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This Month's Membership Meeting

May 8, 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!**

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
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President's Corner

Off to a great start!!!!

This Flying season is off to a great start. It hasn't been particularly wet this spring which has allowed me to bring the plane to the house and fly from the backyard several times. The most recent of which was this past Saturday to breakfast and then some fun flying and then into Alkay to hang out with the MULA guys. It was a bit breezy with low ceilings so flying was limited but was an awesome lunch, some good hangar flying, some spring maintenance and an all-around good time, can't wait until the next one, those guys are awesome to hang out with.

Those that didn't make it to the last meeting you missed out on a good one. We had a truly awesome presenter that gave us all an education in aviation history here in Michigan and how he has studied numerous crash sites of military aircraft and learned new things about forgotten places and events. I think we can all say we learned a lot. Do not fear though, he actually has a number of presentations he gives and promises to be back soon for one on another subject. Stay tuned as that is not one you will not want to miss.

Once again Dawn Patrol prep is off to a great start thanks to our wonderful volunteers and committee. Last month the presentation caused the meeting to run a bit long, but well worth it, so we were not able to get as much silverware rolled as we would have liked but did make more progress. So we will be finishing that up after this month's meeting. Please stick around after the meeting and pitch in, it doesn't take long and is always a lot of laughs and conversation while we sit together and roll. We also have our airport cleanup day on June 7th. This is a great morning where we come together and do some spring cleaning and polish up this jewel of an airport we have here. It does help us get a jumpstart on being ready for the Dawn Patrol but also makes the entire Dalton Airport that we love shine like the diamond it is. If you can spare a few hours, come on out about 9am and pitch in where you can so we can all be proud to call this place home.

Again I hope many of you are getting some great spring flying in when the weather allows and I look forward to hearing about it Thursday Night at the meeting!!!!

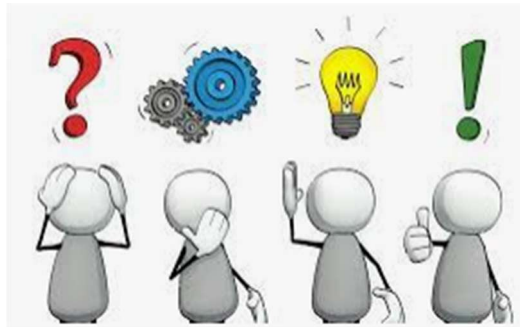
Jake Carmer

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

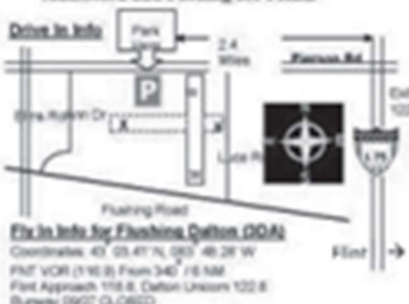


Pancakes
Sausage
Beverages

Eggs
Fruit



Admission and Parking are FREE



chapters.eaa.org/ea77



Invitation!!

*Sent by Patrick Mihalek, President / Head of Restoration
Warbirds Of Glory Museum
www.Warbirdsofglory.org
810-360-9713*

I'd like to invite you and the EAA Chapter to join us on May 17th for our annual museums open house and fundraising event at the Warbirds Of Glory Museum. Home to the restoration of the B-25J Sandbar Mitchell and our student apprenticeship program.

The open house is from 10am to 4pm at the Museums hangar located at the Oakland Southwest Airport (Y47). This is a free event to see the restoration of the B-25 and talk with students and volunteers.

Warbirds Of Glory Museum
57751 Pontiac Trail
Bld#2
New Hudson, Mi
48165

Then join us after the open house from 5pm to 10pm for our fundraising gala, Hollywood & History hosted at the American Spirit Center in Brighton! Our distinguished guest speaker will be Catherine Wyler, producer of the notable 1990 film, THE MEMPHIS BELLE, hosted by famed Warbird Pilot, Doug Rozendaal. Standard tickets include dinner and refreshments. Guests will also hear from museum speakers and students who will share valuable insights on our student program and how it has enriched their lives as well as the restoration of Sandbar Mitchell. The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Catherine Wyler. After her talk attendees will have the opportunity to watch her 1990 film making for a memorable and enriching night.

Tickets are available through our website: www.warbirdsofglory.org.

American Sprit Center
10590 Grand River Ave,
Brighton, MI
48116

*Celebrating the Greatest Generation through
Aviation History & Hollywood Legacy*

HOLLYWOOD *and* HISTORY

SATURDAY MAY 17



WARBIRDS OF GLORY MUSEUM



Memphis Belle

You're invited...

Open House & Gala Dinner Fundraising Event

Featuring the Warbirds of Glory Museum's restoration
of B-25 SANDBAR MITCHELL and special guest
Memphis Belle movie producer, CATHERINE WYLER!

OPEN HOUSE
10A-4P

SEE THE RESTORATION
MEET THE STUDENTS
at Warbirds of Glory Museum

GALA DINNER
FUNDRAISER & MOVIE
STARTS AT 5P

SPECIAL GUEST CATHERINE WYLER
& MOVIE MEMPHIS BELLE
at the American Spirit Center VFW Hall 4347
10590 E. Grand River in Brighton

TICKETS START AT \$75



FOR INFO & TICKETS

www.warbirdsofglory.org/events
info@warbirdsofglory.org

WARBIRDS OF GLORY MUSEUM

OAKLAND SOUTHWEST AIRPORT | 57751 PONTIAC TR. BLDG #2 | NEW HUDSON, MI

To receive a copy of the Fling-Bishop Airport ATC Tower Monthly Newsletter, please email them at the following email address: flintnatca@gmail.com

Flint-Bishop Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Monthly Newsletter

01 May 2025



EAA Learn to Fly Week

Returns May 13-17, 2025

Submitted by EAA National

There is no doubt, whether it was at the barbershop or doctor's office, when you've talked about your love for aviation, you've been met with this response: "I have always wanted to learn to fly, but..." Or "I started my ground school years ago and took a few lessons, but..."

It is a story as old as time: Aspiring aviators have the desire, but there are extenuating circumstances that are preventing them from pursuing their dream of flight. Here at EAA, we know there is an opportunity to turn these dreamers into doers.

EAA's mission is to "grow participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation." This mission is fully embraced by EAA's 300,000-plus members and 900 local chapters. Though we can't break down every barrier, it is hard to find an organization and group of members more well-equipped to help aspiring aviators find their place in the sky.

Through EAA's vast library of educational materials and local chapter advocates, the organization is perfectly placed to help grow the pilot population.

To further the efforts of growing the aviation community, **EAA Learn to Fly Week, supported by Sporty's Pilot Shop, is returning on May 13-17, 2025!**

The week will consist of three straight days of educational and interactive webinars. Topics will range from how to get started in flight training to tips for passing the FAA written exam, how to save time and money in flight training, strategies for the checkride, pinch-hitter presentations, and so much more!

Representatives from EAA, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Redbird, TakeFlight Interactive, and designated pilot examiners from across the country will be presenting this wide range of webinars. Following each presentation, attendees will have time for Q&A with the presenters.

The final day of Learn to Fly Week, May 17, 2025, will play host to chapter Flying Start events across the country. Flying Start events are open house-style activities that introduce local aspiring pilots to the local knowledge, tools, and connections that they need to accomplish their goal of becoming a pilot.

During the Flying Start event, chapter members will break down the perceived barriers common to the nonaviation community that prevent people from pursuing their pilot certificate.

Following a short presentation from the chapter and local flight instructors about learning to fly, Flying Start attendees are paired with an Eagle Flight mentor pilot for a free introductory flight. At the conclusion of the flight, the attendee will be provided with a free six-month trial EAA membership!

Flying Start participants will walk away from the event with an “I can do this” point of view, and a clear understanding of “how flying can fit into my life,” and “what I can do with this hobby.”

Whether you’re in the midst of your flight training journey, or just thinking about getting started, we know you’ll value in EAA Learn to Fly Week.

You can learn more and register at www.EAA.org/LTFWeek

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](#)
- 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!!

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>



#thePilotLife

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

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

JAKE CARMER

Prep time for the warmer days

Well, it's officially mowing season. I've rolled the field several times and now the first mowing is done. Look forward to doing a lot of flying out of here and having friends dropping in.



DIAN VON LINSOWE

Margaritas and a movie!

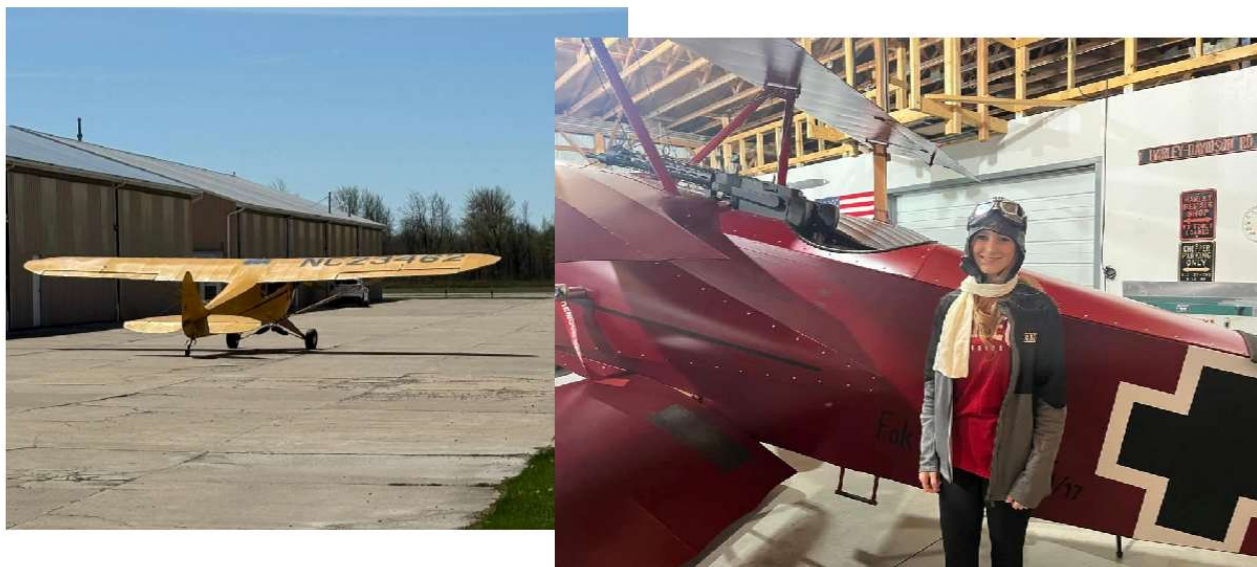
JUSTIN VON LINSOWE

Full Throttle Formation
at Wings Over Wayne



TAYLOR ISHAM

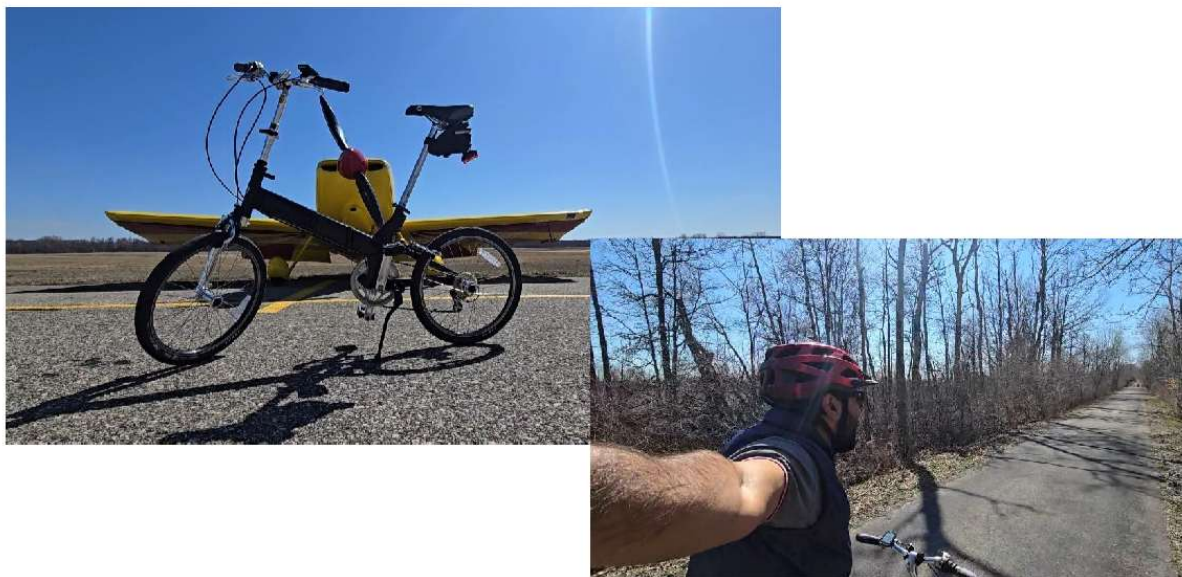
Guess who got to fly today?



TANMOY GANGULY

Fly2Bike

Flew over to Alma (AMN) with my folding bike and rode a couple of hours on the Fred Meijer trail. Hopefully a lot of riding this summer!





I plan to go back and finish the trail next time!



POA Fly-in at Rough River, Kentucky (2i3)

Fun weekend at Rough River with Pilots of America (PoA) friends. Lots of shenanigans and beverages after negotiating a bunch of weather delays to finally get there.



We had over 20 planes



*Darren's webinar of the day;
"Man, I always forget the flaps!"*



Couldn't have missed the chance to visit Nashville for some HOT CHICKEN!!!



MULA

Great turn out at the **Alkay opening day!**



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!*

Join us

May

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

June

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm
7 – Airport Cleanup Day, 9am-noon with potluck following. Bring a dish to pass!
12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Dawn Patrol Prep)
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 May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm – Board Mtg	2	3 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
4 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	5	6	7	8 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	9	10 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
11 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	12	13	14	15	16	17 Young Eagles Day 7am-Noon Owosso
18 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	19	20	21	22	23	24 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
25 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 7pm – Board Mtg	6	7 Airport Cleanup Day 9am-12pm
8 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	9	10	11	12 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Dawn Patrol Prep)	13	14 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
15 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	16	17	18 Flushing Parade – Central Elementary Time 5pm	19	20	21 Dawn Patrol Setup & Fruit Cutting Day Potluck 12pm-?
22 Dawn Patrol 7am or earlier Dawn Patrol Cleanup	23	24	25	26	27	28 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
29 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	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

Aviation Humor

**Those "Speed
Enforced by Aircraft"
signs don't realize how
eager I am to be pulled
over by an F-16 😂 100**

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?
Young Set: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Grandchild: ☐ _____
Other: ☐ _____

Additional Information:

EAA77 Form 10/2018

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept meeting minutes: Susie Oblander
- Seconded: Sandie Carmer
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report: - accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Joe Heiley
- Timothy Hunter
- Mark Rude

Old Business:

- Six person golf cart from Plowman's is in the hanger, ready for Dawn Patrol.
- DJ Jim Landon continues handing out fliers promoting Dawn Patrol and the car show.

Presentation:

- Dave Trojan author of Every Wreck Tells a Story made a very informative narrative of the military airplane crashes in Michigan he has researched.

Dawn Patrol:

- Jeff Spinney stated MyFlight committed to doing helicopter rides.
- DJ Jim Landon continues handing out fliers promoting Dawn Patrol and the car show.

Young Eagles:

- Volunteers needed, both pilots and ground crew.
- Volunteers can sign up online at eaa.org

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy Ganguly presented Pilot Life.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:50 p.m.