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This Month's Membership Meeting

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

Presentation

TBD – Come Find out! 😊

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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Past President:	Unfilled			Sandy Matthews	810-659-3501
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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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Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Tanmoy Ganguly	248-877-8390

President's Corner

Off and running!!!!

What a great start we have had to 2024!!! Many of our members have truly kicked this year off right and I am very excited. Probably the biggest news is 2 of our newest and younger members have both bought their own aircraft. Isaac Farris got himself a Citabria and Tanmoy Ganguly joined the RV gang with a beautiful RV6. Make sure to come out to the meeting this week and hopefully they will both be there to share their stories of becoming aircraft owners and for us all to shake their hands and congratulate them on these beautiful birds. I have had the honor of seeing both of them in person and to say the new owners are excited is an understatement. I look forward to many hours of flying places with both of them this summer and getting even bigger group flyouts going this year!!!!

Although we have had very few good days to fly recently, this Sunday was exceptional. We flew to our favorite breakfast joint which everyone knows is Joe-Lees over in Owosso where we got to hang out with Mike Goulet, John von Linsowe, and Dwayne and Sue Trovillion. It was an awesome time and before leaving, Dick Knoll showed up and we got to visit with him for a few minutes. It's these kind of meet ups with great people like this that really adds to the joy our aviation community brings to us. After this we decided to make sure we got the oil temps up and add a bit more time in the log book so we headed up to Clare to top off the tanks, flew across the Bay to see how little ice was out there, and then we flew over where my grandfather is laid to rest and said Hi in the way he would like best, with a couple of aileron rolls overhead. After this, we flew by our house and inspected the runway from the air before returning back to Flint with a nice 1.6 hours on the tach. Man, it felt good to be in the air and look forward to doing a lot more of it this summer.

We do have some fun stuff coming up in the near future for everyone to keep in mind. The biggest is we are having our first Young Eagles event of the year and first here at Dalton in quite a while. This will be on March 23 (rain day of March 24). This one will be a private event for a local homeschooling group. We have had this group out a couple times before and now they have new kids in the group and kids that were too young before and would like to come back out for another event. We do things a little different with this group as we do the flights in the morning as always, but then break for lunch. The kids bring out a sack lunch and we have cooked dogs or ordered pizza in the past for our crew. Then we

reconvene and do a panel discussion for the youth and give them chances to ask questions. As always, we need all the help we can get, both with pilots and with ground crew. Even if you're not flying, make sure to come out and share your aviation stories with these kids. There is no feeling like seeing that spark ignite in a child and knowing that you are doing a little something to inspire the next generation of aviators.

I look forward to seeing many friendly faces Thursday and excited to hear some good stories.

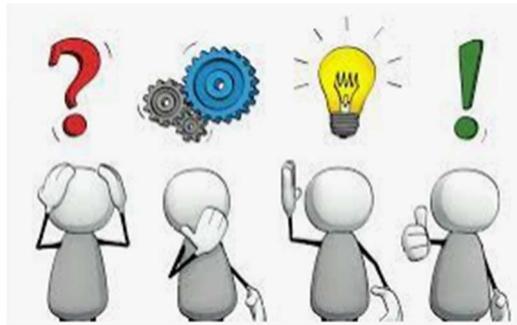
Jake Carmer

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.



Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

First Young Eagles Day is scheduled for 2024! On March 23rd (March 24 rain day), we are flying for the local home school group!! This is the event where we fly in the morning, break for lunch, then have a panel discussion for the youth and their families. This is the third time we will be holding this event for this group! It's so much fun! Hope you will join us!

Just a reminder, since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles each 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](#))

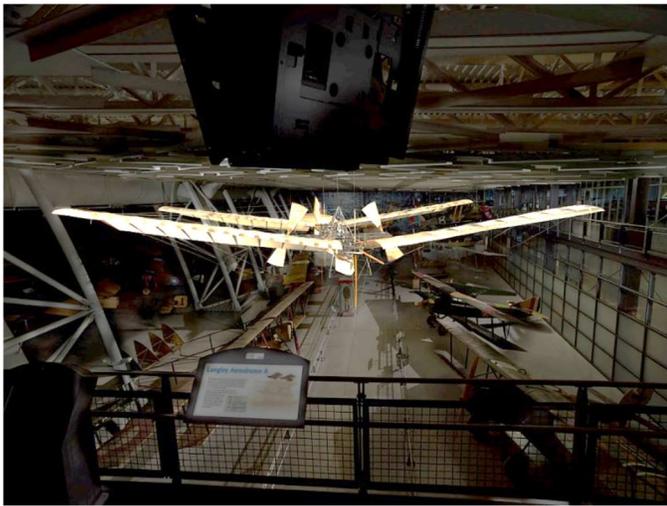
- 1) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future 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.
- 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!

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!!

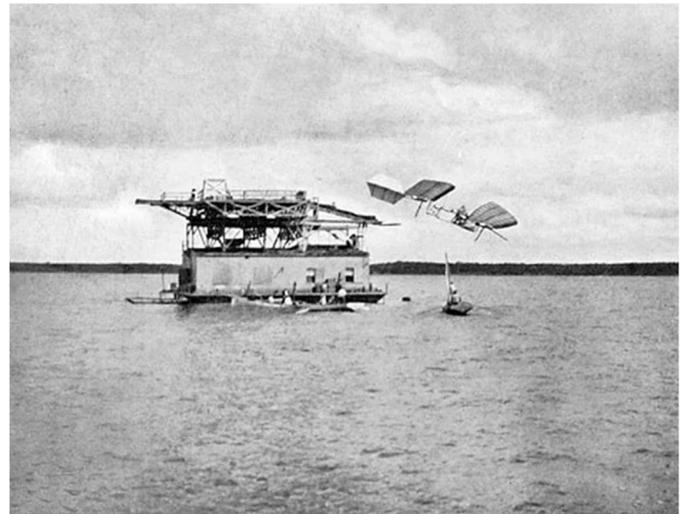
Did You Know...



Samuel Langley's successful flights of his model Aerodromes Number 5 and Number 6 in 1896 led to plans to build a full-sized, human-carrying airplane. Langley's simple approach was merely to scale up the unpiloted Aerodromes to human-carrying proportions. This would prove to be a grave error, as the aerodynamics, structural design, and control system of the smaller aircraft were not adaptable to a full-sized version. Langley's primary focus was the power plant. The completed engine, a water-cooled five-cylinder radial that generated a remarkable 52.4 horsepower, was a great achievement for the time.

Despite the excellent engine, the Aerodrome A, as it was called, met with disastrous results, crashing on takeoff on October 7, 1903, and again on December 8. Langley blamed the launch mechanism. While this was in some small measure true, there is no denying that Aerodrome A was an overly complex, structurally weak, aerodynamically unsound aircraft. This second crash ended Langley's aeronautical work entirely.

The unsuccessful launch of Samuel Pierpont Langley's full-sized manned aerodrome from a houseboat on the Potomac River, Oct. 7, 1903. The pilot, Charles Matthews Manly, is just visible behind the forward pair of wings.



First picture and text credit: https://airandspace.si.edu/collection-objects/langley-aerodrome/nasm_A19180001000#:~:text=The%20completed%20engine%2C%20a%20water,and%20again%20on%20December%208.

Second picture and last paragraph: <https://www.britannica.com/technology/history-of-flight/The-generation-and-application-of-power-the-problem-of-propulsion>

It's not too late to RSVP for this event! Do so ASAP! It's a lot of fun! (Deadline to do so has been extended.)

MULA's Annual Dinner Party

Saturday February 10th



5:00pm

**Liberty Family
Dining - Flushing**
Pay for your own meals

**6277 W Pierson Road
Flushing, Michigan
48433
Next to Dalton Airport**

All Welcome members and non-members **Please RSVP to by February 3rd aviators12@aol.com**

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!!



Join us on **Tuesday, February 20**, through **Thursday, February 22**, for an educational online event, EAA Virtual Ultralight Days. Subject matter experts of the ultralight community will present webinars on the lighter side of recreational aviation including how to get started in ultralights.

All live webinars are **free of charge** to everyone interested in ultralight aviation, with the live sessions featuring a Q&A segment. On-demand recordings of the presentations will be available to EAA members.

Click here for the list of available events: <https://www.eaa.org/eaaviation-interests/ultralights/virtual-ultralight-days>

There are five amazing sessions each day!

On February 21st, 2:30pm, our chapter should all login and support! Our very own John von Linsowe, Scott Skalski and Rick Hayes will be presenting “Flying Clubs and Ultralight Flight Instruction”. The detailed description reads:

Flying clubs are a great way to make flying more affordable and flight training accessible. The Michigan Ultralight Association (MULA) flying club has a M-Squared training aircraft and Quicksilver for club members to use. Chief flight instructor John von Linsowe and club members Scott Skalski and Rick Hayes share their club and ultralight flight training experiences. They'll also discuss Project First Flight Educational Program LLC, a towed glider called the SnapDragon aimed to expose young people to a flight experience of their own pilotage.

Let's be sure to check it out and support our fellow EAA77 members!

Service Award Presentations

Since the Service Awards hadn't arrived in time for the EAA77 banquet in December, we awarded them at last month's membership meeting. This was for our 2023 Board Members, as well as a couple other honors.

First honored was Tim LeClair as Vice President and Lorna Hunter as Secretary.



Then was Eric LaForest as Treasurer and Sandie Carmer as Newsletter Editor and Young Eagles Coordinator.



The final service award presented in person was to Jake Carmer as President.



At the banquet, Tanmoy Ganguly received the 2023 Chapter MVP award, as a placeholder certificate. This evening, he received the official certificate and coresponding pin.



The final award presented was one of a few to be delivered personally a later date. It's to thank those who helped as ground crew at a Young Eagle event in 2023. Thank you Eric LaForest, and others, who have stepped up to help make them fun and safe!



#thePilotLife

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

Email to FAA77Newsletter@gmail.com or tanny.gang@gmail.com

EAA77 AT JOE LEE'S

The familiar picture at Joe Lee's



L to R: Jake, John, Mike Dwayne, Susan, Sandie

ISAAC FARIS

First flight in the Citabria



JUSTIN V LINSOWE

Full Throttle Formation Team, flying over the Daytona race track



CARMERS

Back to flying!



L to R: Sandie, THE SUN!!!



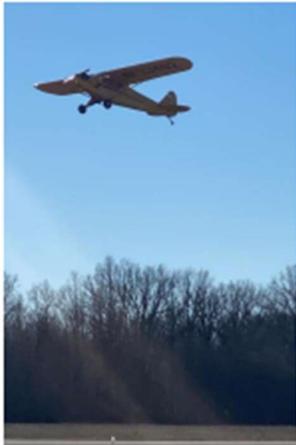
JOHN V LINSOWE

Spending some time in flying weather



TAYLOR ISHAM

Cubbin around



LITTLE NICK

If you thought Taylor is our youngest aviator of the month, Little Nick is at it too! 😊



Tanmoy Ganguly

Newsletter Editor Addition

A couple weeks ago, Tanmoy became the official owner of this beautiful aircraft, an RV6! Due to weather, he was unable get it home from Indiana until the previous owner flew it here to Bishop Airport for him! Doesn't he look happy?!



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

February

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

March

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation: General Grant, Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF), Fly the Michigan Backcountry with us!**)

23 – Young Eagles Day: Home School Group, 8am flying; Panel Discussion, Time TBD (rain day, 24)

April

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation: TBD**)

May

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation: TBD**)

June

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation: Dawn Patrol Prep**)

TBD – Airport Clean-up Day

19 – Parade

22 – Set-up Day

23 – Dawn Patrol & Clean up

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 February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm – Board Mtg	2	3 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
4 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	5	6	7	8 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	9	10 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
11 Varies – Occasional breakfast or 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 Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
25 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	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

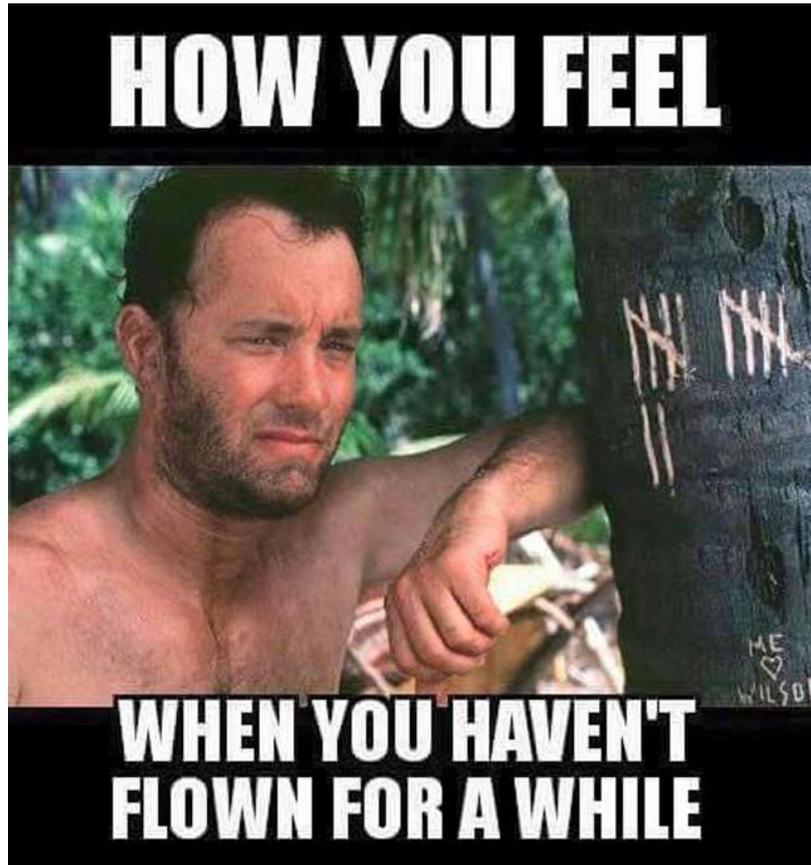
EAA Chapter 77 Activities March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
3 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	4	5	6	7 7pm – Board Mtg	8	9 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
10 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	11	12	13	14 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (General Grant, RAF)	15	16 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
17 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	18	19	20	21	22	23 Young Eagles Day, 8am
24 Rain Day – YE Day Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	25	26	27	28	29	30 Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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TaylorCraft Build Dates: Contact Doug Isham for dates and details – 810-820-0765

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 INFORMATION

When Treasurer Use Only

Date: / / Renewal Received: / / CM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

EAA77
EMERGENCY
IN EMERGENCY, MEMBERSHIP IS NOT VALID

Online EAA77 Association Member? Yes No

Partner Info (Not member?) Yes No

EAA77 (Not a Subscriber?) Yes No

Interested in membership?

Young Boy / Boy / Girl / Grandchild

Spouse

Other

Additional Information: _____

2023 EAA77 Membership Form (2/20/23)

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024

Meeting started at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept November meeting minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Marvin Emmins
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members:

- None

Old Business:

- Holiday banquet was a success.

New Business:

- Red Bird Simulator has a logbook and lockbox to place funds for using simulator. Contact instructors John von Linsowe, Mike Marvin and J.D. Skinner for access.
- Dawn Patrol will be June 23, 2024, one week later than normal to correspond to later Flushing Summerfest.
- Renting two six person golf carts. Requesting any members that are willing to loan their four person cart contact Jeff Spinney.
- EAA Services awards arrived for 2023 Board Members and Officers. Special mention to Skip Coucke for his years of service. Sandie Carmer had awards for Young Eagles ground crew.

Young Eagles:

- Home School group in the spring, Fraternal Order of the Eagles would like us to do one at Owosso Airport. Jo Lee's would like to do one in Owosso.
- Sandie would like to do two if not three local events, none planned at moment.

Project Report:

- Ron Brown building a KR2.
- Dave Wojciechowski is building a Van's RV-10. Awaiting parts from Van's. Has to redo the tail feathers because the laser cut holes are causing cracks when riveted.
- Kevin Curtis welded larger door frame in his Piper Super Cruiser.
- Jake Carmer taking Bearhawk project to home hanger.

Pilot Life:

- Tanmoy did his first RV flight with John von Linsowe.

Jake Carmer adjourned meeting at 8:06 p.m.