



# Menominee Michigan EAA Chapter 1672



# NEWSLETTER

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## Chapter Calendar

<b>Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chapter Meeting, Airport</b>
<b>Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Escanaba Young Eagles Event</b>
<b>Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Airport Day, 2024</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chapter Meeting, Airport</b>

## Scholarship Winners Introduced at June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting



A committee chaired by Delores Konrad reviewed the materials submitted for the 2024 Babe Kalishek Scholarship awards. Three students, Jackson Draheim and Weston Hanson of Marinette and Drake Dionne of Lena were awarded \$3,000 each toward their flying lessons. Jackson and Weston are studying at Blue Sky Aviation at the Menominee Regional Airport and Drake is studying with Joe Ciochetto Flight Instruction in Oconto.

If you know of qualified candidates for this scholarship encourage them to apply now. Additional funding is available for scholarships in 2024.

## Chapter Meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> – Airport Day Prep

The July chapter meeting will focus on Airport Day, Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 1 pm.

Groups participating so far:

- Menominee County Sheriff's K9 unit

- Menominee County Sheriff's Drone operator
- Menominee Police--robot (Mitch)
- Menominee Fire
- Civil Air Patrol
- Remote control airplane demonstration
- Airplanes on display
- DeBacker Burger Trailer (food truck with brats, burgers, ice cream, candy)
- Young Eagles Flights

## **July 13<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Rally at Escanaba**

Because of ongoing runway construction at KMMN Jeremy and Dennis Hopkins have organized a Young Eagles rally at Delta County Airport (KESC) in Escanaba as an event to promote their airport. Pilots and registration personnel have already volunteered for the day. If you are interested in helping out during the event, running from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm, contact Jeremy. The online signup sheet for the Young Eagle participants in the event will be active on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Hopkins, who is based at Escanaba, has been an enthusiastic pilot in most of the YE events held at the Menominee Airport over the past two years. Let's show our gratitude by making this a successful event at his home airport.

## **Blue Sky Aviation Update**

Everyone has probably seen trusty N734UT flying almost daily and much of the weekends now that good weather is here. Blue Sky Aviation owner Dustin Kurath reports there are 9 students currently working towards certificates. Seven are PPL candidates and the other two are IFR candidates. Three of the PPL students have already soloed. The response to a flight school at our airport has been so positive that Dustin is looking for another trainer or rental aircraft. Contact Blue Sky at 1-920-784-9367 or <https://www.blueskykmmn.com/>

## **5K On the Runway—Postponed**

To date, the county has approved the event. However, the state approval process is taking a long time. The event has been postponed until the fall if we are able to get approval. Next year should be

## **Airport News**

Construction continues on the remainder of Runway 03/21. Runway 14/32 is now open for the entire length. The bump has been smoothed out! Pilots are advised to **always check the NOTAMS immediately before flying** as they may change. Also, listen on the CTAF for any vehicular traffic on runways or taxiways.

## *Build and Fly*

The Build and Fly project needs an **enthusiastic team leader**. Please contact Jeremy if you can handle this or if you know someone who might be interested. We have supplies and members to carry on with the program once they have been trained. We are considering paying a knowledgeable person to lead the first build series.

## *Minutes For June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

- A business meeting took place prior to talk by Steve Krog. Close to 20 in attendance.
- Final details of Airport Day event on August 3rd will be the subject of our next meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 5K on the Runway update. In the process of requesting permission for the event from the state we found a need to request 45-60 days in advance. Jeremy will continue with the request but for a later date, possibly October.
- Jeremy had solicited participants for chapter camping for the Airventure in Oshkosh. Five people signed up and the campsites will be together. The first person to arrive at the camp would mark the sites. Jeff Orear anticipates being the first there.
- Winners of the EAA Chapter 1672 Babe Kalishek Memorial Aviation Scholarships were introduced to the chapter which elicited a round of applause from all. They are Jackson Draheim, Weston Hanson and Drake Dionne.

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

<i>President</i>	Jeremy Anderson	<i>Vice President</i>	Dustin Kurath
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