



# Menominee Michigan EAA Chapter 1672



# NEWSLETTER

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## Chapter Calendar

<b>Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meeting and Mock Build and Fly Program</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Meeting and Steve Krog, Speaker</b>
<b>Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Young Eagles and Pancake Breakfast</b>
<b>Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Airport Day, 2024</b>
<b>Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5K On the Runway, 2024</b>

## **Blue Sky Aviation Takes Off at KMNM**

Blue Sky Aviation is officially open at the Menominee Airport. Owner and chapter VP Dustin Kurath is available on **Sundays and evenings** for lessons. Contact him at [blueskyaviation88@gmail.com](mailto:blueskyaviation88@gmail.com)

Anthony Smit (CFI, CFII, CFGI) has signed on as a second instructor for **Friday and Saturday** lessons at KMNM for Private, Instrument, Commercial and Glider ratings. He also can endorse tail wheel flying. Tony's experience includes Cessnas, Cirrus, Bonanza, Baron, Caravan, Gruman and many more kinds of aircraft. He received a degree in aviation at Western Michigan University in 1990 and worked in the Grand Rapids area. He has been an airport manager and also once owned FBO Benz Aviation in Ionia, MI where he ran a glider camp. He currently works for the state of Michigan and is based in Manistique. He requests that you initially contact his cell phone at (616) 902-2280 by text messaging him. He will be managing his own scheduling.



At Blue Sky Aviation students can use the company Cessna 172N or their own aircraft. The Cessna 172N is also available for rent after a check out. More information is available at <https://www.blueskykmnm.com/>.

## *Mock Build and Fly*

The chapter is holding some irregularly scheduled sessions to prepare for the Build and Fly program. We will be learning how to complete the projects ourselves so we can help the student participants when they start. EAA requires at least two people who have completed the Youth Protection Policy Training to be circulating in the sessions at all times. We will need a pool of a dozen or so qualified people to help if we want to hold the program on a regular basis. Come join the fun!

## *Airport News*

Reconstruction of Runway 3-21 is scheduled to start May 20<sup>th</sup>. Completion is expected in about twelve weeks and will depend on many factors. There is a penalty in the contract for each day of delay as an incentive to finish on time.

## *Minutes for February 6th*

- Members in attendance: Jeremy, Pat, Adam, Pete, Rob, Alan, Grant, Barb, Dennis, Dan, Mark, Rick, Pierre, Jim; held in Baggage Room.
- Minutes from Nov 9 read.
- Adam reported about \$4,000 in the bank.
- Adam requested that we buy a chapter IPAD and scanner. Members approved the expense with a suggested cap of \$600.
- Dan M. recounted his learning experience involving a VMC to IMC event that ended well.
- Future speaker Steve Krog is available April 2<sup>nd</sup> to talk about tail wheel flying. He will talk at the meeting and we will try to arrange some tail wheel flying lessons around his visit.
- Build and Fly – At the next chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a mock Build and Fly session after a short business meeting. Members will play roles of teacher and learner so we can become familiar with the curriculum and the build projects.
- Airport Day is August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need ideas. Suggestions were: military aircraft on static display through a free program; the Commemorative Airforce; Rick B. will check on aircraft that were display when the old chapter was active. He also suggested a bus trip to Oshkosh for EAA members in the fall, something the old chapter also sponsored. The trip would be good for families.
- Young Eagles event suggested for May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> 5K run. We would need insurance outside the EAA or Menominee Airport policy. The insurance would be for a one-day event. Funds collected during registration beyond expenses would be donated to the Sheriff's K9 program. The Sheriffs would provide security during the run. The course would be on our runways and participants could run, walk, push a baby carriage, etc. We would give souvenirs like t-shirts.
- Mock Build and Fly would take place at the next meeting. We will go over detailed plans. We discussed details on the program. To start it would be a six to eight-week program. It would meet every week. Participants need to be at least twelve years old. We would encourage parental involvement. EAA members having contact with youth need to take a short, free online training

course at: <https://www.eaa.org/eea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>. We need at least two vetted members in circulation for any event with youth.

## **Minutes for Annual BOD Meeting February 15th**

- Chapter officers met to review the chapter By-Laws and made a few small changes to keep them up to date with our current practices. The resulting document will be available for members to read and we will vote to approve it at the next chapter meeting.
- Dustin Kurath introduced a proposal to start a scholarship fund for young people in Menominee, Marinette and Oconto Counties who have a commitment to training in aviation. Details will be available when we have researched the legal requirements. Scholarships will be available to a maximum amount per person. Additional donors will be able to help with funding.

## **About EAA Chapter 1672, Menominee, MI**

<i>President</i>	Jeremy Anderson	<i>Vice President</i>	Dustin Kurath
<i>Secretary</i>	Pat Haneline	<i>Treasurer</i>	Adam Michaud

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