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We may have to rethink having the Huey rides at the 2026 Fly-in. I was in contact with the scheduler in late November. She wanted to know if we were moving forward with having the Huey on the field. I advised her we were. I asked if it was possible to reduce the number of support staff for the one day event. She advised that they need all 20 staff members for the event. I told her that I have five people who were willing to pay for motel rooms. She said if I booked 10 rooms they would cover the expense of the remaining five rooms. She then said something that was totally unexpected. She said they would like the rooms booked from 7/11 through 7/13, which is two nights. I told her it was a struggle to accommodate one night's stay and that two nights would be unacceptable for our relatively small event.


MyFlight Helicopters offers rides at fly-in events. I reached out to them as I saw their company offering rides at Sandusky's fly-in as well as offering fall color tours at Bay City and Sparta airports. They declined because of the distance and the limited size of our event. They suggested I contact Intrepid Helicopter Tours. I contacted them and they advised that their ferry time would be three hours, which would cost them \$2000. They advised they would have to sell 50 rides with two passengers each just to break even. They also respectfully declined.

It's been a few years since I reached out to the National Guard at Grand Ledge. Forms will need to be completed and approved by the FAA FSDO in Grand Rapids and the Events Coordinator at the Pentagon. The request will likely be approved if we don't specify on the type of helicopter. If we leave it up to higher ups at Grand Ledge, they will couple the visit to our field with a weekend training mission, which is common in the summer months.

The airport terminal is one step closer to having a whole house generator installed. Matt and Ian from the County Maintenance Department created a cement pad for the Generac Generator to rest on. Unfortunately, immediately after it was created the snow and cold weather rolled in.

At the last monthly IFC meeting, Jeremy reported that the club membership is now down to 36 members. This past year we have had the following members leave the club for various reasons: Sean Ahearn, Kathy Nau, Lindsey Novotny and Dion Zammit. And those are just a few I can remember off the top of my head. As members and active pilots, it's imperative that we do what we can to keep the club viable for years to come. I remember how I was first drawn to general aviation by my parents driving my brothers and I to Harry Browne to watch the planes take off and land. I'm sure there are a lot of pilots who got the flying bug by just one introductory flight from a family member or friend. We can all do our part by just sharing your love of aviation by taking up family members, friends, neighbors of any age. You never know where that one simple spark will lead. The median age of our club members is likely well into the 60s. It's important for us to reflect on where the club will be in as little as 10 years from now.

*The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be?—it is the same the angels breathe.” Mark Twain*

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