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## EAA Harbor Springs Chapter 1087 Update



### A note from Pete:

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to all our members and their families! I hope everyone has some time off to enjoy this special time of year with their loved ones. Reflecting on this year, I personally enjoyed our very successful Young Eagle events, our VMC and IMC meetings, the trip to KDTW, our annual picnic, and of course all our breakfast meetings. Hopefully next year we can keep all this going and more. Again, Happy Holidays!

### Upcoming Events

- Regular breakfast meeting Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 8 am and every two weeks after that, Southwoods restaurant, Petoskey
- Our IMC/VMC Club Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the KMGN terminal
- Ron, Gus, Dan and I are working on our Ray Aviation Scholarship application in January

### Recap of our late season activities

- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Duane Enos and his high school class were able to join us with a special Young Eagles event. It was a great opportunity for all 13 students to take the right seat and fly the plane. Rod said and I quote “This was the best Young Eagles event ever! The students were knowledgeable and excited”.
- December 14<sup>th</sup>, Ben Monshor presented his experience as a FedEx pilot to the High School class. Charlie MacInnes also attended. I heard it was very well received and again an excellent example of how we are helping to develop youth for aviation.

A quick overview of the high school program for your information is below:

#### PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN AVIATION

There is a strong demand nationwide for commercial pilots and the Char-Em Intermediate School District is doing its part to help local students prepare to meet that demand. High school students from Pellston, Alanson, Petoskey and Harbor Springs meet each afternoon at the Pellston Regional Airport for an aviation science and technology class that will prepare them for actual flight training after graduation. Students enrolled in the class plan to attend aviation programs at Western Michigan University, Northwestern Michigan College, the military and elsewhere.

On Thursday, December 14, the students heard from Ben Monshor, a professional pilot who flies large cargo jets internationally for FedEx, based in Memphis, Tennessee. He explained some of the rules, procedures, cockpit instrumentation and other facets of life as an air cargo pilot.

Duane Enos, a retired U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilot, is the course's instructor. Although the program does not include actual flight time, students study the basics of aviation and develop essential skills on simulators that duplicate a bit of the experience of flying a modern Cessna 172. Mr. Enos recently arranged for students to take to the air over Pellston in airplanes piloted by members of the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Here's a few pics from both activities:





## **Member Profile**

We unfortunately don't have a member profile for this newsletter. Do we have a volunteer for our next newsletter that hasn't already submitted a profile?

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

Our IMC/VMC club meetings have been very successful. We typically have 10-12 members attend each meeting. Each meeting has one video scenario presented for VMC and IMC. The discussions that follow are 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.

## **2024 Chapter Dues**

At this point I wouldn't worry about 2023 dues, but please note that the 2024 dues will be collected in the Jan/Feb timeframe.

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