

# Chapter 77 Flypaper



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## This Month's Membership Meeting

**January 13, 2021**  
**Social Hour at 6PM**  
**Hotdogs and chips**  
**Meeting at 7PM**

**Program: Awards Ceremony**  
**Collect nominations for Howard Warren Award**



## **2022 Board Members and Officers**

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
Vice President:	Paul Dolan	810-247-6971		Rick Hayes	248-462-9338
Secretary:	Gabriella Orme	810-730-2981	Flight Advisor:	Justin von Linsowe	810-444-3141
Treasurer:	Eric LaForest	810-577-5292	Dawn Patrol Directors:	Jeff Spinney	810-210-6882
Past President:	Unfilled			Sandy Matthews	810-659-3501
Trustees:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	810-659-3501
	Jim Plourde	810-233-7505		Jake Carmer	810-919-0121
	Dan Willoughby	810-513-3917	Young Eagles Coord:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197
Newsletter Editor:	Sandie Carmer	517-391-7197	Workshop Coordinator:	Eric LaForest	810-577-5292
Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281

## ***President's Corner***

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!**

The new year gives us a chance to reflect on our successes and failures of the last year, and look ahead with hope and excitement for the year ahead. Personally, Sandie and I have been completely focused on rebuilding our new house which has taken all of our efforts and taken a lot of time away from our aviation goals but will also allow us to pursue those ambitions at a greater rate soon. We can't wait to be living at the house and have our friends fly in to our backyard to say hi. To be back building our Bearhawk and spending more time with all of you, our aviation family. My personal resolutions are to fly more hours to more places than in years past. I also hope to fly more young eagles than ever and do my part to inspire the next generation of aviators.

As your president I hope to have more free time to lead by example with getting involved with building, flying, and mentoring at the chapter and with all of our events. The last 2 years have been a struggle with Covid, and many of our events and projects have stopped or been put on hold or downsized but I see a lot of renewed energy in getting things back going. At the board meeting there was talk of people wanting to get a group going back on the Taylorcraft project. Lots of new energy and excitement!!! These are the types of things I love about this chapter and I love to see coming back around.

Since Covid cancelled our annual awards banquet, we will be doing awards at this month's meeting! Hope you will come and celebrate our members with us! But, since we haven't collected nominations for the Howard Warren award yet, we will also be doing that this month, and presenting the award for that next month. So, please think about who is deserving of that award and see the nomination form that is included in this newsletter.

Next up for those that haven't heard Dan and Cindy Willoughby will be spending their usual winter in Florida and shortly after they return to Michigan, they will be heading out on the trip of a lifetime with their camper up through the Canadian Rockies and Alaska. We can't wait to hear lots of updates and exciting stories from this trip. But with them being gone we will need someone to take over as the flower/card person for the chapter. For 15 years or more Cindy has been the one to get flowers and cards out to any of our members who are sick or have lost loved ones. She has been very dedicated to this and we can't thank her enough for this dedication. If you are interested in taking on this important roll please reach out to a member of the board and we can get you up to speed.

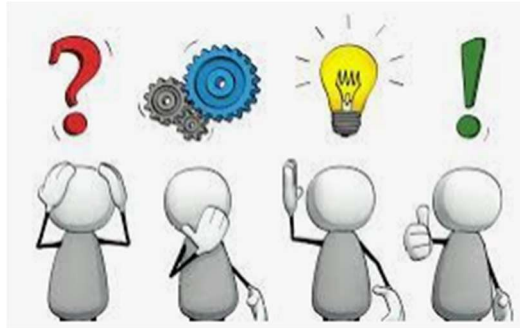
I am very excited to see what this year holds for us as a chapter as well as for our personal aviation dreams and goals. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this week at the meeting, and don't forget hotdogs and social hour from 6pm-7pm before the meeting.

Jake Carmer  
EAA77 President

## Looking for Program Ideas!

We are looking for programs for future membership meetings. Remember, these meetings are YOUR meetings and meant to be fun and engaging! So, share your ideas with us!

Send them to Sandie Carmer at [EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com).



## Did You Know...



Clifford Brooks was president of the Brooks Manufacturing Company of Saginaw, Michigan. Founded in 1901, the company sold pre-cut boat kits. Since early airplanes were of wooden construction, Brooks decided to manufacture airplane kits. Knowing little about airplanes, he hired engineer Edward Armstrong to design one for the Brooks Aeroplane Company. It closely resembled a French Elérior XI, except it was powered by a 60-horsepower Roberts engine. The single-seat prototype (seen here in the foreground) first flew in March 1911. Contemporary reports state that 22 kits were sold, but it is not known how many of those were actually built. Prices ranged from \$25 for a basic kit (that included blueprints, instructions, and full-size templates) to \$3,000 for a complete, ready-to-fly airplane. In 1912, Brooks hired E. R. Hamilton to design a Farman-type biplane, the model A (seen here in the background) that was sold to Hillary Beachy. Brooks got out of the airplane business in 1915 but continued selling boat and furniture kits until 1938. The airplane shown in flight is not a Brooks aeroplane. (Illustration by Lynn Morgan; courtesy Dr. William Ballard.)

## Join your fellow EAA77 members and families for some social fun!!

- ➔ **Breakfasts** at Liberty on Mondays at 9am
- ➔ **Lunches** at McDonalds on Hill Rd (by the highway) at 12pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays!
- ➔ **Dinners** on Saturdays at 5pm - Call Kerry & Sandy Matthews at (810)659-3501 or Mike Goulet at (810)845-6267 to find out where each week! *Thank you, Cindy Willoughby, for having done the coordinating for the group in the past!!*
- ➔ **Ice Cream** Flyouts to Chesaning – Tuesdays at 7pm (on VFR days) – Call Justin von Linsowe with questions at (810)444-3141 *(Closed until spring)*

## Come join the fun!!

## Upcoming Events – 2022

*(All Membership Meeting programs are tentative)*

### **EAA77 Chapter Meetings**

- *Board of Director Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. - - These are the chapter's business meetings. All are welcome!*
- *Membership Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (6:00 P.M. is social hour) These are the fun, social meetings. Come and have fun!*



### **January**

13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Awards Ceremony), 7pm

### **February**

3 – Board Meeting

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Howard Warren Award Presentation), 7pm

### **March**

3 – Board Meeting

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### **April**

7 – Board Meeting

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### **May**

5 – Board Meeting

12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### **June**

2 – Board Meeting

9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### July

7 – Board Meeting

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### August

4 – Board Meeting

11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### September

1 – Board Meeting

8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### October

6 – Board Meeting

13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### November

3 – Board Meeting

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation TBD), 7pm

### December

TBD – Banquet

## EAA Chapter 77 Activities January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – Dinner
<b>2</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>3</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>4</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – TCraft Restore work	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>6pm</b> – Social hour <b>7pm</b> – Board Mtg	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – Dinner Group
<b>9</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>10</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>11</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – TCraft Restore work	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>6pm</b> – Social hour <b>7pm</b> – Membership Mtg (Awards)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – Dinner Group
<b>16</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>17</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>18</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – TCraft Restore work	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – Dinner Group
<b>23</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>24</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>25</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – TCraft Restore work	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – Dinner Group
<b>30</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>31</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)					



## EAA Chapter 77 Activities February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:30pm – TCraft Restore work	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12pm – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast flyout 12pm – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) 5pm – Dinner Group
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**Saturday Dinner Groups:** Contact for location – Sandy & Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Mike Goulet 810-845-6267

**Saturday and Sunday Flyouts:** Contact Flyout Coordinators for details – Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Jake Carmer 810-919-0121

## Aviation Humor

THAT FEELING I GET WHEN  
SOMEONE FINALLY ASKS WHAT I DO



AND I SAY, "I AM A PILOT."



### *Father John Flying Club*

*Learn to Fly!*

Renew your interest in flying "Father John Flying Club" has ***immediate openings*** for students, pilots who want to stay current, and pilots who want to renew their passion. Instructors and one aircraft available. Inexpensive rates. Contact Doug Smith at 810-444-7196 or [alkaylc@gmail.com](mailto:alkaylc@gmail.com).

## *Flowers and Cards*

Do you know of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Email Cindy Willoughby [homeport6@aol.com](mailto:homeport6@aol.com) or call at 810-629-4868.



Cindy has been our point person for EAA Chapter response for quite some time. We need someone new to take over - - Will you volunteer? If so, let Cindy know.

## **Ralph O. Helgeby EAA Chapter 77**

### **Building Use Policy**

Members are allowed to use the EAA Chapter 77 Facility in accordance with this policy ONLY.

Approval of use will be at the discretion of the EAA Chapter 77 Board of Director, on a first-come first-served basis, with EAA Chapter 77 activities ALWAYS taking precedence.

All use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility must be an acceptable use per the current insurance carrier of EAA Chapter 77.

All uses of the EAA Chapter 77 Building Must Be Approved by the EAA Chapter 77 Board in advance of the Use. Application for Facility use will to call the current president, or vice president if the president is unavailable (out of town or unresponsive for more than 48 hours) for approval. Then put the requested event on the calendar in the EAA Chapter 77 meeting room.

Use of the EAA Chapter 77 Facility is restricted to the Meeting Room and Workroom ONLY; the hangar space cannot be used except by EAA Chapter 77 and those renting hangar space from EAA Chapter 77 without special Board approval.

EAA Chapter 77 use of ANY portion of the Facility shall supersede all other uses of the Facility.

All Use of the Facility will be placed on the Chapter Calendar.

Use of the Meeting Room will not exceed 75 occupants, 6.5 or 4.3 ft<sup>2</sup> per person.

Occupation of the Workroom will be approved by the Workroom Chairman in advance of occupation.

No Alcohol is allowed on EAA Chapter 77 property.

None of the Chapter Kitchen or Eating supplies shall be used; i.e. Plates, silverware, dish towels, etc. for anything other than Chapter activities.

No tape, pins or any adhesives are to be used on walls, doors, etc. when decorating or entertaining in any way. Magnets may be used on the Whiteboard. Tables, Chairs, etc. will be kept off the walls.

The used portion of the Facility shall be cleaned immediately after use, kitchen, towels, dishes, tools, floors and walls, etc.

A Donation is Expected for use of the Meeting Room and Workroom usage,

Any damage to EAA Chapter 77 property during the use will be billed to the using member.



### Matthews Stump Grinding, LLC



Do you have unsightly stumps that need to be removed? Contact Kerry Matthews at [kerry@matthewsstumpgrinding.com](mailto:kerry@matthewsstumpgrinding.com) or visit their website at <https://matthewsstumpgrinding.com/stump-grinding/>

### RV-12 Kits Available for Sale (Lost Medical)

Wing Kit, Tail Kit, Lighting Kit, and Tools. For details contact Paul Manners at (810) 730-7513.

Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at [EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com)

### EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

**2022** annual chapter dues are just \$30.00 per member and includes immediate family members.

Dues can now be sent in three ways!!

1. Fill out Membership Form and send it and your \$30 to the address below
2. Fill out the Membership Form and email it to the email address below, then mail your \$30 to the address below
3. Fill out the Membership Form and email to the email address below and click the link here to pay by Paypal: [EAA77 Membership Renewal](#)

The Membership Form version was attached to the email, but can also be found by clicking this link: [EAA77 Membership Form](#)

A sample of Membership Form is below as FYI

Mailing Address: EAA Chapter 77, P.O. Box 265, Flushing, MI 48433-0265

Email Address: [EAA77Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Treasurer@gmail.com)

**EAA Chapter 77**  
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Update Treasurer's Info

Phone / Fax  Member Resided  DOB

First Name  Last Name

Spouse Name

Address

City  State

Zip Code

Phone

EMERGENCY  
EMERGENCY NAME  
DO NOT SIGN, SIGNATURE OF EMERGENCY

Online Access / Association Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Online Info / Rating / Club member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EAA / Other Club member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Interested in volunteering?

Young Boy ☐ Other ☐ Grandchild ☐

Other

Additional Information:

EAA77.COM EMERGENCY FORM (EAA-001)

**EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2021**

- Secretary's report
  - Treasurer's report
  - Nominations for board positions:
    - Motion to accept three positions
    - Eric LaForest Treasurer
    - Paul Dolan Vice President
    - Jim Plourde Trustee
    - Motion: Gary Hopcraft
    - Second:
    - None opposed
    - Motion passes
  - Airfoil class
    - Check the newsletter for updates and plans moving forward
  - Rick Hayes hangar
  - Project reports
    - Paul Debbins 3D printing
    - DAA member purchased the lot on the south end of the property - clearing it 188ft to the south. Adding another 600 ft of runway.
  - December Newsletter
    - Need more stories and things to put in upcoming newsletters
  - Suggested sending EAA newsletter to DAA
- Meeting adjourned