

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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This Month's Membership Meeting

April 10, 2024
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

***Michigan Aviation Archeology -
Every Wreck Tells a Story
David Trojan***

PLEASE join us!

**Hamburgers during social hour! Feel free
to bring a dish to pass!**

2025 Board Members and Officers

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
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	Jim Palmari	810-875-4279		Jake Carmer	810-919-0121
Newsletter Editor:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197	Young Eagles Coord:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197
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			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

President's Corner

Good Times

Hopefully everyone's flying season is off to a great start. Mine sure has as I have got to have several memorable flights recently. Most recently I was able to go fly with our own Chuck Morris in his awesome Bearhawk he built from scratch. The short field performance is just amazing and we had a great time. Right before that I had taken Sandie to brunch and it had been quite a while since she got to fly. But while at brunch we found out a couple of our friends had stopped by the house in their planes so we raced home to say hello and had 3 planes parked in my backyard, what a treat!!!! This was only a week after Tanmoy volunteered to be my safety pilot while I flew around doing approaches to keep my IFR currency. We had an absolute blast. This is in addition to several other great flights I have had this spring. I can't wait to hear about all of yours!!!!

Speaking of good times, this week's meeting is going to be awesome. We have a great presenter that should be extremely informational and entertaining. These are the types of meetings we like the best. I am very excited.

More good times coming up is Sandie has planned a couple of fun Young Eagles events plus the upcoming Dawn Patrol and all the associated events that go along with it. Make sure to read further in the newsletter and watch for more emails in the future on all these great events.

See you all Thursday!!!!

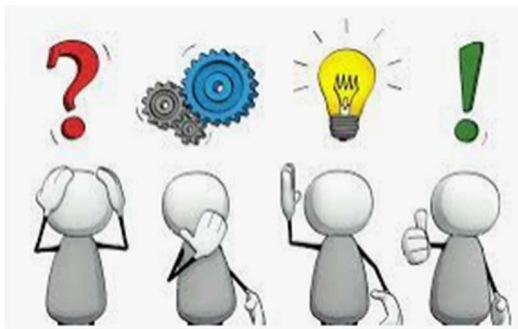
Jake Carmer

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.



Sponsored by Chapter 77 Experimental Aircraft Association

**Rain or
Shine!**

37th Annual Dawn Patrol Fly In - Drive In Pancake Breakfast



June 22, 2025
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

DALTON AIRPORT
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN

Free Attractions

Returning this year!! Classic Car Show
All Years, All Makes, All Models
9:00 AM - Noon / No Entry Fee
DJ Music by Jim Landon

- Vintage & Classic Aircraft
- War Birds
- Home Built / Experimental Planes
- Light Sport / Ultralight Aircraft



- Helicopters
- General Aviation Display
- FREE Kids Activities provided by Flushing Farms
- Helicopter Rides provided by MiFLIGHT

Breakfast



Adults: \$10.00 • Kids: 5-12 \$5.00 • Kids under 5 FREE

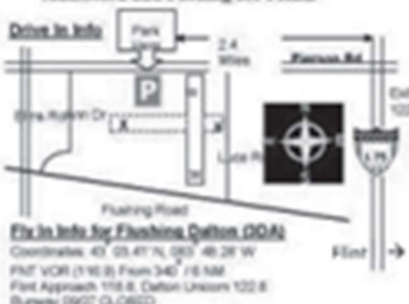


Pancakes
Sausage
Beverages

Eggs
Fruit



Admission and Parking are FREE



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Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)



UPCOMING YOUNG EAGLE DAYS

May 17th, 8am-12pm - - Owosso

July 12th, 8am-12pm - - Flushing



Just a reminder, since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles this 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](#)
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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!!

Owosso Young Eagles Day

For Owosso Order of the Eagles

May 17, 2025, 8am-12pm

Register today as a pilot or ground volunteer!!

<https://eaachapters.org/event-details/OY8176ZS>



Free Young Eagles® Flights
What is it??
[Free Young Eagles Flights | EAA](#)

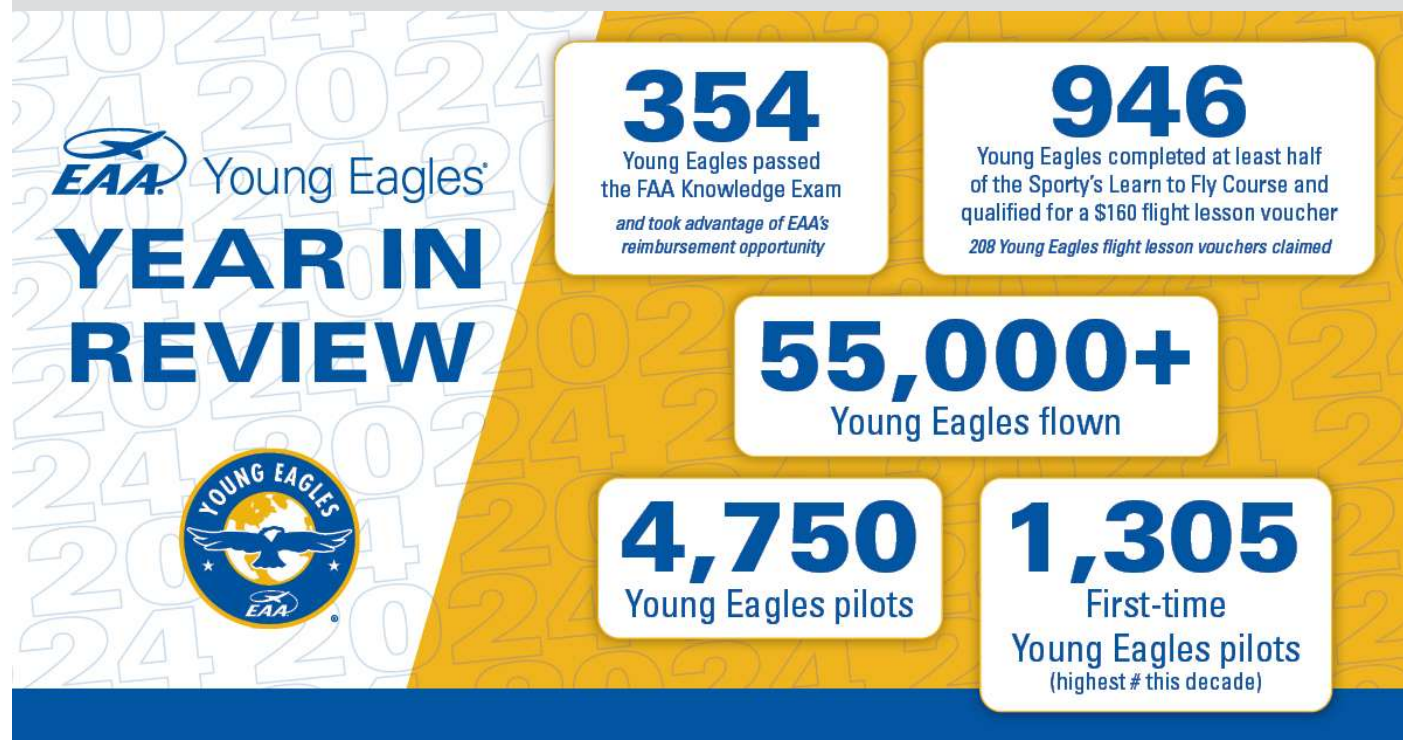
Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane.

It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

Today, over 2.5 million young people have enjoyed a free introductory flight through the Young Eagles program. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

Join us in offering youth ages 8-17 the opportunity to experience The Spirit of Aviation® by becoming a Young Eagles volunteer today!

Total Young Eagles Flown: 2,424,401 — *Stats as of April 8, 2025*



#thePilotLife

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

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

JAKE'S MONTH

Jake & Tanmoy – out shooting practice approaches



A visit to Grandpa!



Glideslope back-course... IYKYK! 🤔

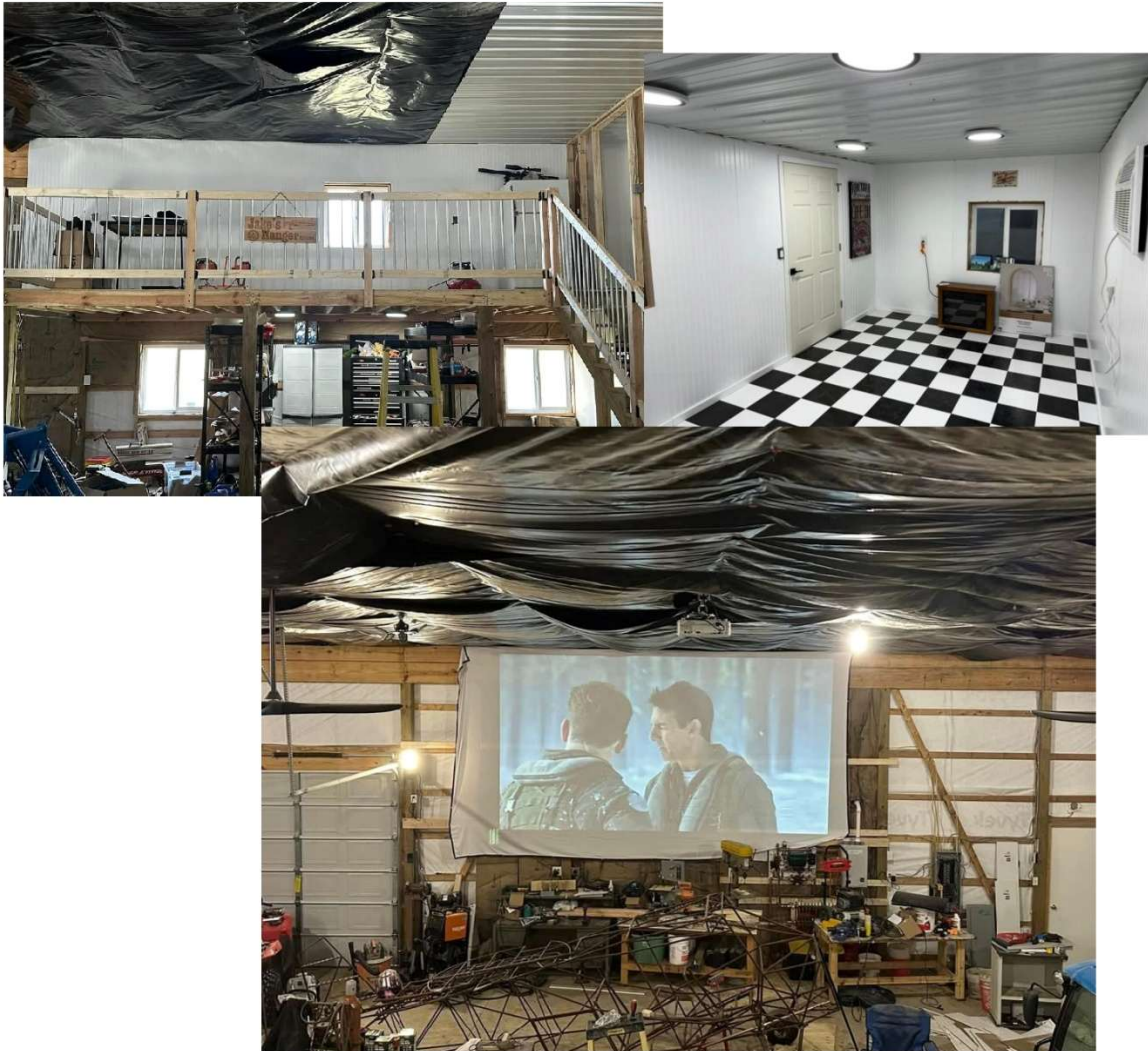
Jake & GMBC – *mow and they'll come*



Jake & Chuck – *where's the happy hour?* 😊



Jake & Sandie –*Carmer's International FBO is shaping up*



**HAROLD DARGA &
TERRY CASTOR**



Harold Darga is with **Terry Castor**.

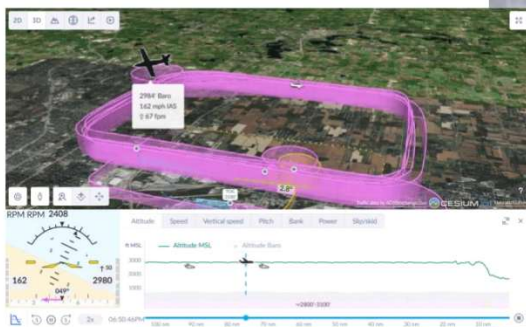
Mar 26 · 🌐

Climbing above the clouds. And our shadow
surrounded by a rainbow



TANMOY GANGULY

Not a lot of flying, but atleast now my ignition is fixed and I'm ready after the
Test flight!



FATHER JOHN'S FLYING CLUB

Airplane wash day!



The Cherokee is now 3 knots faster...



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!!

Upcoming Events – 2025

(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!*



April

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: Michigan Aviation Archeology - Every Wreck Tells a Story)

May

3 – Board Meeting; 7pm

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: TBD)

June

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm

12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: Dawn Patrol Prep)

TBD – Airport Clean-up Day

18 – Parade

21 – Set-up Day & Fruit Cutting

22 – Dawn Patrol & Clean up

July

3 – Board Meeting; 7pm

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(Presentation: Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)

August

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

September

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

October

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

November

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

December

6 – Banquet (Presentation: TBD)

EAA Chapter 77 Activities April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7pm – Board Mtg	4	5 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
6 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	7	8	9	10 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Michigan Aviation Archeology - Every Wreck Tells a Story)	11	12 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
13 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	14	15	16	17	18	19 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
20 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	21	22	23	24	25	26 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
27 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	28	29	30			

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

EAA Chapter 77 Activities May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm – Board Mtg	2	3 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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25 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	26	27	28	29	30	31

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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.



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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!

2025 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
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Date: 1 / 1 Member Number: 1 CSM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____

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Online Email Subscription: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Online Info Request: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Online Info Subscription: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Interested in volunteering?
Young Man: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Young Woman: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Other: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Information: _____

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept meeting minutes: Susie Oblander
- Seconded: Doug Isham
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report: - accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Mike Marvin
- Tim Allen
- Jake Salem

Dawn Patrol:

- Jeff Spinney stated DJ Jim Landon has given out 200 fliers at the three car shows he has done this year.

Young Eagles:

- Owosso - May 17th, 30 kids already signed up. Chapter has placed a limit of 50 kids.
- Dalton - July 12th

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy Ganguly presented Pilot Life. He stated he had an issue with his airplane starter.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 7:46 p.m.