

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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The Ralph O. Helgeby Chapter 77 of
Greater Flint Michigan

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, hope this finds you in a cool spot. I want to thank Bill Campeau for a fine job chairing last month's meeting, thank you Bill. Hope all of you who were able to attend Oshkosh enjoyed the show; don't forget to tell those of us not so fortunate about the new aircraft and gear. Don't forget about the USO Dance September 8.

I dislike having to bring this up again, but, we are missing more tables. We have discovered that in addition to 2 white tables we are missing 10 wood tables. If you know where any of these tables are hiding, please tell them to come home and they will receive total amnesty. Safe flying and see you at the meeting.
Jim

USO DANCE

September 8, 2007

Come join us for a great evening of good food and lively entertainment at our annual USO Dance. Expect . . .

- Steak or Chicken, salad, baked potato, dessert, refreshments and snacks
- Outstanding listening music of the '40's and '50's from the Dave Bennett Quartet
- USO theme and uniforms, and spectacular dancing by many invited ballroom dancers who really put on a show.

There will be "**Special Ticket Prices**" for all EAA members of *any* chapter, Dalton Airport Association members and college students.

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)

- Aug 4 –Sat Midland Barstow (3BS) 82nd Airborne
Day 9am-8pm, military aircraft display
- Aug 5 –Sun Caro (CFS) Kiwanis Fly-In 11a-3:30p
- Aug 11- Sat Cadillac (CAD) 7-11a Breakfast Fly-In
- Aug 11-Sat Brighton (45G) 10a-4p Lunch
- Aug 12-Sun Lapeer (D95) 7-11a Breakfast Fly-In
- Aug 18-19 Mason (TEW) Breakfast til noon. Steak til
5:00p AT-6 Air Show “Screaming Eagles”
- Aug 19 –Sun Sandusky (Y83) Breakfast 7am - noon
- Aug 19 –Sun Howell (OZW) Breakfast 7-11am
- Aug 25-26 Alma (AMN) 10-6p war birds static display
- Sept 1 –Sat Sidnaw (6Y9) Flyin cookout 11am, camp
ing and rentals on field.
- Sept 1 –Sat Gaylord Lakes of North (4Y4) 7a-6p,
breakfast and pig roast (Sun rain date)
- Sept 2 –Sun Romeo (D98) 7a –noon Flyin Farmers
Breakfast \$5
- Sept 9 –Sun Fowlerville (65G) 7-11a Breakfast. Camp
Fri/Sun night.
- Sept 9 –Sun Midland (3BS) 7-11a Autumn Dawn Patrol

Classifieds:

Wanted - An interested party who wishes to finish building a **Fly Baby**. A donation of plans and some parts is available from the daughter of L.D. Aurand (70's Chapter member). Contact Jim Plourde for further information.

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.

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, ask for Ralph

Dalton (3DA) Airport Residential lot plus adjoining hangar lot fronting on Ann Drive, (810) 820-0407 Doug Isham

1948 Cessna 140 Newly rebuilt engine, 4 hours since MO. Current annual. Interior good shape, needs headliner and TLC. \$22,000 OBO. Call Gayle (810) 733-6213.

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

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2007

Speaker: Gary Hopcraft

Dalton AOPA member volunteer

Refreshments served !

Tuesdays' Ice Cream Flight

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Weather Permitting

Fly to CHESANING for ice cream

Lapeer Dawn Patrol

August 12, 2007

Jim Plourde & Jeff Fallis Co-Chairmen

Young Eagles Day

August 18, 2007

We've flown 222 kids so far !

USO Dance

September 8, 2007

Dance to 1940-1950 tunes of Dave Bennett

Gary Hopcraft & Terry Adler Co-Chairmen

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Kiddy Train Workshop

The “**Kiddy Train**” has become such a hit at our Dawn Patrol that we want to build our own train. A few members have supported the idea and assure us it would not be hard to do. So think about helping out on a fun project that could be done this fall/winter and be ready for next year's Dawn Patrol. It is something really special for the young kids to enjoy while Mom and Dad are looking at airplanes.

Young Eagles -

Tim Harwood reports:

Saturday, August 18th, we will be flying the kids that signed up at the Dawn Patrol and the Candle Walk. We need Pilots and ground crew. Please call me at 810-964-9827 to volunteer. . . .

And a big Thank You to our members who came to the Young Eagles 15th Anniversary Dinner at Oshkosh. A good dinner and fellowship.

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

News From The 
EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM

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**Good Ol' Days:
Pioneer Airport Living History Event**

**August 18 and 19
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

EAA's Pioneer Airport invites you to step back in time at its annual living history event, Good Ol' Days. Dressed in period costume, Pioneer Airport staff and volunteers aim to bring the excitement and adventure of early flight back to life. With something for everyone, this is one event you don't want to miss! Good Ol' Days activities include: a family activity center where kids will have the opportunity to experience hands-on games that were popular during the golden age of aviation.



A variety of vintage vehicles will be on display, and there will be opportunities for everyone to take a free ride around the EAA grounds in a vintage prewar vehicle. Airplane rides will be available throughout the weekend in the full fleet of Pioneer aircraft, including the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, 1929 Travel Air biplane, 1927 Swallow biplane, and several Young Eagles airplanes.

Other activities include special flightline displays, contests, tours, and a Friday and Saturday evening murder mystery dinner. For more information [click here!](#)

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FROM THE DESK OF LORNE MINOR —

This is a follow-up to my previous articles on Ralph O. Helgeby and my search for his treasured 1930 Fleet aircraft. Searching the Internet using the aircraft "N" number N638M, the craft still belongs to Richard Parr of Pittsboro, North Carolina.

I called Mr. Parr with the hope of getting an update on the 1930 Fleet and maybe take a side trip to Pittsboro as my brother; John and I travel to Sun 'N Fun. Well upon speaking to Mr. Parr he spoke very fondly of the Fleet and has enjoyed flying it around the country. However his last flight resulted in some tail damage, as he had to make an emergency landing. The wings were removed and it now is in storage in need of restoration.

Mr. Parr said the Fleet was featured in the *Antique Aircraft* magazine in 1988, shortly after he purchased the Fleet. I will follow-up and get a copy of this article through EAA.

Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – Date: July 12, 2007

President Jim Plourde was on vacation. Bill Campeau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Jerry Zerbe made the motion to accept the secretary's report as reported in the newsletter, Terry Adler seconded; motion carried. Art Johnson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Lorne Minor, Ernie Harbin seconded; motion carried.

Visitors & New Members:

- • **Wayne Hallem, Marine Colonel (Helicopters) and Northwest Airline Pilot (DC-9).**

Program: Wayne Hallem

Old Business:

- Dawn Patrol Report – Sandy gave thanks to everyone who helped with this project. 1655 breakfasts were served, very successful.
- Chesaning Report – Jerry Zerbe reported this was a great day and thanked the members who helped.

New Business:

- Hangar Dance – September 8, Gary Hopcraft is Chairman, Terry Adler is Co-Chairman. USO theme, Dave Bennett (Benny Goodman look/act alike) will entertain. Tickets will be discounted for EAA members.
- Kiddie Train – Gary Hopcraft, Chairman, is looking for help and ideas to build our own train for events.
- Neighborhood Appreciation – Gary Hopcraft talked about a picnic this fall to share information with homeowners around the airport and show appreciation for their support. This could be a shared event with DAA, AOPA, and FJFC.

Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Tim Harwood, 222 kids have been flown so far! Next flight day is August 18th.

Reminders:

- Chesaning Dawn Patrol, July 8th. We do the cooking!
- Lapeer Dawn Patrol, August 12th FJFC sponsored event, need help August 11th. See Jim Plourde. Some members will be camping out.

Miscellaneous:

- Update on addition to clubhouse.
- Dorothy Banks has sheet aluminum available.

There being no further business, Gary Hopcraft made motion to adjourn, Art Johnson seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Truesdail, Secretary