



August 1, 2024	Iosco Flying Club	Since 1962
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Well, we have another successful fly-in in the books. All in all, it went pretty well. Once again, it was the weather that kept planes from flying in for the event as storms were on the move in various parts of the state. FlightCare cancelled as a result. We had 19 planes make the morning commute. We were fortunate to get the U.S. Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk out of the Traverse City Station to fly in for the event. They were obviously a huge hit. The entire five man crew was great at visiting with our guests and answering their questions.

Tim Potts arrived on the field with his Vans RV-4 and made a few passes around the field trailing white smoke and pulling a few G's as visitors looked on. His daughter helped keep the ramp and taxiways safe by extending a rope to keep pedestrians clear of moving aircraft.

I couldn't be more pleased with our club members and several volunteers from the community who really stepped up. The chafing dishes did their job in preventing any lines from forming throughout the event. We served 477 meals to adults and kids over five. Unfortunately, the meals for kids under five weren't recorded. Last year there were 24 kids in that category. So, I can safely say we served well over 500 meals including complementary meals to the Coast Guard members, EMS and our volunteers.

Our team cooked up 100 lbs of sausage, 90 dozen eggs, 90 lbs of pancake mix and served 18 gallons of orange juice.

You may notice a little extra room in the flying club hangars. The grill, table and LP hook ups will be stored in the snow removal equipment building. There is an old table top grill between the two planes that I have never seen used for the fly-in. If anyone is interested in it, it's yours; otherwise it will be headed for the scrap yard. I'll take a look at the remaining tables in that area to see if they can be utilized anywhere else on the field, otherwise they may see the same fate.

The airport has a summer visitor that flies in from Cleveland in his Cessna 185. This year he has the plane on floats. While visiting with me in the terminal he asked about the airport and how I got involved as manager. I shared the story of the failed operations millage and how the airport was in a bad spot financially. He asked how he could get a picture on the terminal wall with the others I have on display. I said I don't have much wall space at the moment. He asked if he could get a picture up if he were to make a donation to the airport. I said, yes, of course. He handed me a check, and in the memo section he wrote, 'for picture on the wall'. The check was made out in the amount of \$5,000 .00. It was deposited in the airport account, but I have no immediate plans for its use. I had my pro camera in the car and took a quick shot of him and his girlfriend on the ramp in front of his plane. The 8x10 print was placed on the wall the next day.

ADB, the company that manufactures our PAPI lights was on the field July 16th. They were able to bring the 26 PAPI back up after replacing a failed transformer. This is the first time in a while the airport hasn't had a NOTAM listed on the field.

Flying an airplane is like riding a bike, if you crash it's going to hurt.-- Fred Hupert

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