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It's good to have 67Q back from the radio shop. So far, I really like the 430w upgraded radio. When I got in the plane the next day and was running through the check list, I noticed something odd with the magnetic compass. The plane was facing our east/west runway, which is normally a 330 heading. Instead of reading something northerly, it read 210 degrees. While back taxiing on 26 and on a 80 degree heading it read 140. So, it appears something happened during the time it was away. Marv ordered and installed a shield just below the compass to alleviate the interference from the new radio, which I believe solved the problem.

I took 67Q on a flight to the Sandusky airport to see if Midwest Sky Sports would be interested in a paint project on our 172. The owner said they would consider it for the fall or winter. I didn't get an estimate, as their painter was not onsite, but I will get down there again and see what they can do for us, and how much it will cost.



On the way back from Sandusky, I stopped at the Bad Axe airport. The manager there has been holding some spare parts for our fuel farm. He upgraded his fuel farm some time ago and used to have the same system we currently have. Ours is quite dated and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Even though ours is working fine, the spare parts may come in handy at some point.

I finally heard back from MDOT on the tower painting project and it is doubtful it will be done in time for the fly-in. They're still figuring out things on the funding side, but will get with us soon.

It's amazing how quickly our fly-in is approaching. I have all of the supplies, and have ordered 120 lbs. of sausage. I reached out to Walmart to let them know I would be pulling about 60 dozen eggs off their shelf on July 12<sup>th</sup> and asked if there was anything I needed to do such as placing an order. They had a manager contact me and he asked about our event. Because our event is being held in Iosco County and our club is a non-profit, they had me complete a form in which they will consider donating all or part of our order. I'm still waiting on the approval.

I received a call from Randy Hotton, our C-47 pilot. He had a few questions about the layout of the airport and was concerned about the plane's 96 foot wingspan as well as having light aircraft parked behind his plane. I assured him he would have the entire west side of the ramp. I sent him a drone shot depicting the Coast Guard helicopter's location last year, which showed the west side of the ramp. He was pleased with the layout and thought things would be fine. I reached out to the Public Affairs Officer at Selfridge. He is extremely busy supporting summer events across the state and beyond. He will get back with me soon when he is able to firm things up for our A-10 fly-over.

***"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward."*—Vernon Law**

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