

Iosco Flying Club

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Summer flying season has snuck up on us. Even though it seems like it's been slightly cooler than usual it's made for great flying weather. It looks like some club members are taking advantage of it and getting out and flying.

I received a call recently from Jay Samuels who had just gotten back from the fly in at West branch. He's on the lookout for attractions to bring over to Tawas for our own pancake breakfast. After Jay told me about what he saw at West branch he asked if I was going to Bay City. The next day was Father's Day, and it was the James Clements fly in. Of course I had a list a mile long of what I wanted to do.....that wasn't even on my radar! I woke up early Sunday morning, the weather looked great and I decided to get loaded up and head to the airport. I was able to get my wife and daughter to agree to ride along and even took my dad for the Father's Day breakfast. He didn't really have a choice, I texted and told him I'd pick him up in 10 minutes.

We got to the airport a little after seven, pulled the plane out of the hanger and headed out to the runway. As we taxied out, there was already other activity on the field as other planes were coming out of their hangers. It turned out to be a perfect morning and the flight down to Bay City was smooth and clear. When we arrived to Bay City, there were already quite a few planes on the ground as they had been serving breakfast since 7 o'clock. After eating and wandering to look at planes, we saw several other pilots from Tawas (and other notable aviation enthusiasts). The Flight back to Tawas was just as picture perfect.

Thanks to the reminder from Jay, and him planting the seed for the morning flight, I checked another box on my aviation to-do list. I realized that was my first fly in that I actually flew into. All these years, Tawas has been the only fly in breakfast I've been to....and I always drove there. While it was fun to fly it was also fun to see how other events take shape and get a sense of why people flock to our event. Like most fly in events, there are was more drive-in traffic than fly in traffic.

Next time you're out at the airport, make sure you take a look at the Beacon tower. It received a fresh coat of paint last month and looks like new. Jay also mentioned that the state approved the new wind cone project which should be happening in the near future.

Hope to see you at the July meeting for fly in set up. If you haven't already, please reach out to get on the list to help out at our July 12 fly in pancake breakfast!

GO. FLY!

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