

Menominee Michigan EAA Chapter 1672



NEWSLETTER

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Chapter Calendar

Tuesday, November 7th Chapter Meeting, Airport, 5 PM

(See below for details)

December, Early

Saturday, December 9th

Saturday, August 3rd

Chapter Holiday Party, Details TBD

Breakfast with Santa at the Airport

Airport Day, 2024

Saturday, August 3rd Airport Day, 2024 Saturday, August 17th 5K On the Runway, 2024

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE AIRPORT

Brainstorming by Jacki, Jeremy and Pat

Santa: We have hired a local Santa for 2 – 3 hours. Cost, \$250. Santa will fly in, or taxi in from Enstrom apron to assembled children. Need: Arrival plane/helicopter, pilot, greeter.

Photos: Santa will pose with children or families by a plane in the M & M hangar. Visitors will need their own cameras. Need: Large chair and holiday blanket or fur blanket for Santa, someone to take photos on visitor's camera or phone, photogenic plane, wet wipes, candy canes for Santa to give out, line monitors.

Pancake Breakfast: Breakfast will be served in the front part of M & M hangar. Rear part will be sectioned off with rope. How do we estimate how many people are coming



for breakfast? Need: Cleaners for hangar, setup crew —tables and chairs, cooks, servers (wearing XMAS hats), red and green tablecloths, table decorations.

Decorations: Christmas tree in hangar with presents beneath. Need: Large tree (real/fake) with lights, ornaments, wrapped boxes, wreaths for terminal. Blow-up Xmas lawn ornaments for M & M hangar.

Publicity: Flyers. See draft pictured above, not for distribution at this time. Hand out flyers beginning November. Flyers will be sent home with Menominee school students. Web pages for EAA and FB sites. Press release to others, print media and radio. We have time to plan the campaign out but we need volunteers to help distribute flyers.

Setup, Friday, Dec. 8th: We will need volunteers to clean and prep the M & M hangar.

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

Next Meeting Tues, November 7th

We meet at the airport at 5 PM for a business meeting, with special focus on the Santa event. Delores and Mark have some suggestions for the December holiday party and we will determine the best date/place. Suggested dates are Dec. 4 (M) Dec. 5 (Tu) or Dec. 6 (Wed). Guests are welcome at the party.

After the business meeting Dustin Kurath will introduce his Redbird TD2 simulator to interested members. In particular, he will discuss how to satisfy IFR currency on it. After his short talk he can take people to his hangar where it is set up. Scheduling will be available on Flight Circle.

If anyone is interested, we will order takeout and eat at the airport.

CHAPTER FINANCES

Our bank balance is about \$3,400.

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 is buying supplies. Things will be set up in the Baggage Room over the next couple of months with classes to start after the New Year. 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

Dustin Kurath passed his ATP multi-engine rating in early October.

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.

Airport News

Repaving of the taxilane between hangars is now planned for 2024, pending funding from Federal, State and County sources. The existing asphalt is only an inch in thickness and it cannot be repaired. New asphalt will be 3 inches. Areas in red and yellow on the map will be repaved.



Minutes – October 3, 2023

- About sixteen members in attendance, held in Baggage Room.
- Build and Fly Bill Malloy took the EAA recommended supply list to local stores and found sources for everything. Cost approximately \$125 for everything. He will be making purchases and bringing things to the Baggage Room.
- Santa Breakfast Our next event on December 9th. See above discussion for details.
- 5K On the Runway Saturday, August 17th chosen to avoid conflicts with other 5K events. Two weeks after the popular Jim Hodges run. Time 8 AM to 10 AM. EAA chapter insurance will not cover this event. We will need nurse or doctor present in case of heat stroke. Coordinator Jackson Draheim to apply for a permit now. We discussed how to make the runway safe. We need to consult with an experienced 5K organizer on how to run it.
- Airport Day Saturday, August 3rd. It would be great to have the CAP plane or a military plane. If anyone has an inspiration about how to make next year's event even better, please contact Jeremy or Pat.
- Our Media Presence Rob Smith has been posting on the EAA website. A goal is to create separate pages for each of our events or airport news. Google search is efficient at directing search inquiries to them. How about photos of members and their planes? He will also update our Facebook page. Send your photos of events to alt2robs@gmail.com
- Ray Aviation Scholarship Delores Konrad volunteered to serve as the Navigator, or advisor, for
 potential recipients, something she does for the CAP program. We may set up a chapter
 scholarship fund separate from the general fund. Donations from chapter members are welcome.
- Christmas Party Aiming for a week night in early December. Family/Other friendly. The Whistlestop was a suggestion.