



Menominee Michigan EAA Chapter 1672



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Chapter Calendar

Tuesday, September 10th

Chapter Meeting, Airport, Details TBD

Tuesday, October 8th

Chapter Meeting, Airport

Tuesday, November 12th

**Chapter Meeting, Airport – Election of
Officers for 2025-2026 (Two-year Term)**

Saturday, December 7th

Breakfast with Santa, Airport

Airport Day 2024

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on Airport Day. We had over 50 YE flights. Our pilots were: Jeremy Anderson, Dennis Hopkins, Dennis Martin and George Sporie, Adam Michaud, Isaac Linstad and North Shetter on ground.

Civil Air Patrol had a busy day. Visitors flew in from Escanaba and Oshkosh. We had booths from our local first responders and high school. The new Children's Museum brought a fun hands-on activity. Andy McDunnah and Charly Miller had a great collection of RC airplanes on display. Planes came out of hangars and pilots were standing by to talk to visitors. Robots from the high school club and law enforcement were "playing" with each other.

Planning for Airport Day 2025

The B-25 Miss Mitchell based in South St. Paul, MN is locked in for our event in 2025. We owe no money down until a couple weeks out. If we pre-sell 24 rides, there will be no charge. They will set everything up via their website for people to purchase rides. Additional aircraft for display or rides might be available but the bomber is lined up for our date. Cost per ride is \$495. All riders must be at least 12 years old and be able to climb stairs. The rest of the guidelines are on their website: [Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing](https://www.cafmn.org/) or <https://www.cafmn.org/>.



More details were emailed by Jeremy to members and friends on August 16. Jeremy suggested giving veterans free rides through fund raising campaign.

Breakfast with Santa at the Airport on December 7th

Our last big event for this year is a repeat of Santa's visit to Menominee Airport. We have secured Santa for the day. Please come to our next meeting to brainstorm to make this event even better than last year.

Member News

Jeff Orear writes about the Hatz: "The initial test flights were done the evening of our airport open house on August 3rd by Joe Norris who came up from Oshkosh. I was happy to hear that it flies ball centered with feet off the pedals, and has a very, very slight tendency to roll to the left, possibly from the larger prop diameter and torque from the engine. Nothing Joe feels is necessary to chase after and adjust. It being a biplane with lots of misalignment possibilities, I was shocked no re-rigging was necessary.

Very preliminary numbers include 85 mph cruise and a stall speed of 44 with no tendency to drop a wing. Stalls are very benign. The engine runs very smooth and strong, with only a minor adjustment to the throttle body injector required.

The only real squawk was flex in the trim cable that I have since corrected. So far, the airplane has just 1.5 hrs on it over three short flights. Our plan is for me to travel to Oshkosh and do some dual with Joe in his Super Cub, flying from the back seat to simulate the sight picture of that of the Hatz. Then Joe will transition me into the Hatz. Big thing is getting used to limited to no forward visibility on takeoff and landing.

Slow but steady progress. The airplane's name is "Patience" for good reason!"

Three EAA chapter members are bringing new planes to the airport. They will be profiled in the next month's newsletter.

Airport News

The large opening in the airport perimeter fence on Number 2 Rd is being fixed.

Grooving and painting the resurfaced runway will likely be happening over the Labor Day weekend and the following week. 3/21 will be closed from start to finish. On a few evenings the intersection will be worked on and closed as well. Check NOTAMS.

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 August 13th, 2024

- Thirteen members in attendance.
- Five pizzas had been ordered from Jozwiaks Bar & Grill. Great appreciation shown by everyone!
- Treasurer Adam Michaud reported an additional donation of \$1,100 from the community for Airport Day. Our bank account has a balance of \$7,400 including \$2,000 set aside for a scholarship. Approximately \$5,500 is the balance for general expenditures.
- Jeremy reported fifty-three Young Eagle youth had flights on Airport Day, August 3.
- Rob Smith suggested we need more simulator opportunity next year and people were very interested.
- The 5K run is on hold indefinitely. Since it is a non-aeronautical event, the state is looking at it very closely and very slowly.
- Steve suggested we connect with the M & M car club and other members reported that they have a winning show by the waterfront and are not interested.
- Pat suggested that we could include a job fair with local companies showing recruiting materials. Follow-up would be her responsibility.
- Breakfast with Santa – Santa is available December 7 or 14. We decided the 7th had reduced conflicts with other local events. We will repeat the pancake breakfast and the craft table with Paula Anderson. Our chapter meetings in the near future will devote time to planning this event.
- Pat suggested we buy a sound system similar to the one we borrowed from Enstrom. Adam reported that the cost was around \$600 but the unit had been discontinued. He will investigate what is available now. Alan suggested the alternative of contacting Russ Mayou who is emcee with his own equipment. The issue was tabled for further review.
- Jeremy reported contact Commemorative Airforce Minnesota Wing to bring a B-25 bomber to the Airport Day of 2025. A prepayment of \$7,500 for static display alone or paid rides of about \$500 for 24 people would be required. We discussed possibilities for donated rides for veterans. Several people said they would want to ride. George brought a motion that we sign on with them for our Airport Day event and it was passed unanimously. The cost to reserve the date is \$700.
- Delores said that people had asked about sponsoring a bus from the Menominee area to AirVenture for next year for convenience of the community.
- The meeting ended.

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