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This Month's Membership Meeting

September 14, 2023

Social Hour at 6PM

Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

TBD – Have an idea?

PLEASE join us!

Hamburgers during social hour!

2023 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
	Dan Willoughby	810-513-3917	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

Changing of the seasons

As we start getting cooler nights, we start to think about the changing of the seasons. We will soon be enjoying fall color flights and more of the beauty this state has to offer. It also has us looking forward to other things the fall brings. First up is elections. This year Vice President, Treasurer, and a Trustee position are up for election. Dan Wiloughby has indicated that he will not seek reelection as a trustee. I would ask we all give Dan a Huge thank you for his many years of volunteerism to this great chapter in many different roles such as both trustee and Treasurer. Thank you, DAN!!!! As always, we will start accepting nominations for all 3 positions next month at the October meeting with elections to be held at the November meeting, but would love for people to start thinking ahead about getting involved and joining us on the board to steer this chapter into the future.

This is also the time of year we start to prepare for our annual awards banquet. Sandie Carmer and Lorna Hunter have just started planning and looking for any assistance and ideas to make this a success. If you have some input or better yet want to be a part of the planning committee with them, please reach out to these awesome ladies as we get ready for one of the most fun nights of the year.

As Sandie and I are nearing completion of our Hangar build and settling into our newest roles as grandparents we look forward to having more time for fun activities and projects. I am excited to start logging more hours in the RV4 and especially excited to be getting back to work on our long neglected BearHawk Build. I have a few other aviation projects I am excited about and can't wait to have this amazing shop in my backyard to work on them in.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday. The forecast is looking great for grilling and hanging out and Sandie and I will have lots of stories to share with all of you and look forward to hearing any that you have.

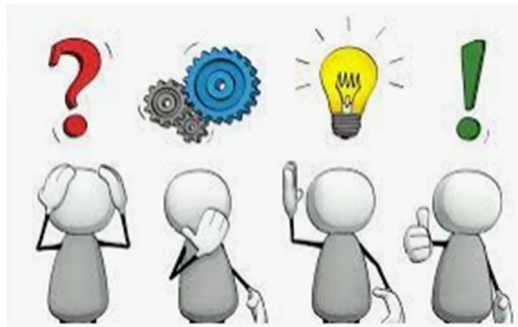
Jake

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.



#thePilotLife

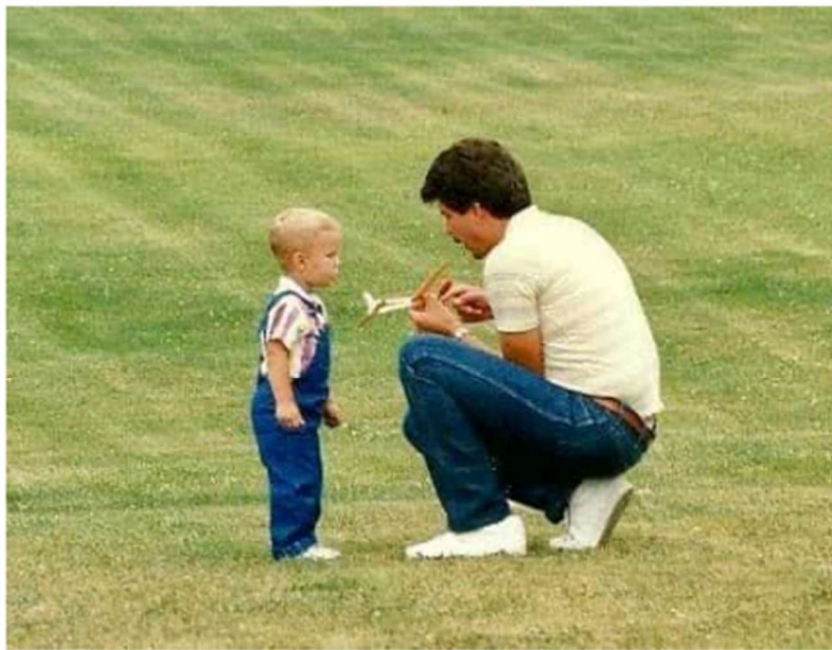
This section is for you to share your photos and flying stories.

Email to 

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

JOHN V LINSOWE

John's busy sowing the seeds of aviation



"A little back story for those who might not know, this is a photo of me and my son Justin in my dad's backyard where I grew up flying model airplanes. And this next photo is what my son is flying now. You plant the seeds of aviation, then watch them grow."



ISAAC FARIS

Isaac is our newest EAA77 Private Pilot, more #pilotLife stories coming soon.



From 1st Solo



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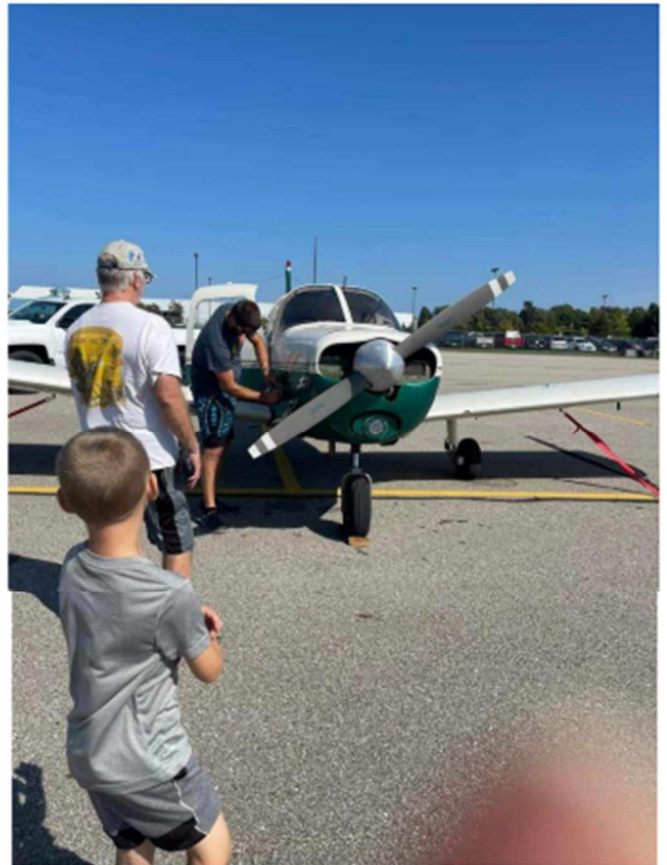
Certified Pilot

And taking family as your first passenger

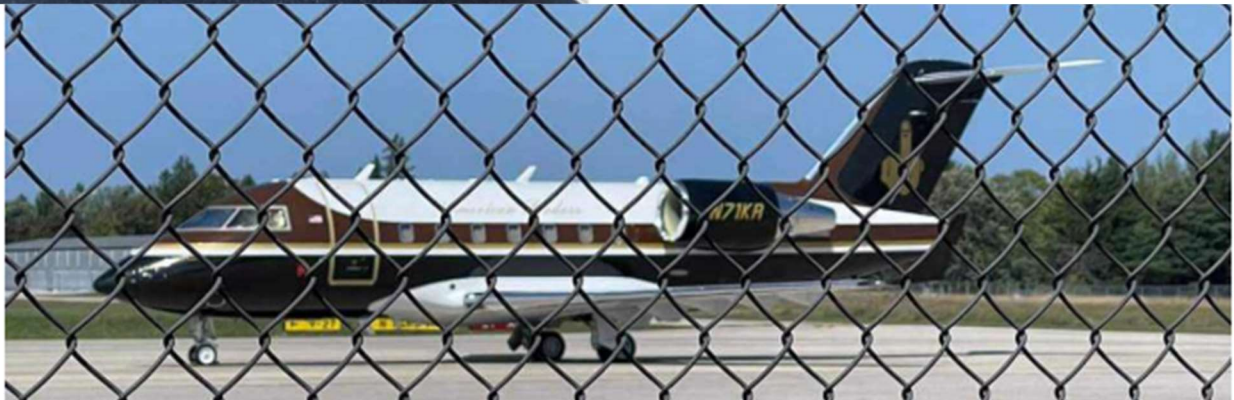


ROB HAGERMAN

Charlevoix fishing trip



"Me, my buddy Matt, and his family - all together we caught 11 fishes and saw Kid Rock's plane at Charlevoix."



TANMOY GANGULY

Great Lakes STOL 2023, Chesaning

That's right!

I took a Cessna 150 to my first ever STOL competition. I got DQ'd, but a great experience overall.

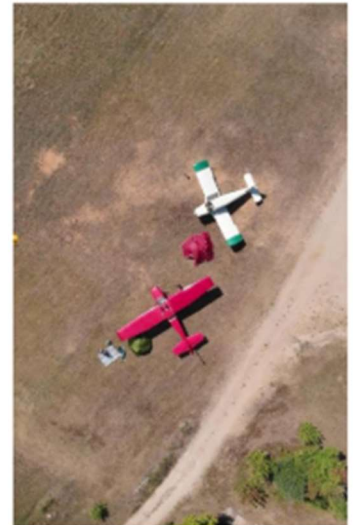
Best T/O – 610 ft

Best Landing – 425 ft



Two-Hearted Airstrip grand opening party by RAF





Two-hearted Airstrip (6Y5) was reopened after some extensive improvement projects aided by the RAF liaisons (Recreational Aviation Foundation). We had some adult beverages by the same name to celebrate the occasion!

PIREP: The runway is still on the bumpier side and less than ideal for some planes. Minimum controllable airspeed landing is very critical to avoid bouncing and protect your prop and nosewheel. The Cherokee was 250lbs under gross and managed it quite well.



JAKE & SANDIE

Different ways but still involved with flying!



The heated hangar already attracting visitors!



Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

It's a new year so it's time for 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. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

Dalton Association / EAA work at 3DA

(Submitted by Gary Hopcraft "Hoppy")

Thank you to all of those who came ready to work at 3DA on Wednesday morning the 16th.

Many trees at the west end of runway 9 / 27 were cut and cleared to make the approach better for landing and departing. 3DA

Thanks to the following DAA / EAA members for their effort and bringing tools and tractors to help make the job go quickly and safely.

Airport Manager Bill Campeau led the work group. Gary Hopcraft, Mike Goulet, Mark Goff (tractor) Jim Payne (tractor) Greg Loucks, Mike Mazar, John Ceranski, Ron Bader, Tom Moore, Jeff Spinney (ice and water) apologies if I missed someone.

Hoppy DAA VP



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 – 2023

(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

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

(Presentation: TBD)

October

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: TBD) & Board Nominations: Vice President, Treasurer and Trustee)

November

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: TBD)

December

2 – Banquet **(Presentation: TBD)**

EAA Chapter 77 Activities September 2023

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

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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	2	3	4	5 7pm – Board Mtg	6	7 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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15 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	16	17	18	19	20	21 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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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!

2023 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 ACTION ASSOCIATION (EAA) / EAA77

Member Information

Date: / / Payment Received: CFR

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

EMERGENCY ACTION ASSOCIATION
EMERGENCY ACTION ASSOCIATION (EAA) / EAA77

Emergency Action Association Member?	Yes	No
Member since (Please Print Club number)	Yes	No
EAA77 Club Subscribed?	Yes	No

Emergency Action Association Member?

Young Boy: Other: Grandchild:

Spouse: Other:

Additional Information:

EAA77 Form 2023-2024 (Rev. 08-2023)

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023

Meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to Accept June meeting minutes: Bob Deuker
- Seconded: Jim Plourde
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Tom Cameron
- Fred McCaskill

Project Report:

- Kevin Curtis acquired 1946 Piper PA-12 Super Cruiser with an O-235. Needs a lot of work.
- Taylorcraft 77FJ – next work day possibly Saturday, August 12.

Pilot Life by Tanmoy Ganguly:

- Sandie Carmer got a ride in a Stearman at Owosso. She has decided to get her pilot's license.
- Jake's RV-4 and Stearman flew in formation.
- Sandie did a helicopter ride over Mackinac Bridge.
- Rob Hagerman flew 714FL to Ludington, Howell and Marshall.
- Sandie, Jake, Tanmoy, Justin, Doug, Taylor, Isaac and Chuck put the location pin on the map at Oshkosh.
- This was Tanmoy's first trip to Oshkosh. He made precise touchdown as directed by ATC.
- RV-4 arrivals in formation. Jake
- Honor Flight of Vietnam Veterans was given true heroes welcome.
- Karl Bambas, dual membership with Chapter 1298 Brooksville, Florida, spoke about three screen flight simulator purchased with funds donated by 26 chapter members.
- Tanmoy did a simventure one week prior to Oshkosh to practice the procedure for arrival.

New Business:

- Mark Rudd donated a scroll saw to the chapter.
- Pioneer Dual Star for sale. Darrold Isham will acquire documentation for the plane. Eric LaForest and Tom Kaatz both bid \$500. It was resolved they would jointly purchase the aircraft.
- The membership would like express their condolences to the Joann Heystek family. Joann was longtime member Joe Heystek's widow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:28 p.m.