

# Chapter 77 Flypaper



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The Ralph O. Helgeby Chapter 77 of  
Greater Flint Michigan

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello. I want to express our grief and sorrow over the passing of Joe Heystek, our friend and member. And, extend our sympathy to Joe's entire family. Over the years Joe has been quite active at the airport. Joe extended his excavating expertise and equipment to help build our airport and in recent years spent a tremendous amount of time mowing our airport. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

It's time to prepare for winter. The building maintenance list is on the bulletin board. Some of the items have already been completed but there are items remaining. Please take the time to see if you could contribute to completing these tasks. Thank you. One of the items which have already been completed is draining the water line to the east end of the hangar. This has been completed and a lock installed on the valve so the water to that faucet cannot be turned on. The key to this lock is secured and this faucet will not be turned on until the freezing weather has ended in the spring. Don't forget this month is officer elections for the following 2 years. If you are so inclined to become a Chapter officer, or board member or have someone you wish to nominate please attend this month's meeting. Safe flying and see you at the meeting. Jim

## Annual Banquet

*EAA Chapter 77*

Saturday, January 17, 2009

**Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn**

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner, Awards

*Speaker—Bob Hynes, former WJR radio personality and now Director of Public Relations, for Yankee Air Museum*

*Tickets—\$25 each*

Tickets available at the meeting or by sending check and reservation to Rod Curtis: EAA Chapter 77, P.O. Box 265, Flushing, MI 48433 or call Rod at (810) 237-5225

***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

President:	Jim Plourde	233-7505	Tech Counselors:	Dan Palmer	664-0540
				Walt Hancock	634-5250
Vice President:	Rod Curtis	732-0185			
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				Walt Hancock	(248)634-5250
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	Lee Slocum	639-2608		Sandy Matthews	659-3501
	Bob Carlson	810-625-3602			
	Bill Campeau	736-7231			
Newsletter Editors:	Peggy and Jack Irwin	659-6672	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	659-3501
	e-mail: Jirwin34@comcast.net			Blake Doyle	659-4476
Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Young Eagles Coord.:	Tim Harwood	810-964-9827
			Project Center Director	Mike Padisak	

## Classifieds:

**Service:** Annual Inspections, Condition Inspections, General Maintenance and Service. Call Dan Liming (810) 938-5556

**Cessna 175** –1956 Skylark N7390M, Ser. 55690, T.T. 1,773.9, O.H. at 1,368, King 800L, Hush Com with push to talk with 2 head sets, Narco Com 810 and AT 15 Trans. \$27,500 with annual. Call Roy Grace (810) 631-4070

**Hangar Space for Rent** –1 opening in Chapter 77 hangar on Dalton Airport. \$100 per mo.. Jim (810) 938-2010 (cell)

**Powered Tug** –for nose wheel. Demo model, reduced price. See Jack (810) 659-6672.

**Garmin** 430 GPS update? Call 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** –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.

**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.

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## **DVD Documentary For Sale**

We have a great, professional DVD of our **Dawn Patrol** and **Young Eagle flights** on June 14 & 15, 2008. We are selling them at cost for \$10 each. They will be available at Thursday's meeting. Greg Palinsky, the Flushing Public Relations liaison for Chapter 77, will be presenting this DVD in several schools during the winter to continue our efforts to attract youth to aviation and Dalton Airport.

## **-Elections-**

The Board of Directors has obtained a Slate of Officers for 2009. Elections will be held at the meeting November 13th for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board member. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

**Fiber Arts Guild**— The Guild is holding a spinning and weaving demo in our Club Room on Friday and Saturday, November 21 and 22. They would be happy to have anyone interested come and observe.

## **Dates to Remember . . .**

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, November 13, 2008**  
7:30 p.m. — Refreshments served  
*Election of 2009 Officers*

### CAP meeting

**Saturday, November 15, 2008**  
10:00 a.m.

### AUCTION

**Saturday, November 22, 2008**  
9:00 a.m.  
**Airport Property: Bud Drum's Home and Hangar, plus all the contents.**

### Candle Walk

**Thurs/Friday, December 4 and 5**  
*Volunteers needed*

### Saturday or Sunday mornings

Join the Dalton pilots this fall for a color trip to Owosso Café for breakfast. Coffee's delicious and sticky buns are to die for. 9:00 am departure.

### Annual Banquet

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**  
*Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn*  
6:00 pm Social Hour -7:00 pm Dinner

## **Civil Air Patrol**

Two Chapter members have volunteered to become leaders for the Chapter 77 CAP program. JD Skinner and Greg Palinsky will hold their first meeting November 15th. Our Chapter is dedicated to attracting youth to aviation and we look forward to this CAP association.

## **Auction !!**

**Saturday, November 22nd** the family of Bud Drum will hold an auction of Bud and Tillie's home on Luce Rd. The auction starts at 9:00 am and includes home, hangar and contents. There is a "for sale" sign in front of the house. It is the 3rd piece of property from the end of runway 18, and has access to the north/south runway.

*He flies  
on the wings of an eagle -*

For those of you who are unaware, our friend Joe Heystek died of a heart attack on Friday, October 24th. He flew on Wednesday - a beautiful fall day. But on Thursday morning, not feeling well, he went back home, and Joann took him to the doctor. He was having a heart attack. He chose to pass comfortably at Avalon Hospice with his family by his side.

Joe made many contributions to the Dalton Airport Association and EAA Chapter 77 so a memorial day will be planned in May to celebrate his importance to local aviation and our members.

We will miss him . . .  
but we will always remember.

Gary Hopcraft reflects on his friendship with Joe, below—

To all of the Dalton Gang,

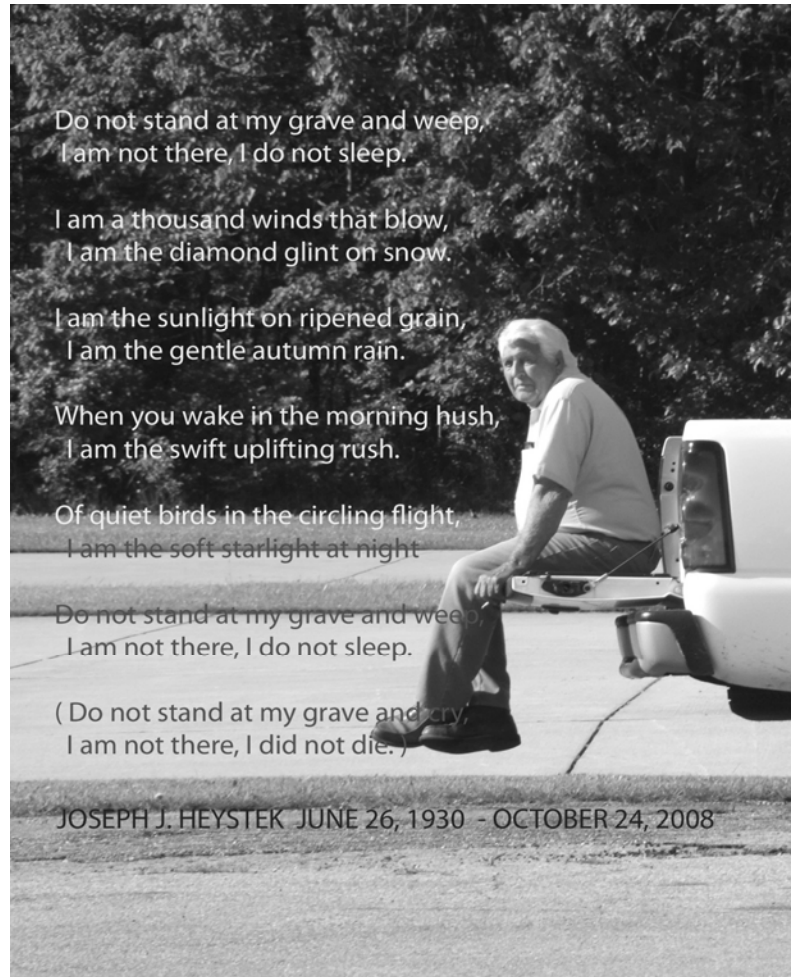
We all have lost a good friend, pilot, and airport helper.

I did not know Joe as long as many of you, however as my hangar neighbor for the past 12 years, he was always the bright spot of my day.

We shared many stories sitting in the open door of hangar 27, in that old rocking chair he would always share with a guest, often in the winter with a small heater that he would always re-aim toward you when you joined him. Many of my morning hours were spent at Gabby's with Joe and Pat Pequet listening to these two living "encyclopedias" of aviation trivia, and WW II history. We did side-by-side breakfast flights to many destinations. Joe taught me to drive the Model T. My most memorable flight, the very first day I met Joe, was when he "stuffed" the both of us into his old Cessna and we flew to Battle Creek to see the Concorde. We were "very" close that day, and the friendship lasted.

Joe loved his family, and he took great pride in the construction business he built (now celebrating its 50th year). He was often seen flying out to check on the "jobs" they were doing here and there. It was usually a very bad weather day when Joe did not roll out the Cessna or the Luscombe or both and fly. And on more than a few of the summer afternoons, after he had spent most of his day mowing the airfield, I would slip next door to sit and visit, and offer Joe a "cold brew" and we would relax. Our little white dog "Poco" has become well known at Dalton as I take him over there as often as I can. He loves to explore and "dust" hangars. Joe's hangar was no exception, and Joe and Poco became great friends. I think that Poco will miss Joe too ! He always heads over to Joe's hangar to check if Joe is there. The memories of Joe Heystek will always be with me. May the grace of God shine upon him, and all of you, and our Nation.

Gary Hopcraft



## Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – Date: October 9, 2008

President Jim Plourde called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited as the members stood and faced our flag, our symbol of freedom. Art Johnson made the motion to accept the secretary's report as passed out to the membership, Bob Carlson seconded; motion carried. Art Johnson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Lorne Minor, Shelly Carlson seconded; motion carried.

### Visitors & New Members:

- Gordon Wallace – from Linden Airport

**Program:** Doc Saalwaechter gave us a talk on his flight into Dulles Airport in Washing DC. He encouraged us to take this trip and see the Museums, especially the Aviation Museum. The tower was very cooperative and access easy.

### Old Business:

- Breakfast DVD – Rod Curtis reported there are enough sponsors to cover the expense for the Chapter to own the 12-minute video. Video will soon be available to members for \$10 each. We have the list of those who purchased the 4-minute video and you will be given the new 12-minute video.
- Banquet report – Rod Curtis is working on securing the speaker.
- Hanger Dance – Warren had a video and slides from the dance for members to watch.
- CAP – JD Skinner is still looking for volunteers for this program. Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. "Civil Air Patrol builds strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21." Check out the website at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov).

### New Business:

- Building Maintenance – Jim Plourde posted a sheet on bulletin board. A lock needs to be put on the gate valve to the water. Gayle Talhelm oversees that the basic needs of the hall are taken care of.
- Hangar Maintenance – We need a chairperson to oversee the projects and repairs that need to be taken care of in the hangar.
- Visitor & New Member Chairman – We are looking for a volunteer to sit with visitors at our meetings, introduce them to others, and call them before the next meeting to invite them back. If you are interested, see Jim Plourde.
- Officer Nominations – The nominating committee is: Bob & Shelly Carlson, Jerry Zerbe, and Jim Plourde. We need nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Seat. . If you are interested in being put on the ballot, please talk to one of the committee members.

### Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Tim Harwood said last official program for this year is Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for two Boy Scout Troops of about 50 kids. Pilots should be here about 8:30 a.m.
- **Website** – Sonny Webster is always looking for things to be put on the website.
- **Past Policies** – Shelly Carlson said they are working on this.
- **Ralph Helgeby Memorabilia** – We have a 60+ year old leather flying suit from the Army Air Corp. and are looking for a mannequin or display case to show and preserve it.

### Miscellaneous:

- Art & Kay Johnson's Wedding Anniversary - Party here at the hangar Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Members are welcome to come help them celebrate.

There being no further business, Bob Carlson made motion to adjourn, Roy Grace seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Truesdail, Secretary

## EAA Chapter 77

2009 Dues:       Member - \$12.00  
                      Member and Spouse - \$18.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to collect 2009 Dues promptly, we are attaching this convenient payment invoice. Please complete and mail to the address below by January 1, 2009:

**EAA Chapter 77**  
**Attn: Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 265**  
**Flushing, MI 48433-0265**

*Thank you,  
Board of Directors*