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This Month's Membership Meeting

February 13, 2024
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

Payton Mont
Flint Air Traffic Controller

PLEASE join us!

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

2025 Board Members and Officers

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			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

President's Corner

Trying to stay warm,

I hope this finds you all warm and doing well. First of all, with this upcoming snowstorm we will be watching the roads closely to be sure everyone can have a safe drive to and from the meeting. If they look too bad we will cancel so keep an eye out for an email or Facebook post if in doubt.

Now with fingers crossed that the snow isn't as bad as forecasted and our road crews can make our journeys safe, we will get to have a great meeting. We have a good presenter this month with Peyton Monts, a controller from Flint, coming out to talk about operations there and how we can make things better for us and them and to answer any questions you all may have. For our snowbirds, who are currently away hiding down south from this cold, fear not as he has offered to come back at a later date in the summer to be able to interact with as many local pilots as possible. Whether you fly out of Flint or completely avoid the airspace this promises to be a great chance for all of us to learn from each other to be safer and have more fun. The controllers are also putting together a monthly newsletter so look for the signup link in the newsletter or we can help get you signed up at the meeting.

We also have some important financial business to discuss at the meeting so be sure to come out and be a part of the discussion. This is your chapter so let's keep making it the best around.

Hopefully everyone has been able to find a break in the weather here and there to get out flying. I've gotten to make a few flights including the other day, my favorite type of flight, taking a good friend up who's never been in an

airplane before. She was scared at first but ended up loving it!!! Her smile was just like when I take a young eagle up for their first time. Brings me so much joy.

See you all Thursday (weather permitting)!

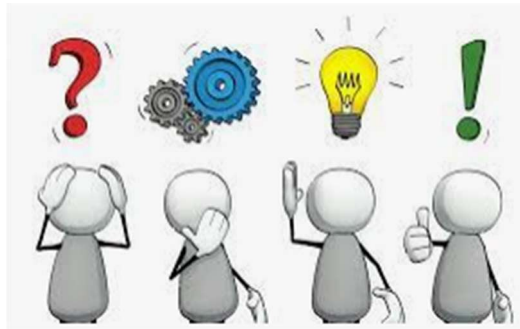
Jake Carmer

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.



Mark your calendars and register today. | [View this email online](#)



**Have You Registered for EAA Virtual Ultralight Days?
February 18-20**

We're only a week away from our fourth annual Virtual Ultralight Days! Join us February 18-20 to hear from experts on all things ultralights during our free, live webinars.

Topics covered will include how to get started in ultralights; how-to information on a variety of ultralight and other light aircraft; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more!

Click here for presentations and to register: [Check Out Webinars From EAA](#)

This includes one by MULA on *Flying Clubs and Ultralight Flight Instruction*! Definitely check that one out and support our friends and fellow chapter members.

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.
- 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!

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!!

MULA Annual Banquet



It's not too
late! RSVP
today!

R.S.V.P.

The restaurant needs a headcount from us by February 6. Please email or text with the number in your party!

Bill Darnell
mulasecretary@gmail.com
(269)998-8531 [text]

Chicken Breast
Dinner...\$13.99

Fish 'n' Chips
Dinner...\$12.99

Roast Beef
Dinner...\$14.98

Roast Turkey
Dinner...\$14.98

Large Salad...\$13.00

Vegan and special dietary
needs can be
accommodated

Saturday, February
15, 2025

Social Hour 5-6
Dinner 6-?

**Liberty
Restaurant**

6277 Pierson Rd.,
Flushing, MI

Questions??? Ask

Don Niles
(810) 919-2446

or

Bill Darnell

REMEMBER: EAA is hosting "Virtual Ultralight Days" February 18-20! This is a **FREE** webinar. For more information go to www.eaa.org

Flying Blind

November 13, 2024

 by EAA

By Ginger Jabour, EAA 1465016, EAA Chapter 288 Newsletter Editor



“What is an airplane? I hear them and someone tried to explain it to me, but I don’t get it.”

Answering that question for a sighted person is easy enough; show them a picture and give a brief explanation, and you’re pretty much done.

But explaining what an airplane is to a visually impaired child is much harder and requires more creativity. Ten students from the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired in St. Augustine were given the answer in the most exciting way possible, thanks to members of EAA Chapter 288 in Florida.

“I was at the school for a different reason, when I heard about that interaction,” said Steve Walton, a Chapter 288 member. “I told them I think I know a community that can help.”



Steve Bryk, left, looks on as a visually impaired student touches Bryk's radio-controlled model airplane to feel the movement of flight control surfaces, while John Mazur, right, works the controls.

Steve contacted Jim Clark, the chapter's coordinator for Young Eagles, a program that gives children ages 8 to 17 a chance to fly for free with participating EAA members.

"We expected to have up to 12 students, so Jim told me we needed to find at least six pilots with four-person airplanes because the students would all be flying with a parent or chaperone from the school," Steve said.

"We put out the call for volunteer pilots, and we ended up with 10 students and 10 pilots, which worked out great," he said. "The pilots would be able to concentrate on just one student and not feel they had to hurry through the flight."

"The school bent over backwards to make sure everything happened. We sent out the forms early so they could be filled out in advance," Steve said.

Young Eagles flights are almost routine, but the pilots adapted the standard process to address the needs of the visually impaired youngsters. Participating pilots included Steven Bryk, Skip Cady, Ted Chang, Jim Clark, John Foster, Bill Lieberman, John Mazur Jr., Lynn O'Donnell, Lou Rosner, and Eileen Weingram.



A student touches the struts of John Mazur's Cessna 182 during the preflight inspection.

“Steve Bryk had this great idea,” Steve said. “He brought in a big radio-controlled model airplane, so the kids were able to come over and feel the airplane. Then John Mazur operated the controls so they could feel the flight control surfaces moving. Steve [Bryk] also explained basics of aerodynamics to them.”

The pre-flight walkaround inspection was a hands-on opportunity for the students to touch the airplanes’ various surfaces and get to know the airplanes they’d be flying in.

EAA member Eileen Weingram was one of the Young Eagles pilots that morning, flying her Twin Comanche.

“The student I had, Jessie, was 16,” Eileen said. “She had some sight up close and was able to see traffic on the Garmin. I always tell Young Eagles that they’re crew members and get to help with the flight, so I showed her how the Garmin worked and how to read it, and she was able to follow on that. She was kind of nervous, as they all are, but happy. She really wanted to fly.



Eileen Weingram, right, explains the workings of a propeller on her Twin Comanche to a visually impaired student.

“We took off, leveled off, and flew to the Lake Ashby practice area, where I demonstrated straight and level flight, climbs, and what it all felt like, very gently. She would put her hands on the controls and take them off when I offered to let her fly. With Young Eagles, you always have to see what their comfort level is and not overwhelm them.

“When we got out of the airplane, she was beaming and smiling. She looked so happy! They had a great day, and she just demanded that she had to do it again, so I gave her mom my phone number to contact me again. She’s a good kid who should be up in the air more.

“I pinned the wings on her and she was so happy. It was so great to see a kid get an experience she wouldn’t normally get to do and I’m glad I was able to help.”



Lou Rosner shuts down his Bonanza after his flight with a visually impaired Young Eagle.

“All the kids had a great time,” Eileen said. “I’m sure they all loved the acceleration — everyone loves the acceleration! Everybody just enjoyed the afterglow when we were done: the kids, the pilots, and the parents.”

“Lou Rosner’s student was terrified, and said she didn’t want to do it,” Steve said. “Finally she said, ‘I don’t want to lose gravity,’ so he took her hand, put it on a glasses case, dropped it, and said, ‘See, we didn’t lose gravity.’ Her mom encouraged Lou to keep going, and as soon as the wheels left the ground, the student started saying, ‘This is great!’

“Jim Clark’s student got out of the airplane and was asked if he liked it. His mom told us he was nonverbal and hadn’t spoken in six months. Then the kid said, ‘YES, YES, YES!’ and his mom cried.

“We saw that aviation can reach people on all kinds of levels in ways we just couldn’t imagine,” Steve said.

#thePilotLife

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

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

TANMOY GANGULY

Is anybody flying? 😊



1 Year of the RV Grin

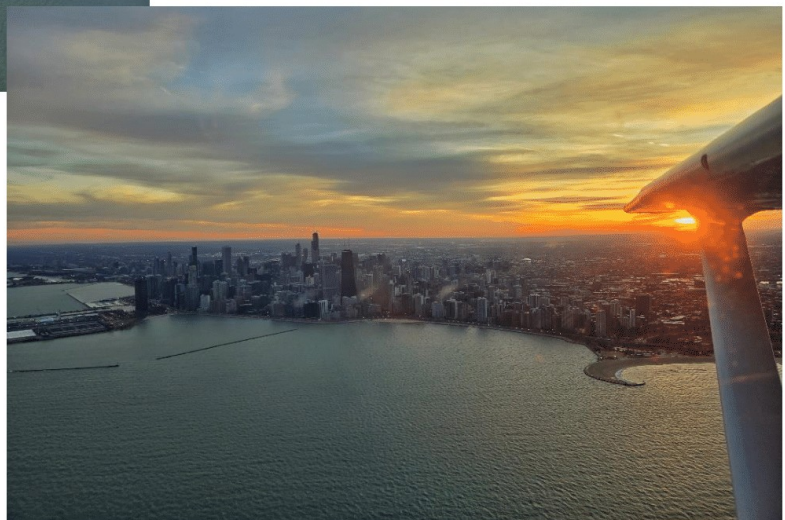
Hours flown	- 138
Landings	- 355
Airports visited	- 44
States covered	- 8
First RV ride given	- 22

*We pilots give up a lot of things
in life to hold on to one thing –
It better be worthy!*



Let's go get some dumplings from Columbus!





A day trip to Chicago to meet some friends.

To make things sweeter, we got cleared into Chicago Bravo during our return trip, that was a first!

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!*



February

13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Payton Monts – Flint Air Traffic Controller)

March

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

April

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

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 February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	3	4	5	6 7pm – Board Mtg	7	8 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
9 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	10	11	12	13 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	14	15 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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23 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	24	25	26	27	28	

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 March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	3	4	5	6 7pm – Board Mtg	7	8 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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Aviation Humor

My husband is a pilot and our five-year-old son has an insatiable interest in flying. One day he went to the library to join other children who were being shown where the books were and how to find them.

‘Does anybody know what “information” means?’ the librarian asked the children.

My son proudly answered, ‘Aeroplanes flying side by side.’

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!

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: _____

EAA
SPONSOR
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

Before: ☐ New/Returning Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Before: ☐ New/Returning Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Before: ☐ New/Returning Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Interested in volunteering?
Youngster: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Grandchild: ☐ _____
Other: ☐ _____

Additional Information: _____

EAA77 Form 10/2014

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. by President Jake Carmer

Secretary's Report:

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

50/50 Drawing:

- No tickets sold

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- None

Old Business:

- Banquet
 - The caterer was great.
 - It was a lot of fun
 - FAA did a great job presenting
 - Awards presented to Eric LaForest Rick Hayes for their service on the Board in 2024 since they didn't attend the banquet.

New Business:

- Dawn Patrol – 2025
 - Scheduled for June 22, 2025
 - Sandy Matthews has retired from planning, and Sandie Carmer and Sue Brokaw will fill the position until someone permanent has been found.
- MULA Banquet is scheduled for February 25th. Flyer will be sent to Sandie Carmer to share with the chapter.
- Project Reports:
 - Jake Carmer has a side project. He has been asked to fabricate wing tips for a BT13. Also, he plans to get back to work on the RV4 fairings and the Bearhawk soon.
- Flight Reports:
 - Terri Castor did his first solo flight and flew today.
 - Jake Carmer flew only two times in two months. Last time was out of the backyard to Dalton to give four rides to friends and their kids. Also, flew 1.5 hours up to West Branch with a stop at Bay City for fuel. He received a skydiving certificate for Christmas.

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy Ganguly did the pilot life presentation, including 2024 recap and his flight to/from California with a new Cessna.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:09 p.m.