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This Month's Membership Meeting

July 13, 2023
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

Oshkosh Hype!!

*Are you attending Oshkosh? Please
join us at the meeting! If you're not
attending Oshkosh, come celebrate
the fun anyway!*

PLEASE join us!

2023 Board Members and Officers

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President's Corner

Summertime fun,

It is summer and flying season is in full swing. I once again have to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who made our dawn patrol a success. Even though mother nature didn't play nice and only 1 plane was able to fly in the local community came out and showed a strong support as they always do. We served 900 breakfasts along with a lot of smiles. as always it was a ton of work over a couple of days but was also a lot of fun and laughs. For those that weren't able to volunteer I highly encourage you to next year as this one event is what allows us to have such an amazing facility with such low dues.

Next up is this small event over in Wisconsin that a few of us are attending. I know Sandie and I are so excited we can hardly wait. We plan to be there all week so if you make it over, come find us in homebuilt camping, the RV4 should be easy to find with its Blues Nose. Make sure to come on out to this month's meeting as Oshkosh Hype will be the primary topic. Whether you plan to go, have been before, plan to in the future or just want to live vicariously through those of us that are going and live for this amazing event. if you're going there are several of us looking to do a chat group of some sort for meeting up and keeping in touch while out there.

As many of you know Sandie and I have started construction of our hangar at home so have unfortunately not done nearly as much flying as we would have liked recently but the RV4 is ready to rock and roll with a fresh annual and ready to stretch her wings in the skies over Wisconsin.

Remember to come to the meeting early as the grill will be loaded with hotdogs at 6pm and we will all be talking all things aviation and having a blast as always. I look forward to seeing you all this week.

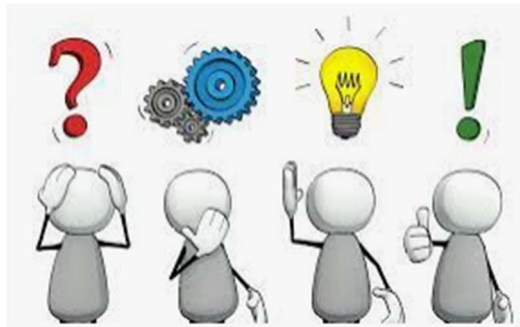
Jake

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.



Oshkosh Airventure!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer)

If you have never been to Airventure in Oshkosh, WI, or never even heard of it, let me enlighten you. 😊 (If you have been to Airventure... bare with me! 😊) It is always the last week of July, July 24-July 27, 2023. Yes, a **WHOLE WEEK!** A week of airshows, aviation-related forums and workshops, shop for trinkets and aircraft-related items at 800+ exhibitors, see aircraft from all eras on the ground and in the air, camaraderie with friends and friends you just haven't met yet from around the world, and things to do for the whole family! It really is an "aviation family reunion"! We hope you can come join us this year!!

Camp with your plane or in Camp Scholler or find other accommodations. We, of course, camp next to our plane and love it! Where else can you camp and have either hot air balloons or a Chinook and control tower as the backdrop of your 'home away from home' photos??



We always start out our trip with the traditional picture at the arch, and the customary root beer float! While enjoying the skywriter plane writing EAA and smiley faces in the sky.



There are daytime airshows, EVERY DAY! As Jake puts it, it's the only place where unique aircraft can fly overhead and, by the 3rd day, you don't stop what you are doing to look up at it because you've already seen it a bunch of times! LOL



And there are nighttime airshows on Wednesday and Saturday nights, with fireworks at the end of them. They put any 4th of July fireworks to shame!! You've got to see them to believe it! (I'm not going to tell you about the usual grand finale!! You've just got to come see for yourself! LOL)



You will see a lot of unique aircraft while on the grounds. Whether in the air or on the ground. It's a great time to take pictures and even talk to the owners, if they are available to talk!



You can get hands-on experience at Airventure! You can ride in the Bell 47 helicopters (and, if you're lucky, you might even get Jeff Spinney as your pilot)! You can also ride the Ford Tri-Motor, B-25 Mitchell or the B-17 Yankee Lady. All of these are for an additional cost, of course.



You will see and spend time with new and old friends. This can be friends from our EAA77 chapter, friends from other chapters, or brand new friends that are from any of the 92 countries that attend each year! This makes it like a family reunion each year! 😊



You can attend forums and workshops, and there are a LOT to choose from! Everything from running a chapter, to buying or building your own plane, to Young Eagles, to back country flying, to... well, if aviation related, they likely have it!



If you want to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the main Airventure grounds, you can go checkout the EAA museum or the Seaplane Base. The Seaplane Base is like a whole other world there. It's really quiet and relaxing there. I nice getaway for a day.



There is sooooo much more to talk about, but the last thing I want to mention is the ultralight field! It is a place to find STOL competitions, powered parachutes, RC flying... all kinds of fun stuff! And one of their main announcers is none other than our own Denny Demeter!! (The gentleman in the one picture is the guy from Airplane Repo! LOL)



Did You Know...



The U.S. Post Office introduced air mail service in 1919 using modified war-surplus DH-4M Liberty Planes. Trying to maintain a schedule with obsolete, open-cockpit biplanes was difficult and dangerous. Bill Stout believed that he could design a more efficient airplane using the same 400-horsepower Liberty engine that powered the DH-4M mail planes. Thus was born the eight-place, all-metal, Stout 2-AT Air Pullman, built in Stout's shop in Detroit. The airplane was an enlarged version of the *Air Sedan* with corrugated skin and cantilever wings. The prototype, named *Maiden Detroit*, was first flown by Walter Lees at Selfridge Field in Mount Clemens in April 1924. As an example of the casual approach to test flying in those early days of aviation, after a second test flight, Stout, his wife, and two friends, climbed aboard the 2-AT and went for a sightseeing flight over the city of Detroit.

Summerfest Parade - EAA77

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer)

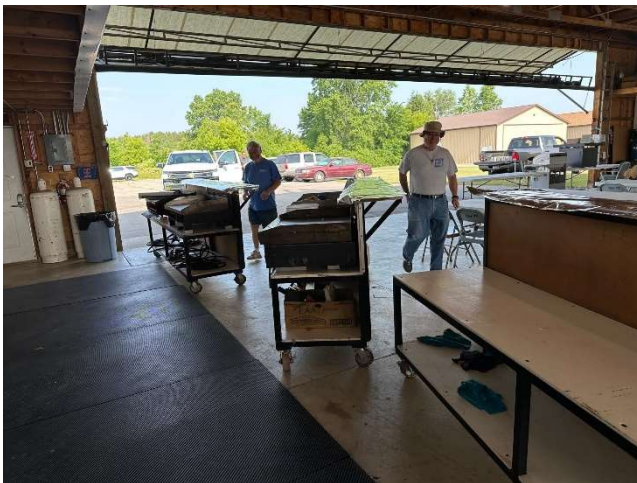
A few of us EAA77 members walked (and rode) in the parade in June and handed out flyers for the Dawn Patrol. It is always a lot of fun doing this! If you've never done this before, consider doing so before, maybe you should! 😊 Thank you to those who helped! You are much appreciated! (Sorry, I didn't get pictures of all of you. Busy, fast past, fun evening!! 😊)



Dawn Patrol Setup Day

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer)

Dawn Patrol Setup Day... The day before the main event... the Dawn Patrol, our big fundraiser for the year. Thank you to everyone who came out to help at our setup day! I didn't get all of you in a picture but know that your contribution did NOT go unnoticed. (I was just too busy to get out to other areas of the airport to snap pictures, unfortunately.) Many of us had a lot of fun working through these set up tasks! We hope all of you did! And hope many others consider joining us next year! 😊





Dawn Patrol!!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer)

This year, due to rain, we didn't have quite the turnout we hoped to have, but it was still quite a success! We still served 900 breakfasts! That is fantastic and couldn't be done without the AMAZING volunteers that came out to help that day! Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!!





Winners of 2 of the 3 raffle prizes

(I unfortunately forgot to take a picture of the 3rd winner, who won the grill.)



Drone Winner



Fire Pit Winner

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!!

Flint Airshow – Wings Over Flint

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Pictures from mlive.com)

On June 24th and June 25th, Bishop Airport had their first airshow in 30 years. It saw 10,000 guests over the two days. The plan was to have EAA77 representation at the event, but, due to planning issues by Bishop Airport, that did not happen. But, general aviation and our chapter still had a voice! ABC news did a segment with Jake Carmer, before the event, to hype it up. It was aired on two different days, and then aired again after the event. Jake did an AMAZING job and did GA and our chapter proud!! If you would like to see the interview, it can be viewed at:

https://www.abc12.com/video/wings-over-flint-airshow-coming-back/video_880fc499-239f-5062-bfe6-7ee64b1b3e70.html

The airshow itself had mixed reviews, as you would expect from a first-time airshow (in a long time), but in all, it was entertaining. The performances included U.S. Army Golden Knights, Czech-Mate Jet Team, Northern Stars Aeroteam, Manfred Radius and Vampire Airshow and had static displays as well. They are planning to bring the airshow back again in 2026.



#thePilotLife

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

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

JOHN V LINSOWE

In-charge of the pilot assembly line!

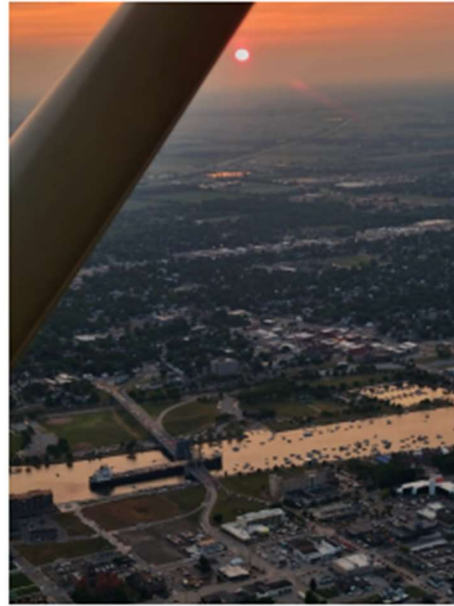


Customary visit to Mackinac Island

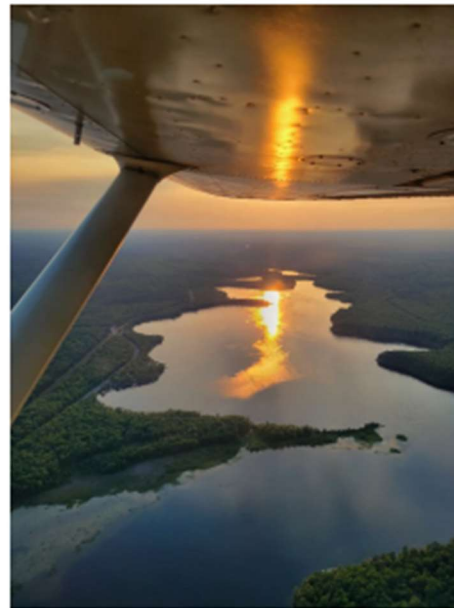


With Justin's RV formation group

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Impromptu sunset trip to Oscoda and Bay City in a friend's C-150

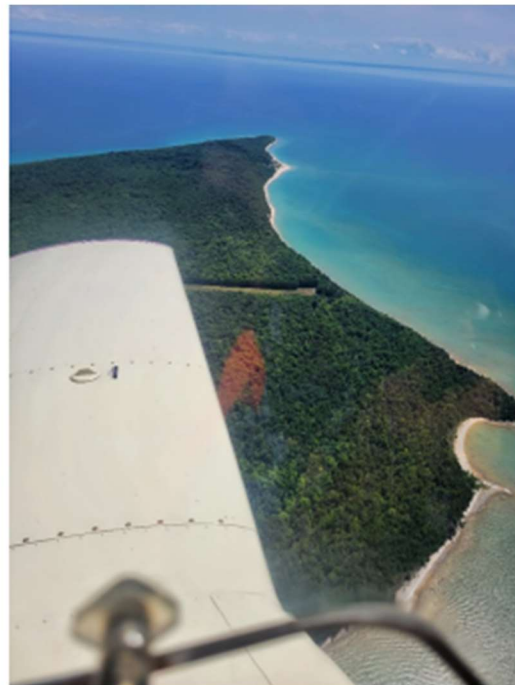




Need to expedite my IFR training!
Every trip involves some rain ☹️



This is a tiny uninhabited island 22miles off the coast of Charlevoix. Has a Runway and a campsite. That's it! No connectivity to the real world. Made possible by RAF volunteers. This place is probably on most pilot's bucket list, and it is obvious why!

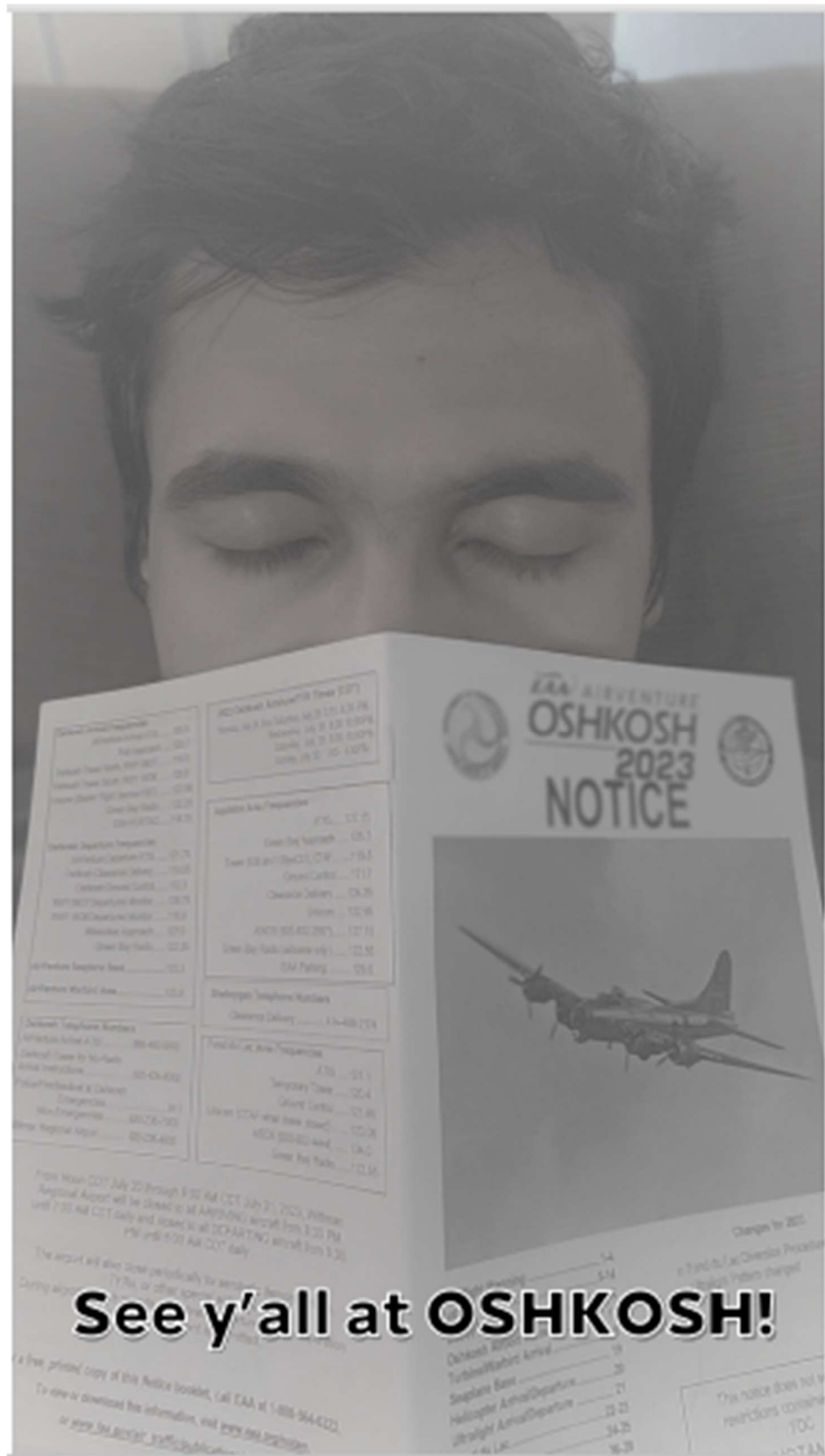


Ok, that wing is in the wrong place!



6 of us flew to the island and camped for the night among some amazing people, few million mosquitoes and some friendly snakes!





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!*



July

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 July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Varies – Occasional dinner flyout
2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	3	4	5	6 7pm – Board Mtg (moved to June 29 th)	7	8 Varies – Occasional dinner flyout
9 Varies – Occasional dinner flyout	10	11	12	13 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)	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	29
30 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	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 August 2023

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

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
EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY

Update/Transfer Fee Info
Date: / / Amount Received: USD

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

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY / EMERGENCY

Emergency Response Information: Yes ☐ No ☐
Medical Info (Riding Club member)? Yes ☐ No ☐
EAA/Other Club member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Emergency Information:
Young Boy: ☐ (Name: _____) (Grandfather: _____)
Other: ☐ (Name: _____) (Grandfather: _____)

Additional Information:

EAA77 Chapter 77 Membership Form (EAA-001)

EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023

Meeting started at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to Accept April & May minutes: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Doug Smith
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurers Report:

- Eric LaForest presented the report

Guests and New Members:

- Bill Brooks – pilot, joined the Father John Flying Club
- Sandy Miricle
- Robert Hagerman

Dawn Patrol:

- Saturday 9:00 a.m. set up, clean tables, cut up fruit, set up and clean tables/chairs.
- Potluck at noon after setup.
- Sunday morning start time 6:30 a.m.
- Need help cleaning up afterwards

Presenter:

- Doug Smith gave a presentation on Alkay Airport.

Project Report:

- TaylorCraft on hold for STC paperwork.

Pilot Life by Tanmoy Ganguly

- Tanmoy went to Cheat River Fly-In in West Virginia May 19TH & 20th.

Jim Plourde made motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Eric LaForest seconded motion. No opposition.