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EAA Harbor Springs Chapter 1087 Update



A note from Pete:

Hopefully everyone has managed through our ice storm calamity. All I can say is WOW, and I hope our northern Michigan landscape and woods recover quickly. Just looking at the tree damage from the air is hard to believe.

I've been slacking on writing our newsletters. It's turning into a bi-annual letter instead of a monthly. If anyone is interested in generating content and help out overall, I'm all ears.

Plenty to talk and learn about so please read on...

Scheduled Upcoming Events

- Young Eagles June 14 9am-Noon Boyne City N98 – Pilots and Ground Volunteers, please coordinate with Gus Serra
- Young Eagles July 12 9am-Noon Harbor Springs KMGN – Pilots and Ground Volunteers please coordinate with Gus Serra
- EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 21-27 – for those interested in attending we will be coordinating together at a breakfast meeting in July.
- Young Eagles August 13 5-8pm Pellston KPLN – note that this is a Wednesday evening session so as not to conflict with summer business traffic. Pilots and Ground Volunteers please coordinate with Gus Serra
- Young Eagles September 20 9am-Noon Mackinac Island KMCD. This is a specific session for the Boy Scout troops in Michigan. Pilots and Ground Volunteers please coordinate with Gus Serra
- Our next normal breakfast meeting on Saturday April 26th at Southwoods, Petoskey.
- Our next monthly IMC/VMC Club Wednesday, May 21st at the KMGN terminal.

To-Be scheduled Event Planning

- Kalamazoo Air Zoo tour?
- Flyout and picnic to Woolsey, Bois Blanc, or North Fox?
- Visit to the Wright-Patt Air Force Museum in Dayton OH?
- Other ideas?

Application for this years Ray Aviation Scholarships has been approved!

This year we were very successful in soliciting donations and we qualified for TWO Ray Aviation Scholarships! Each scholarship covers all expenses for the student up to \$12,000 towards a private pilot certificate. Charlie MacInnis and Al Sturza have volunteered to be the scholarship coordinators. Their help is much appreciated on behalf of the entire chapter. One scholarship has already been awarded (see below) and the applications for the second scholarship are in the process of being collected.

Kael Yothers awarded a Ray Aviation Scholarship!

Kael Yothers, 18, of Harbor Springs is the winner of the chapter's \$12,000 Ray Aviation Scholarship for 2025. Kael has been taking lessons from Al Sturza and is expected to solo soon. She has signed the required EAA waiver that finalizes the process needed to allow her to receive scholarship funds. Charlie MacInnis will serve as her mentor to document her progress. He has loaned her a pair of Lightspeed headphones to make sure she can hear Al's good instruction in the air. Kael has been a regular at our Saturday pilot breakfasts and was joined by her mother at last Saturday's get-together. Kael currently works at Meyer Hardware in Harbor Springs. She and her parents are members of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association and, in the last couple of years, have all won shooting competitions throughout the country.



Rod Cortright (IMC/VMC Club Coordinator)

Our IMC/VMC club meetings have been very successful. We typically have 10-12 members attend each meeting. WE HAVE RECENTLY CHANGED THE CONTENT SCENARIOS FOR THESE MEETINGS! We are now using scenarios and expert analysis from Pilotworkshops.com. November's meeting was excellent as we all had learning takeaways!

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.

2025 Chapter Dues

Please note that the 2025 dues will be collected in January. 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
- Gus Serra, Young Eagles Coordinator