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This Month's Membership Meeting

October 12, 2023
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation



PLEASE join us!

NEW! Pulled pork sandwiches 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

The temperature may be going down but the fun level is still quite high!!!!

This meeting should be a fun one. I am making my homemade pulled pork for the meeting and Sandie and I are donating the meat so it should be an extra good month in raising funds for the Zerbe Fund. Bring your favorite side to go along if you like. We also have a great presentation for this month coming from Factory Two, a local maker space right here in Flint. I am excited to learn more about what they have and of course how I can apply it to my own aviation projects. whether it be 3D printed parts or parts I could make on their CNC machine. They have many other opportunities for your aviation or non-aviation projects so make sure to come out and learn all you can.

Next up is planning has begun for our annual banquet. It promises to be a great time with lots of fun. Our presenter will be our own JD Skinner who has spent the summer flying up in Alaska and has some awesome stories and pictures to share. This is also where we get to celebrate a number of our members and their work to help the chapter, its members and aviation in general. On this note we will also be looking for nominations for our most prestigious award, the Howard Warren award. see the flyer in the newsletter for further info.

This month we will also be accepting nominations for our elections to be held next month. positions to be elected this year are Vice President, Treasurer, and 1 Trustee. If you want to help steer this chapter into the future think about throwing your hat into the ring.

As always, I look forward to spending the evening hanging out with as many of you as possible and talking all things aviation. Pulled pork will be hot and ready at 6pm so bring your appetite.

Jake Carmer



Our presentation at this month's meetings is Factory Two. See below from their website. Should be a wonderful presentation! Hope to see you there!

ABOUT FACTORY TWO

Factory Two is a community makerspace located in the heart of downtown Flint, Michigan. Factory Two is built on the idea that learning, sharing, and creating are empowering and transformative forces which can open doors and revolutionize both perceptions and realities.

Factory Two provides tools, equipment and training. In less than a year we have built a dedicated membership who experience the joy of learning, the excitement of crafting with their own hands, and the satisfaction of being part of a larger community of makers.

Accessing cutting edge technology like 3D printers and drones, and time-honored tradition in the wood and metal shops. Making items as delicate as jewelry, or as durable as iron worked on a coal fired forge. Our members are small business owners, students, artists, emerging entrepreneurs, crafters, neighbors, retirees and more.

Election Nominations

This month's membership meeting is taking nominations for November's Board elections. Positions up for election are:

Vice President

Treasurer

Trustee/Director (Dan Willoughby's position)

Consider nominating yourself or someone else!



Exciting News!

2023 Banquet has been planned!!

December 2, 2023
6:00pm – Cocktail Hour
7:00pm – Dinner
EAA77 Chapter Building Meeting Room

Presenter: JD Skinner
Flying in Alaska
(See page 7 for a sneak peek!)

Catering by: Louk's Catering

Tickets: \$30/person

Tickets for sale at the membership meeting or by clicking here
<https://py.pl/9BM3B8Tbg8e>.

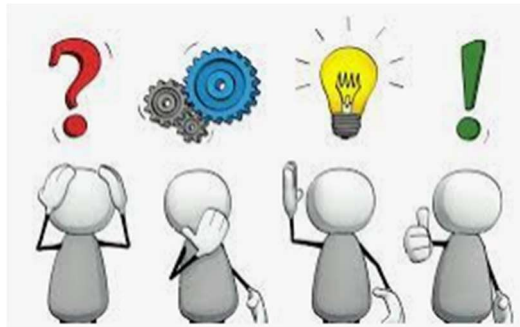
Contact Sandie Carmer with questions 517-391-7197.

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.



Denali Park Flying Adventures

Submitted by JD Skinner, CFI

Having signed on with Denali Air, I have spent the summer flying guests and cargo to and from Kantishna Air Strip inside Denali National Park, Alaska. This is a Part 135 Air Taxi operation and provides flightseeing around Denali Mt. and the park. Additionally, it provides air transportation for cargo and guests to and from the 3 lodges that were open this season at Kantishna, AK. In years past many would have driven the one road in the park to Kantishna, the Park Road. However, several years ago there was a landslide that took out a section of the road. The park has come up with a plan to build a bridge across this slide area. However, the completion of the bridge is 2 to 3 years away. Thus, the need for pilots to supply the lodges. This year I have been blessed to be one of those pilots.

This side of the operation used Cessna 206's as anything much larger or complex cannot operate into or out of the Kantishna Strip. It's only 1800 feet long, has an uphill grade from West to East, and there is no landing short or landing long, especially in a fully loaded 206! See the attached photo.

It has been exciting, rewarding, challenging, and I have learned many things, done many things I thought I would never have done, seen things I otherwise would never have seen, and met many wonderful people from around the world. The views never get old. And, the tips weren't bad either.

Photos from Denali Park flying adventures . . . JD Skinner



The Fleet – 4 Navajos (1 out of view), and 2 C206's, and 1 C170 (out of view also)

My main bird is WW – 2nd from the left.



WW loaded with typical load of cargo – usually load is about 1200 pounds including me. Does not include the fuel load either! This Time I did not have to take the Co-pilot seat out. Alternately would carry 6 passengers.



Centered in photo is Denali Mountain (formerly Mt. McKinley) at 20,340 feet tall.



Toklat River – Looking south towards the Alaska Range from Mt. Sheldon area.



Wonder Lake just SE of my typical destination – Kantishna (5Z5) – with the mountains just East of Denali



Looking SW up the Muldrow Glacier towards Denali. Wickersham Wall of Denali is center left. When flying guests to the Lodges we served, weather permitting, we would amend the route to do some flightseeing like this view.



The destination – Kantishna Air Strip (5Z5) – 1800 feet of gravel. Uphill from right to left. Therefore, in a fully loaded 206 you try to land right to left unless there is a wind of 15 or greater from the right. Takeoffs are left to right – downhill! Oh! And watch out for moose, bear, or other wildlife!



Panoramic view while waiting for guests at 5Z5. Note the plywood pads under the prop which helps prevent stone nicks.



Returning to base, Denali Private (AK06), following 'The Trench'. [View](#) is NE from about Anderson Pass. Pacific Geological Plate on the right and the North American Plate on the left.



It's not all CAVU. So, you better know your terrain from tree top level and up. This is Class G minimums and we certainly flew those minimums.



Just another day in the office.



Final approach to home base, Denali Private (AK06), just to the left of the Parks Highway. Downwind takeoff or landing – yes – almost everyday. It is located in 'Windy Pass'. And they call 'Windy' for a reason!

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:

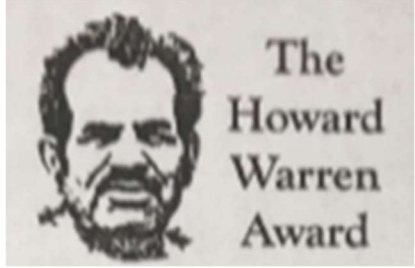
(See link at: [Become a Volunteer Pilot | EAA](#))

- 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!!



Presented to the Chapter member who best exemplifies the spirit of sharing and helping fellow aircraft builders in completion of their project.

In terms of the above concept, would you provide the following information?

What Chapter member has assisted you with either direct or indirect help on your building/rebuilding or renovation project?

In what ways was he/she helpful?

In your opinion, who in the Chapter has demonstrated the effect and dedication that warrants nomination of this award?

Why?

Did You Know...



War History Online 

Suggested for you · 4d · 



Sister Mary Aquinas Kinskey, who was an expert in and teacher of aerodynamics and aviation, applies a little glue to the model P-38 which hangs from the ceiling of her classroom at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She was also an accomplished pilot.



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

October

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

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

21 – Young Eagles Day: Owosso Airport, 8am-12pm

November

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: Board Elections and Doug Isham – Michigan National Guard Activities)

December

2 – Banquet **(Presentation: JD Skinner – Flying in Alaska)**

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
8 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	9	10	11	12 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Pulled Pork, Election Nominations Factory Two)	13	14 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
15 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	16	17	18	19	20	21 Young Eagles Day – Owosso – 8am-12pm Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
22 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	23	24	25	26	27	28 Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
29 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	30	31 Happy Halloween! 				

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

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19 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving! 	24	25 Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
26 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	27	28	29	30		

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Aviation Humor

One Boy's Opinion Of Pilots

The following was written by Tommy Tyler, 5th Grade, Jefferson Grade School, Beaufort, S.C. It should be of interest to all airplane drivers.)

Why I Want To Be A Pilot

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days. Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn to read numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read road maps too, so they can find their way if they get lost.

Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or a motor falls off they should stay calm so they'll know what to do. Pilots have to have good eyes to see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are much closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that plane flying is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick and if I get airsick I couldn't be a pilot and then I would have to go to work.

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, NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

Member Transfer (see link)

Date: / / Renewal Required: / / ZIP: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

EAA77
EMERGENCY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

Online Access/Activation: Yes No Yes No

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

EMERGENCY Subscribed? Yes No

Interested in relocation? Yes No

Youngest / Oldest Grandchild

Spouse Other

Additional Information: _____

EMERGENCY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023

Meeting started at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept August meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Sandie Carmer
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Harry Simons
- Gordon Hempstone
- Jim Stevens

Old Business:

- Doug Isham is going to start the Taylorcraft work parties back up.

New Business:

- Elections coming up. Dan Willoughby will not be running for his position. Nominations October, voting November.
- Banquet December 2nd. Planning games and speakers. Need volunteers.

Project Report:

- Eric LaForest working on Pioneer Dualstar. He has the manuals for it now. Acquired a Rotax 532. Plane needs new sails.
- Jake Carmer had 37 yards of concrete delivered. New hanger will have heated floors.
- Karl Bambas is selling his full IFR RV-7.

Pilot Life by Tanmoy Ganguly:

- John von Linsowe is giving lessons in M-Square Breese at Alkay Airport in Clio
- Isaac Faris completed his pilots license and is now looking for a family plane.
- Robert Hagerman flew to Charlevoix for a salmon fishing trip.
- Tanmoy did STOL competition at Chesaning with a Cessna 150. 600 ft. takeoff, 425 ft. landing
- Tanmoy flew to Two Hearted Airstrip(6Y5) in Newberry, MI. Recreation Aviation Foundation was responsible for re-opening this former Civilian Conservation Corps airstrip.
- Tanmoy is doing the Cheat River, West Virginia Fly-In October 6th.

Young Eagles:

- Owosso Young Eagles for the Eagles group of 20-30 kids. Home School group 30-40 kids to be done in spring due to weather limitations.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:08 p.m.