

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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Greater Flint Michigan

A Note from the President . . .

Spring is here and it is time for us to get busy. Get back in that plane and refresh your skills. Take an instructor and practice your maneuvers. We all need more flying time to be better pilots. Be a courteous pilot out there. Announcing your position around the airport helps other pilots know exactly where you are. Sun-N-Fun is coming up in a few weeks. If you are unable to attend, pick up the local news about the fly-in thru the EAA website. We are looking forward to another great summer at the airport. At our next meeting, Thursday April 9, we will have a sign up sheet for a work-day at the airport. Please come and help get the airport ready for our Dawn Patrol. Thanks for your support! Be careful Flying!! - Rod



Clubhouse Cleanup Days

May 9th and May 16th—9:00 am

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

- **Bathroom painting, Hangar Maintenance**
- **Kitchen cleaning, and reorganization**
- **Flowers, grounds, parking areas**

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!

2009 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 Flourde	233-7505			
Newsletter Editors:	Peggy and Jack Irwin	659-6672	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	659-3501
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			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

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 spotlighting the "**Blue Angels**".

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.

Our condolences to the John Sharpe family on the passing of his father.

CAP—JD Skinner reports that they are still looking for people to join the Civil Air Patrol. Please call him at 810-610-5099 for more information.

Taxiway Upkeep

During the next few weeks, 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. 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, April 9, 2009

"Face to Face, Eye to Eye" -AOPA Safety

7:30 p.m. — Refreshments served

Wings

Saturday, April 4, 2009, 9:00 AM

Pilots Safety Seminar

Bishop Airport Terminal Building

Sun N' Fun

April 21, 22, 23, 2009

Sunshine and Airplanes—what a combination.

DAA Annual Membership Meeting

April 26, 2009

2:00 pm—EAA Clubhouse

Clubhouse Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Starts at 9:00 am

Lunch Provided

Flushing Parade

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Young Eagles Day

Saturday, June 13, 2009

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

Dawn Patrol

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Plan ahead—don't miss this great show !

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-2009 Young Eagles -

Tim Harwood reports the following schedule of flights:

Saturday, June 13th

Saturday, August 15th

Saturday, October 17th

BP Gas Card: Starting May 15th 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: Breakfast tables are stored in Work Shop storage room and cannot be loaned. You may borrow the brown tables and they are stored in the clubhouse hangar. Make note on the Club room calendar of your name, quantity and date of return.

Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – Date: March 12, 2009

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. Ernie Harbin made the motion to accept the secretary's report as reported in the newsletter, Bob Carlson seconded; motion carried. Frank Kudla made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Dan Willoughby, Shelly Carlson seconded; motion carried.

Program: None

Visitors & New Members: None

Old Business:

- **New Officer Signatures on banking account** – Dan Willoughby is now on account, Jim Plourde is off. Rod Curtis will go in and get his name on the account this week.
- **Volunteer to take Dawn Patrol tickets to Dan Palmer** – Bob and Shelly Carlson volunteered to do this, just need address.
- **BP Visa Cards** - As of May 15th, only BP Gas Cards will get the full discount at the pumps. Shelly Carlson and Rod Curtis will be collecting names and card numbers to be submitted to Mike Padisak. Do not call Mike.
- **Insurance Policies** – Rod Curtis is still working on our liability coverage information to be sure we do not pay for twice for the same things.
- **By-Laws** – Shelly Carlson, Skip Cocke, and Ron Bader have collected all they could find. Rod Curtis is working on putting it all together and presenting it to the membership.
- **Smith Mini-Plane** - The board and the membership approved taking as a gift to the chapter, donated by Jim Bacon. Walt Hancock will get a group of guys to bring the plane to Dalton. Not present to update how that's going. Rod corrected previous information that it was a Continental, rather it is a Lycoming.
- **Locked Storage Area** – JD Skinner and Rod Curtis have the combination to get in the storage area. Call one of them when you are picking up tables. Please note on calendar the date taken and the date they are returned. Newer tables and not to be taken out of the building.
- **Permission to use equipment** - Jeff spinney was given permission to loan 2 grills and a pancake dropper to the Mt. Morris Twp Fire Dept. They help us with the Dawn Patrol each year.

New Business:

- **By-Laws** – The board voted that a quorum of board members must be present to vote on matters pertaining to our chapter. A quorum is defined as a simple majority of board members. *Article VII* refers to the Board of Directors being 20, which Rod listed on the marker board. He noted we do not have a "Laser Grade Supervisor" anymore. *Article XIII Section 1* states: A majority vote of the members at a regular meeting or a 2/3^{rds} vote of the Board of Directors is required to amend By-laws.
- **Spring Clean Up** – Saturday, May 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. till about 3:00 p.m. A sign up sheet went around.
- **Point Person** – Cindy Truesdail is contact person to handle sympathy cards, flowers, etc. for the chapter. All members should make her aware of any illness or deaths within our membership. Call her at (810) 695-9288.
- **Dawn Patrol – Sunday**, June 14th. Sandy Matthews reported they need one more tractor and hay wagon to transport people. Parade is on Wednesday, June 10th. National Guard has committed to being here. Still needing volunteers.
- **CAP** – JD Skinner said they are still looking for people to join CAP. Call him at: 810 610-5099.
- **Building Addition** – Rod Curtis reported that the board had voted not to move forward on the 30x30' addition for storage. Quote of \$14,695.49 was roughed in building, no heat, electricity, insulation, etc. Much discussion about addition details and purpose. Cindy Willoughby made a motion, Greg Palinsky seconded, motion passed to form design committee to work on getting more information for addition plans and purpose. Dan Willoughby will chair this committee with members: Mike Padisak, Greg Palinsky, Jim Plourde, and JD Skinner.

Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Flights for April 11th cancelled. First one will be June 13th, then August 15th, and October 17th.
- **FJFC** – Jim Plourde reported there are 3-4 openings for new members. \$500 buy-in fee and \$300 annual dues.
- **Mike Padisak** – Working on Aeronca L-16 for Dave Cummings. Should be in air by May.
- **Frank Kudla** – Took EAA's B-17 Flying Fortress flight over Knoxville, TN. John Boahler took a flight when it was at Pontiac.

Reminders:

- **Yankee Air Museum** – Visit their website at: www.yankeeairmuseum.org/ for updates and information. Thunder Over Michigan Air Show will be at Willow Run Airport, July 18 -19, 2009. Consider becoming a member.
- **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. Rooms are still available at a special rate until March 20th.
- **DAA Annual Meeting** – Sunday, April 26th, 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Bob Carlson made motion to adjourn, Frank Kudla seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Truesdail, Secretary