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This Month's Membership Meeting

November 10, 2022
Social Hour at 6PM
Elections & Chili Night!!
Meeting at 7PM



Presentation

**No presentation, but Board member
Voting:**

- **President**
- **Secretary**
- **Trustee** + **Vice President**

PLEASE join us!

2022 Board Members and Officers

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
Vice President:	Paul Dolan	810-247-6971		Rick Hayes	248-462-9338
Secretary:	Gabriella Orme	810-730-2981	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:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	810-659-3501
	Jim Plourde	810-233-7505		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:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281

President's Corner

Election and Chili time!!!

I am finally getting back home, and just in time for this month's meeting. I will be flying home in the RV4 Tuesday and man do I have stories from my trips. This week's meeting is going to be an extra fun one. Instead of doing our hotdog cookout, we will be having a chili dinner. Sandie and I will be making a large pot of chili to bring. We would love for other people to bring your favorite chili add on. Whether it be extra onions, shredded cheese, bread and butter, dessert, or even your own flavor of chili.

We will also be having our annual elections. As a reminder, positions available are trustee, secretary, president, and due to Paul Dolan having to resign, we also have vice president. We have had several nominations for a couple of positions but there are more spots and in the event of multiple nominations we will hold a vote from all members present and in good standing.

Make sure to check out the details for this year's EAA77 Banquet and be ready to grab your tickets. A handful of members have been working countless hours to try and bring this back. Let's bring it back with a lot of fun and friendship.

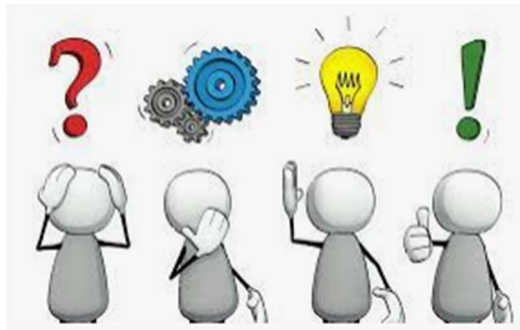
I look forward to seeing you all this week.

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!

Send them to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com.



ELECTIONS

This month's membership meeting is Board elections. Below are the nominations we have received.

President – No nominations, but Jake Carmer has agreed to stay on.

Vice President – Tim LeClair (self-nominated)

Secretary – Lorna Hunter (self-nominated)

Trustee/Director – Isaac Faris (self-nominated)

So, be sure to come and vote!



Exciting News!

2022 Banquet has been planned!!

December 3, 2022

6:00pm – Cocktail Hour

7:00pm – Dinner

EAA77 Chapter Building Meeting Room

Presenter: Trooper Nick Olivo, Nick Olivo
Michigan State Police Helicopter Pilot

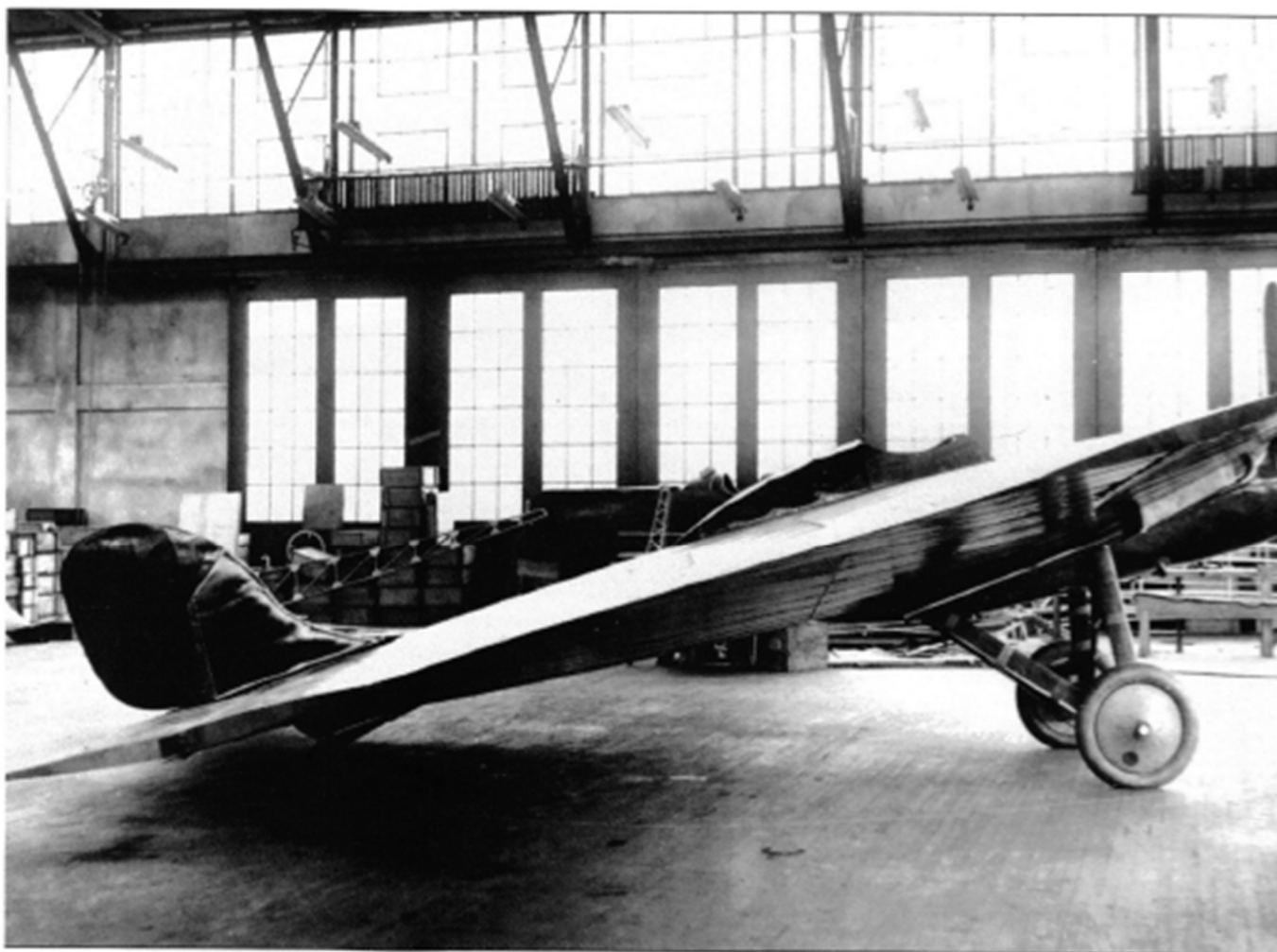
Catering by: JoeLee's Crosswind Café

Tickets: \$30/person

Tickets for sale at the membership meeting and online soon.

Contact Sandie Carmer with questions 517-391-7197.

Did You Know...



William Bushnell Stout was born in Illinois in 1880, and after college was hired as the aviation editor for the *Chicago Tribune*. He later founded *Aerial Age*, one of America's earliest aviation magazines. In 1914, Stout moved to Detroit to become chief engineer for the Scripps-Booth Automobile Company. In 1917, he was hired by Packard Motor Car Company's Aircraft Division to work on the Liberty engine program. Later that year, Stout was appointed technical advisor to the Aircraft Production Board in Washington, D.C. The board awarded Stout a contract to build a thick-winged monoplane featuring a blended wing-fuselage design. He returned to Detroit, obtained financial backing from Motor Products Corporation, and built this Stout *Batwing* in their shop. It was of wooden construction and was powered by a 150-horsepower Hispano-Suiza engine. The *Batwing* was delivered to McCook Field in Ohio in November 1918, and flown once by test pilot Lt. Jimmie Johnson. He commented that the airplane was too dangerous to fly because of the limited visibility from the cockpit, and the airplane was later scrapped.

This story is from the very FIRST MULA Newsletter. Volume One, Issue One. The author, Loren Spillane, was one of the original three (Denny Demeter, Steve Keen, Loren Spillane) who chartered the Michigan Ultralight Association in 1988. (Submitted by Denny Demeter)

35 FT. O.A.K.

By Loren Spillane

ACCIDENT REPORT

An aircraft accident of any type is nothing to laugh about, but we couldn't help but chuckle at this one. This column hopefully will not see much exposure on these pages in future issues, but when it does, it is sincerely hoped that lessons learned through others' misfortunes will avert a replay of the events depicted here.

It was Oct. 18, 1985 - the wind was from the N.E. at 6 -10 M.P.H. The runway was SW to NE with mature Oak trees at the NE end. I was flying a 1983 Teratorn Tierra with 8 hours of training and 3 hours of solo to my credit.

After completing a successful take-off and circuit of the field, followed by an uneventful landing, a friend and flying companion suggested we should go aloft for some air-to-air photographs. Well suffice it to say, being a ham that would rival Ronald Coleman, I climbed back into my bird and prepared for departure, while totally ignoring a little voice that was trying to tell me not to go. To this day, I still don't understand why I didn't listen to my little voice. (Except that it could be noted that my younger brother was standing there watching).

I lined up on the runway and firewalled the throttle... Things were progressing nicely until I tried to horse her off the ground just a tad too early (A BIG TAD). With the stick in my gut, I was 3/4 the way down the runway to eating acorns at 20' AGL. I began to realize that all was not well. I shoved the stick forward for a humming bird heartbeat, and pulled it back to my gut again... *Great...* now I was flying a fully stalled airplane at 35 ft. AGL. I was wallowing down what was left of the runway, dancing on the rudder pedals as one wing or the other tried to fall off into a departure spin. I deduced from my vast aeronautical knowledge that my future was not bright. I had flown myself into one hell of a pickle. I was out of runway, time, airspeed and options - and a very LARGE oak tree was looming ever closer. I thought just maybe, if I could steer the plane just a bit to the left, I could clear the oak tree's little brother. Once over that I could dump the nose over the adjacent field and pick up some airspeed without harvesting any field corn in the process. If I could do *that*, I could regain control of my aircraft and my sphincter muscles and fly away. Alas, it was not to be... I thought I had made it when suddenly the right wing snagged a branch on the big oak tree, and spun my plane to the right, smack into the tree at 35 ft. AGL (or 35' O.A.K.). As I felt the plane turn violently to the right, I chopped the throttle, threw my arms across my head, ducked and prayed.

I heard branches breaking, acorns falling, squirrels scrambling for cover, Blue Jays and assorted winged creatures guffawing, Aluminum grinding on virgin oak, my engine idling complacently, and my heart pounding to a rhythm I had heard only on Dr. Welby, M.D... With my eyes still closed, I reached back and

hit the kill switch and heard peace and quiet except for a strange fluttering sound in my seat, and the sound of a few of the older and therefore slower squirrels still looking for a way out.

When I opened my eyes, I looked straight ahead and saw my brother perched in a branch with a look of utter disbelief on his face... He still can't explain how he managed to sprint 150 yards and climb up that tree before I'd even shut the engine off.

I remember that I simply walked off the plane onto a large branch and climbed down the trunk of the tree, whereupon I sat in the tall grass and reflected upon my good fortune and my not so good piloting skills. After a brief overnight stay, the airplane was recovered from the tree virtually unscathed.

I earned my wings that day... Wings with an Oak Leaf Cluster... And I hereby vow that from here on, I will always listen to my little voice.

Join your fellow EAA77 members and families for some social fun!!

- ➔ **Dinners** on Saturdays at 5pm - Call Kerry & Sandy Matthews at (810)659-3501 or Mike Goulet at (810)845-6267 to find out where each week!
- ➔ **Ice Cream** Flyouts to Chesaning – Tuesdays at 7pm (on VFR days) – Call Jake Carmer with questions at (810)919-0121
Closed until spring!

Come join the fun!!

Upcoming Events – 2022

(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

November

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Elections and chili dinner)

December

12/3 – Banquet

EAA Chapter 77 Activities November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30pm – TCraft Restore work	2	3 7pm – Board Mtg	4	5 Varies – Occasional breakfast flyout 9am - TCraft Restore work 5pm – Dinner Group
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Saturday Dinner Groups: Contact for location – Sandy & Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Mike Goulet 810-845-6267

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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.

**** Still looking for someone to take this on. Please consider volunteering. Let Jake know.**



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.



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/>



FOR SALE \$1,950 - CH650-B completed parts head start package: Rudder, horizontal stabilizer, elevator (with trim tab), Ray Allen trim servo, fiberglass stabilizer tips, flaps, ailerons (with trim tab) and plans for serial #65-8219. Meticulously constructed and documented at mykitlog.com/sunmanav8. Contact Sonny, 248-535-3074.



Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea77/join-or-renew-membership>

EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

2022 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 Man ☐ / Man ☐ / Woman ☐
Other ☐ _____

Additional Information: _____

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

Not received by newsletter editor

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022

Visitors and New Members

- Nick and Jamie and Family: Service tech at MackSoods. Kid loves planes and now might want to get a plane
- Li Jin: Hoping to report that he has his pilot license soon but having instructor issues.
- Marvin Emmons: Hasn't flown since 1980, but now flying ultralights

Project 1st Flight

- Rob and Don went over to Wisconsin, taxied the plane all day. Next day, drove it back to Michigan to Rick's house.
- Looking for a tow vehicle; Suggest to contact manufacturers / dealers for possible donations
- Will be kept and run at John von Linsowe's house
- Core group only to start while working out a syllabus
- Hoping to start the program maybe in the spring 2023
- Considering skis for winter

TaylorCraft

- Doug Isham took the logbooks home to review
- Spoke to Wentworth regarding the engine; still working on it
- Received the pulleys that were needed
- Will reach out for volunteers for work parties soon, probably on Saturdays
- Will be reaching out to Garmin and others for possible donations

Project Reports

- Gyro Tom – Looking for ideas on measuring fuel, compared to what is used to measure water in camping RVs

Board Elections – Nominations accepted now until Membership Meeting on November 10th for the following positions:

- President: No nominations received, but Jake Carmer willing to remain on
- Vice President: Tim LeClair self-nominated
- Secretary: Lorna Hunter self-nominated
- Trustee/Director: No nominations received

Future Meeting Presentation Suggestion: - Sheriff Swanson's GHOST program regarding

EAA77 Banquet – Still in the planning process, but hold the date for December 3rd

Young Eagles

- Jake Carmer gave four young eagle flights, plus a flight to Taylor Isham.
- Taylor Isham gave a report on her Sporty's Learn to Fly training since her Young Eagles flight. She has completed one full module and plans to keep going. If she does, her father has agreed to be her instructor. Way to go Taylor!

Flight Reports

- Gyro Tom: Did a lot of flying at Alkay
- MULA: Watch their Facebook page for flying days
- Nick and Eric stopped at Midland to see their RV12 build and talk to them about the project

Next Meeting: November 10, 2022 – Chili and Elections