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## This Month's Membership Meeting

**January 11, 2024**  
**Social Hour at 6PM**  
**Meeting at 7PM**

### Presentation

*Board Service Awards and  
 #PilotLife 2023 Recap!*

**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
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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
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Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

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

### **Happy new year**

I hope you are all as excited about 2024 as I am. This promises to be a great year. Personally, I didn't get to fly nearly enough in 2023 but had many other aviation related accomplishments such as building our hangar at the home strip and making more progress on the runway. I am already getting to work on my massive roller for making the runway smooth and hope to build a new rudder for the RV4 this winter with the newer thicker skins. Like many of you, I have some new year's resolutions. They include flying more and I hope to spend more time improving my skills as a pilot, both my stick and rudder skills but also my skills as an Instrument pilot. I also want to travel more and log more cross countries and see more of this beautiful country from the air. As we all look forward to the coming year make sure to see the calendar in the newsletter for all events, dawn patrol, banquet, and meetings.

This month's meeting should be a good time. We will be presenting the awards that hadn't arrived before our banquet. With winter starting to settle in we will be cooking hotdogs because the burgers make a bit too much smoke for indoor cooking. We also have Tanmoy that has put together a year in review #PilotLife for 2023 and should make for a fun presentation. I look forward to hearing all of your plans for the new year as well!!!!

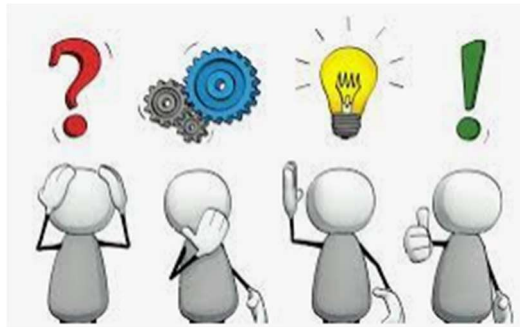
See you Thursday,  
Jake Carmer

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



# Young Eagles!!

*(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)*

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.
- 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](mailto: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...

This P-51 Mustang belonging to Tuskegee pilot Lt. Robert, Daniels from Tennessee is a popular diving spot for divers. He was shot down over the coast of Marseilles, France in August 1944 and was captured by the Germans and spent the rest of the war in a POW camp. After the war he became a career Air Traffic Controller.





## **Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22**

### ***An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft***

*(Submitted by Charlie Becker, Director, Chapters & Homebuilt Community Manager)*

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek).

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members. EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

# EAA77 2023 Banquet

On December 2, 2023, EAA77 held its annual award banquet. The planning committee did a great job at planning, setup, and decorating. Thank you to all involved in these activities!





Attendance was great, and there were a lot of smiles! The caterer Lueks Catering out of Owosso, hit a home run with the food, and everyone seemed to enjoy the door prizes!





JD Skinner presented his Alaska flying adventures! It was a very informative presentation, with a LOT of beautiful pictures and videos. Some of us just might be considering traveling to Alaska as a bucket list item now!





Tanmoy Ganguly was awarded the President's Chapter MVP Award for his contributions to aviation with the #PilotLife presentation each month, taking on the EAA77 website, the number of new people he's taken flying since getting his license, going to Oshkosh, and camping with the plan and just general involvement in aviation as a whole. A true inspiration!



The Howard Warren Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award were both presented to Walt Hancock. His family came to receive the awards in his honor and to hear the great things said on the chapter's and aviation's behalf by Kerry Matthews and Mike Goulet.





**Gifts and money were collected from chapter members at the banquet to be donated to Toys for Tots. Purchased toys with the money collected and below is a picture of all the gifts that were donated! Thank you to all who gave to kids in need!**





**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](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com) or [tanny.gang@gmail.com](mailto:tanny.gang@gmail.com)

### 2023 RECAP

Inaugural year of the #thePilotLife stories, thanks to everyone for sharing your appreciation. We encourage you to keep flying and keep sharing your amazing flying adventures with other chapter members through this newsletter.

We enjoyed seeing you at the monthly member meetings where these stories came to life thru photos, videos and stories shared with vivid description and enthusiasm.

Looking forward to an adventure filled 2024 and lots of #thePilotLife stories!

#THE PILOT LIFE

Member flying stories come to life

# Learning to Fly

*"Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss."*





# Cheat River Fly-in

*"Almost heaven... West Virginia!!!"*



## Backcountry Flamping

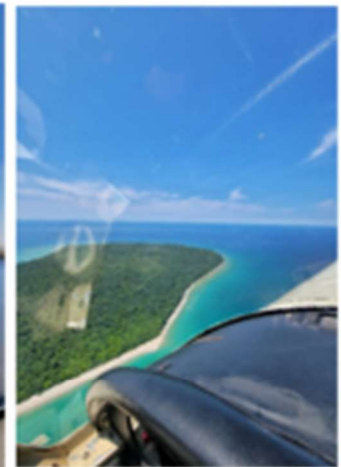
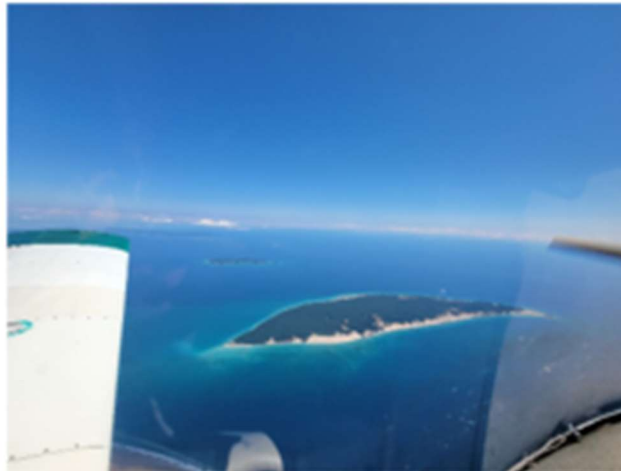
*"The worst day of flying still beats the best day at work."*



Torchport Airpark



North Fox Island



Two-Hearted Airstrip

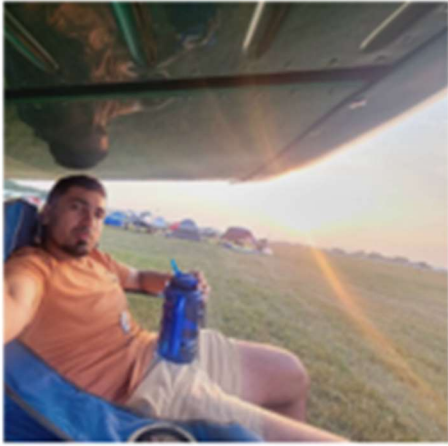




# OSHKOSH 2023

*"Land on or after the yellow dot, welcome to Oshkosh!"*







# Flying & Friends

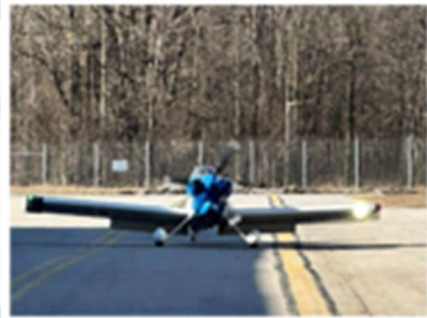
*"We come for the airplanes, stay for the people."*





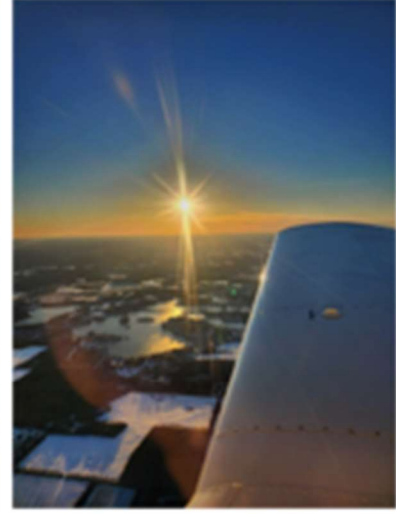
## The RV Grin

*"Blue side up...or maybe not!!!"*

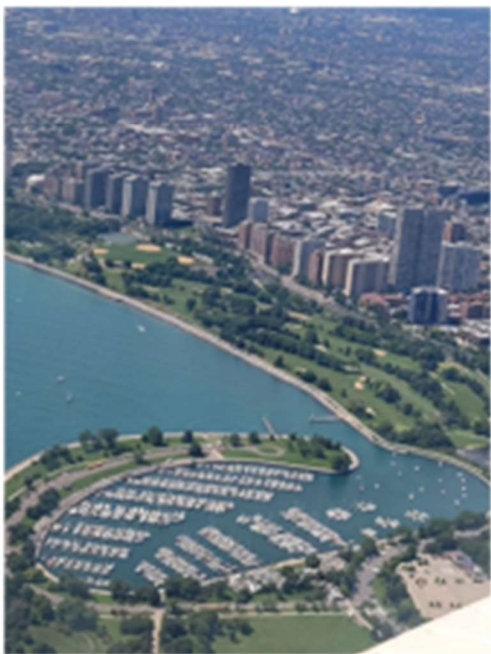
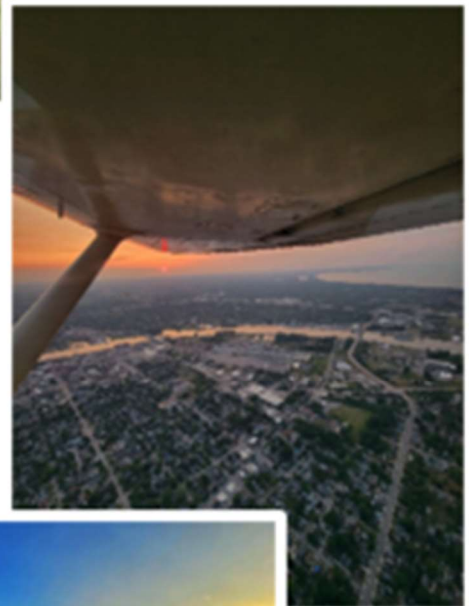


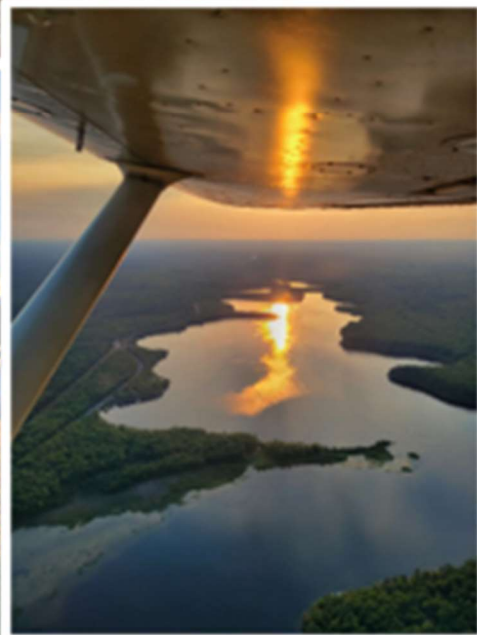
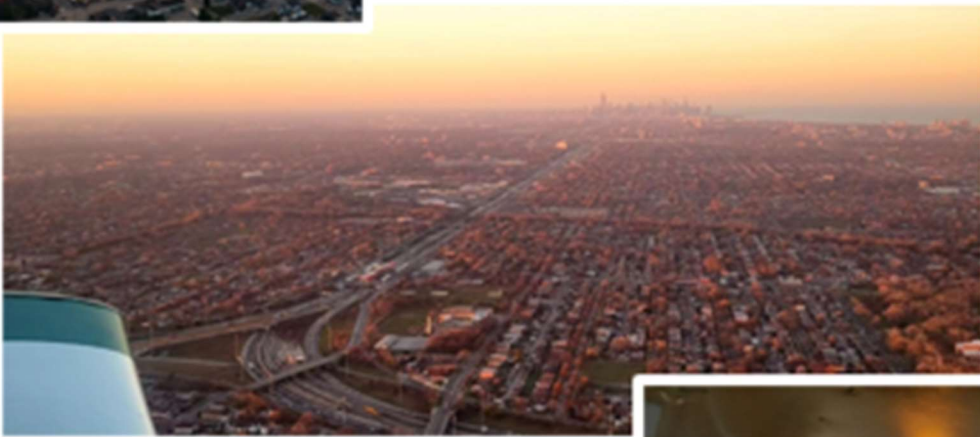
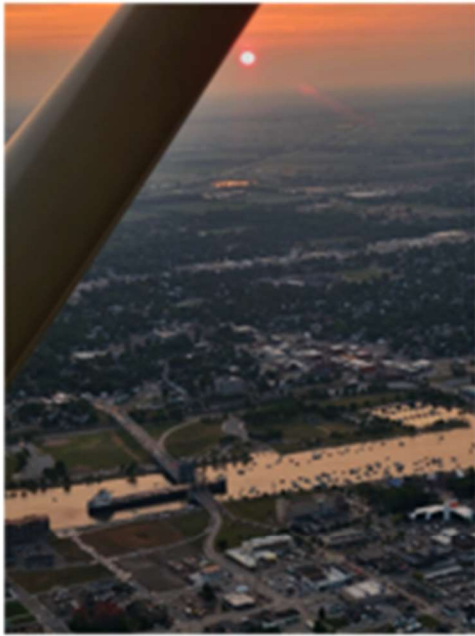
## Moments

*"To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home."*











## 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

### January

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

**(Presentation: Board Service Awards & #PilotLife 2023 Highlights)**

### February

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

**(Presentation: TBD)**

### March

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

**(Presentation: TBD)**

### April

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation: Dawn Patrol Prep**)

TBD – Airport Clean-up Day

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 January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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<b>14</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
<b>21</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
<b>28</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</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 February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 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 Carmer 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/>



**Blacktop Anchors**

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Tie downs

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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**  
EMERGENCY, NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

Date: / /      When Treasurer Use Only      Renewal Received: / /      CM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**EAA77**  
**EMERGENCY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE**  
EMERGENCY, NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

Online Access/Activation: Yes  No       Yes  No   
Father Info Missing (Not member)? Yes  No   
EAA77 Info Subscribed? Yes  No

Interested in membership? Yes  No   
Young Set: / Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Grandchild: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

800-777-6666      800-777-6666

**EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2023**

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept September meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Doug Isham
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Warren McClure – Factory Two representative

Suspended meeting to allow presentation

Presentation:

- Warren McClure gave presentation on Factory Two a maker space located at N. Grand Traverse & Water St. Open Tuesday –Thursday 10-6, Friday & Saturday 10-4. Cost is \$45/month. This gives you access to any machines you have done a check-out for. Check-outs are between \$10 and \$45. <https://factorytwo.org/>

Election:

- Treasurer Eric LaForest nominated by Gary Hopcraft, seconded by Doug Isham. No opposition
- Vice-President Tim LeClair nominated by Jim Plourde, seconded by Bob Deuker. No opposition
- Treasurer and Vice-President elected by acclamation
- Nominees for Trustee Dan Willoughby's position are Jim Palmeri and Doug Smith. Vote by written ballot. Jim Palmeri was elected Trustee.

Old Business:

- Looking for volunteers to set up for Holiday Banquet on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- November 23<sup>th</sup> last date to buy tickets so we can give caterer a final count. Louk's Catering will be doing the event. Stuffed Pork Loin or Lemon Chicken entrée. There will be appetizers and dessert.
- 6:00 p.m. social hour/appetizers, 7:00 dinner.
- J.D. Skinner will be the presenter, covering his flying in Alaska.

New Business:

- Discussion about walking in other parades i.e. Swartz Creek Hometown Days.
- Larry, MULA member, donated some extra MULA gear for chapter members
- Terry Castor discussed his desire to fly. His father was an Air Force pilot in late 1940's. Terry is looking to become a pilot. He is a potter that has done some work at the Flint Institute of Arts. He makes custom coffee mugs with logo of buyer's choice. Bob Deuker suggested buying mugs to sell at Chapter 77 Dawn Patrol.

Membership meeting minutes 11/9/23 continued

Young Eagles:

- Owosso Order of the Eagles requested we do Young Eagles at Owosso Airport. Three pilots, Jason Morford, Cody Welch, and Isaac Faris were the pilots. Twenty-one kids were flown between 10 a.m. and noon.

Project Report:

- Eric LaForest working on the engine for his Dualstar project.
- Doug Isham is getting Taylorcraft project going again. Plans to sell excess parts to fund a good engine and avionics.

Pilot Life:

- John Sharp flew to Marysville
- John von Linsowe polished up his 140 and flew it down to his son Jason's for the winter
- John flew his RV-7 to the Triple Tree Fly-In at the Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, SC
- Dave Bond & Bob Deuker flew to Marshall, MI and went to Schuler's Restaurant.
- Doug Isham did a presentation on some of his recent activities flying the Chinook for the Michigan National Guard.

Doing Search & Rescue training (AKA Rescort) flying with the A-10 Warthog.

Simulated Downed Aviator Rescue.

Open Water training.

Parachute operations – Low Altitude Low Opening and High Altitude Low Opening.

Bridging Missions – Lifting and transporting floating bridge sections.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:40 p.m.