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This Month's Membership Meeting

May 11, 2023
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

Genesee County Sheriff's Office
GHOST – Putting a stop to
human trafficking, especially
at local airports.

PLEASE join us as this will be VERY
informational and interesting!

2023 Board Members and Officers

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President's Corner

Flying Season is here!!!!!!

The weather has finally turned warmer and hopefully will stay this time. This last weekend we flew up to Midland for EAA 1093 Dawn Patrol and the first one of the season. We ran into a number of chapter members up there and could tell just how excited everyone was for this event and the weather couldn't have been any better. And yes, Sandie and I flew up there, for those that haven't heard the RV4 is back in the air and performing amazing. I look forward to attending many more aviation events this year and meeting up with as many of you as possible at all of them. Don't forget this year is the return of the Flint Air Show at Bishop airport. Last I heard they are still looking for volunteers and that gets you free admission but be sure to check their website for details and info on that.

Of course, with Midland's kick off to the dawn patrol season means ours isn't too far off either and while it is a lot of work it is also a ton of fun with our aviation family and the more the merrier. This is the event that allows us to have such an amazing facility that enables so many of our members to build amazing aircraft. There is a beauty of an RV8 being painted in the booth right now and I couldn't be prouder of what our members accomplish in there. So, let's all pitch in and make it the huge success it always is.

This month's presentation is one of the most important we have ever had and could truly save someone's life. I urge all of you to come out and bring your loved ones and let's all learn ways we can help protect ourselves and each other in these crazy times where human trafficking is at record levels. I have only heard bits, but I can tell you I was shocked to hear how small airports like ours are used in human trafficking rings and how it has happened here in Michigan. These Men and Women of the Genesee County Sheriff's office GHOST program put it all on the line for us every day so let's show them our support and learn what we can do to help.

As always, we will be having our social hour cookout from 6-7 before the meeting. Feel free to bring a snack or dish to pass or throw a donation in the bucket, which every penny above the cost of food goes to the Zerbe Education Fund. I can't wait to hang out and swap stories with all of you on Thursday.

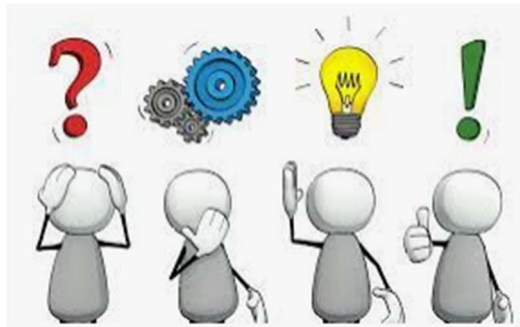
Fly Safe
Jake Carmer

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.



Rain or Shine!

Fly In - Drive In

7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

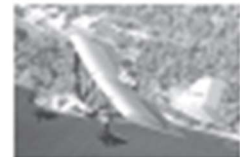
A small helicopter is parked on a grassy field. The helicopter is light-colored with a dark rotor hub. It is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page. The background shows a building and some trees.

Returning this year!! Classic Car Show

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- Helicopters
- General Aviation Display
- FREE Kids Activities provided by Flushing Farms
- Helicopter Rides provided by MiFLIGHT

Eggs
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Drive-In Info

Park

2-4 Miles

Flashing Rd

Exit 12

Flashing Rd

0.4 Miles

0

43° 03.47' N, 083° 40.28' W

PNT VOR (110.0) Freq: 340° 1.6 NM

Park Approach 118.0 Cañon Unicom 122.8

Survey: 09/07 03/08/02

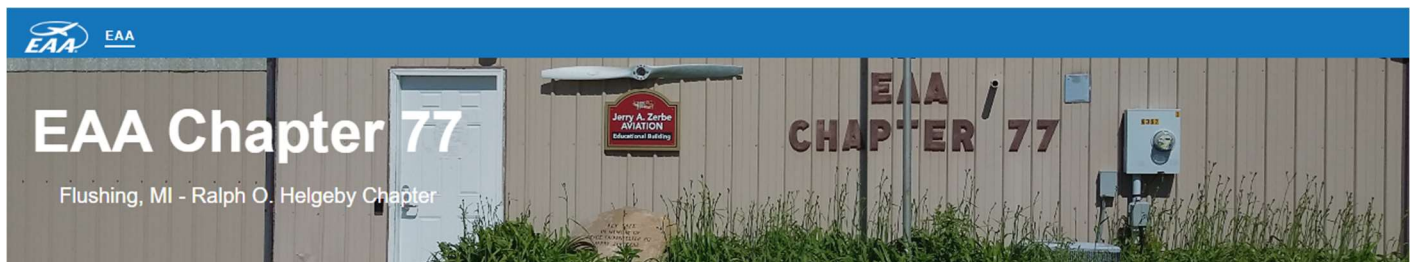


EAA77 Website Editor Needed – And A Heartfelt Thank You!

For many years, Skip Coucke has been our chapter's webpage editor. He has done a great job trying to keep it up to date, which isn't always easy to do! He helped us transition through format and hosting platform changes, and he has always been a staple on the Board of Directors in this role.

He has decided he is retiring from this position. He will be greatly missed as a Board member but hope to still see him at our chapter meetings and other gatherings often!

We are now looking for someone to take his place keeping our chapter's website updated. If you have website experience and an interest in getting more involved with our wonderful chapter, please reach out to Jake Carmer, Chapter President, at EAA77President@gmail.com.



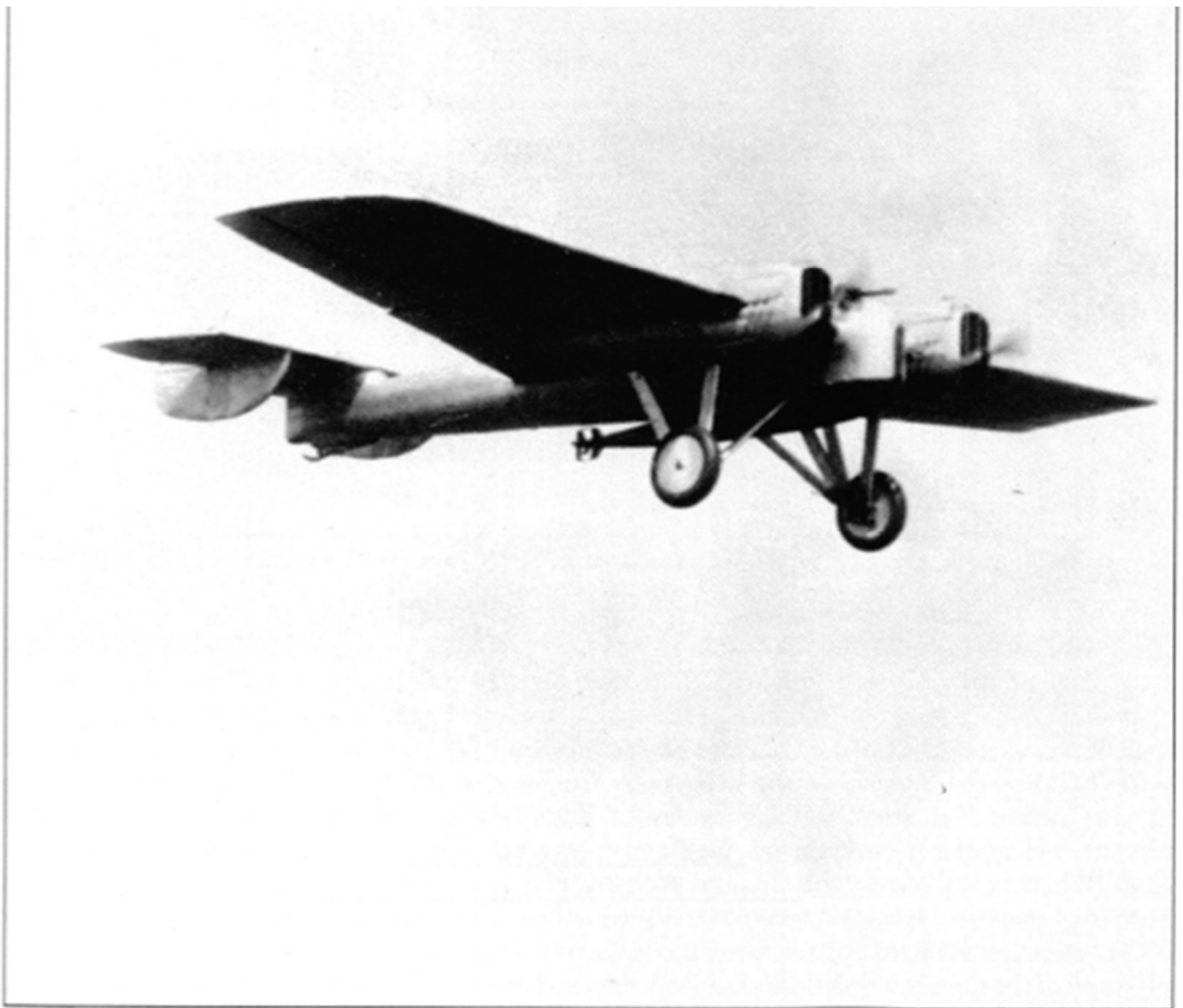
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Welcome To Our Website



Our chapter is part of the worldwide network of Experimental Aircraft Association Chapters. The EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 170,000 plus members enjoy the fun and

Did You Know...



Based on Bill Stout's success in designing airplanes with thick, cantilever wings capable of carrying heavy loads, the U.S. Navy awarded Stout a contract to build three all-metal, twin-engine, Torpedo Bombers for \$50,000 each. Stout hired George Prudden as chief engineer, and over a two-year period, they designed and built this Stout ST-1 in a shop on Beaubien Street in Detroit. The wing span was 60 feet, and it was powered by two 400-horsepower Packard engines. First flight was made by Eddie Stinson at Selfridge Field in Mount Clemens in April 1922. Later, at the official acceptance ceremony, the ST-1 was flown by a U.S. Marine Corps pilot who stalled the airplane while attempting to land. The pilot survived, but the ST-1 was a total loss, and the U.S. Navy canceled the remainder of Stout's contract.

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!!


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!!

#thePilotLife

This new section is for you to share photos, captions, and flying stories.

Email to 

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

SANDIE & JAKE

Jake doing his thing at the Owosso Easter Egg hunt



A visit in their backyard from The Great Michigan Bush Company (Scooter Stinson)



Dawn Patrol at Midland Barstow and met up with fellow members, John Sharpe, Mike Goulet, Sonny Webster and Ron Bader and Suzie. And John von Linsowe was leaving as they were arriving.



Michigan UltraLight Association

Spring cleanup at 51G Alkay Airport

Join the Fly-in next Saturday (May 13) for a fun filled aviation day





TANMOY

*Visited Holland, MI for the Tulip Time Fly-in at KBIV.
100+ attendees, pancakes, tulips.....and rain!!!*

Got my "passengers-can-sleep" endorsement!



*This was my first time taking up the challenge to dodge around
some mild weather but got rewarded with a rainbow while
landing at Owosso!*



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

May

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

(Presentation: GHOST [Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team] & Airports Presentation – Sgt Victoria Dallas, Genesee County Sheriff's Office)

June

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm

7 – Parade

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

(Presentation: 1) Alkay Changes and Activities – Doug Smith
2) Dawn Patrol Prep – Jeff Spinney & Sandy Matthews)

3 – Airport Clean Up Day, 9am (Rain day, 6/4)

10 – Dawn Patrol Setup Day, 9am, with potluck at noon

11 – Dawn Patrol

24 & 25 – Bishop Airport Airshow

July

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)

August

3 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: TBD)

12 & 13 – Chesaning STOL Competition (Young Eagles Day morning of 8/12)

25-27 – Owosso Pilot Rodeo (Young Eagles Day morning of 8/26)

September

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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)

November

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

December

2 – Banquet

EAA Chapter 77 Activities May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7pm – Board Mtg	5	6 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
7 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	8	9	10	11 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (GHOST)	12	13 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
14 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	15	16	17	18	19	20 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
21 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	22	23	24	25	26	27 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
28 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm – Board Mtg	2	3 9am - Airport Cleanup Day Varies – Occasional dinner flyout
4 9am – (Rain Day Airport Cleanup Day) Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	5	6	7	8 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Alkay Updates & Dawn Patrol Prep)	9	10 9am – Dawn Patrol Setup Day 12pm – Potluck Varies – Occasional dinner flyout
11 7am-11:30am – DAWN PATROL Varies – Occasional dinner flyout	12	13	14	15	16	17 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
18 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	19	20	21	22	23	24 Flint Airshow 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.



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/>



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
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Date: 1 / 1 Member Number: 1 CSM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____

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Online Report (Subscription Number) Yes No
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Interested in volunteering?
Young Man / Woman / Other _____
Address _____
Other _____

Additional Information: _____

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023

No minutes received by Newsletter Editor at time of publication.