last 30 years hanging in pole barn. It needs new sails, engine, front gear, and a few minor items to get this back in the air.

This could be a great opportunity for someone who is looking to transition from ultralights, or a few members get together and start an LSA club, low cost start up with chapter resources to get a club started, lots of opportunities.

We are going to be selling this item to further fund our chapter, but we are offering it to our chapter members first. So, this Thursday 8/10 meeting, we are going to be taking donation bids on it at the end of the meeting. After that, if no bids are made, it will be sold through Barn Stormers, Craigslist or FB Marketplace.

Any questions, I can be contacted any time before this week's meeting. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested, please also contact me to make your donation bid.

Eric LaForest
810-577-5292

Upcoming Events – 2023

(All Membership Meeting programs are tentative)

EAA77 Chapter Meetings

- *Board of Director Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. - - These are the chapter's business meetings. All are welcome!*
- *Membership Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (6:00 P.M. is social hour) These are the fun, social meetings. Come and have fun!*



August

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: TBD)

12 & 13 – Chesaning STOL Competition (Young Eagles Day CANCELLED)

25-27 – Owosso Pilot Rodeo (Young Eagles Day CANCELLED)

September

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: TBD)

October

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm

12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: TBD)

November

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: TBD)

December

2 – Banquet

EAA Chapter 77 Activities August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7pm – Board Mtg	4	5 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
6 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	7	8	9	10 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	11	12 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
13 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	14	15	16	17	18	19 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
20 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	21	22	23	24	25	26 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
27 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	28	29	30	31		

Saturday and Sunday Flyouts: Contact Flyout Coordinators for details – Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Jake Carmer 810-919-0121

TaylorCraft Build Dates: Contact Doug Isham for dates and details – 810-820-0765

EAA Chapter 77 Activities September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
3 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	4	5	6	7 7pm – Board Mtg	8	9 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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Aviation Humor

**My kidnappers returning me
after listening to me talk
about airplanes for 2 hours**



Flowers and Cards

Do you know of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Email Jake Carmer at EAA77President@gmail.com.



Ralph O. Helgeby EAA Chapter 77

Building Use Policy

Members are allowed to use the EAA Chapter 77 Facility in accordance with this policy ONLY.

Approval of use will be at the discretion of the EAA Chapter 77 Board of Director, on a first-come first-served basis, with EAA Chapter 77 activities ALWAYS taking precedence.

All use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility must be an acceptable use per the current insurance carrier of EAA Chapter 77.

All uses of the EAA Chapter 77 Building Must Be Approved by the EAA Chapter 77 Board in advance of the Use. Application for Facility use will to call the current president, or vice president if the president is unavailable (out of town or unresponsive for more than 48 hours) for approval. Then put the requested event on the calendar in the EAA Chapter 77 meeting room.

Use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility is restricted to the Meeting Room and Workroom ONLY; the hangar space cannot be used except by EAA Chapter 77 and those renting hangar space from EAA Chapter 77 without special Board approval.

EAA Chapter 77 use of ANY portion of the Facility shall supersede all other uses of the Facility.

All Use of the Facility will be placed on the Chapter Calendar.

Use of the Meeting Room will not exceed 75 occupants, 6.5 or 4.3 ft² per person.

Occupation of the Workroom will be approved by the Workroom Chairman in advance of occupation.

No Alcohol is allowed on EAA Chapter 77 property.

None of the Chapter Kitchen or Eating supplies shall be used; i.e. Plates, silverware, dish towels, etc. for anything other than Chapter activities.

No tape, pins or any adhesives are to be used on walls, doors, etc. when decorating or entertaining in any way. Magnets may be used on the Whiteboard. Tables, Chairs, etc. will be kept off the walls.

The used portion of the Facility shall be cleaned immediately after use, kitchen, towels, dishes, tools, floors and walls, etc.

A Donation is Expected for use of the Meeting Room and Workroom usage,

Any damage to EAA Chapter 77 property during the use will be billed to the using member.

No chemicals are to be poured down any drain or toilet in EAA77 facility. This includes paint and paint cleaning products, petroleum, grease, etc., regardless of chemical makeup of the product.



Matthews Stump Grindings, LLC

Do you have unsightly stumps that need to be removed or have brush hogging needs? Contact Kerry Matthews at Kerry@matthewsstumpgrinding.com or visit their website at <https://matthewsstumpgrinding.com/stump-grinding/>



Blacktop Anchors

<https://www.blacktopanchors.com/>

Tie downs

Submitted by: Paul Allar

Phone: (248)761.8937

Email: paul@allarse.com

Looking for RV Partnership

Tanmoy spent his Oshkosh with the RV pilots, and now he wants one too. He will be looking for others interested in creating a partnership on an RV-6 (6A, 7, 8 if the market and budgets align).

Why RV?

Fast, efficient, cheaper to maintain/upgrade, aerobatic and cool people fly them.

If you are interested, please reach out to him: 248 877 8390 or tanny.gang@gmail.com.



Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com

Click here for webpage: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea77/join-or-renew-membership>

EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

2023 annual chapter dues are just \$30.00 per member and includes immediate family members.

Dues can now be sent in three ways!!

1. Fill out Membership Form and send it and your \$30 to the address below
2. Fill out the Membership Form and email it to the email address below, then mail your \$30 to the address below
3. Fill out the Membership Form and email to the email address below and click the link here to pay by Paypal: [EAA77 Membership Renewal](#)

The Membership Form version was attached to the email, but can also be found by clicking this link: [EAA77 Membership Form](#)

A sample of Membership Form is below as FYI

Mailing Address: EAA Chapter 77, P.O. Box 265, Flushing, MI 48433-0265

Email Address: EAA77Treasurer@gmail.com

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Update/Reserve this link

Phone / / Member Number / DOB

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

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EMERGENCY
DO NOT REMOVE THIS INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Information: Yes No

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Email: _____

Emergency Contact Address: _____

Emergency Contact City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Other: _____

Additional Information: _____

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023

Meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to Accept June meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Darryl Isham
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Guests and New Members:

- Terry Castor
- Darwin Cheeseman
- Drew Cheeseman
- Abe McCallagh
- Jared Siladke
- Mike Mermuys

Dawn Patrol:

- Sandy Matthews gave Dawn Patrol report
Income \$8289.00
Expenses \$5372.00

Project Report:

- Project First Flight had three ultralights donated.

Pilot Life by Tanmoy Ganguly

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:10 p.m.