

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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A Note from the President . . .

With all the negative talk about the economy, I want to say, keep your chin up! We should all strive to look on the bright side of things. After all, spring is just around the corner and Jeff Spinney and Sandy Matthews are already putting things together for our June 14th Dawn Patrol!

I don't know about you but I am looking forward to the warmer weather and just hanging out at the airport. We will be having a work day in May to clean the clubhouse. Jeff also needs workers to clean the parking area. We really need your help. Please sign up at our next meeting. Thanks So Much - Rod

Clubhouse Cleanup Day

*Date to be announced at
the meeting*

9:00 AM

**Set aside a Saturday to do some
cleanup and maintenance at our EAA
Clubhouse.**

- **Drywall, painting**
- **Kitchen cleaning**
- **Flowers, grounds**

Lunch Provided !!

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:	Rod Curtis	732-0185	Tech Counselors:	Walt Hancock	634-5250
Vice President:	Greg Palinsky	659-9711			
Secretary:	Cindy Truesdail	695-9288	Flight Advisor:	Jerry Zerbe	720-6042
				Walt Hancock	(248)634-5250
Treasurer:	Dan Willoughby	629-4868	Sports Center Director:	Gayle Talhelm	733-6213
Board Members:	George Stevens	789-2232	Dawn Patrol Directors:	Jeff Spinney	230-0973
	Andy Shaw	810-208-0422		Sandy Matthews	659-3501
	Bob Carlson	810-625-3602			
	Jim Plourde	233-7505			
Newsletter Editors:	Peggy and Jack Irwin	659-6672	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	659-3501
	e-mail: Jirwin34@comcast.net			Blake Doyle	659-4476
			Young Eagles Coord.:	Tim Harwood	810-964-9827
Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Project Center Director	Mike Padisak	

Classifieds:

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

0200 Continental Engine: 0 hours since MOH, \$6,000 or best offer. 313-598-2615

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)

Garmin 430 GPS update? Call Kerry at (810) 659-3501.

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.

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.

Home on Dalton Airport: 1,490 sq. ft. includes 48x56" aircraft hangar. 313-598-2615, ask for Cathy.

VG Grocery Receipts: Bring receipts to our collection box at the Clubhouse.

Yankee Air Museum

Website, www.yankeeairmuseum.org. It has a list of "needs" if you are cleaning out your hangar and would like to make a donation. Of special note for this summer—they will again have **"Thunder Over Michigan"** at Willow Run Airport.

Flowers and Cards—Do you now of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Call Cindy Truesdail (810-695-9288). She is our point person for EAA Chapter response.

Taxiway Upkeep

During the next few months, while the ground is soft, please try not to drive off the taxiways onto the grass. It creates unsightly holes that will have to be filled in come spring. Your attention to keeping our airport taxiways in good repair is important.

Contributions to the **"Flypaper"** are welcome and can be made by contacting Jack Irwin at 659-6672 or email to Jirwin34@comcast.net. Deadline: 1st of each month.

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2009

7:30 p.m. — Refreshments served

Wings

April 4, 2009, 2:00 AM

Pilots Safety Seminar

Bishop Airport Terminal Building

Young Eagles Day

April 11, 2009

8:30 Pilots meeting, 9:00-11:00 flights

Sun N' Fun

April 21, 22, 23, 2009

DAA Annual Membership Meeting

April 26, 2009

2:00 pm—EAA Clubhouse

Clubhouse Cleanup Day

May 23, 2009

Starts at 9:00 am

Lunch Provided

Dawn Patrol

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Plan ahead—don't miss this great show !

Young Eagles Day

Saturday, June 13, 2009

8:30 Pilots meeting, 9:00-11:00 flights

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-2009 Young Eagles -

Tim Harwell (*not Brooks, sorry*) reports the following schedule of flights:

Saturday, April 11th—cancelled

Saturday, June 13th

Saturday, August 15th

Saturday, October 17th

BP Gas Card: Starting May 1st use your BP Air gas card for full fuel discount. Use of any other card diminishes your discount i.e. with BP Air card price is \$4.00, other cards \$4.30—\$4.60. BP Air card can also be used for auto fuel with a 5% discount.

Tables and Chairs on loan: They are stored in Work Shop storage room. If you want to borrow, please call Rod Curtis (810-732-0185) for entry to the room, and make note on the calendar of quantity and date of return

Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – Date 2/12/09

President Rod Curtis 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. Jim Plourde made the motion to accept the secretary's report for the December 11, 2008, meeting, as reported in the January 2009 newsletter, Shelley Carlson seconded; motion carried. Bob Carlson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Lorne Minor, who is filling in for Dan Willoughby, Jim Weston seconded; motion carried.

Visitors & New Members: Bailey Curtis, Kevin's daughter

Program: Kerry Matthews, "Icing"

Old Business:

- **Annual Banquet Report** – Rod Curtis gave Profit / Loss Report.
- **Past Policies** – Shelley Carlson, Skip, and Ron Bader are finishing up on this project. Board will review soon.
- **Shirt & Hat Purchase** - Loren to order more shirts and hats for chapter – Board approved up to \$700 for order.

New Business:

- **BP Visa Cards** – Must have BP card by May 15th to get full discount available to members. Cost is incurred with other cards, which will be passed on to those who use them. There will be a three-tiered pricing: Full price, Non-BP Card, and BP Card. You can no longer apply by phone or Internet, only by written application. After you get your new card number, give it to Shelly Carlson, President of Father John Flying Club, or to Rod Curtis. Note: Do not call Mike Padisak.
- **Flightstar Offer** - Ron Jones, Thunderbird Aviation, wants someone to invest in the company and he is willing to donate a complete Flightstar Kit to the chapter.
- **Mt Morris Twp. Personal Property Statement** – Sent out by mistake, does not apply to our chapter.
- **Emergency Locator Transmitter 121.5** – As of February 1st, is no longer being monitored by the International Cospas-Sarsat organization. Pilots must monitor frequency to alert Search & Rescue, 406 MHZ beacons.
- **Spring Clean Up** – Will set date in April to clean the club house and paint walls. Members are to ask the Rod Curtis before bring in items to the club house. We also need to schedule a date to clean up the parking area for Dawn patrol.
- **EAA National Membership** - \$40 per year. All Chapter 77 members are encouraged to be a member of National. If you fill out a form and give it to Lorne Minor to send in, our club gets \$10 back.

Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Tim Harwood has scheduled flights for April 11th, June 13th, August 15th, and October 17th.
- **FJFC** – Shelley Carlson or Gary Hopcraft didn't have anything to report
- **Website** – Sonny Webster is out of state, but will maintain website for now.
- **Chuck Morris – Bear Hawk** – had pictures to show frame work he is doing.

Reminders:

- **DVD's for Sale** – We still have 12-minute video of 2008 Dawn Patrol for \$10.00.
- **VG Grocery Receipts** – Turn in your receipts to the club and they will give money to our chapter.
- **Sun-N-Fun** – April 21 - 23, 2009. Kerry Matthews reported that rooms are still available at a special rate until March 20th.
- **Yankee Air Museum** – Always looking for volunteers. They host the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport, July 18 -19, 2009. Go online for ticket information: <http://yankeeairmuseum.org>
- **Stay on Taxi-Way** - Please don't drive on grass, it is too wet and soft.
- **DAA Annual Meeting** – Sunday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m.
- **Dawn Patrol** - Sunday, June 14th, Jeff Spinney announced first meeting Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Program Ideas** – If you know of a potential speaker, give the name and information to Rod Curtis.

Miscellaneous:

- **John Zerbe family** - Sent a Thank You Card for flowers and sympathy card
- **Dan Palmer** – Call him if you could visit him or plan a day this spring to fly to Lapeer and pick Dan up for a flight (810) 664-0540. We will send him complimentary tickets for Dawn Patrol 2009.
- **Club House Capacity** – Jeff Spinney reported that Larry Gramer, Mt. Morris Township Building Inspector, estimated the club house holds 50 people in the meeting room. Hanger capacity is no problem when doors are open, otherwise estimate 15 Sq.Ft. per person. These guidelines will be taken into consideration in our Building Use Policy.
- **Smith Mini-Plane** – 0290 engine, 125 HP, 4 cylinders, 75% done. Jim Bacon offered as donation to club. Board will discuss plans and vote at next board meeting whether to accept or not.
- **Electrical Digital True Tach** – Donated by Jim Moore, will be put in workroom and available for members to use.

There being no further business, Ernie Harbin made motion to adjourn, Bob Carlson seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Truesdail, Secretary