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This Month's Membership Meeting

March 13, 2024
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

TBD – Suggestions?

PLEASE join us!

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

2025 Board Members and Officers

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
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	Jim Palmari	810-875-4279		Jake Carmer	810-919-0121
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			Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

President's Corner

Spring is in the air,

I hope you all have been able to get out and enjoy this break in the weather like we have. We've been getting more work done in the hangar. I got to take advantage of Joe-Lee's in Owosso now being open on Mondays and flew over there for lunch followed by some aviation shenanigans in the RV4 afterwards. I even got to break out the motorcycle for a bit. Unfortunately, it is Michigan so we all know this is False Spring and we will probably still have some cold to deal with, but it is definitely motivating and exciting getting this tease of our summer to come.

With spring comes the start of many things around the airport. Sandie is gearing up to try and get several good young eagles events going this year so if you want to be a part of these fun great events, please reach out to her. She can always use more pilots or ground crew to keep everything running smoothly and man seeing the joy on those kids faces makes it so much fun and exciting to do these events.

It's also time to start getting ready for our annual Dawn Patrol. We've had a couple planning meetings, and our volunteers are already hard at work laying the ground work. To help lighten the workload later this summer we will be starting rolling silverware after this month's meeting to get ahead of the game. Speaking of this month's meeting, with the forecast to be near 60 it's time we get that grill outside and get some burgers going instead of hotdogs. It'll be nice to change it up!!!! So come on out for a great evening with friends and fellow aviation enthusiasts and let's share some great stories and have some fun and laughs.

See you all Thursday,

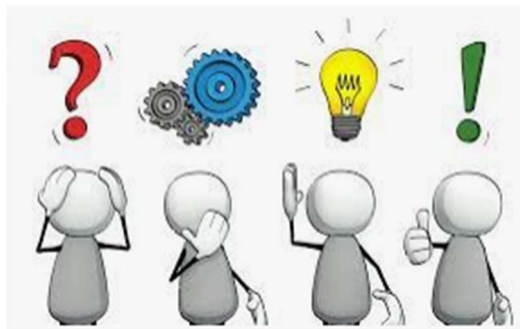
Jake Carmer

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.



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**Rain or
Shine!**

37th Annual Dawn Patrol Fly In - Drive In Pancake Breakfast



June 22, 2025
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

DALTON AIRPORT
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN

Free Attractions

Returning this year!! Classic Car Show
All Years, All Makes, All Models
9:00 AM - Noon / No Entry Fee
DJ Music by Jim Landon

- Vintage & Classic Aircraft
- War Birds
- Home Built / Experimental Planes
- Light Sport / Ultralight Aircraft



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

Breakfast



Adults: \$10.00 • Kids: 5-12 \$5.00 • Kids under 5 FREE

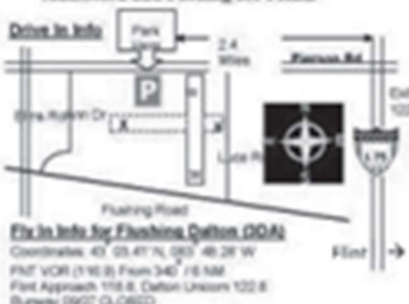


Pancakes
Sausage
Beverages

Eggs
Fruit



Admission and Parking are FREE



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FAA BRIEFING Safety

The FAA Safety Policy Voice of Non-commercial General Aviation

Unintentional Aerial Encounters Avoiding Costly Clashes with Wildlife



FAA Safety Briefing Magazine
Cleared for Takeoff

By James Williams, FAA Safety Briefing Magazine



“Always keep your eye on your opponent, and never let yourself be deceived by ruses.”
— The Dicta Boelcke, Oswald Boelcke, 1916

Surprises can be good when discussing a birthday party, but not when just hoping for a peaceful flight. The Dicta Boelcke cited above was a simple list of eight rules for air combat developed by Oswald Boelcke in the infancy of air combat. Boelcke, along with Max Immelmann, for whom the aerial maneuver is named, and others, formed the original cadre of fighter pilots with aircraft developed as fighters. The Dicta Boelcke which was distributed

around the nascent German Fighter Corps, served as one of the earliest tactical guides and influenced virtually every air combat manual up to today.

Our dealings with wildlife in general aviation (GA) are not inherently adversarial, but potential conflict exists. Oftentimes, pilots and birds find themselves occupying the very same airspace; it is an encounter where no one truly wins. Denying the enemy's use of the sky was the first purpose of fighter aircraft — to deny the sky to bomber aircraft. More importantly, reconnaissance aircraft helped the high commands aim artillery and plan offensives. Our ambitions as GA pilots aren't so grand, but the individual consequences of these unintentional wildlife conflicts can range from deadly, to simply inconvenient. So, what do we do about it?

In 2023, there were 19,367 strikes logged, with 701 classified as damaging strikes.

Click here to read more: <https://faasteam.medium.com/unintentional-aerial-encounters-1ed8ebec5b9c>

Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)



UPCOMING YOUNG EAGLE DAYS

May 17th, 8am-12pm - - Owosso

July 12th, 8am-12pm - - Flushing



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. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

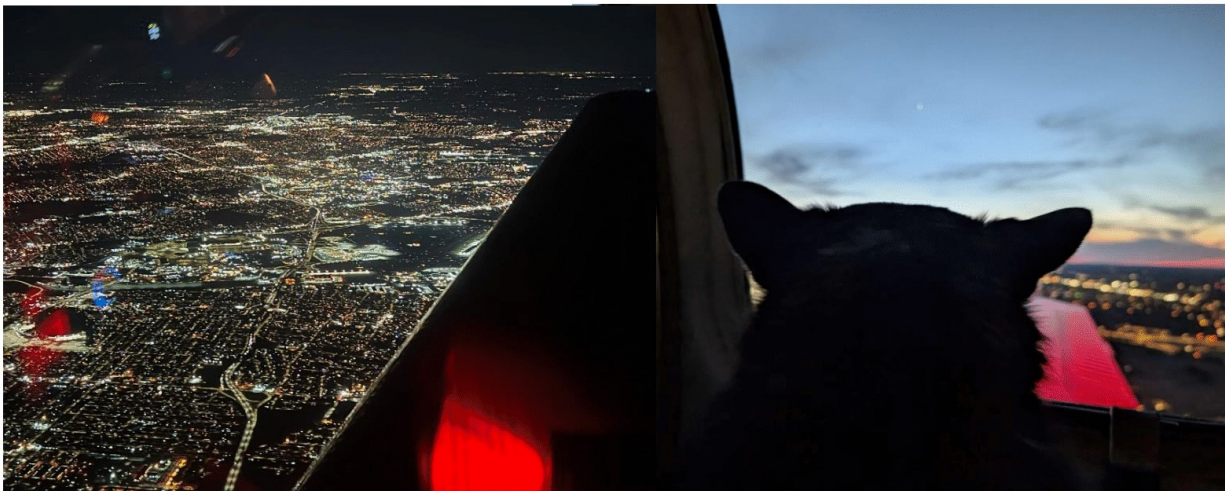
#thePilotLife

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

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

ISAAC FARIS

The pup's first flight



JAKE CARMER

Time for some Vitamin G!



TANMOY GANGULY

Ice bucket (list) challenge

Visited Alton Bay (B18) ice runway, New Hampshire. The only FAA ice-runway in the lower contiguous US.



Ignition failure



The return trip turned out to be quite an adventure. The P-Mag ignition failed in-flight and had to make a precautionary landing at a very remote airport with almost nothing around it.

Thankfully, we found some help and was able to troubleshoot and conclude that it was not fixable on field. Not a big deal in the experimental community – EMAGAIR shipped a loaner unit to me within 2 days and I was able to put it on and make my trip back home later that week.

A 2-day fun trip turned into a weeklong city life in NYC, can't complain I guess!!!



Joseph Resnick Airport (N89)
Quite a scenic airport to be stranded



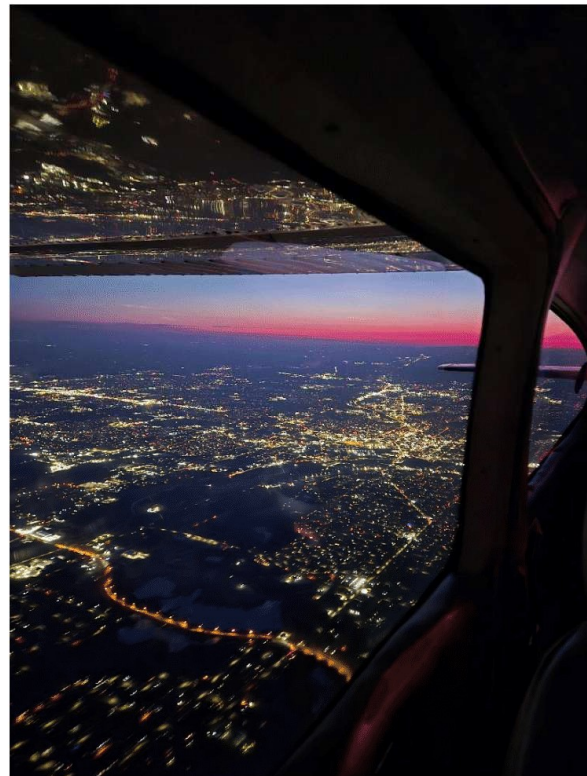
Installed the loaner ignition > test flew the plane and then made my way back to Michigan from NY in 2 days dodging from snow, low ceilings, 30+ knot winds and some FBO fees!!!



*Back home..... Phewwwh!!!
I guess I have a story to tell 😊*



Pop up VFR flight to South Haven
😓



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 – 2025

(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!*



March

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

April

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

May

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

June

- 5 – Board Meeting; 7pm
- 12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Dawn Patrol Prep)
- TBD – Airport Clean-up Day
- 18 – Parade
- 21 – Set-up Day & Fruit Cutting
- 22 – Dawn Patrol & Clean up

July

- 3 – Board Meeting; 7pm
- 10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)

August

- 7 – Board Meeting; 7pm
- 14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** TBD)

September

- 4 – Board Meeting; 7pm
- 11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** TBD)

October

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

November

- 6 – Board Meeting; 7pm
- 13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** TBD)

December

- 6 – Banquet (**Presentation:** TBD)

EAA Chapter 77 Activities March 2025

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

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 April 2025

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

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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

EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

2025 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

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report: - accepted

- 71 paid members at this time

Guests and New Members:

- Peyton Monts

Old Business:

- Jim Plourde wasn't at the banquet, so Jake presented him with the Howard Warren award for 40 years of dedicated service and hard work for the Chapter.

Presentation:

- Peyton Monts, air traffic controller, training instructor, pilot and ground instructor and union president did a presentation on his own time. Ten air traffic controllers employed at Bishop. Five staff minimum per shift. Tower is open 5:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Airport newsletter started for Bishop Airport.
- FAA pay scale for controllers listed at 123ATC.com.
- Safe orderly

New Business:

- Discussion with membership about buying six person golf carts. Plowman's will no longer supply them. Unable to find reasonably prices six person carts from any other supplier last year. Plowman's has offered to sell one used six person maintained cart for \$4500 or two for \$8000. Jeff Spinney check with Bishop rental car companies for a dual side door minivan for 24 hours. Rental was \$150.00 with insurance from Avis for one day. Membership felt van wasn't as easily accessible to handicapped patrons.
- Motion to buy one used six person golf cart for \$4500 made by Doug Isham.
- Seconded: Jeff Spinney
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Dawn Patrol:

- Fliers were passed out at Chrome & Ice

- Price will be same as last year. \$10 per adult.

Project Report: none

Pilot Life:

- Gideon Hein got his drone license.
- Tanmoy Ganguly showed his year in flight. Spectacular as always.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 9:05 p.m.