



January 1, 2025	Iosco Flying Club	Since 1962
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As reminder, our annual banquet is set for January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Buckhorn Inn at the corner of M55 and Plank Road. Pre-flight begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00. Officer elections are a big part of this event. We also have one board position open. Please consider running for one of these positions as change and having a different perspective are all important things in keeping our club viable. The signup sheet is at the airport. We hope to see you there.

At the last meeting we discussed having some improvements completed on 67Q. Paint was the first issue discussed followed by an upgrade in avionics. We'll put together a committee for the avionics upgrades. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in participating in. Pete Mapes has volunteered to be on the committee. Let me know if anyone else would be interested in being on this committee. I personally would like to see us first proceed with the painting of the cowl and top of the wing surfaces. Unfortunately, either option takes the plane out of service for a time likely in the peak of flying season.

The paperwork for the state grant was submitted by the due date in early December. I know that \$4 million dollars doesn't go a long way when it's shared with other airports, but hopefully our airport will receive some of the funding for some or all of our proposed projects. The painting of the beacon tower alone was just over \$26,000. There were two separate quotes on painting the two hangars. The first quote came in at nearly \$73,000, which included a rust inhibitor in addition to primer and paint. The second quote, which included cleaning, priming and painting, came in at just over \$52,000. The limited paving project from the manual entry gate up to the new hangars was nearly \$68,000.00.

Hopefully, with the help of letters of support from the County Commissioners, City of East Tawas, Baldwin Township and Develop Iosco, something will come of this grant.

We've had a couple snowfalls this year and the 1987 Ford Dump Truck is working well, as is the bi-directional tractor. I may have mentioned the county purchased a 2013 Chevrolet 2500 with a new plow. It's working great and has been a huge help working around the hangars.

The sheriff listed the old pickup truck and plow on a government auction site. It sold the other day and will soon be removed from the airport property.

***“In general, the design of the nut that connects the yoke and the seat has proven to be the critical factor in flight safety. “***

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