



Menominee Michigan EAA Chapter 1672



NEWSLETTER

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Chapter Calendar

Tuesday, October 3rd

Tentative Meeting. Watch for details to be sent in another email.

Tuesday, November 7th

Meeting, Details TBD

Saturday, December 9th

Santa Arrives at Menominee Airport

FANTASTIC NEW EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

Santa Arrives at Menominee Airport and Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, December 9th

Bemoaning that there is no yearly Santa event in the area, Jeremy Anderson has organized Santa's arrival at the airport. Co-organizer is Jackie Kamps in Marketing at Enstrom. We have a professional Santa Claus from the local area who will be around for about 2-3 hours. How, exactly, Santa gets in is weather dependent but he will taxi up to the terminal in a plane or helicopter. Photos will be taken with an aircraft in the background.

We will hold a pancake breakfast. M & M Aviation has offered the front of the big hangar for table service.

We will develop some children's activities with teachers. We could organize a collection of donated money, toys, or clothing for distribution to a charity. If we vote to do this the chapter members will help choose the charity.

We will need help with this from chapter members and others in the community: publicity, hangar setup, cooks, servers, ground crew, cleaners, decorators, etc. We are in need of a large tree and also a stately chair for Santa. Please let us know if you can help.



5K Run on the Runway – Date TBD in 2024

- High school junior Jackson Draheim, son of Alison Granquist, has volunteered to organize a 5K race.
- The race will take place on the runways and on taxiways Bravo and Delta, a distance just short of 5K.
- The race date will be chosen so as not to conflict with other local 5K races.
- Runners will pay entry fees.
- Again, there may be a charity recipient of part/some money collected.
- After the race there will be a Young Eagles event.
- Pancakes?
- T-shirts, medals?

Once again, we need to establish committees to help with this.

Next Meeting Tues, October 3^d

The agenda for the next meeting has not been finalized. Please be on the lookout for an email blast in the next couple of days that will give details.

CHAPTER FINANCES

Our bank balance is about \$4,000. We will receive \$1,000 from Menominee County as a gift because our events can be insured by the EAA and we don't need to tap their insurance.

Dues for 2024 are \$25.00. Members may pay in advance at meetings or by mail to:

Adam Michaud
1500 25th Ave
Menominee, MI 49858-1929

Pay in cash or with a check made out to: **Menominee MI EAA Chapter 1672.**

We encourage you to maintain your membership in the national EAA organization. Your card entitles you to benefits and discounts that are described on the EAA site.

BUILD AND FLY PROGRAM UPDATE

Bill Malloy is preparing a list of supplies needed for the program. He will make a report at the next meeting. We have money for the purchase of supplies but if chapter members can donate items that they no longer use our money will go farther.

Member News

Please share news of your new rating, new plane or flight. We are interested. You don't need to build a plane or become a DPE.

RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Our chapter can sponsor a person aged 16 – 19 for a Ray Aviation Scholarship of up to \$11,000 towards flight training for airplane. The program is geared toward an individual who can complete their pilot training in one year and money is dispersed with milestones in the training. We will look into nominating someone for this honor. We need a coordinator. There are reporting requirements for both student and coordinator. You can review the details at: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/eaa-chapters/ea/chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund>

Airport News

- DME work will be complete in a couple of weeks
- Wind sensor—a bird purportedly ate the last wind sensor even though it was armed with metal spikes and was installed 25 ft above ground.
- Work will begin on the new runway 3-21 in May of 2024, dependent on weather, contracted for about 80 days. The first project is the intersection of the runways, which should take about 30 days. At that time the only active runway will be 03. Upon completion of the intersection, runways 14-32 will be available for the duration of the project.

Minutes – September 12, 2023

- About ten members in attendance.
- Airport Day – A thank-you will be sent to donors, possibly with photos of kids working on the models. We will keep the same weekend for next year's Airport Day – August 3, 2024.
- 5K race on the runway. High school junior Jackson Draheim is taking charge of organizing the race. The race will be held so as not to conflict with other local 5K races.
- Santa arrives at the Menominee Airport on December 9th via airplane or helicopter. We will have a pancake breakfast that day. Jeremy is coordinating with Jackie Kamps from Enstrom on this event.
- Build and Fly. So far it has been decided to hold sessions in the Baggage Room at the airport. The preferred evening is Wednesday. We will look into a heater for the room.
- Next meeting is October 3rd.
- A pancake supper was prepared and enjoyed by all.

Committee Volunteers Needed

Please contact Jeremy (jeremy.anderson11@yahoo.com) or Pat (pghaneline@aol.com) if you can help with the upcoming events.