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EAA Harbor Springs Chapter 1087 Update



A note from Pete:

What a slacker I've been. It's the first newsletter since April. I have no good excuses, but I do have 2 lame ones. First, our flying season has been quite busy with multiple Young Eagles, Oshkosh, annual picnic, KDTW trip, and our regular breakfast and VMC/IMC club meetings. Second, I personally have been flying a LOT which has been quite fun and adventurous, but it didn't leave me enough time to get out a newsletter.

There's a **SURVEY** coming: Our chapter has grown and participation at our events has been excellent. Several members have brought up ideas to do even more. I'll be creating a survey which will be sent out shortly to collect feedback on these ideas and our future direction as well as re-election of our officers. I'd appreciate everyone's prompt response.

Sad News from AOPA

Headquarters sending condolences for AOPA's Air Safety Institute Sr. VP, Richard McSpadden, who was tragically killed in an aircraft crash in Lake Placid, NY on October 1st. There are multiple aviation news sources reporting on that incident, which also claimed retired NFL player and Super Bowl Champ, Russ Francis. While I can't comment on anything other than what has been published, AOPA has an excellent story on Richard, found at this link. <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/october/04/aopas-mcspadden-lived-his-passion>

Upcoming Events

- October 17th Young Eagles – KPLN for the Pellston School District aviation program students
- Regular breakfast meeting Saturday, October 14th 8 am and every two weeks after that, Southwoods restaurant, Petoskey
- Our IMC/VMC Club Wednesday, October 18th at the KMGN terminal
- KDTW Tour #2 – Date TBD Ron Bazman will coordinate when able.

Potential Future Events – for discussion at our next breakfast meeting

- For the winter season – not much here but the survey will help to develop more
- Other ideas?

Recap of our busy Events from Summer season

- June 3rd – Young Eagles at KMGH. An excellent day flying approximately 60 Young Eagles.
- June 20th - John van Etten presentation at Bay View – John gave an excellent perspective on the rescue in Vietnam [Nail32: John Van Etten part of Air Force's rich history \(petoskeynews.com\)](http://petoskeynews.com)
- July 15th Young Eagles – N98 Boyne City, with a low ceiling we were only able to fly approximately 30 Young Eagles. At least we were able to invite a few (15?) of them back for a rescheduled session on August 9th.
- July 24-30th Oshkosh EAA AirVenture – Several of us were able to make the trip and an excellent show it was, as usual.
- August 6th KDTW Detroit Metro Airport trip and tour – We had 4 planes depart and only 3 were able to make it into Metro due to weather conditions. Ron put on an excellent tour of the tower, tracon, Delta operations, airport operations, maintenance and more. Here's a pic of Al and Pete's planes on the ramp at Signature with the heavys.



- August 16th Our Annual EAA Chapter 1087 Picnic at Harbor Springs Airport
- September 16th Young Eagles – KMCD Mackinac Island with the Boy Scouts – another excellent day flying 62 Young Eagles. We had 9 planes including some from downstate to join us. Super Job and Thank You to those involved in the air and on the ground. Check out this



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time lapse video, it's awesome:

Here's another version on Youtube: https://youtu.be/0gY8oTKizzg?si=l0z9ko_5v-o6fcOv

IMC/VMC Club for our Chapter – Rod Cortright (IMC/VMC Club Coordinator)

Our IMC/VMC club meetings have been very successful. We have had 10-12 members attend each meeting. Each meeting has had one video scenario presented for VMC and IMC. The discussions that followed were very interesting. Seems like we never had consensus on a specific outcome but there were several possible directions one could take for each scenario.

The IMC/ VMC Club promotes visual and instrument flying, proficiency, and safety. We present two video scenarios at each meeting—one in VMC and the other in IMC. After each video, we discuss what you would do faced with a similar situation. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency in all aspects of flying.

We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at the Harbor Springs Airport. Whether they are EAA members or not, all area pilots are welcome to attend.

2023 Chapter Dues

If you have not already done so, please be prepared to give Rod your \$20 at the next available opportunity or send it to him at his home address: PO Box 435, Boyne City, MI 49712

Chapter 1087 Board Members:

- Peter Aiello, President
- Rod Cortright, Secretary/Treasurer and IMC/VMC Club Coordinator
- Bill Meyer, Young Eagles Coordinator