

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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The Ralph O. Helgeby Chapter 77 of
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 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. I also want to thank the Power's students who came out and did a terrific job. Don't forget the Chesaning breakfast is this Sunday July 13. Safe flying, enjoy the heat and I'll see you at the meeting.
Jim

Oshkosh

Monday, July 28th to Sunday, August 3rd

Don't miss the adventure!

(See events listed on page 2)

SECRETARY NEEDED

Chapter is looking for someone to fill the office of Chapter secretary. Please think about a short commitment to serve the Chapter in this capacity. You would sit on the Board, have a vote in Chapter decisions, and attend 2 meetings per month. We need your help. Call Jim Plourde 938-2010 (cell)

This is a unisex position

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!

2008 BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS

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			Young Eagles Coord.:	Tim Harwood	810-964-9827
Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Project Center Director	Mike Padisak	

Classifieds:

Aero-Shell 15w50—Now \$60. I have 25 cases. To replace today would cost \$67. Stock up at a somewhat reasonable cost. Kerry at (810) 659-3501.

Cessna 172K XP Hawk—N1086V, 1977. Very nice aircraft. Hangared at 3DA. \$60,000 OBO. Call Gary Hopcraft for details and to see at (810) 348-5968.

Wanted—*Kitplanes* magazine, issues June, 2007, thru December, 2007. Call Sonny Webster 586-419-5802

Wanted—Anything to do with World War II aviation: parts, supplies, manuals, relics, etc. For usage or display with World War II airplane. Please call Paul and Bob Epke at 989-725-5771 (*corrected number*)

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.

Bonanza E-35—1954, lots of extras. Hangared at 3DA. \$49,800 OBO. Call Gary Hopcraft for details and to see aircraft (810) 348-5968.

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.

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.

2008 AirVenture

More Reasons to Attend Oshkosh

July 28 - August 3

Here's just a peek at what you'll see in the sky and on the ground at EAA AirVenture 2008. You've gotta be there.

- Opening Day concert featuring "*Foreigner*"
- Awesome F-22 Raptors
- Red Bull Helicopter
- Electric-powered aircraft demos.
- Spectacular Warbird activities all week
- Space Tourism Story Unfolds
- Public debut of Rocket Racing League
- The Goodyear Blimp
- First demo of Practical Jet Pack
- "WomenVenture" promotes involvement of women in aviation
- Evenings come alive with nightly drive-in style movies including appearances by **Harrison Ford** and **John Travolta**, and Theatre in the Woods plays host to comedian **Jeff Dunham** and actor **Gary Sinise's Lt. Dan Band**, and more
- Daily Air Shows featuring world's top performers

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Speaker—Eric Deuker

Electrical Failures

7:30 p.m. — Refreshments served

Tuesdays - Ice Cream at Chesaning

Join the Dalton pilots on their Tuesday trip for ice cream at Chesaning. 7:00 pm, weather permitting.

Oshkosh AirVenture

July 28, to August 3, 2008

Thunder Over Michigan

August 2 and 3, 2008

Mason Aviation Day

August 17, 2008

7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Regional Fly In

August 25 and 26, 2008

2008 Young Eagles Schedule

(See complete listing on www.eaa77.org)

Dalton:

Aug 16 Summer Young Eagles Day—Dalton

Oct. 11 Fall Young Eagles Day—Dalton

Owosso:

Sun. Sept 21 Breakfast

Remember, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please call Tim at (810) 964-9827

Contributions to the "*Flypaper*" are welcome and can be made by contacting Jack Irwin at 659-6672 or email to jirwin34@comcast.net
Deadline: 25th of each month

2008 FLY OUT SCHEDULE

July 4 Big Rapids (RQB) 7am –3pm
July 6 Clare Municipal (48D) 7 –11 am
July 12 East Tawas Iosco Co. (6D9) 7am –noon
July 13 Chesaning (50G) 6:30—11:00 am
July 13 Howell Liv. Co. (OZW) noon –4:00 pm
Helicopter only
Aug 3 Caro (CFS) 11:00 am –3:30 pm
Aug 9/10 Gladwin (GDW) 7am –noon
Aug 17 Lapeer (D95) 7 –11:00 am
Aug 23/24 Howell (ZW 7 –11:00 am
Aug 24 Sandusky City (Y83) 7am—3:00 pm
Aug 30 Lake of the North, Gaylord (4Y4)
Noon Pig Roast
Sept 7 Midland Barstow (3BS) 7 –11:00 am
Sept 7 Fowlerville Maple Grove (65G) 7 –11:00 am

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Thank You Jeff and Sandy

For nearly a dozen years now, Jeff Spinney and Sandy Matthews have successfully created Michigan's best Dawn Patrol. They work well together, with organization and cooperation. Chapter 77 is very proud to have two such ambitious and generous members.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and let you know that your time and effort, concern for safety and health, and dedication to getting the job done is admired by all of us.

From every member of EAA Chapter 77

DUES !

If your address label says "2007" you owe 2008 dues
.Cost: Members -\$12.00
Member/Spouse - \$18.00

Mail to: EAA Chapter 77, PO Box 265, Flushing, Michigan 48433

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins !

Look along the north side of the airport. Where there used to be an old pile of dirt/weeds, you will see a pumpkin patch. It has been leveled out and Gary Hopcraft has planted some hills of pumpkin seeds. Now all they need is some TLC ! When you pass by, pull a few weeds or bring a pail of water. When Halloween comes we will all have our

*** SHOTS FROM THE SHOPS ***

If you have "shots" of your project either finished or currently being worked on, we would like to see them.
Email -

Sunmanav8@sbcglobal.net or

Jirwin@dragger.com

Check out these Web sites recently set up -

Chapter 77 Home Page: www.eaa77.org

Chapter 77 www.YouTube.com

(this is a site where you can post videos of projects)

We encourage you to submit aviation stories for our web site and *Flypaper*.

Take a look at the Web Site –The video taken at our Dawn Patrol can be seen here.

June 30, 2008

To our Members and Helpers:

We just want to say "Thank you" to everyone that participated in our 21st Annual Dawn Patrol held on Father's Day this year. The numbers are in and it was another "HUGE" success thanks to you!!!

1,661 breakfasts were served, about the same as last year. Our breakfast crowd started early and by 8 a.m. the line stretched to the other side of our parking lot. Some people didn't eat because they thought the line was too long (turns out the wait was only about 20 minutes). Simply put, one person was served every 9.7 seconds...you can't beat that...even at a buffet!!!

Shuttle service to and from the parking areas greatly improved this year due to adding another tractor and trailer, which brought the numbers to 3. Two brand new tractors were donated by Flint New Holland Tractor this year, which cut down on travel time (Thanks Doug), and Charlie Clark provided his "Ole John Deer B" (nothin' like a classic!!!). Also, we added another 6 place "Limo" golf cart for the Handicapped parking area. The result...Door-to-door service in a short time and many a happy patron.

Our Airport was a flurry of activity on Father's Day!!! Chapter 77 hangar was bustling with hungry folk eager for "Dem pancakes and homemade sausage and, OHHHH that AWESOME COFFEE!!!. Our members gladly provided breakfast and service with a smile!!! Families were gathered paying tribute to Dad" on his day, and they chose to come to our airport to commemorate him!!! I think that says a lot about our event.

55 aircraft flew in an once again our Flight Line was full. Our taxiways, ramps, and grass runway were crowded with patrons getting an eyeful of "Things with Wings". The kids had a choice this year of which kiddy train they wanted to ride in...the train provided in past years by the Michigan Ultralight Assoc. or the new EAA kiddy train driven by our own "Super" Dave Detman (nice had, Dave!!!). An occasional fly by added to the ambiance of our event..."Man, that guy in the Grumman Widgeon, I think he cut my hair on that first pass!!! Our Air Traffic Advisory extraordinaire, Kerry Matthews, and our ground marshalls kept air traffic regulated and our event incident free.

It's been 2 weeks now since our event...seems like a long time ago!!! Things are back to normal around the airport. It's quiet for the most part...oh, sure there's the coming and going of aircraft at times (Gosh, there were 4 airplanes in the pattern at one time early, the other evening!!!), and the normal Saturday and Sunday morning pilgrimage to breakfast. Our EAA hangar is quiet when you walk into it...it is once again filled with aircraft, and the meeting room is filled with empty chairs, waiting for the next gathering. But the memories of all the camaraderie of our members during the weeks leading up to the fly-in and the dedication you have to our chapter's success still lingers in our minds.

To the membership, we say Thank You.

Sincerely,

Sandy and Jeff

Minutes – EAA Chapter 77

June 12,2008

Meeting brought To Order at 7:30 by President Jim Plourde. Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. Motion to accept minutes by Ernie Harbin seconded by Blake Doyle, none opposed. Minutes accepted. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Bill Campeau seconded by Gene Mausolf none opposed. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Kevin Martin New Member, building an RV-10.

Old Business: Dawn Patrol – Sandy says to show up and bring your hat. Signage is ready. Auto Parking is ready and CAP will be there to park cars, north taxiway will be closed between 7 and 11:30. Handicap parking people will have chairs next to line. Jerry will move the planes out of the hangar. The Parade was excellent, won second place. Next year need more beads to throw than this year. Kiddie Karts- Gary thanked all who helped, especially Dave Detman for the Tow Plane. Bring a passing dish for the Saturday lunch. There will be a lunch at Mike Mazar's hangar after the breakfast. Campeau's and crew will be cutting sausage about 2pm Friday.

JD reports that the table committee has determined to put the tables in the back storage room and lock the doors to prevent further loss of tables.

Issue of signage for the airport to promote the airport and Chapter was brought up. Rod reported that the township has rejected any signage the airport has presented.

New Business: Mike Gatlin presented what he could do to make the Chapter a documentary using film footage from the Dawn Patrol. Much discussion as to the value of a documentary and the cost. Motion to purchase the short version made by Sandy Matthews, seconded by Greg Palinsky. Motioned passed with 2 opposed and 4 abstained. Mike Gatlin will be contacted to video the Dawn patrol.

JD has reserved the Band for the USO Hangar Dance and 5 people have signed up to help. He will have more details at the July meeting.

Project Reports:

Young Eagles – Tim Harwood, Saturday June 14 about 40 children.

Web Site – Sonny Webster, site is back up.

FJFC – Jeff Fallis reports all planes flying.

Reminders:

Signup for one of the Dawn Patrol tasks.

Sat, 6-14 Pig & Chicken Roast, bring a passing dish.

Chesaning July 13

Ernie Harbin displayed a cling-on sign his son made, he now has the equipment to make these. Contact Ernie if you are interested.

Mail: Oshkosh NOTAM, on board

Motion to adjourn Tim Harwood, seconded by Sandy Matthews. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Plourde (volunteer Secretary for the meeting)

July 1, 2008

EAA Chapter 77
Dalton Airport
3400 Ann Drive
Flushing, MI 48433

Dear Chapter 77 Members,

At this time I would like to thank the EAA Chapter 77 for donating \$100 dollars to the American Cancer Society for the Flushing Relay for Life walk held back on June 20/21. Relay for Life fundraisers are held throughout Genesee County every June. People from all “walks” of life participate in these events, usually walking around a park for a specified time for pledges. The event last for 24 hours, and people can walk as long as they want. The Relay in Flushing was held downtown at Riverview Park. 390 participants walked...90 of them were Cancer Survivors...almost 1 in 4.

33 teams participated in this year's event. Around \$50,000 dollars was raised. Our group, Rock around the Clock, lead by Flushing Mayor Jan Gensel had 30 participants; someone on her team was walking every hour around the clock. I managed about 6 miles in 4 hours, EAA Chapter 77 member Dave Detman and his finance Tammy also participated. Our group raised \$1,500 dollars towards helping defeat this disease which, statistic show affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 2 men in this country. Cancer affects everyone in one way or another...either you get it or someone in your family, or someone you know.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to help find a cure for this disease.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spinney