



August 1, 2023	Iosco Flying Club	Since 1962
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A lot of planning went into this year’s IFC Fly-in, but in the end it was the weather that held us up. We had 17 airplanes fly in, which was down from 51 planes last year. We served 445 meals, which was down from 510, but still third in attendance overall in recent memory. I wasn’t too disappointed as we had a great showing from the community, which made up for the lack of planes. The weather was essentially IFR across the state with fog and smoke reducing visibility. I received a call from the FlightCare pilot around 8:00am saying they were unable to launch due to the low visibility.



It would have been great to have more club members participate in our one and only event for the year. A huge thank you to the following members who did an amazing job: Sean A’Hearn, Ron Bartnicki, Ethan Buchanna, Bill Deckett, Coleen Gaydash, Kris Johnson, Brad Kloska, Kathy Nau, Steve Smith, Ted Wasilewski, and Dion Zammit.

The non-members who played a big role in supporting the event were Rebecca, Marley and Lakin Buchanna, David Deckett, Paul and Blaize Maliskey, Randy Moore, Kathy Pittsley, Maggie Wasilewski Laura Zammit and two of her friends the Scwaab’s, Chris Zimmel and my wife Julie and daughter Jaylee.

The grill that scared me the most finally gave out the day before the event. Bill Deckett had a lot of confidence in getting it going, but I was growing more frustrated with it not firing up on command. Finally, a flame poked out of the area where there should be no flame, so I hauled it out to the scrap pile. It gave us a lot of years of service, however. We quickly obtained another Blackstone griddle from Bill’s son, which saved the day. I propose we add another Blackstone to our arsenal. They are cheap, they are small and easy to store. In fact, I’ll keep it in the Snow Removal Equipment building. Tractor Supply sells them for \$349.99.

I just had a visit from Marty Coaker and his wife Emily. They flew up from the Sparta airport in their Cessna 180. Marty was the former airport manager at Sparta and has been following our airport page on Facebook. He had a lightning strike take out his runway lights, and the insurance company replaced the whole field with new LED lighting. Consequently, he had a good supply of new in-the-box bulbs and pulled his old serviceable bulbs and turned them over to us. So I’ll never have to purchase another bulb. Now if I can just get someone here to repair the lights.

“Aeronautics was neither an industry nor a science. It was a miracle”. – Igor Sikorsky

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