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The 2025 fly-in was very successful. Thank you to all the club members who helped set up on Thursday and those who either prepared, cooked or served food, and those who parked airplanes or cars during the event. We couldn't have pulled it off without you. Pete and his staff completed flights for 10 Young Eagles during the event and hopefully inspired some young aviators.

Although the visibility wasn't the greatest with the Canadian wildfire smoke, we still had 26 transient planes on the field. The low airplane numbers might have been a blessing having Hairless Joe, the C-47, on the field with no parallel taxiway.



We served around 530 including the volunteers, which wasn't a record, but still a respectable number. The warming pans from Sean seemed to have solved all of our serving problems as I never saw a line extending out the door, which is great especially in the summer heat.

I couldn't have been happier with the public response to the Hairless Joe flights. The Flight Museum initially scheduled three flights at 12 passengers per flight. Early on, I was concerned that a small field like ours may not have enough interest to fill seats at nearly \$200.00 a seat. I promoted it as best I could on social media in the weeks leading up to the fly-in. By the time Hairless Joe was wheels down on the field, we had completely sold out four flights at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00. A fifth flight was even filled for a one o'clock flight. The organizer said she hasn't seen such a response in recent memory. She said even at larger airports they have to market and promote the flights once they get there to encourage people to purchase a ticket.

A member of the board of directors sent the following message via email: "On behalf of the Michigan flight Museum, and the crew of our C-47 "Hairless Joe", we wish to thank you for hosting and facilitating a successful Air Adventure last weekend. Our crew reported that they received a warm welcome and enthusiastic response from those who visited the airport. In addition, your support of our organization on social media, both in advance of our arrival and while the crew was on the ground, was remarkable. It is through such efforts that these incredible aircraft can be shared with many and help preserve their important place in aviation history."

I have been approached by a number of people requesting Hairless Joe return next year. I thought about having a Vietnam Era Huey helicopter on the field, which would provide rides for up to eight passengers at a time. They said the support crew of 16 to 20 would have to drive up the day before from Detroit. They asked if I could solicit free motel rooms for the crew. I explained that it might be a difficult request to fill as it's the busy tourist season up here, and it would require up to 10 rooms. A B-25 Mitchell is also being considered.

***"Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment."***

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