

Chapter 77 Flypaper

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The Ralph O. Helgeby Chapter 77 of
Greater Flint Michigan

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello:

As most of you know the Dawn Patrol planning has already begun. To those of you who work the breakfast, **THANK YOU** and keep up the good work, we need and appreciate your participation that makes our big event possible. To those who have not worked the breakfast, you are missing something special, a very good time and the camaraderie that makes our Chapter special and so successful. Please put Saturday and/or Sunday June 9 & 10 on your calendar to assist with the Dawn Patrol. There is a task for everyone and if you don't know what you would like to do then sign up for Relief and find out what everyone does.

Working the breakfast is an entirely different and rewarding experience than just attending the event. Working the event brings it to life and builds the relationships, which make membership special, and the successes of Our Chapter possible.

Just to inform everyone, our West walk-through door is blocked closed. Please use the East walk-through or front doors when entering the building. This is due to the post next to the door heaving in the cold weather. Correcting this is another spring project. So long for this month, safe flying and see you at the meeting.

Jim

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!

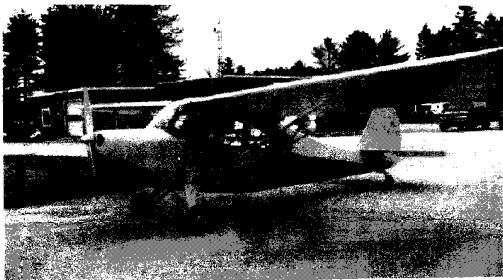
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Classifieds:

Murphy Rebel Empennage (tail). Complete kit expertly assembled. Good head start for your project. Kit retails for \$3,800, make offer. Call Jim Plourde 233-7505.

Engine For Sale. 0200-A continental. 2,200 total time. 0 since M.O.H. by Bud Drum. \$8,500 or best offer. (313) 598-2615 leave message for Ralph Drum.



1946 Aeronca 7AC Champ—65 hp 3120 TTAE, 320 SCMOH with new slick mags. Complete ground-up restoration at same time 2003. Poly-fiber fabric, poly-tone paint, new glass, headliner, baggage compartment, control cables, AN hardware, wood (except spars) etc. All metal epoxy primed, shoulder harnesses, original panel, parking brake. Maule tail wheel assembly (solid rubber) new July 06. Standard exhaust pipes, McCauley metal prop 7441. July 06 annual. \$30,000 Call Ron Newell at 906-493-5255, or email me rnewells@hotmail.com

LANCAIR KIT FOR SALE. Call Tim Ranville, 810-686-1347

NEED TO BORROW—Lycoming 0360 block. Prefer scrap block. Call Charles Morris 810-694-0111

2007 DUES

The **address label** on the front of your Flypaper has the date your membership dues are paid to. If it indicates 2006, then you have not yet paid your dues for 2007. (If there is no date, you are an honorary member and no dues are due). We would like to get the dues all paid by the end of March. Anyone delinquent after that date will no longer receive their copy of the Flypaper.

2007 Membership Dues are \$12.00
Member and Spouse are \$18.00

Please remit to:
EAA Chapter 77
P.O. Box 265
Flushing, MI 48433

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Speaker: Mike Kovylik

Electro Air - Electronic ignitions for home builds

Refreshments served

Sun N' Fun

April 18, 19 & 20, 2007

Lakeland, Florida

(Couple more rooms left, if you want to go)

Dalton Airport Assoc. Annual Meeting

April 29, 2007

Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Our Dawn Patrol

Saturday, June 9th—Set up Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH BREAKFAST

7:00 -11:30 am

Sandy Matthews & Jeff Spinney, Co-Chair

"Many Hands make Light Work"

YOUNG EAGLES

Tim Harwood reports . . . We're in the planning stages of flying Young Eagle flights for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes of Garfield Elementary school. This will take place the last week of April or the first week of May at the Owosso Community Airport. Members of the Owosso Airport Association will be assisting us by providing aviation education classes for the students, so our Chapter only has to take care of flying the kids. More information will follow as it becomes available.

We signed up 150 enthusiastic kids at the Candlewalk, and we will be flying them on National Young Eagles Day, June 9th. See me if you can commit some flying time for "Young Eagles".

Also – Congratulations to Gary Hopcraft for being our first pilot to fly a Young Eagle in 2007.

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

About "ASN" and "AIRPORT WATCH"

It's true, be careful what you volunteer for. I am presently overwhelmed by the mass of information to be studied about this ASN and all of the areas that are covered. Give me a little more time to read all of the emails (25 today) and the literature, and set up my communication with the AOPA / ASN and I will be writing much more detail about the many ways we can protect our 3DA airport from those who would like change things here in Flushing and the Township.

I have received some DVD's that I will show in the near future that graphically describe some of the threats we should be on the lookout for as we look into the future of our airport. I will be attending some Mt. Morris Twp. and Flushing meetings to help keep our 3DA image bright in our neighbors vision.

For now, one of the very first things that our Dalton Airport Association (DAA) has approved, is a special highly visible window sticker for members automobiles, to be placed in the lower drivers corner of the windshield, that will immediately identify a Dalton Association Owner / Member. For those of us who "Hang Out" at the airport a lot, the sticker will help us identify those who are authorized to be on the taxiways and drives, and allow us to question those who we do not recognize, and tactfully explain to them that this airport is "Private Property" and it is not a place to cruise or sightsee.

It will be suggested that as an EAA 77 member who is not a DAA member or associate member, and a casual visitor to 3DA, place an EAA or AOPA logo sticker in your lower left (drivers side) windshield. This will at least break the ice if you are new or not immediately recognized, and approached by someone who is paying attention and watching out for our airport, EAA Clubhouse, Father John aircraft, and our "Dalton Gang" in general.

It is hoped that soon the Father John Flying Club members who are not DAA members, will have their own 3DA identification sticker to mark their autos while they are parked on the airport or moving about the airport on club business.

If you should see someone on the airport that you are not sure of, approach them tactfully and ask them who they are. You may meet and make a friend for life, or you may discourage someone who is "casing the joint" from coming back. As an EAA 77 member you have the right to be on 3DA, please do not take it personally or get upset if you are not immediately recognized and are approached in the future. Remember, the DALTON GANG is a FRIENDLY bunch of aviation nuts that love our airport. Thanks, Hoppy

From the Desk of Lorne Minor -

If you attended the February meeting, I discussed my desire to learn more about our chapter's namesake, **Ralph O. Helgeby**. I have been a member for over 10 years, and your Treasurer for 4 years, with little concern to the history of our chapter. Many of you may be like I was and think of this club as EAA 77 and give little or no thought as to who is *Ralph O. Helgeby*, why is the club named in his honor, how and when was it decided to name the chapter after him, what kind of a person was he, and what were his life's accomplishments?

I started by reading the news clips we have framed in the clubhouse, The Flint Journal article was written October 23, 1977, while it is well written and informative I felt it left me wanting more detail about Ralph's life. So I will see what information is available through the internet and other sources. I will keep you updated on my findings in future newsletters. If you have any articles you can contribute or information that I can use, please see me at the meetings. Until next month. . . Lorne