

Chapter 77 Flypaper



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Greater Flint Michigan

A Note from the President . . .

EAA Chapter 77 Members – Just a note about our monthly meeting on May 14. I will be showing a DVD just recently sent to us from EAA Headquarters. Tom Poberezny explains some new things that are happening within the EAA Organization. The DVD also has some new video and changes that are taking place at AirVenture Oshkosh. We also will be finalizing our plans for our 2009 Dawn Patrol. Won't you please come and support our Club as we prepare for this annual event - and hey...be careful flying out there! 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 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:

Smith Mini Plane for sale! Under construction, with everything you need to complete the job. Includes .029G engine. \$7,500 obo. Call Hoyt 810-732-0467.

Hangar Space for Rent –1 opening in Chapter 77 hangar on Dalton Airport. \$100 per mo. Rod 810-449-6972 (cell)

Dalton Dawn Patrol DVD 2008-\$10 . See approaches and takeoffs of our guest airpanes from last year's breakfast. To purchase, call Jim Plourde 810-233-7505.

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

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*)

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 (Drum).

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

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EAA History

Ernie Harburn, past president of Chapter 77, has donated EAA memorabilia collected over the many years of his membership. The most significant item is the very first EAA Newsletter. EAA Headquarters has shown an interest in receiving this collection. It will soon be presented to Oshkosh Musyym.

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**".

C.A.P. –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.

***Come Help Us Clean and Maintain our Club House
Ready the airport for our really big Dawn Patrol***

Dates to Remember . . .

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2009

EAA Headqtrs Video & Oshkosh Update

7:30 p.m. — Refreshments served

Clubhouse Cleanup Days

Saturday, May 9 and 16, 2009

Starts at 9:00 am

Lunch Provided

Flushing Parade –Volunteers needed

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Setup 5:00 pm at Central Elementary-Coutant Street

Supper Provided

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 !

Taxiway Mowing & Upkeep

A special thanks to **Dave Dettman** for mowing 09/27 while it was soft and we were unable to use our tractor. During the next few weeks, while the ground is soft, please do 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

BP Gas Card: Use your BP Air gas card for **full fuel discount**. Use of any other card diminishes your discount. Lack of credit card approval will be discussed at this month's meeting.

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.

Flowers and Cards—Do you know 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.

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.

Minutes EAA Chapter 77 Meeting – Date: April 9, 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. Shelley Carlson made the motion to accept the secretary's report as reported in the newsletter, Art Johnson seconded; motion carried. Bob Carlson made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Dan Willoughby, Art Johnson seconded; motion carried.

Visitors & New Members: Erin Dalton ("Original Dalton" daughter) came with Gayle Talhelm

Program: Video "Heads Up, Hold Short, Fly Right" – AOPA Runway Safety

Old Business:

- **Liability Insurance** – Rod Curtis spoke with Karen Kryzanik at EAA Headquarter. We are carrying duplicate Liability coverage through Security First Insurance, which we will cancel and save \$650.00 per year. Lorne Minor suggested owners of planes in EAA hangar show proof of insurance.
- **Air BP Card** – Remember to turn new numbers turned into Rod Curtis or Shelley Carlson by May 15th.
- **Dan & Kim Palmer** – Rod Curtis is sending them honorary tickets to Dawn Patrol.
- **Smith Mini Plane** – The plane is now in Walt Duncan's Hangar – The board voted to put the plane up for sale "as is". The board also suggested that Hoyt Petty, Mike Padisak, and Jerry Zerbe set the sale price. Rick Truesdail made a motion to accept the board's recommendation to sell the plane, Shelly Carlson and Jim Plourde seconded the motion, discussion followed. Walt Hancock will call donor to be inquire his attitude on sale of the plane. Vote tabled until next meeting.
- **Dawn Patrol** – Sunday, June 14th - Jeff Spinney reported that the flyers are sent out and he is getting responses from potential participants. Health Permit now costs \$88.00; Shelley Carlson found the 501C3 Tax Exempt Form needed. The board voted to sell the 2008 Fly-In DVD's at the breakfast.
- **Parade** – Wednesday, June 10th - Sandy Matthews said volunteers are to meet in the field behind Central Elementary on Coutant Street by 5:00 p.m. We still need volunteers to walk in the parade, pass out beads, and help with float.
- **Hangar Maintenance** – Jim Polzin and George Stevens are willing to coordinate light maintenance of the clubhouse and hangar, communicating with Rod Curtis to be sure things get fixed as needed.
- **Spring Clean Up** – May 9th and May 16th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bill Campeau priced out the white board for the wall repair. It is \$14.00 per sheet plus screws, etc. Approximately 12 sheets are needed. Bill hung a kiddy car on the wall, which will free up about 150 feet of floor space. Blake Doyle stated that was the original intention. Bill also mentioned that some shingles are missing from the roof – Will need repair this summer.
- **Building Use Policy and By Laws** – Rod Curtis is working on these and compiling past decisions on.
- **Building Addition** – Dan Willoughby reported that the committee is working on plans and ideas for this project.
- **21 Members Delinquent on Dues** – If you got a Pink Slip in your newsletter, you need to pay your annual dues to our treasurer.

New Business:

- **Weekend Work Party Volunteer Invitation** – If you would like to work at Oshkosh, see Rod to sign up. Rooms and meals provided. Several weekends available: May 16-17, 30-31; June 13-14, 27-29; and July 11-12, 18-19.
- **The Founder's Wing** – Rod has first EAA National publication "The Experimenter", which Ernie Harbin has given to the club. We will donate to National EAA, The Founder's Wing. There will be a board recognizing Ernie Harbin and Chapter 77.
- **16th Annual Aviation Teacher Workshop** – May 16th – Kalamazoo Air Zoo offers this to anyone who works with kids.
- **Meeting Time** – Discussion about changing the time of the board meeting or the membership meeting to be the same. Rod Curtis will check the by-laws to see if there are previous decisions.

Project Reports:

- **Young Eagles** – Saturday, June 13th - It was noted that is International Young Eagle Day.
- **Website** – Jeff Spinney said a friend of his in the Philippines came across www.eaa77.org. Awesome!
- **Chuck Morris – Bear Hawk** – Sandblasted the frame and is scrapping, getting ready to paint.
- **Kevin Martin – RV10** – Fuselage is done, figuring out the avionics.

Miscellaneous:

- Sandy Matthews cleaned the flower beds, filling 3 trash bags. Thank you, Sandy!
- Please stay off the grass – Jeff Spinney cannot roll it yet because it is too soft, hopefully in a couple of weeks.
- Gail Talhelm furnished donuts and made coffee for our meeting. Thanks, Gail!
- Yankee Air Museum sent a thank you letter for our donation of \$350 to them in honor of our banquet speaker this year.
- Ernie Harbin donated \$100 to the club toward utilities for use of the building.

There being no further business, Jim Plourde made motion to adjourn, Gordon Hale seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Truesdail, Secretary