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## This Month's Membership Meeting

**September 12, 2024**

**Social Hour at 6PM**

**Meeting at 7PM**

### Presentation

**TBD**

**PLEASE join us!**

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

## **2024 Board Members and Officers**

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
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			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

## ***President's Corner***

### **Still lots of flying season left**

Even though the days are getting shorter and the temps a bit cooler (not that you can tell this week) we still have lots of awesome flying weather left, great events, and of course before long those beautiful colors. Speaking of great events, this Saturday is the 5th annual fly in at Alkay Airport. Doug Smith has been doing a great job over there and what the MULA guys have been doing is just awesome so let's get out there and show them all our support and enjoy a day of aviation and fun! Check out the flyer here in the newsletter for all the details. I am looking forward to still logging quite a few hours in my RV4 and hope to see lots of you at these events whether you get to fly in or drive in.

As we get later in the year, we also turn our attention to other upcoming things like board member elections, although still a couple months away we are always looking for new ideas and energy so maybe start thinking about getting involved and helping to secure the future of this wonderful chapter. I have been doing it for nearly 10 years and it has been extremely rewarding.

We are also in the planning stages for our annual awards banquet which is already shaping up to be a great one. Sandie Carmer and Lorna Hunter have begun putting together some ideas and if you have some ideas for fun activities or other ways to make this event even better, please reach out to them. Once again, new ideas and energy are always welcomed so please consider joining them in planning and setting up for this fun filled night where we celebrate our members and their great accomplishments. Recognizing our members for their dedication to the chapter and aviation in general is one of the best parts of this job, I absolutely love it.

Unfortunately, we don't have a speaker for this month so be sure to bring out extra flight stories and project reports. To me that is the most important part of our meetings, sharing and celebrating each other's accomplishments and if they are stuck on something with their project helping brainstorm to come up with a solution. As the old saying goes "Teamwork makes the Dream work" and everything aviation is a dream come true to me.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday as I'll be manning the grill with some tasty burgers for your enjoyment,

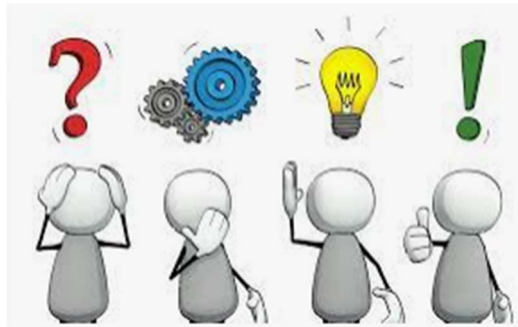
Jake Carmer

## 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](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com).

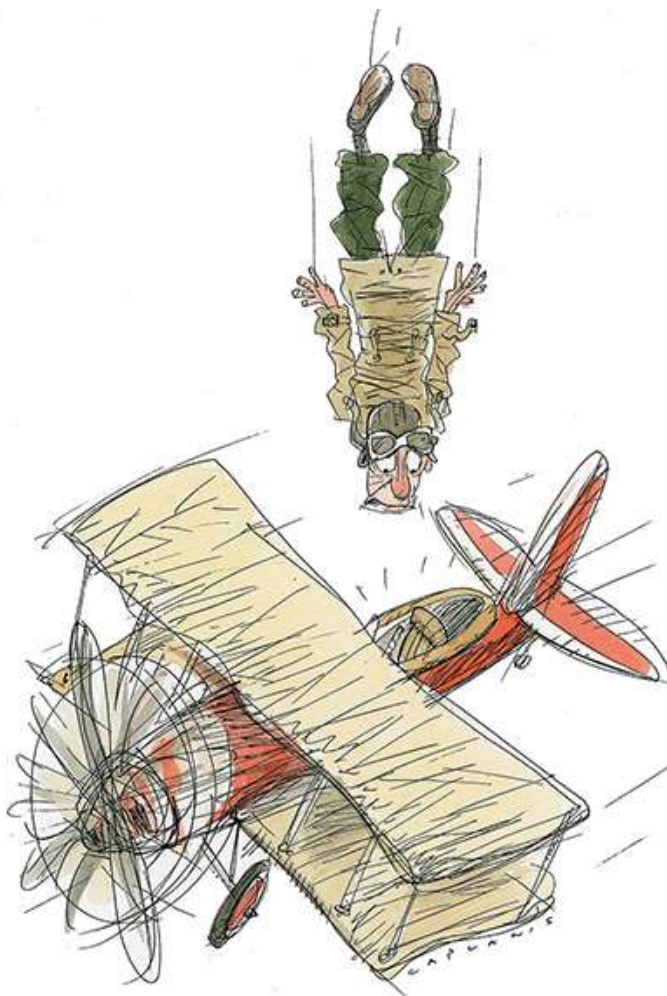


## Did You Know...

### He's Out! He's In!

(Story courtesy of: <https://www.historynet.com/amazing-but-true-stories/>)

During a dogfight in January 1918, Royal Flying Corps pilot Captain Reginald Makepeace bunted his Bristol F.2B into a steep dive, and the negative Gs tossed his gunner/observer, Captain John H. Hedley, out of his seat. The RFC didn't issue its airmen parachutes in those days, thinking it would make them less aggressive if they had such an easy out, so Hedley was doomed. Or was he? Hedley fell several hundred feet, but so did the F.2B. Gunner and airplane somehow came together, and Hedley found himself clinging to the flat-topped aft fuselage of the fighter. He managed to crawl back to his pit and went on, apparently nonplussed, to score 11 victories before being shot down and imprisoned two months later. (Makepeace himself had 17 victories scored with his forward-firing gun, so they were literally a deadly duo.) After the war, Hedley became an American, moved to Chicago and at least for a while made a living billing himself as "The Luckiest Man Alive" and giving lectures about his adventure. Had he instead moved to Berlin, he'd have had to share the stage with 1st Lt. Otto Berla, who on May 24, 1917, had been the observer aboard an Albatros C.V when a sudden bout of turbulence bunted the airplane's nose down and popped an unbelted Berla up and out of his rear seat. He and the airplane briefly formed until a second updraft forced the tail up again just in time to meet the rapidly descending Berla, who punched feet first through the plywood-skinned turtledeck just aft of his cockpit. Very happy to be back aboard, Berla rode back to base in his new temporary office.



# Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

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](#)
- 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](mailto:EAA77YoungEagles@gmail.org). Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!



5th Annual

# Alkay Airport Fly-In / Walk-In

Saturday, September 14

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

9419 N Webster Rd, Clio  
810-477-0574

**Helicopter Rides (\$40) - Ultralights  
Rocket Displays - Rubberband Fliers  
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## #thePilotLife

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

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**JOHN VON LINSOWE**

### Family flying fun



**JUSTIN VON LINSOWE**

### With Full Throttle Formation at the Wheeling, WV airshow



MULA

Purdy field fly-in and more ultralight flying



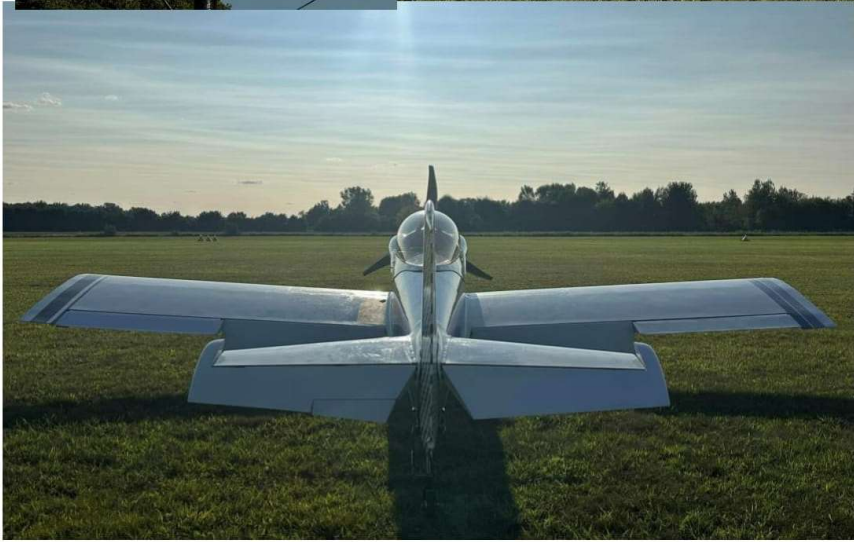




*Here's Barry Broughton from MULA (who attended our meeting last month) in his newly built Badland UL Aircraft*

JAKE CARMER

Ice creams and camaraderie!



Working on new wing root fairings to get the RV-4 even faster!

BEFORE



AFTER



TANMOY GANGULY

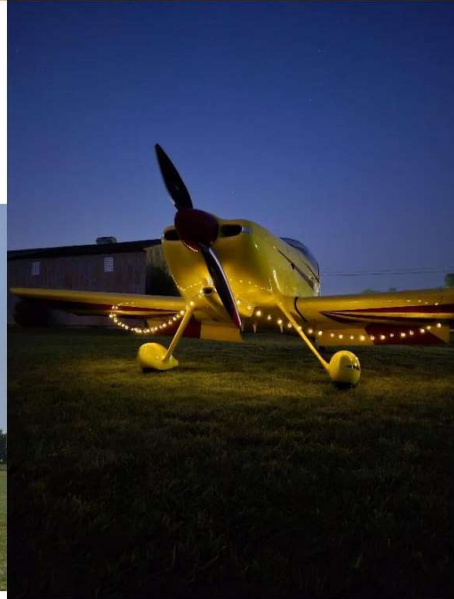
## Ripping around Michigan

Plenty of flying so far, 2 oil changes on the plane already!

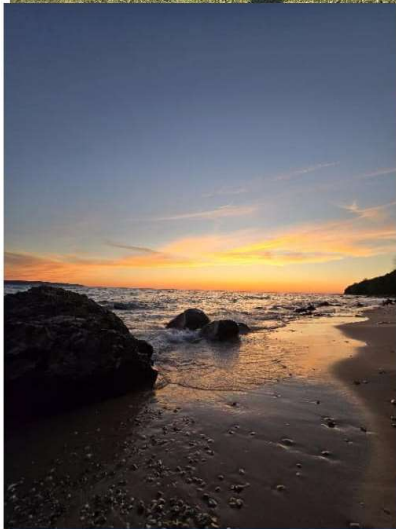
### *Brighton (45G) Fly-in*



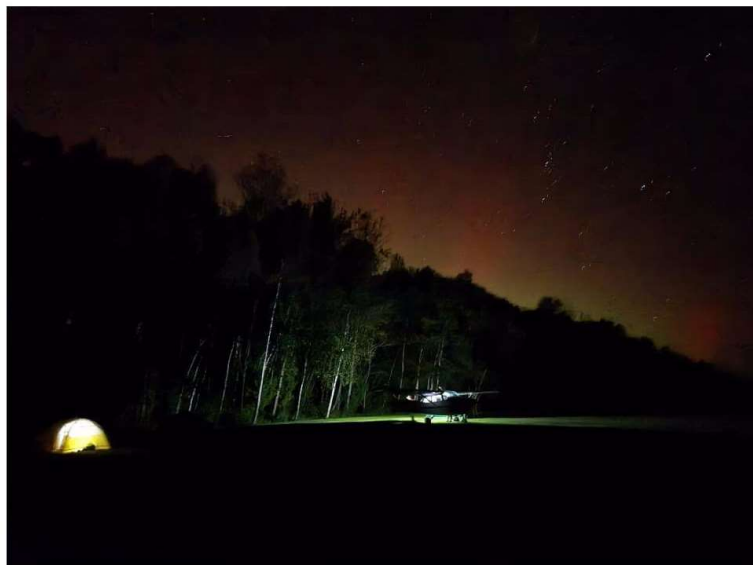
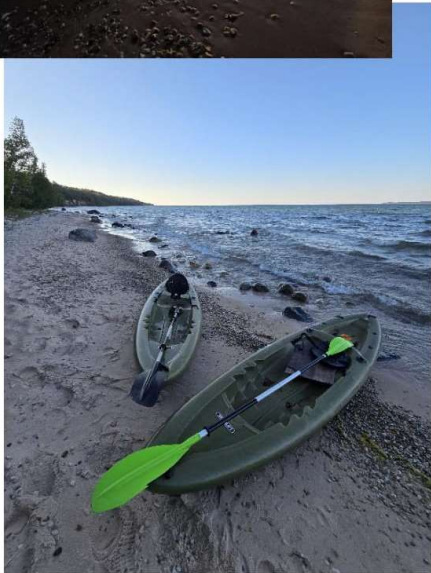
### *Great Lakes STOL 2024*

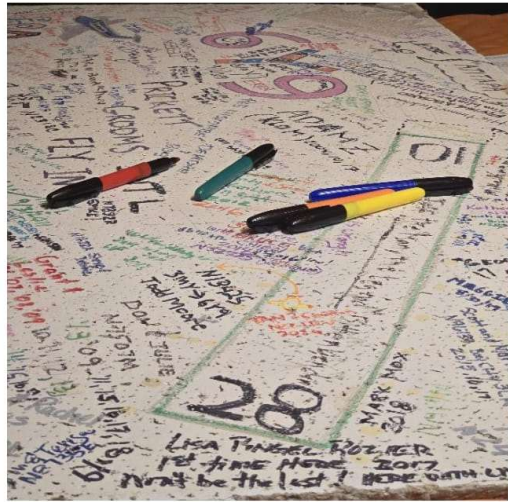


*Daren (RV friend from the Grove) visited Michigan from Florida in his RV-3. We visited a few Michigan staple grass fields and enjoyed an amazing time.*

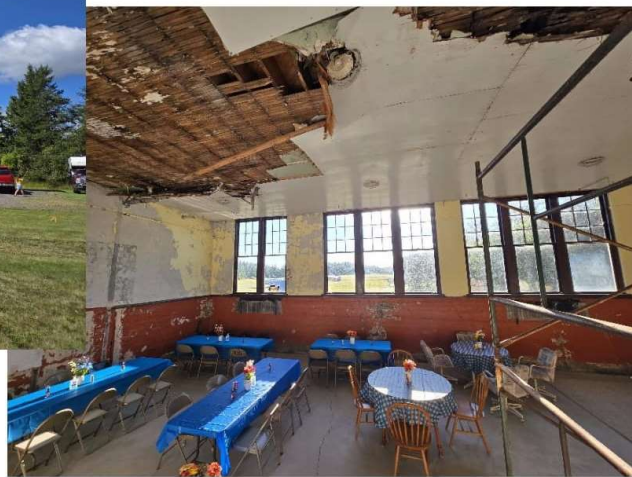


**North Fox Island (6Y3)**





**Sidnaw Fly-in (6Y9)**  
 Pricket-Grooms Field is another Michigan UP gem owned by Brad Frederick – the person behind appointing General Grant as the RAF liaison.





**Hanley Field (5Y7), Munising**



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**Van's Aircraft**  
*You know you want one!*

**1 YEAR AGO** Took this pic at Oshkosh. It was my wallpaper as a motivation to get my own.

**1 WEEK AGO** Flying around UP Michigan with the same plane on my wing. [#BLESSED](#)

A teal airplane is flying over a large body of water. The sky is clear and blue. The wing of the aircraft from which the photo was taken is visible in the bottom left corner.

**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 – 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

### September

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:** Denny Demeter – Airventure Ultralight Field – Behind the Scenes and Stories)

### 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 September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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<b>15</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
<b>22</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
<b>29</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>30</b>					

**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 October 2024

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 (Denny Demeter – Airventure Ultralight Field – Behind the Scenes and Stories)	11	12 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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## Aviation Humor



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## *Flowers and Cards*

Do you know of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Email Jake Carner at [EAA77President@gmail.com](mailto: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 ft<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:Kerry@matthewsstumpgrinding.com) or visit their website at <https://matthewsstumpgrinding.com/stump-grinding/>



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Tie downs

Submitted by: Paul Allar

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Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at [EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:EAA77Treasurer@gmail.com)

**EAA Chapter 77**  
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Date: / /      Renewal Requested: / /      CMR

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Online Access/Activation: Yes/No      Yes/No      Yes/No

Public Info. Rptg. (Not member?) Yes/No

EMERGENCY Subscribed? Yes/No

Interested in membership? Yes/No      Yes/No      Yes/No

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Spouse/Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2024

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept meeting minutes: Sandie Carmer
- Seconded: Don Niles
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Bill Darnell
- Barry Broughton

Old Business: none

New Business:

- John von Linsowe presented Bill Darnell and Barry Broughton with the shirt tails that were cut off their shirt when they solo'd recently.

Project Report:

- Bill Darnell of buying a used Quicksilver, rebuilding it and taking it to OshKosh. He won the Honorable Mention for Ultralights.

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy did the pilot life presentation.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:05 p.m.