

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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The Ralph O. Helgeby Chapter 77 of
Greater Flint Michigan

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello

Well a sure sign of spring is **Sun-N-Fun, April 17-23**. With spring comes the need for cleanup. Please volunteer for Airport cleanup projects. I know Jeff will have at least one scheduled to cleanup the parking area for our Dawn Patrol. I believe there will be another date set after the DAA meeting April 29 for general airport areas. Please keep an eye out for these in the Newsletter. Hope to see a number of you when these occur as these tasks go quickly with a good turnout. Well so long for now, safe flying and see you at the meeting. Jim

YOUNG EAGLES

Tim Harwood reports—

Friday, April 27th is our first Young Eagles flight for the year. This will be held at the Owosso Airport with 131 kids from Garfield Elementary School participating. We will need at least 15 pilots plus some ground crew volunteers. There will be some volunteer incentives that I will explain at our meeting. If you can donate a couple hours of time on that Friday morning, please call me at (810)-964-9827

"Pilots are just grownup kids

who have earned their wings."

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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2007 Flyout Schedule

(See Entire Listing Posted on Bulletin Board –ClubHouse)

- April 21 - Sat. Ionia Co. (Y70) Plane wash/pancake breakfast 7—11am
- May 5 –Sat. Midland Barstow (3BS) Dawn Patrol or Yipsilanti (YIP) Pancake breakfast
- May 6 –Sun. Owosso (RNP) BBQ pork sandwiches 11:30a –2:00p
- May 13 –Sun. Howell Liv. Co (OZW) Poker run at 9am BBQ following. Alpena (APN) Fly/in Lunch \$5 –10a-2p
- May 20 –Sun. Port Huron (PHN) Pancake breakfast
- May 26 –Sat. Chesaning (50G) Brats N' Dogs 11a-4p
- May 27 –Sun. Lakeview (Y91) Pancake breakfast

Classifieds:

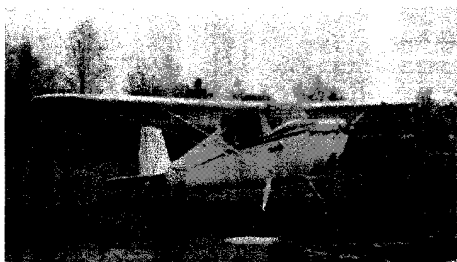
Murphy Rebel Empennage (tail). Complete kit expertly assembled. Good head start for your project. Kit retails for \$3,800, make offer. Call Jim Plourde 233-7505.

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.

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

C-172 Full IFR (GPS needs work) 2 VOR, Horton stall kit, King digital, N-7606X, less than 800 hrs since MO, needs paint. Take a look. (810) 348-8657



1948 Cessna 140

Newly rebuilt engine, 4 hours since MO. Current annual. Interior good shape, needs headliner and TLD. \$22,000 OBO. Call Gayle (810) 733-6213.

If your classified item has been sold, please notify the editor —

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

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Speaker: Randy Coller of MDOT

AIRPORTS & AIRPORT LICENSING

And your questions regarding BASIC UTILITY AIRPORTS

Refreshments served

Sun N' Fun

April 18, 19 & 20, 2007

Lakeland, Florida

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"

2007 DUES

Your "dues" status is printed on the label of this envelope. If you are not current—this will be your last newsletter

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 or Loren Minor

NOTICE: Tony Sabourin, Airport Manager, reports that Lansing Automated Flight Service will be closed from April 9th to May 21st. However, you can still call their number **800-992-7433**. You will be transferred to another area Flight Service. Also runway 9/27 is closed !

LAWN MOWING

Spring time is here. We will start the mowing season soon. Prices remain the same \$5 - \$10 per cut depending on size of your hangar lot. Call Jacob Talhelm (810) 720-4152.

FOR SALE - House lot plus adjoining hangar lot fronting on Ann Drive, Dalton Airport, Flushing. (810) 820-0407 Doug Isham

News Release from EAA Headquarters — HOUSE COMMITTEE ISSUES 'MEDICAL FRAUD' REPORT

March 29, 2007 —Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, released a report calling on the FAA to further efforts to identify and deal with pilots who provide fraudulent information to obtain their airman medical certificates. The report stems from a 2005 study by the DOT Inspector General in which thousands of certificated airmen were identified as receiving Social Security benefits, some for medically disabling conditions that would void their medicals. The report states that while the U.S. Attorney's Office ultimately prosecuted more than 40 cases, hundreds more could have been pursued if resources had not been constrained. The report urges the FAA to run periodic spot-checks of pilots' medical information and follow through with "swift and meaningful consequences if falsifications are found."

While EAA condemns any pilot for knowingly submitting false information to obtain or maintain medical certification, including omission of known disqualifying medical conditions, it doesn't want the FAA to use too broad a brush that may unfairly categorize unintentional omissions. To learn more, visit <http://members.eaa.org/home/medical/>

From the desk of Lorne Miner —

This is the second article in my search for **Ralph O. Helgeby**. Thanks to Ernie, I received a call from Geff Geisz, past president, EAA-77, 1978 thru 1981. Jeff was the person that purchased Ralph's 1930 Fleet Bi-plane that he had owned for 45 years and was often seen around Bishop Airport taking off for a trip around the State, with his wife Mary.

Geff currently lives at Price's Airport and was helpful with the following information on the 1930 Fleet Bi-plane: The plane was used as a Fleet Factory Service demo and purchased by Ralph and a dentist friend in 1930. In 1931 Ralph bought out his friend to become the owner and kept the plane in the Butler hangers in Flint. The 1930 Fleet was built April 15, 1930, as model #1, NS 213 and carried "N" number N638M. It was powered by a 7 cylinder radial engine. Geff flew this Bi-plane around Flint until after Ralph's death, then sold the plane in 1987 to a fellow from North Carolina. In my next report, I will continue my search for the 1930 Fleet Bi-plane.Lorne

From —ASN Volunteer Gary Hopcraft

AOPA has been very busy with several pressing issues concerning General Aviation. One of the most pressing is the talk in Congress about user fees for GA pilots in the US. AOPA has been very active in trying to get the word out to all concerned about aviation, to contact their local and federal representatives to let them know how YOU feel. Part of this issue is the implied threat of increased taxes on aviation fuel to help pay for the system. Read the articles in the EAA and AOPA magazines you receive and take the time to send a letter or email to your State and Federal Representatives.

Airport Support Network, Not much to report yet, still waiting for the information kit to arrive with the videos and literature to set up an EAA presentation. Since 3DA Dalton Airport is a privately owned airport, there are none of the governmental pressures on our General Aviation group that are being felt by some of the City, County, State owned airports. Many of these government owned and regulated smaller airports are feeling pressure to "sell out" to developers who want to build Condos, single homes and apartment complexes that will bring in a large return on their investment, and as well increase the tax income for the local governments.

The thing our "Dalton Gang" needs to be concerned about is maintaining a good positive image with our Township and Flushing neighbors. To date we have done a very good job of this with our involvement in the Flushing festival and our own Dawn Patrol Breakfast. The Young Eagle program has provided many free rides for our local young people and a few of their parents. Maintaining this good reputation around town is important. Be on the alert for anyone or anything that reflects negatively on our airport. Bring it to my attention, and I will relay it to the DAA board, and then on to the AOPA if appropriate and we need their help.

Airport Watch, The ASN Volunteer is not the local airport police to watch and patrol. Airport Watch is YOUR JOB. Every person using our airport legitimately should feel some responsibility for the security of the entire airport. Soon you will be seeing the YELLOW 3DA Dalton Association Decals, and also a BLUE 3DA Father John 77 Flying Club Decal. If you are active at the airport and are not a member of DAA, FJFC groups, please place an AOPA, EAA, or EAA77 decal in your windshield. There are a few of the EAA77 club decals left in the showcase in the clubroom. I will request additional EAA stickers from National to have them on hand at future EAA77 meetings.

DALTON AIRPORT (3DA) FLUSHING MICHIGAN
20TH ANNUAL EAA

DAWN PATROL FLY IN - DRIVE IN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

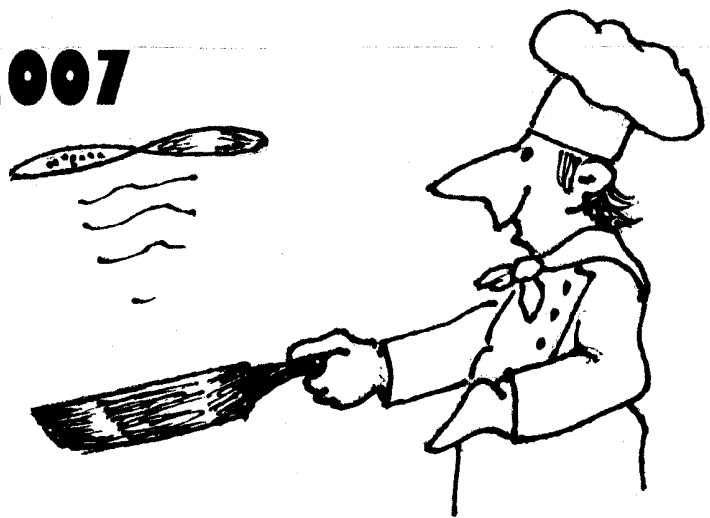
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SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2007

7AM TILL 11:30 AM

PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE,
ALL OF THE TRIMMINGS

ADULTS \$6.00
CHILDREN 5-12 \$3.00
UNDER 5 YRS FREE



GENERAL AVIATION DISPLAYS
WAR BIRDS, HOME BUILT / EXPERIMENTAL, MODELS, HOT AIR BALOONS,
HELICOPTERS, AMPHIBIOUS, CLASSIC
DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE PRIZES

PARKING OFF PIERSON ROAD BETWEEN ANN DRIVE AND LUCE ROAD

