

Chapter 77 Flypaper

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Greater Flint Michigan

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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 served a breakfast every 9.7 seconds for 4 hours. 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.

If you receive this before Sunday, do not forget the Chesaning breakfast is this Sunday July 9. Rod or Bill will be standing in for me at this month's meeting as I will be on vacation. Start preparing for the addition to our building this year; we need to get started so it is closed in before cold weather. Safe flying, enjoy the heat and I'll see you at the August meeting. Jim

New Fire Extinguishers Around the Airport

Our EAA Chapter is continually trying to make our Club House safe and secure. Six new fire extinguishers have been installed and are visibly marked with red fire extinguisher arrows.

- 1 in each corner of the hangar.
- 1 in the kitchen
- 1 in the work room

Also one new fire extinguisher at the Fuel Farm. It is located outside of the building on the southeast corner and is visibly marked in a white box. An audible alarm is activated when it is removed from the box. We hope that each of you have a fire extinguisher in your hangar. . . And you never have to use it.

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)

July 8 - Sun Chesaning Dawn Patrol (50G) 6:30 - 11:30am, Breakfast
July 15 -Sun Gladwin (GDW) 7:00a Breakfast
July 15 –Sun East Tawas (69D) Dawn Patrol 7-12:00
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

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. Includes Superior engine. Call Tim Ranville, 810-686-1347 for details.

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, ask for Ralph

FOR SALE - House lot plus adjoining hangar lot fronting on Ann Drive, Dalton Airport, Flushing. (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 —

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, July 12, 2007

Refreshments served !

Tuesdays' Ice Cream Flight

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Weather Permitting

Fly to CHESANING for ice cream

Chesaning Dawn Patrol

July 8th - we will cook!

Short flight to a great Dawn Patrol

EAA AirVenture –Oshkosh

July 23–29, 2007

See page 4 for details

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.

Crosswinds Café –Last Sunday, we enjoyed a short flight to Owosso Airport, and visited South-eastern Michigan's best kept secret. We had a delicious homemade cinnamon French toast and bacon breakfast plus great coffee (\$4). There was a lively bunch of pilots as well as several interesting planes to see. They are open every Sat. & Sun serving breakfast and lunch. There is a paved runway and a grass strip. The airport is well maintained and managed by our EAChapter member, Tim Harwell. Try it soon. Editorial Opinion

EAA CHAPTER 77 TEAMWORK PAYS OFF !!!

Sandy and I just wanted to send a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated in helping with our 20th Annual Dawn Patrol. We served about the same amount of breakfasts as last year (about 1,700), and had about the same number of aircraft (90) show up, but one thing I noticed was that we had MORE people attend that ate...I estimate about 2,200-2,500 people!!! Our Flint Line was FULL the entire morning, not only with planes, but with patrons...the taxi way was packed with people!!! Our parking lot filled up quite fast, and we had people parking across Pierson Rd. in the Broadstreet parking lot. You could not have asked for better weather...it was picture perfect!!!

The Chinook and Blackhawk helicopters from the Michigan National Guard stole the show this year!!! This was their 1st year back, since 2003...the squadrons have returned after having been deployed for 3 years off and on in Iraq and Afghanistan. The crews were certainly happy to be back...for Captain Pete Bailey, the Chinook Aircraft Commander, it was his 1st time he and his crew had attended our event. He told me, "This is awesome!! We never anticipated this much activity...we will be back next year!!!" Chief Warrant Officer Nelson Muma, the Blackhawk helicopter Commander said, "We love events like this where we can get out in public and answer questions and conduct tours. It's been a couple of years since we've done it and we miss it...it's good to be back."

WJRT ABC-12 was on hand and did 2 live broadcasts from 7 to 10 a.m. Jerry Zerbe was our official spokesperson for the event (How Fortunate We Are!!!) I had a chance to talk to ABC12 Reporter Autumn Perry briefly: she said "This is great...We love broadcasting at these type of events!!!". Autumn and her cameraman did a live walk-thru tour of the Chinook helicopter and shot live footage of our fly-in. I understand it was pretty impressive...I THINK WE GOT GOOD PRESS!!!

NON OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU, OUR MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!! Your participation in our annual fundraiser is what makes it successful year after year. Our Dawn Patrol is MORE than just a fly-in....it is an Aviation Event!!! A lot of hard work goes into making our Fly-in what it is. Your willingness to help makes our job easy...our members just show up and the job gets done!!! EAA Chapter 77 is truly fortunate to have such a group of caring members and aviation enthusiasts!!!

Again, many Thanks,

Sandy Matthews and Jeff Spinney

Dawn Patrol Coordinators

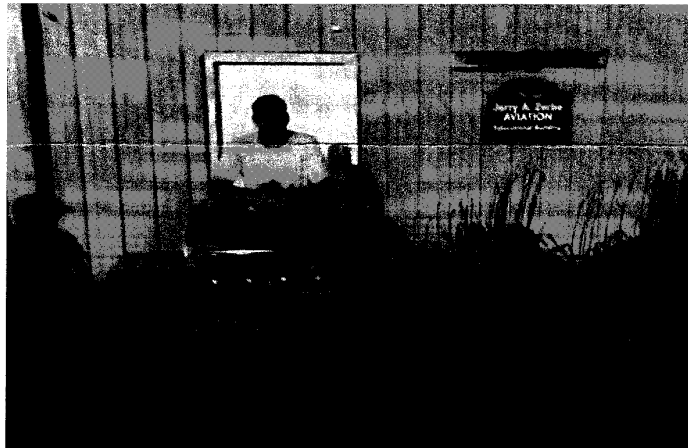
A BIG CHAPTER 77

THANK YOU

TO

JEFF AND SANDY,

too (Editor's note)



As part of our many activities at this year's Dawn Patrol, we raffled off a beautiful gas grille. And the winner was—Shannon Wells.

Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – June 7, 2007

President Jim Plourde called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Bill Campeau made the motion to accept the secretary's report as reported in the newsletter, Jerry Zerbe seconded; motion carried. Tim Harwood made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Lorne Minor, Bob Carlson seconded; motion carried.

Visitors & New Members: Gene Semanzik, is taking lessons from Jerry Zerbe, and rents space for his C-150 in the Chapter hangar.

Program: Planning for Dawn Patrol

Old Business:

- **Dawn Patrol** – This Sunday, 6/10/07 –
 - Sandy announced guest tickets are available; volunteering has been going good, sign-up sheet went around. Raffle tickets for BBQ Grill and car/plane kits. Needs more prizes for children.
 - Jeff Spinney said runway is clean, grass landing strip commercially mowed, flowers in, looking good. Great line-up and kiddy plane-train will be here.
 - Chuck Menard stated that CAP volunteers are ready to park cars.
 - Greg Palinsky said there will be transportation for handicap persons from parking area to clubhouse.
- **Flushing Summer Fest** - Jeff and Lori Fallis reported the Parade on Wednesday was successful, beads were a hit, handed out lots of flyers for Dawn Patrol.

New Business:

- **Website** – Sonny has been setting up a website for our club, www.EAA77.org Needs content for the site.

Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Tim Harwood needs pilots to fly kids Saturday, meet at 8:30 a.m.
- **FJFC** – Jeff Fallis reported that membership is good.
- **Tim Ranville** – Lancair for sale.
- **Chuck Morris** – Working on Bear Hawk tail wheel.

Reminders:

- **Dawn Patrol** – Signup for the breakfast.
- **July Board Meeting** – Will be one day later, Thursday, July 5th.
- **Gaylord Air Fair** – Saturday, 6/23/07.
- **Chesaning Fly-in** – Sunday, 7/8/07.

Miscellaneous:

- **Lot for Sale** – The Ishams have house/hangar lots for sale on corner at Ann Drive.
- **Aerolab advertisement** – Selling 12 Lo Camp kits in U.S.
- **Oshkosh** – Joe Ford looking for one-way ride there.
- **Reserve Lift Gage** – (or Angle of Attack) for sale.

50/50 winner: Rob McGinnis

There being no further business, Sandy Matthews made motion to adjourn, Ernie Harbin seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Truesdail, Secretary