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## This Month's Membership Meeting

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

### Presentation

**\*\* Airventure Hype!! \*\***

**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
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	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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			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

## *President's Corner*

Thank you all,

I want to start off with my many thanks. We were truly nervous about having enough volunteers to pull off our Dawn Patrol this year and we sent up the rescue flares and you all answered the call!!!! You guys brought friends and family and it was terrific. We had enough volunteers so people could take long breaks to enjoy their own breakfast and look around a bit and enjoy the event with our guests. Unfortunately, the one thing we can't control is the weather which minimized the attractions but we still had 4 planes, 35 show cars, and our amazing community came out and we served 950 breakfasts despite the bad weather. None of this would be possible without all of you and everything you do, it was an honor to be a part of it and work with you all.

The BIGGEST Thank you this year goes to our own Sandy Matthews. She has coordinated the inside of this event for over 25 years. She has decided that this will be her last year running the event but promises she isn't going anywhere and will continue to support whoever steps up into the role and ensure our event goes as smoothly as it always has under her wonderful guidance. I have had the honor as president for the better part of 10 years to work on the planning committee with her and her level of commitment and dedication is amazing. If you see her make sure to give her a huge thank you as she deserves every bit of it and more.

Now we look forward to all the big events summer has to offer. For many of us this means Oshkosh. It truly is paradise for any aviation enthusiast. Sandie and I look forward to spending the week walking the grounds, taking in the sights and sounds, some seminars, maybe a bit of shopping but mostly hanging out with 500,000 of our closest friends. The saying is "you come for the planes, you come back for the people," and there is no truer statement. This year while I am off flying at a few pre-Oshkosh events Sandie has actually decided to head over early and will spend several days as a volunteer helping with setup over in pioneer airport with the helicopter rides. I hope we see lots of you there and if you are there reach out to me or Sandie as we would love to get a chapter picture with as many people there as we can. There are a number of other fun local events coming up as well that I will make sure to keep you all aware of so we can all have tons of fun together.

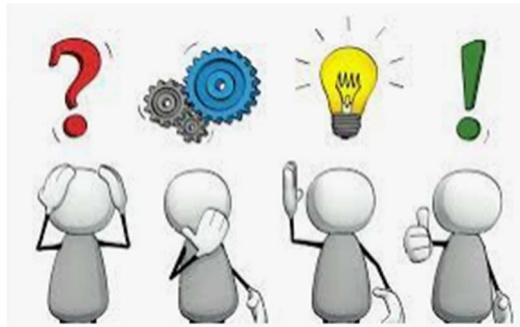
Here's to a great summer and see you all Thursday,  
Jake Carmer

## 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).



## Did You Know...

### The History of EAA Airventure

(Copied from EAA's website: <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/about-eea-airventure-oshkosh/history>)

From humble beginnings nearly 70 years ago, EAA AirVenture has evolved from a small gathering of aircraft and aviators into a grand, weeklong gathering known as the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration®.

#### The Early Years



The Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In Convention, now known as EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, has been in existence nearly as long as the association itself.

The first gathering was in September 1953 as a small part of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Air Pageant. That original EAA fly-in at Curtiss-Wright (now Timmerman) Field was attended by a handful of airplanes, mostly homebuilt and modified aircraft. Fewer than 150 people registered as visitors. The larger Milwaukee Air Pageant has faded away but the EAA gathering has become the world's premier aviation event.

EAA's fly-in grew quickly in its first few years and by the late 1950s it had outgrown the area of the Milwaukee airport it was allowed to use. In 1959, the event moved to Rockford (Ill.) Municipal Airport, where it would stay for the next decade.

The "Rockford Years" were where the EAA Fly-In Convention established both its prominence as a homebuilders' event and its friendly feeling that is retained to this day. During these years, such diverse aviation interests as Warbirds, antiques and aerobatic performers became part of the EAA event.

#### Home in Oshkosh

By 1969, it was apparent that the EAA Fly-In Convention had simply become too large for the Rockford facility.

EAA had grown from a home basement operation to an office and museum in the Milwaukee suburb of Franklin. The annual convention mirrored that growth, attracting hundreds of showplanes and tens of thousands of visitors.

Sites were studied for a new home. Aviation legend Steve Wittman, who had been an EAA member since the association's founding in 1953, suggested the airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Oshkosh featured acreage surrounding the airport to handle the annual influx of airplanes, vehicles and tents. There were two lengthy runways (east/west and north/south) which did not cross, allowing greater traffic movement. Oshkosh city officials eagerly sought the event and enjoy the economic boost it provided. In late 1969, the EAA board approved the move to Oshkosh.



There was only one problem: no convention site or infrastructure existed in Oshkosh. EAA's volunteer network was up to the task, however.

Within six months, EAA members had created a home for the fly-in. That volunteer spirit continues today, as more than 4,000 people donate their time and talents to help prepare and coordinate the convention's grounds and activities.

Through the 1970s and '80s, the convention exploded into national prominence. Attendance jumped into six figures each year and the event became one of sport aviation's top gatherings.

## World Comes to AirVenture



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh (as of 1998, the new name for the Fly-In Convention) now serves as one of the world's premier aviation events, attracting top government officials, corporate leaders and hundreds of thousands of aviation enthusiasts.

The week-long event spans the entire spectrum of aviation and attracts 10,000 airplanes each year. The more than 500,000 aviation enthusiasts who attend the event annually supply the local and state economies with more than a \$170-million boost.

In recent years, the convention grounds have seen many visitor enhancements implemented and exhibit areas expand to retain the fly-in's world-class status.

Today, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is an international gathering place for aviation enthusiasts.

An AirVenture participant can study the latest aircraft and innovations, discover new ideas and techniques from the more than 1,000 forums and workshops, see aviation's top personalities, or just talk airplanes with people from around the world.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh has become important and influential but retains its friendly and personal feel - part of the reason the world comes to Oshkosh every year.

# OSHKOSH BOUND!



We want to know who all is attending Airventure this year! Flying in and landing on a dot, driving in, hitchhiking... We want to know!

Let's make the EAA77 chapter picture an annual thing! Let Sandie Carmer know if you are attending, the days, and she will schedule the picture! Last year we had 7 members in the picture... let's get all of us this year!



## Motel Room Available during Airventure 2024, 3-Nights

Due to an unforeseen family issue we are unable to attend Airventure 2024 so our room reservation is available at our cost \$338.85. The reservation is listed below. Beaver Dam is a pleasant 45 minute drive from Airventure. If you are interested in assuming this reservation contact: Jim Plourde [jim@plourde.us](mailto:jim@plourde.us) or (810) 938-2010 voice & text.

Super 8 by Wyndham Beaver Dam



711 Park Avenue Beaver Dam, WI 53916



Check-in: Monday, Jul 22, 2024



Check-out: Thursday, Jul 25, 2024



3 Nights



2 Adults



0 Children

Booking Ref. # 86037EE009842

Booking Confirmation # [R4362114969](#)

### ROOM & GUEST DETAILS



Rooms (1)

1 King Bed



# Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

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.
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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!!

## #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)

JOHN and JUSTIN

### In formation for generations



*John's dad flying his Hummer.*



*John & Justin in formation.*





*A lot of RV grins. John and Bert flew to Owosso.*

*Justin with his Full Throttle Formation team.*



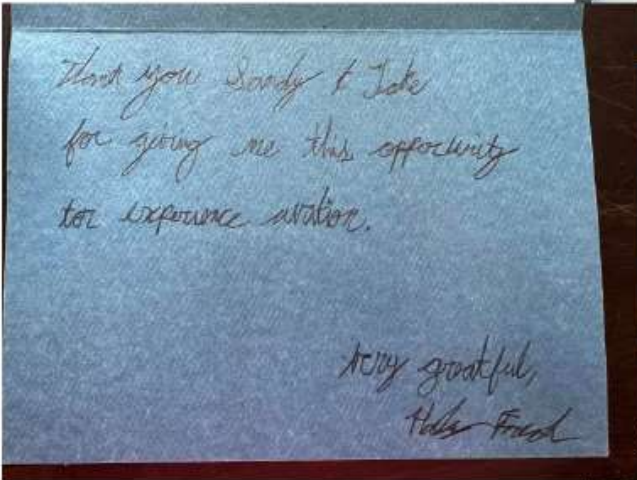
CARMERS

Aviation Goals!



Looks like no more breakfasts at home!

One more young eagle got to fly in the RV4.



Condition Inspection done with some pre-Oshkosh tune up. Prop dynamically balanced to almost no vibrations

BEFORE



AFTER



TANMOY GANGULY

### Lots of flying, no pictures to show for it!

Lately I'm enjoying the zen of flying and trying out newer things in the RV. What that means is I hardly use my phone and hence not many pictures.

My friends booked an AirBNB for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and found a field within 2 miles of that. What an amazing airport with very active community and EAA Chapter 50. Ohio isn't too bad after all!! 😊



*Navigating around the pop-ups*



*Hinde Field Airport (88D)*





*Independence...  
Pilots know what it means!*



**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 – 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

### 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 July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
7 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	8	9 7pm – Board Mtg	10	11 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Dawn Patrol Debrief and Oshkosh Hype)	12	13 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
14 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
21 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
28 <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	29	30	31			
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**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 August 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
<b>4</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</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

<https://www.blacktopanchors.com/>

Tie downs

Submitted by: Paul Allar

Phone: (248)761.8937

Email: [paul@allarse.com](mailto:paul@allarse.com)

Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at [EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com)

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

Member Information

Date: / /      Member Number:      ID#

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Online Access/Activation: Member?  No  Yes  
Father Info/Right/Club member?  No  Yes  
EAA77/Club Subscriber?  No  Yes

Interested in membership?  
Young Boy?  / Boy?  / Grandchild?

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2023/2024 EAA77 Membership Form

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2024

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Sandy Matthews
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report – Eric LaForest not present

Guests and New Members: none

Old Business

- Jeff Spinney reports outside portion for Dawn Patrol is set with same displays as last year, Flushing Chamber of Commerce will be setting up a canopy.
- DJ originally from Flushing will be doing the raffle. Flushing Chamber of Commerce will set up a canopy.
- Chapter will be towing trailer with Bearcat fuselage in Flushing Parade on Wednesday, June 19th. We will also have two golf carts.
- Parade walker meet at chapter at 4:30, proceed to school for lineup at 5:00. We will have hot dogs at school, parade starts at 7:00.
- Setup for Dawn Patrol is Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with potluck at noon.

New Business: none

Young Eagles:

- Young Eagles - Home Team home school group May 18<sup>th</sup> had 8 kids and three pilots.
- National Young Eagles day June 8<sup>th</sup>, we had 17 kids with two pilots.

Project Report:

- Jake Carmer rented a prop balancer for a week to do his RV-4
- Chuck Morris flew his Bearhawk to Jake Carmer's and balanced his prop.

Pilot Life:

- Gideon Hein did first flying lesson with Crosswinds Aviation.
- Tanmoy did the pilot life presentation with footage of Young Eagles day.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:14 p.m.