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This Month's Membership Meeting

April 11, 2024
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

TBD – Bring your ideas with you!

PLEASE join us!

Hotdogs during social hour!

2024 Board Members and Officers

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
Vice President:	Tim LeClair	810-908-9908		Rick Hayes	248-462-9338
Secretary:	Lorna Hunter	810-287-3336	Flight Advisor:	Justin von Linsowe	810-444-3141
Treasurer:	Eric LaForest	810-577-5292	Dawn Patrol Directors:	Jeff Spinney	810-210-6882
Past President:	Unfilled			Sandy Matthews	810-659-3501
Trustees:	Isaac Faris	810-493-7346	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	810-659-3501
	Jim Plourde	810-938-2010		Jake Carmer	810-919-0121
	Jim Palmari	810-875-4279	Young Eagles Coord:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197
Newsletter Editor:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197	Workshop Coordinator:	Eric LaForest	810-577-5292
Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

President's Corner

Time to log some hours!!!!

Happy April and Michigan spring. The weather is finally changing, and we are doing some flying. Sandie and I will unfortunately not be at this month's meeting because I have to be in Raleigh, North Carolina for the week for work and Sandie is tagging along. We will have lots of stories to share upon our return as we are flying the RV4. Our tentative plan is to first fly down to First Flight Airport and go to the Wright Brothers memorial. I have always dreamed of going and have not yet. From there we will head to Raleigh for the week for work. If the weather and time works out, we then hope to blast down to Sun n Fun for a day before flying back home. As you see, in the next week we will definitely be logging some hours, and I am extremely excited!!! At home, I have been logging a lot of hours on the tractor now that I have finished welding up my roller and really have my strip coming together and will hopefully be doing a lot of flying out of there this summer.... all of the hard work is paying off and the dream is coming true.

I hope everyone enjoys this month's meeting as I know of several people who have been doing lots of flying and will hopefully be there to share their stories. Also, with the warm weather in the forecast, it'll be burgers on the grill, so I am definitely wishing I was there for that!!!! We also made great progress last month in rolling silverware after the meeting, which is the first step in preparing for the Dawn Patrol. Hopefully this month we can get the rest of it done and have that out of the way. I look forward to seeing you all next month. Have a great meeting!!!

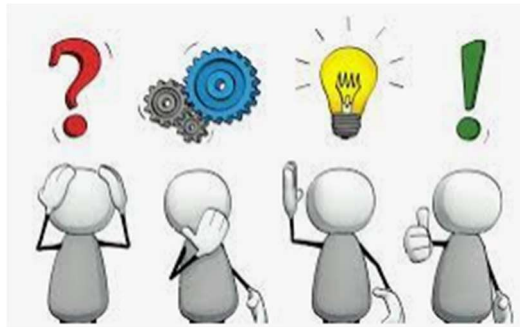
Jake Carmer

Looking for Program Ideas!

We are looking for programs for future membership meetings. Remember, these meetings are YOUR meetings and meant to be fun and engaging! So, share your ideas with us!

- Project report?
- New technology or aviation concept?
- Special flyout location you'd like to share?

Send them to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com.



2024 Dawn Patrol – Volunteers Needed

It's time to think ahead to our Dawn Patrol fundraiser on June 23rd! We need volunteers, as always! Below is our sign up sheet. Please come out to our meeting on Thursday, April 11th to sign up for something, or email me at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com and tell me what you would like to do, and I will write your name down for you! Thank you in advance!!! 😊

- - Please note: Any position where driving is involved requires 18 years of age or older and a drivers license. And, to cook, you must also be 18 years or older. - -

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Coordinators</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">EAA Dawn Patrol</h2> <p style="font-size: small;">** Indicates group Leader</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">June 23, 2024</h2>	
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Saturday Setup & Food Prep.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Pancake Cooks</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Pancake Batter Mixers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Egg Crackers Mixers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Egg Cooks</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Sausage Cooks</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Egg Servers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Sausage Servers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;">Man to help Load trash pickup in Garbage Truck Monday</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Coffee Makers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Juice & Coffee Servers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Fruit Servers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Table Service - Gather Trays , Refill Syrup , Wipe Tables</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">After Breakfast Kitchen Cleanup</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">General Help</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Handicap Golf Cart Drivers</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Breakfast Ticket Sales</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">50/50 Ticket Sales</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Raffle Ticket Sales</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Merchandise Sales & Young Eagle Membership</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Trash Can Patrol - In Hangar</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">P.A. System</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Supply Runner</p> <p style="font-size: x-small; text-align: center;">Must Have Cell Phone & Car to Get Supplies</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">After Event Outside Cleanup</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Float Help - We Will Call</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Air Traffic Advisor</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">* Mandatory Safety Meeting 6:09 @ 1pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Flight Line Safety</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Help CAP Park Cars</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Kid's Pedal Planes</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Outside Cleanup</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tractor Shuttle Service</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>			

Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

Due to weather, we had to reschedule the first Young Eagles Day. It will now be held April 20th. It is for the local home school group!! This is the event where we fly in the morning, break for lunch, then have a panel discussion for the youth and their families. This is the third time we will be holding this event for this group! It's so much fun!
Hope you will join us!

Just a reminder, since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles each year! I always need more pilots and ground crew! Here's what is needed to be each. 😊

Young Eagle Pilot – Before you can fly a youth:

(See link at: [Become a Volunteer Pilot | EAA](#))

- 1) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future Young Eagles Day Event, Sandie will be able to see you in Young Eagles Day.org and send you an invite to participate through that program!

Young Eagle Ground Volunteer:

- 1) (OPTIONAL) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) (OPTIONAL) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
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If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Sandie at EAA77YoungEagles@gmail.org. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

Did You Know...

The Road to the First Flight



A carbon copy of Orville Wright's sketch, drawn from memory, of the Penaud helicopter that influenced the brothers.

The Spark

In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright, two brothers from Dayton, OH, became the first people to fly a heavier than air, power controlled machine, known as the Wright Flyer. This did not simply happen overnight. The brothers had been tinkering with the idea of flight off and on since childhood. They were mechanically inclined young men who were inspired by the efforts of others.

In 1878, the brothers' father, Milton Wright, brought home a rubber band powered toy helicopter. Designed by French aeronautical experimenter Alphonse Pénaud, this toy did not simply fall to the ground as expected. Rather it "flew across the room till it struck the ceiling, where it fluttered awhile, and finally sank to the floor." Though the fragile toy soon broke, Wilbur and Orville never forgot it. They even attempted to build their own toy helicopters. In later years, Orville accredited this childhood toy as being the object that sparked their interest in flight.

(Excerpt courtesy of: <https://www.nps.gov/wrbr/learn/historyculture/theroadtothefirstflight.htm>.)

Join your fellow EAA77 members and families for some social fun!!

- ➔ **Ice Cream** Flyouts to Chesaning – Tuesdays at 7pm (on VFR days) – Call Jake Carmer with questions at (810)919-0121.

Come join the fun!!

#thePilotLife

This section is for you to share your photos and flying stories.

Email to EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com or tanny.gang@gmail.com

ISAAC FARIS

Time to get new friends and family hooked.



JOHN VON LINSOWE

A lot of Joe Lee's mornings with friends!



More transition training in the RV6



CARMERS

A whole day of flying...still not enough!





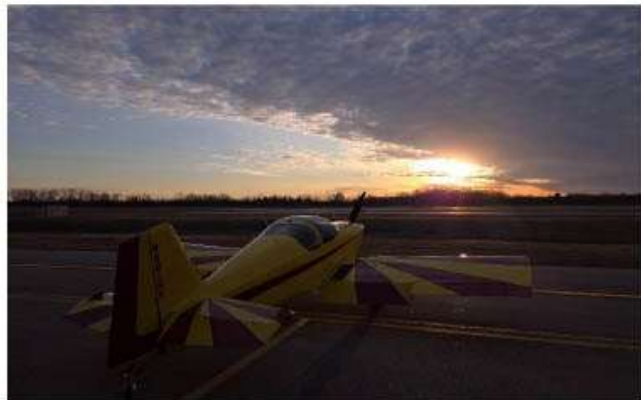
Flying over a friend's house to say "Hi"

Spotting a heart-shaped cloud just before landing back at FNT



TANMOY GANGULY

Also doing that Joe Lee's morning thing 😊



WFH

Work From Hangar 😊



FLYING SEASON PREPARATIONS

Carmer's International is rolled and ready for friends.



As we enter our 4th winter OR 2nd spring, it's time to take care of those last moment improvements and repairs to get the planes ready for an adventurous summer season.



Jake's new tires

Tanmoy's new FlyLED Taxi/Landing lights

*Justin's engine cleanup project turned into an Overhaul!
Wishing him good luck!*



Upcoming Events – 2024

(All Membership Meeting programs are tentative)

EAA77 Chapter Meetings

- *Board of Director Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. - - These are the chapter's business meetings. All are welcome!*
- *Membership Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (6:00 P.M. is social hour) These are the fun, social meetings. Come and have fun!*

Join us

April

11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(Presentation: TBD)

May

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm
9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(Presentation: TBD)

June

1 – Airport Clean-up Day; 9am (rain day 6/15)
6 – Board Meeting; 7pm
8 – National Young Eagles Day – Will be doing Young Eagles at Dalton!!
13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(Presentation: Dawn Patrol Prep)
19 – Parade
22 – Set-up Day
23 – Dawn Patrol & Clean up

July

9 – Board Meeting; 7pm

11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation: Oshkosh Airventure Hype!**)

August

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm

8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation: TBD**)

September

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm

12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation: TBD**)

October

3 – Board Meeting; 7pm

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation: TBD**)

November

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation: TBD**)

December

7 – Banquet (**Presentation: TBD**)

EAA Chapter 77 Activities April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7pm – Board Mtg	5	6 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
7 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	8	9	10	11 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD) & Silverware wrapping	12	13 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
14 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	15	16	17	18	19	20 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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Saturday and Sunday Flyouts: Contact Flyout Coordinators for details – Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Jake Carmer 810-919-0121

TaylorCraft Build Dates: Contact Doug Isham for dates and details – 810-820-0765

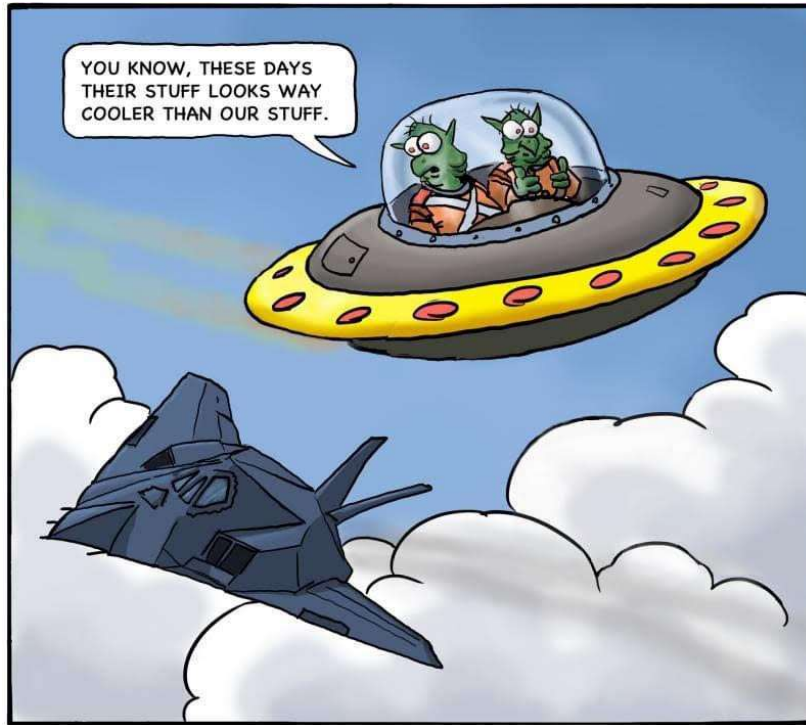
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Aviation Humor



Flowers and Cards

Do you know of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Email Jake Carmer at EAA77President@gmail.com.



Ralph O. Helgeby EAA Chapter 77

Building Use Policy

Members are allowed to use the EAA Chapter 77 Facility in accordance with this policy ONLY.

Approval of use will be at the discretion of the EAA Chapter 77 Board of Director, on a first-come first-served basis, with EAA Chapter 77 activities ALWAYS taking precedence.

All use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility must be an acceptable use per the current insurance carrier of EAA Chapter 77.

All uses of the EAA Chapter 77 Building Must Be Approved by the EAA Chapter 77 Board in advance of the Use. Application for Facility use will to call the current president, or vice president if the president is unavailable (out of town or unresponsive for more than 48 hours) for approval. Then put the requested event on the calendar in the EAA Chapter 77 meeting room.

Use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility is restricted to the Meeting Room and Workroom ONLY; the hangar space cannot be used except by EAA Chapter 77 and those renting hangar space from EAA Chapter 77 without special Board approval.

EAA Chapter 77 use of ANY portion of the Facility shall supersede all other uses of the Facility.

All Use of the Facility will be placed on the Chapter Calendar.

Use of the Meeting Room will not exceed 75 occupants, 6.5 or 4.3 ft² per person.

Occupation of the Workroom will be approved by the Workroom Chairman in advance of occupation.

No Alcohol is allowed on EAA Chapter 77 property.

None of the Chapter Kitchen or Eating supplies shall be used; i.e. Plates, silverware, dish towels, etc. for anything other than Chapter activities.

No tape, pins or any adhesives are to be used on walls, doors, etc. when decorating or entertaining in any way. Magnets may be used on the Whiteboard. Tables, Chairs, etc. will be kept off the walls.

The used portion of the Facility shall be cleaned immediately after use, kitchen, towels, dishes, tools, floors and walls, etc.

A Donation is Expected for use of the Meeting Room and Workroom usage,

Any damage to EAA Chapter 77 property during the use will be billed to the using member.

No chemicals are to be poured down any drain or toilet in EAA77 facility. This includes paint and paint cleaning products, petroleum, grease, etc., regardless of chemical makeup of the product.



Matthews Stump Grindings, LLC

Do you have unsightly stumps that need to be removed or have brush hogging needs? Contact Kerry Matthews at Kerry@matthewsstumpgrinding.com or visit their website at <https://matthewsstumpgrinding.com/stump-grinding/>



Blacktop Anchors

<https://www.blacktopanchors.com/>

Tie downs

Submitted by: Paul Allar
 Phone: (248)761.8937
 Email: paul@allarse.com

Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com

Click here for webpage: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea77/join-or-renew-membership>

EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

2024 annual chapter dues are just \$30.00 per member and includes immediate family members.

Dues can now be sent in three ways!!

1. Fill out Membership Form and send it and your \$30 to the address below
2. Fill out the Membership Form and email it to the email address below, then mail your \$30 to the address below
3. Fill out the Membership Form and email to the email address below and click the link here to pay by Paypal: [EAA77 Membership Renewal](#)

The Membership Form version was attached to the email, but can also be found by clicking this link: [EAA77 Membership Form](#)

A sample of Membership Form is below as FYI

Mailing Address: EAA Chapter 77, P.O. Box 265, Flushing, MI 48433-0265

Email Address: EAA77Treasurer@gmail.com

EAA Chapter 77
EMERGENCY, AIRCRAFT, PERSONNEL, SERVICE, CLUB

Member Information

Date: / / Member Number: ZIP

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

EAA
EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY, AIRCRAFT, PERSONNEL, SERVICE, CLUB

Online Account/Subscription Number?	Yes	No
Member Info Right/Club member?	Yes	No
EAA/77 Club Subscriber?		

Interested in membership?

Young Boy: / Girl: Grandchild:

Spouse: _____

Other: _____

Additional Information: _____

EAA77 Form 2024-2025 (Rev. 01-2024)

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept February meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Sandie Carner
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Connor JuVonen
- Tom Hammond
- Eric Johnson
- General Grant

Suspended meeting for Recreational Aviation Foundation presentation by General Grant

- Recreational Aviation Foundation preserves, protects and establishes airstrips for recreational access.
- Twenty one years strong with 12,000 supporters.
- More info can be located at their website <https://theraf.org>

Old Business

- Dawn Patrol will be Sunday June 23rd.
- Flushing Days Parade will be June 19th, volunteers needed to walk in the parade and hand out flyers.
- Chapter unable to find a face painter.

New Business: none

Young Eagles:

- Young Eagles March 23rd, fourteen young people signed up. Currently three ground crew and four pilots signed up. Always need volunteers, please sign up at Youngeagles.org. Rain date is March 24th.

Project Report:

- Kevin Curtis working on his Piper Super Cruiser.
- Tanmoy Ganguly reviewing records on his newly acquired RV6 and learning how to work on it.
- Rick Hayes continuing work on his Cub project.

Pilot Life:

- Bob Deuker got a ride in an RV4
- Tanmoy did the pilot life presentation. Excellent as usual.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:50 p.m.