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This Month’s Membership Meeting

August 8, 2024
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

**** Bill Darnell – Oshkosh &
 Winning Ultralight Award ****

PLEASE join us!

**Hamburgers during social hour! Feel free
 to bring a dish to pass!**

2024 Board Members and Officers

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| President: | Jake Carmer | 810-919-0121 | Tech Counselors: | Tom Carr | 805-714-0807 |
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| | | | Website Editor: | Tanmoy Ganguly | 248-877-8390 |

President's Corner

OSHKOSH ROCKED!!!!

For those that were there, you already know, and for those of you that weren't you were truly missed, especially when we gathered for a chapter photo at the Blue Barn. Also, for those that couldn't make it, those that did are obviously excited to share our stories of fun and fellowship we had over there. It is always great to spend time with all of you there at our aviation happy place. This was Sandie's first year volunteering as she got there several days early and helped set up the Bell 47 ride area while I was off playing around with a group of other RVers spending lots of time in formation or looking at the world upside down. Make sure to come out this week to share in these awesome stories and the joy of all things aviation. Also, Sandie and I took some classes in Oshkosh on a variety of subjects and hope to pass some of what we learned on to all of you.

Also, at this month's meeting we have Bill Darnell talking about the award he won at Oshkosh for his fully restored Ultralight. To win an award like this on aviation's biggest stage is a huge accomplishment and he deserves all of us there to congratulate him. Speaking of MULA, they have their annual awesome fly-in at Purdy field this weekend. Make sure to check out the flyer here in the newsletter. This is always a great time with lots of fun activities and great food so be sure to check it out and let's all show them our support.

Next up is towards the end of the month. Owosso is having their annual airport weekend camping, and Chesaning is hosting the Great Lakes STOL contest. As you can see, summer flying is in full swing here in our great state and I look forward to taking advantage of as much of it as possible. We also hope to do some more Young Eagles while the weather is nice but haven't set any dates yet. Of course, for me it's just another excuse to fly and share my love of aviation so I am definitely excited!!!

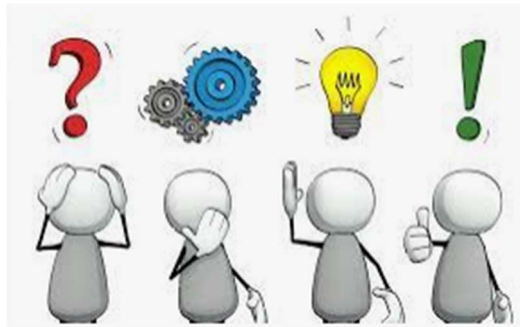
Let's Go Flying!!!!
Jake Carmer

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.



Airventure Stats – Record Setting Year!

(Courtesy of <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/stats>)



Attendance

Approximately 686,000 – Highest total on record! (Previous: 677,000 - 2023).

“We had record-setting totals of campers, exhibitors, volunteers, and more. It was also a challenging year at times with weather, logistics, and other factors, which makes me even more proud of the efforts by our volunteers and staff to organize an outstanding event.”

Total Aircraft

More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 16,780 aircraft operations in the 11-day period from July 18-28, which is an average of approximately 113 takeoffs/landings per hour when the airport is open.

Total Showplanes

2,846 including: 1,200 vintage aircraft, 975 homebuilt aircraft, 337 warbirds, 154 ultralights and light planes, 82, aerobatic aircraft, 65 seaplanes and amphibians, 52 aerobatic aircraft, 23 rotorcraft, and 10 balloons.

Camping

More than 15,000 sites in aircraft and drive-in camping accounted for more than 40,000 visitors.

Volunteers

Nearly 6,000 contributing in excess of 250,000 hours.

Commercial exhibitors

861 (record number).

Forums, Workshops, and Presentations

More than 1,600 sessions hosted during the week at 65 venues.

Social Media, Internet and Mobile

More than 23.9 million people were reached by EAA's social media channels during AirVenture, with engagement of 3.7 million; Total social media video views: 17 million (up 149 percent over 2023); Nearly 45,000 social media followers gained; More than 142,000 hours of viewing EAA video clips online also occurred during the event.

International guests

A total of 2,581 attendees registering at the International Visitors Tent from a record-setting 98 countries outside the U.S., a 9 percent increase over 2023. As a significant number of international visitors do not officially register at the tent when they arrive, the actual international visitor total is much higher.

The Gathering shines

The EAA Aviation Foundation's annual event to support its aviation education programs attracted more than 1,000 people and raised a record \$2.8 million dollars that will be focused on EAA's mission of growing participation in aviation.

Media

836 media representatives on-site, from six continents.

Economic impact*

\$170 million for the five counties in the Oshkosh region (Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Brown). * - based on 2017 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economic impact study

AirVenture 2025 Outlook

"We've already received plenty of ideas for next year and a little bit later this summer, we'll begin reviewing what might be possible for 2025. Our annual goal is to create a gathering of people and airplanes that is found nowhere else in the world, and continue to improve the experience for EAA members and visitors."

Did You Know...

Spitfire Ride

(Story courtesy of: <https://www.historynet.com/amazing-but-true-stories/>)



On February 14, 1945, Leading Aircraftwoman Margaret Horton, an RAF WAAF, was assigned a familiar job: sit on the horizontal stabilizer of a Spitfire to help hold the tail down while it taxied on a windy day. Unfortunately, nobody thought to tell the pilot, Flight Lt. Neill Cox, that she'd be jumping aboard. (Horton later admitted that "the squadron was run in a slap-happy way.") The normal drill was for the tail-sitter to grab the aircraft's elevator and waggle it before the pilot turned onto the runway, so he'd know she was hopping off. But this time Cox made a casual gesture out of the cockpit that Margaret took to mean "Hang on, don't go yet." Big mistake. As the Spitfire accelerated down the

runway, Horton had the good sense to quickly flop across the tail cone, where she was held in place by the vertical fin, her legs to the right and her torso to the left. Another WAAF who'd seen what was happening dashed off to tell a flight sergeant, who ran to the control tower. Cox was ordered to make a quick circuit and land, but wasn't told why. Between Horton's death grip on the elevator with her left hand plus the Spitfire's tail-heaviness, Cox had already figured that something was amiss, but he couldn't see as far aft as his airplane's empennage. Relieved to be back on the ground, Horton announced that after a change of panties and a cigarette, she'd be good to go back to work. She was later fined for losing her uniform beret during the short trip around the pattern.



MARGARET HORTON shows how she clung to "T for Trouble" during flight



(Photos courtesy of <https://x.com/sallyacb275/status/1235602285985705984> and <https://images.app.goo.gl/KuqTdqSDK6xvNztL8>)

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](#)
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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!!

ULTRALIGHT FLY-IN

AUGUST 10th

Purdy Field, at **Duffield United Methodist Church** - Gaines MI
INFORMATION: www.michiganultralight.org



PURDY FIELD
LOCATION: N42.55.28 W83.54.34
SE CORNER DUFFIELD & REID RD. - GAINES TWP.

FIELD INFORMATION

Location: 8 MI WSW
BISHOP AIRPORT ON 254°
RADIAL

RIGHT TRAFFIC 36
LEFT TRAFFIC 18
CTAF: 122.75

**BEWARE WIRES AT
NORTH END OF RUNWAY**

#thePilotLife

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

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

TANMOY GANGULY

RAF Work Party at North Fox Island (6Y3)

We had an excellent RAF work party at North Fox Island with over 20 airplanes and about 35-40 attendees.

The RAF kabobs were the feature of the night campfire and next morning we headed over to Michigan's latest gem of a grass airport – Hanley Field (5Y7) in Munising.



After you, sir! 😊

General Grant – the Orange Cub

Jack Gavin – Sorrell HiperBipe



OSHKOSH 2024

Pictures credits to Jake, Sandie, Tanmoy, John, Doug Isham, Rick Hayes, RAF blog



At the EAA blue barn with EAA77 banner: Justin von Linsowe, Tanmoy Ganguly, Jake Carmer, Sandie Carmer, Kerri Benson Isham, Taylor Isham, Sonny Webster, Doug Isham, John von Linsowe

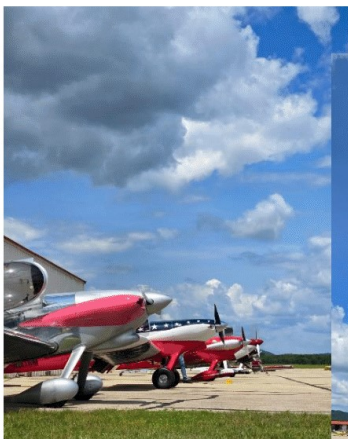


Avengers assemble!!!



*All the pre-Oshkosh shenanigans featuring the **Boscobel "RV-4" bash***

Organized by Justin and Devin



John made sure he's not breaking any rules! 😊



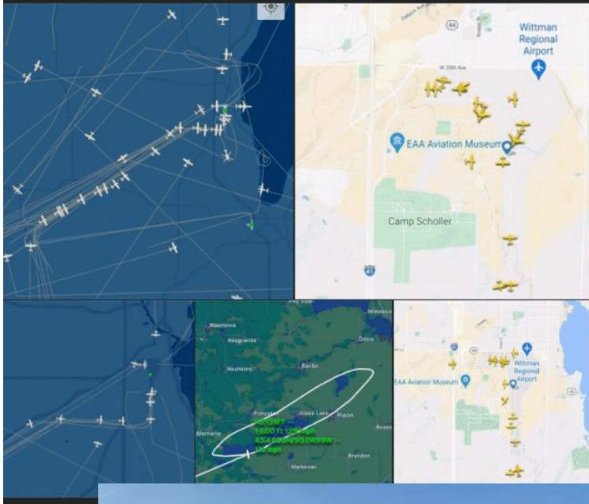
Balloon busting, spot landing, formation sorties and lots of friendly banter...



John Orme is 🙄 feeling meh.
 July 21 at 6:24PM · 🌐

Can you guess where all the cool kids are this week? While I'm stuck at work, I love reading the posts and seeing pictures from Airventure, even if I'm not there. Seeing [Jake Carmer](#) get kicked out of line and sent back did remind me of the class down being sent to office by an annoyed teacher. 🙄

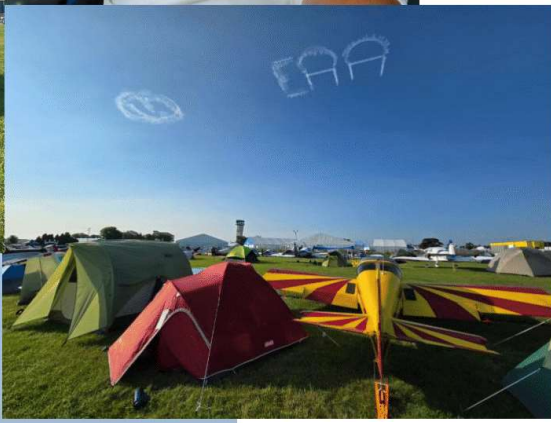
(Sorry, [Sandie Carmer](#). You guys are there and I'm not, so let me enjoy this one humorous moment. 🙄)



Jake doing the Jake Scenic Arrival 🙄

We arrived at Oshkosh as 20 RVs in trail with 3 four-ship formations leading the way for the rest of us.

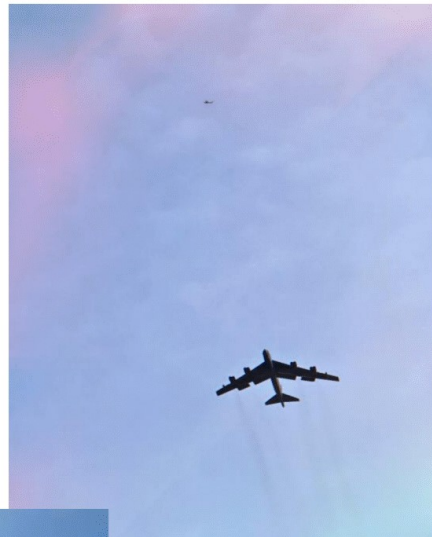
Fun and smooth arrival on an otherwise busy Sunday morning...



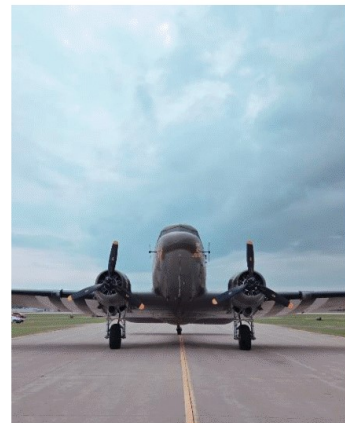


The Grove custom cookies!

Sandie got these made for all the RV crew. They tasted as good as they looked.



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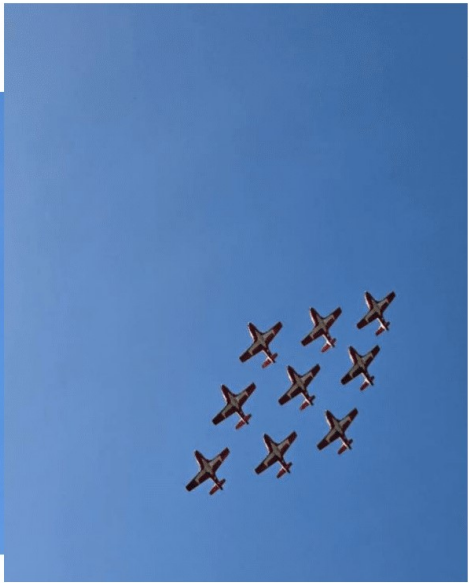


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AIRSHOWS





SPECIAL AIRSHOW featuring the Italian "Frece Tricolori"

Night airshow featured airplanes, drones and fireworks!



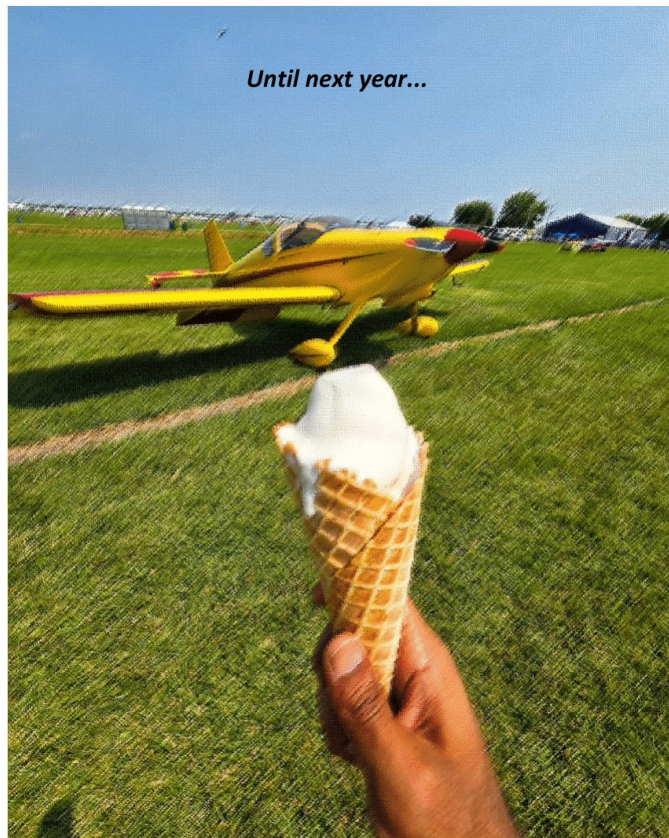


*Come for the planes,
Stay for the people!*





Bill Darnell's Quicksilver MX won an award under the Ultralight category. We're all cheering for him and MULA!



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

August

8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Bill Darnell – Oshkosh & Winning Ultralight Award)

September

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm
12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Denny Demeter – Airventure Ultralight Field – Behind the Scenes and Stories)

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 August 2024

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| 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

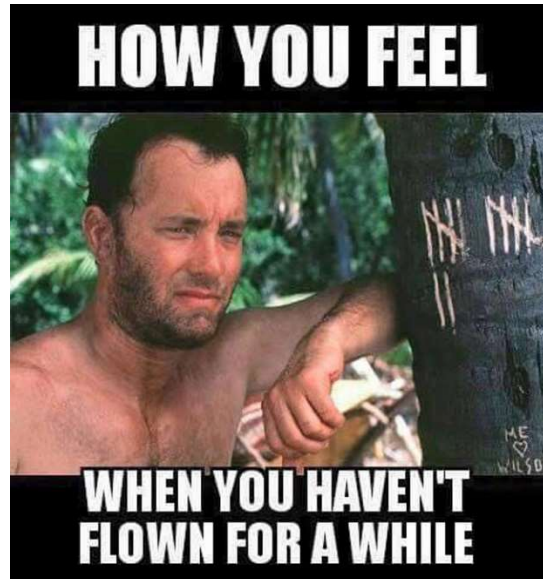
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Aviation Humor



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.



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!

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

EAA Chapter 77
EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY

When Treasurer Use Only

Date: / / Renewal Required: / / CM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

EAA77
EMERGENCY
DO NOT WRITE, SIGNATURE REQUIRED

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Online Account/Subscription Number? | Yes | No |
| Member Info Right (Not member)? | Yes | No |
| EAA77 Only Subscription? | | |

Interested in membership?

Young Boy: / Boy: / Girl: / Girl:

Other: _____

Additional Information: _____

2023/2024 EAA77 Membership Form (2/2023)

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Sam Brokaw
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- Brad Friend

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Tom Carr will be receiving a Fifty Year A & P Mechanics award.
- Tom Carr has confirmed Pat Ryan of the FAA will be the speaker for the December 7, 2024 EAA77 banquet.
- Dalton Airport Association is having a Board Meeting July 12, 2024 to address concerns about hanger usage.

Dawn Patrol:

- This is the final year for Sandy Matthews to handle the inside portion of Dawn Patrol. She has done 29 years of Dawn Patrol.
- Car show had 35 cars.
- 950 breakfasts served for a profit of just over \$4000.
- Volunteers working the 2025 Dawn Patrol will be entered into a raffle for a gift basket.
- Darrold Isham allowed a young man to sit on his lap and drive the hay wagon on the way into Dawn Patrol. At the end of the ride, the young man's grandfather showed Darrold a picture of Darrold letting the young man's FATHER drive the hay wagon many Dawn Patrols ago.

Project Report:

- Jake Carmer has his Bearhawk project back to his home hanger to resume working on it

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy did the pilot life presentation.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:03 p.m.