

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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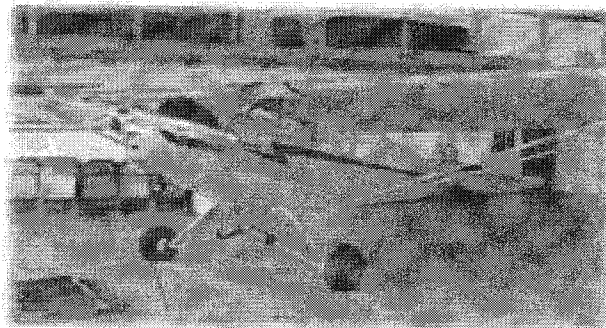
Well, YOU did it again!

Another successful Dawn Patrol! Hats off to all who came out and participated. Especially Sandy and Jeff for their great preparation. All of you deserve a big hand for your hard work. You made this a terrific event. Chapter response was fabulous, with so many of you coming out to help. Thank you for your participation. This once again, was a very successful event for the Chapter. And YOU are what make this Chapter. Thank you.

Safe flying and see you at the meeting. Jim

FOR SALE

J-3 Cub, 1946 Total rebuild completed in July, 2005. 10 hours on rebuilt Continental 65. New Senenich wood prop All new glass, hardware, mags, floor boards and tires . Sheilded ignition, sealed struts, new Cleveland brakes, poly fiber cover, and Aerothane yellow paint. Rebuilt by skilled craftsmen of EAA Chapter 77. \$40,000 Call (810) 624-0174 or (810) 233-7505



Chapter 77 meets the second Thursday of each month, except January, at 7:30 P.M. in the hangar at Dalton Airport. Board meetings are 8 days prior to the regular meetings at 7:00 P.M.. Please come!

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"DALTON GANG " FLY OUT SCHEDULE 2006

		July
July 9	Sunday	Chesaning (50G)
July 16	Sunday	East Tawas (6D9)
		August
Aug 12	Saturday	Brighton (45G) 10am-3pm
Aug 13	Sunday	Lapeer (D95)
Aug 20	Sunday	Howell (OZW)
Aug 27	Sunday	Harry Brown (HYX) Mt. Pleasant (MOP) Greenville (6D6)
		September
Sept. 10	Sunday	Fowlerville Maple Grove (65G)



The "Winner" of the Orville Wright Look A like contest
Our own. . . . Kerry Matthews
Photo supplied by Debby Ranville
taken at Evergreen Aviation Museum, McMinnville, Oregon
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CLUB MEMORIBILLIA

The Chapter would like to put together a display of *Ralph Helgeby Memorabilia*. If some of you long time members have anything in your "attic", please bring it to the July meeting. Loren Minor will be glad to talk to you about it.



Matthew Irwin views the flight line at the Dalton Dawn Patrol

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:30 PM
Speaker: Dr. Pinnell, M.D. - "Flight Physicals"
Mid-Michigan Aviation Medical Examiner

Chesaning Dawn Patrol

July 9, 2006
Breakfast cooked by the "Dalton Gang"

Lapeer Dawn Patrol

August 13, 2006
Breakfast cooked by Dalton's "Father John Flying Club"
We need volunteers to help on this fund-raiser

Dalton's USO Dance

September 9, 2006
Dinner Dance - Great food & "Tommy Dorsey" Band
Mark your calendar for a "star packed" evening

Ice Cream Flight To Chesaning

Tuesdays eves. - 7:00 p.m.
(Weather Permitting)



1948 Cessna 140 For Sale

Newly rebuilt engine, 4 hours since MO. Current annual. Over 13,000 TT. Interior good shape, needs headliner and some TLC. Asking \$22,500. Call Gayle (810) 733-6213

Secretary Needed

Our Chapter Secretary is resigning her post, and we need a volunteer to take minutes at our meetings. Please see Jim Plourde to volunteer.

Contributions to the "Flypaper" are welcome and can be made by contacting Jack Irwin at 659-6672. Deadline: 25th of each month

June 28, 2006

To all Chapter 77 members,

Well, another Dawn Patrol has come and gone. To sum up this year's event, there's one word that describes our turnout and membership participation: AWESOME!!! First off, on Wednesday, June 7th, our group from the Chapter participated in the Flushing Parade with 3 golf carts and Jeff Fallis' pickup truck. We won the 2nd place trophy in the Organization Category (It's in the showcase on display).

Then, you couldn't have asked for better weather to kickoff what one of the BEST breakfasts that our chapter has put on since we started doing it. From about 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., the breakfast line serpented around under our west hanger door canopy and all the way out to the west end of the parking lot. 1,608 hungry people had breakfast with us that morning. Judging from the amount of people milling about outside, another couple hundred were in attendance as well watching aircraft.

Our Flight line was full this year, 89 aircraft, including 2 hot air balloons, 12 rotorcraft (including 3 Medivac helicopters), 2 floatplanes (a Murphy Rebel and a Cessna 206), a turbine AgCat (cropduster), some warbirds, numerous classic and homebuilt aircraft, and ultralights. Amazingly, when 11:30 came around and breakfast had ended, the flight line was still full. Aircraft that had flown in earlier in the morning were still there. Must be a lot to see and experience at our event, aye!!!

Our auto parking area off Pierson Rd. was full the entire morning. Two tractors with haywagons and a 6 person golf cart transported our patrons to and fro. According to our drivers, we could've used another tractor and wagon!!!

The Kiddie Airplane Tractor undoubtedly was the hit of the morning. It was full right from the start. The Michigan Ultralight Association (especially Dave LaPorte) gets a big hand for making our little aspiring aviators most welcome at our event.

The general public and aviation community recognize our event as one of the highlights of summer in our area. Thanks to our members' devotion and participation, our annual Dawn Patrol gets better with age.

Thanks for your Support,

Your coordinators, Sandy and Jeff

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandy + Jeff", is written in dark ink.