

# Chapter 77 Flypaper



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## This Month's Membership Meeting

**March 9, 2023**  
**Social Hour at 6PM**  
**Meeting at 7PM**

### Presentation

**Summer Aviation Plans!**

**PLEASE join us!**

## **2023 Board Members and Officers**

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
Vice President:	Tim LeClair	810-908-9908		Rick Hayes	248-462-9338
Secretary:	Lorna Hunter	810-287-3336	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:	Isaac Faris	810-493-7346	Fly Out Coordinators:	Kerry Matthews	810-659-3501
	Jim Plourde	810-938-2010		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***

### **Who's ready for summer???**

I know I sure am. Unfortunately, my cowling mod is taking a lot longer than I had originally planned, But I am getting closer and definitely looking forward to some warmer weather and flight testing it. I'd love to make this month's meeting a hype meeting for the upcoming flying season. For projects and flight Reports I also want to hear your summer plans. What projects do you have planned? what trips do you have planned? are you looking to get a new rating? fly somewhere new? Let's hope our warm thoughts and plans help bring in some warm weather. Also, in preparation for summer we will be rolling silverware for the dawn patrol at the end of the meeting. due to the colder weather and how much smoke the burgers made in the hangar we will be doing hotdogs for the cookout this month and hopefully will be warm enough to cook outside next month. As always, I am excited to see all of you and talk all things aviation, as you all know I am never short on that.

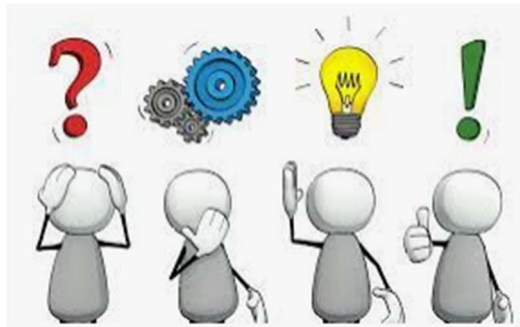
Jake Carmer

## 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!

- Project report?
- New technology or aviation concept?
- Special flyout location you'd like to share?

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



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**Rain or  
Shine!**

**35th Annual Dawn Patrol  
Fly In - Drive In**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**June 11, 2023**

**7:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**DALTON AIRPORT  
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN**



**Free Attractions**

**Returning this year!! Classic Car Show**

- Vintage & Classic Aircraft
- War Birds
- Home Built / Experimental Planes
- Light Sport / Ultralight Aircraft



- Helicopters
- General Aviation Display
- FREE Kids Activities provided by Flushing Farms
- Helicopter Rides provided by MiFLIGHT

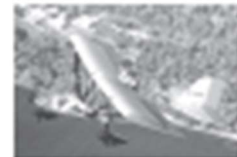
**Breakfast**



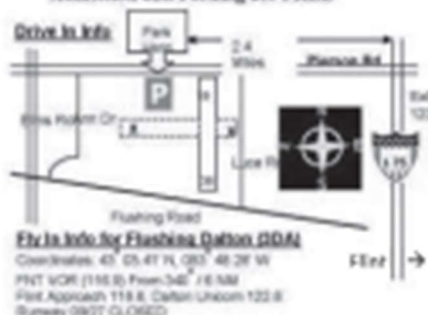
Adults: \$10.00 • Kids: 5-12 \$4.00 • Kids under 5 FREE

**Pancakes  
Sausage  
Beverages**

**Eggs  
Fruit**



Admission and Parking are FREE



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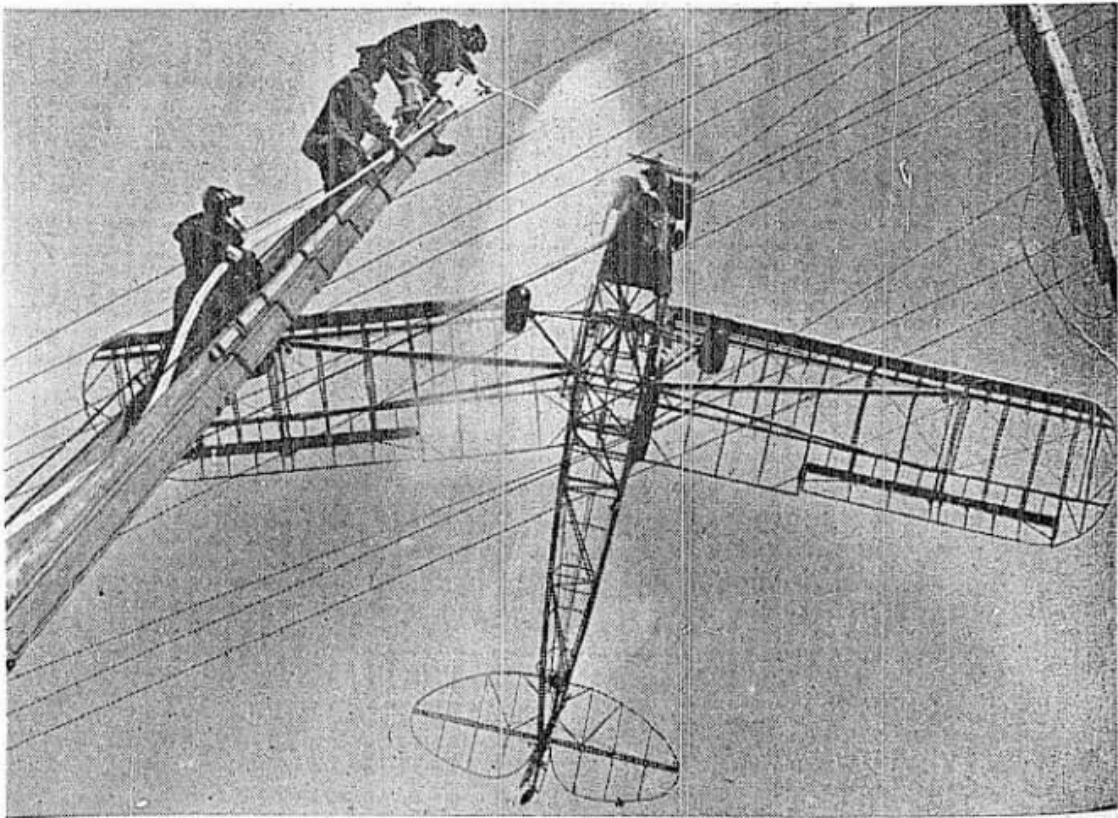


## Did You Know...

This reads:

Luckiest flier in the world was the pilot of this aeroplane who flew into a high-tension line at San Diego last month. The impact caused a short circuit, which saved him from electrocution. As sparks showered around him, the pilot crawled out, pulled himself to the power pole (right), slid to safety as his machine burst into flames. He escaped without a burn, cut, bruise or even a splinter from the pole.

*New Zealand Herald, 11 August 1939*



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# Young Eagles!!

*(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)*

It's a new year so it's time for a reminder since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles this year! I always need more pilots and ground crew! Here's what is needed to be each. 😊

## **Young Eagle Pilot – Before you can fly a youth:**

*(See link at: [Become a Volunteer Pilot | EAA](#))*

- 1) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future Young Eagles Day Event, Sandie will be able to see you in Young Eagles Day.org and send you an invite to participate through that program!

## **Young Eagle Ground Volunteer:**

- 1) (OPTIONAL) Be a current EAA National member
- 2) (OPTIONAL) Complete the EAA National's [EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
- 3) Sign up with Young Eagles Day.org (<https://youngeaglesday.org/>). Fill in all your information and be sure to say you are a part of Chapter 77.
- 4) When there is a future Young Eagles Day Event, Sandie will be able to see you in Young Eagles Day.org and send you an invite to participate through that program!

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Sandie at [EAA77YoungEagles@gmail.org](mailto:EAA77YoungEagles@gmail.org). Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

# ***MULA ANNUAL PARTY***

***Awards-Prizes-Fun!!!***

***Presentation by ..... Hummel Aircraft Company***

**MARCH 11, 2023 6 - 9 PM**

***Liberty Family Restaurant***

**6277 Pierson Rd, Flushing, MI 48433**



***Order Dinner off Menu***

***Please **RSVP** Rick Hayes @ [aviators12@aol.com](mailto:aviators12@aol.com)***

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

➔ **Ice Cream** Flyouts to Chesaning – Tuesdays at 7pm (on VFR days) – Call Jake Carmer with questions at (810)919-0121

**Closed until spring!**

**Come join the fun!!**



## TaylorCraft Project Update

*Submitted by Doug Isham*

We have seen some great progress the past month, we've got about a half dozen volunteers showing up to work on Saturdays now!

We have removed the landing gear and Randy Labar is making repairs to the bungee landing gear flange. Greg Nolan, Eric LaForest, Darrold Isham and I helped disassemble, clean and label brake and wheel parts for replacement and reassembly. We have done more preparation on the fuselage and replaced some hardware for the control cable pulleys.

Any volunteers interested in working on the Taylorcraft please contact me directly at 810-820-0765 or see me at this month's meeting. We will be not only hands on with the aircraft rebuild, but also on other aspects of the project such as fundraising, increasing club awareness online and corporate sponsorships!

I would like to ask anyone that has pictures or stories of N77FJ to please contact me as I am trying to put together a little history project about the plane.

-Doug Isham



By the way, did you know that on 12 September 1940 Grace Huntington soared to a world record altitude record of 24,310.975 feet in a Taylorcraft just like N77FJ? She was a legend of her time and by restoring our little tail dragger we're continuing their legacy!

# **EAA® Pilot Your Own Adventure Writing Contest**

**Supported by Flight Outfitters®**

Just wanted to share with you a fun contest posted on the EAA National webpage.

Just tell “the true story of how pursuing the dream of flight enabled you to do something that would have otherwise been out of reach.” Do so in 500-100 words and include 2-8 photos.

“How did you pilot your own adventure? Tell us how flying helped you transform from dreamer to doer.”

A lot of prizes to possibly win! Everything from jackets, fleeces, duffel bags, kneeboards, t-shirts, etc.! And grand prize is a teardrop camper for eight nights the week of Oshkosh in Camp Scholler, two free wristbands for Airventure, one free annual membership for a year, and a selection of everything above!

Go to the link below to learn more:

[https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eea-airventure-news-and-multimedia/pilot-your-own-adventure?utm\\_source=av\\_tickets\\_email2\\_230210&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pilotyourownadventure\\_2023&mkt\\_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGKW3WQ0ybEzudoZsMDTc2QAY00EM9kh4Zt81HtE9GxlJcXeZEVvs1zohYB6\\_koBendt4ShBVPO3MPrAnEHrdwUv-rfcCnjqF7cfLqXcDKVHsoSmA](https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eea-airventure-news-and-multimedia/pilot-your-own-adventure?utm_source=av_tickets_email2_230210&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pilotyourownadventure_2023&mkt_tok=OTEwLVNFVS0wNzMAAAGKW3WQ0ybEzudoZsMDTc2QAY00EM9kh4Zt81HtE9GxlJcXeZEVvs1zohYB6_koBendt4ShBVPO3MPrAnEHrdwUv-rfcCnjqF7cfLqXcDKVHsoSmA)

## Upcoming Events – 2023

*(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!*

Join us

### March

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

### April

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm  
13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(Presentation: TBD)

### May

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm  
11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(Presentation: TBD)

### June

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm  
8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(Presentation: Dawn Patrol Prep)  
TBD – Airport Clean Up Day  
10 – Dawn Patrol Setup Day  
11 – Dawn Patrol  
25 & 26 – Bishop Airport Airshow

## July

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm

9 – Chesaning Dawn Patrol, time TBD

13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)

## August

3 – Board Meeting; 7pm

10 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** TBD)

12 & 13 – Chesaning STOL Competition (Young Eagles Day morning of 8/12)

25-27 – Owosso Pilot Rodeo (Young Eagles Day morning of 8/26)

## September

7 – Board Meeting; 7pm

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** TBD)

## October

5 – Board Meeting; 7pm

12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** TBD)

## November

2 – Board Meeting; 7pm

9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** TBD)

## December

2 – Banquet

## EAA Chapter 77 Activities March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast flyout
<b>5</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (TBD)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>MULA Annual Party (See Flyer)</b>
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**Saturday and Sunday Flyouts:** Contact Flyout Coordinators for details – Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Jake Carmer 810-919-0121

**TaylorCraft Build Dates:** Contact Doug Isham for dates and details – 810-820-0765



## EAA Chapter 77 Activities April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm – Board Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Varies – Occasional breakfast flyout
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## Aviation Humor



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## *Flowers and Cards*

Do you know of a member who is ill or has had a death in the family? Email Jake Carmer at [EAA77President@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77President@gmail.com).



## **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.

No chemicals are to be poured down any drain or toilet in EAA77 facility. This includes paint and paint cleaning products, petroleum, grease, etc., regardless of chemical makeup of the product.



### Matthews Stump Grindings, LLC

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



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

Click here for webpage: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea77/join-or-renew-membership>

### EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

**2023** 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**  
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Date: 1 / 1 Member Number: 1 CSM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Online Email Subscription: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Online Info Request: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Online Info Subscription: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Interested in volunteering?  
Young Man: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Young Woman: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Other: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2023

Secretary's Report:

- In newsletter
- Motion to Accept: Darryl Isham
- Seconded: Doug Isham
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurers Report:

- None

Guests and New Members:

- Paul Allar
- John Goodwin
- John Camron
- Greg Nolan
- Mihul Nimesh

Bishop Airshow:

- EAA77 will have a booth promoting aviation in the area and Young Eagles.
- Possible solo F16, National Guard A-10 Warthog on display, Winds Air – Owosso.
- Possible free admission if you work four hours volunteering.
- \$20 admission
- John Orme reaching out to pilots for help.

Dawn Patrol:

- Jeff Spinney reaching out to possible helicopter ride provider.
- Looking for kid friendly ideas.
- Home Depot donating a Weber Grill, Macksood's donating a fire pit.
- We will be loaning grills to Chesaning Dawn Patrol.

Taylor Craft:

- Doug Isham acquired new bolts.
- Possible GoFundMe for Taylorcraft.
- Work parties every other Saturday. Placing tabs on fuselage.

Project Report:

- Jake Carmer fabricating a new cowl for his RV4 to reduce drag.

Presentation by Tanmoy Ganguly:

- Video of his journey from Discovery Flight to pilot's license.
- President Carmer presented Tanmoy with a plaque commemorating his training journey.

Jim Plourde made motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Tim LeClair seconded motion. No opposition.