

GRASSROOTS Fly-In Details, Sep 4th - 7th, 2025 - Check for updates!

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Information provided by EAA 431 & MAAC Board for attendees of the 2025 MAAC Grassroots Fly-In

REGISTRATION TABLE - open Thursday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the back patio of the EAA 431 hangar. Please check in upon arrival. \$5 per adult to help offset costs for amenities, trash pickup, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: For practicality, mindful of airport safety measures, the annual MAAC Grassroots Fly-In is a private, members-only event. Membership helps ensure accessibility to current ops & event info, and to gauge (in advance) adequate food and amenities for attendees. Whether flying or driving, those interested in antique airplanes are welcome to join MAAC to support the legacy of antique aviation. **How to join MAAC:** new joins & renewals will be accepted at the registration table.

Ground Tours are available for handicapped and/or those who just need a lift, thanks to a designated golf cart donated by Bob Gehring, and a tractor trailer with seats. Chapter workday is typically Sat, Sep 2nd, 8:00 a.m. - Noon. Grounds Care Workday TBD, likely Sat afternoon, Sun or Mon. Please be in touch with EAA 431 if you are available to assist.

FLY-IN INFORMATION - Use only the active E-W runway 9/27. Other runways will be closed to landing and departing aircraft earlier in the week and reopening Sunday afternoon (**check NOTAMS for exact times, updates, etc.**). All landing and departing aircraft: 800' AGL left-hand pattern. Radio equipped aircraft use UNICOM on 122.9 but be aware that many aircraft are NOT radio equipped. **Keep your eyes open, see and avoid, and be predictable!** Fly-bys should be conducted south of the active runway 9/27 employing the standard racetrack pattern with a minimum safe altitude. Example: When runway 9 is active, fly-by traffic will practice a right-hand pattern. When runway 27 is active, all fly-bys will employ left-hand racetrack pattern. Please No fly-bys or low flying along closed runways 3/21 or 15/33. When done flying for the day, or in the case of bad weather, please ensure that your aircraft is tied down. Please provide your own tie-downs.

AIRCRAFT FUEL AVAILABILITY – More info to follow prior to fly-in, stay tuned. Times of operation will be posted at the pumps and in the pavilion. Self-serve fuel is available 24/7 at Monroe Municipal Airport, 10 nm west (KEFT).

AIRCRAFT CAMPING - Preferred aircraft camping areas are depicted on airport diagram. If camping on or near closed runways remember they will reopen Sunday afternoon. Runway closures time for early arrivals are tentative: Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. but check NOTAMS. If camping with your aircraft along the west woods, please stay in the mowed areas only.

DRIVE-IN CAMPING - There are no camping fees at Brodhead Airport, but donations are always appreciated to help offset the cost of maintenance. RVs please use the south entrance. Early arrivals should set-up in the south parking lot until the diagonal runways are closed to aircraft operations on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Time is subject to change, please check NOTAMS. Signage will guide you to the south driveway. You may park/camp along the east edge of the field along Airport Rd and in the southeast runway turnaround area once it is closed with the Yellow X. Additional camping is available for smaller campers (no RVs) on the southwest side by accessing the south driveway and following the road through Hangar Alley. The southwest runway turnaround is also available for camping once closed. Please do not park or stop and leave your vehicle in Hangar Alley as this is a fire lane. Do not drive across runways to access aircraft camping areas along the west side of the field. All runways will reopen Sunday at noon. Please plan your site accordingly. For driving directions, use "N2439 Airport Road" in your GPS.

AIRPORT RULES

- No campfires outside of the Fire Pit (see diagram)
- Pets must be on a leash and not be left unattended, and are not permitted in the food area
- Motorized vehicles are not to be operated by minors
- No parked vehicles or vehicle traffic to and from the west woods
- No golf carts, gators or scooters permitted on airport property unless pre-approved by Hawk-Aire (Brodhead Airport) board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - help is needed in the areas of Event Registration, Parking, Merchandise Sales, Campground Area Attendant, EAA 431 Meals assistance, etc. Please ask for more info at the registration table if interested.

FOOD & BEVERAGES – Buy Tickets Early! Thanks EAA Chapter 431 & Kelch Aviation Museum for hosting meals!

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Hot Breakfast

Friday, 6:00 p.m. – Traditional Wisconsin Fish Boil

Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, 6:00 p.m. – Pork Chops Dinner

Sunday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Hot Breakfast

Lunches served Thursday (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) and Friday/Saturday (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) on the back patio of the EAA 431 hangar: sandwiches, hot dogs, brats, pasta salad, chips, candy bars and more.

Cash Only at the lunch window, please. Drinks are available near the EAA lunch window in vending machines, including bottled water. In the event of very hot weather, we will make free bottled water available. The well water at Brodhead Airport has tested high for nitrates and is not suitable for infants or pregnant & nursing mothers. There are fast-food and traditional restaurants in Brodhead (one mile north of the airport) and the Sand Burr Restaurant is about 1.5 miles southeast of the airport on County Hwy T. Rides are available for those on foot.

AREA LODGING – Many members camp under the wing tents or bring RV's. Hotels in the Brodhead area are limited but there are several options in/around Monroe, 20 min away. Check google for last minute cancellations.

CAR RENTALS – not many options in/around Brodhead. Check Monroe, Janesville and Beloit (all within 30 minutes), or be in touch with fellow MAAC members for a ride share. Always seems to work out among our group of friendlies.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS & FAQs - There are limited showers and bathrooms available in the main chapter building, in the back room, and in the main room. First come, first serve. Please help keep them clean.

- Porta-potties are scattered around the airport
- There is free (slow) WiFi at the pavillion (& charging stations), and broadband WiFi at the Kelch Aviation Museum
- There are no electric or water connections for RVs

KELCH AVIATION MUSEUM - www.kelchmuseum.org: open from 10:00 a.m. until sunset on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the MAAC Grassroots fly-in. Stop by for an ice cream cone and take a look around the new aircraft and displays. The annual **Fly Market** will commence in the museum's new hangar Friday and Saturday (look for signage), where an assortment of vintage airplane parts will be for sale to help support the museum's operations. Also, a presentation, Sat Sep 6th, 12:00 p.m.: Pilots' Lunch & Medical Clearance Event, \$10 donation appreciated.

EMERGENCIES - In the event of an emergency that requires police, fire or ambulance, cell phone users should avoid calling 911 and call Brodhead Police directly at 608-897-2112. Brodhead is at the edge of several 911 jurisdictions and cell phone calls can sometimes be picked up by towers in neighboring counties or even Illinois, resulting in a delayed response. If you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact us: webmaster@eaa431.org or call 608-897-1175.

Lodging & Hotels near Brodhead Airport, WI (*by distance*)

Sugar River Loft
929 W. Exchange St, Brodhead WI 53520
(608) 214-6851

Albany House B&B
405 S. Mill St, Albany WI - 10 mi
608-862-3636

AmericInn by Wyndham
424 4th Ave, Monroe, WI - 14 mi
608-352-6406

Wegmueller Farm
W4358 Montgomery Rd, Monroe, WI - 14 mi
608-293-2340; wegmuellerfarm.com

Super 8 by Wyndham
500 6th St, Monroe, WI - 14 mi
608-325-1500

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
20 W. Milwaukee St Janesville, WI - 18 mi
608-757-2200

Brodhead Airport, Wisconsin - C37

