

# Chapter 77 Flypaper



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## This Month's Membership Meeting

**April 14, 2021**  
**Social Hour at 6PM**  
Hotdogs and chips  
**Meeting at 7PM**

### Presentation

#### **2021 Chapter Service Awards!**



*Come support your fellow members and  
have some fun!*

## **2022 Board Members and Officers**

President:	Jake Carmer	810-919-0121	Tech Counselors:	Tom Carr	805-714-0807
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	Jim Plourde	810-233-7505		Jake Carmer	810-919-0121
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Program Chairman:	Shared by Board Members		Hangar Manager:	Kevin Curtis	810-836-0294
			Website Editor:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281

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

Celebrating each other.

It's long overdue, between covid canceling our banquet and many people not venturing out in the winter, but here we are celebrating our members and volunteers. We will be handing out our annual service awards, including the Howard Warren Award, to members this month so please come out and let's celebrate these people and the time they have dedicated to this great organization. That is what this group is all about, motivating and celebrating each other. I hope to see many of you there.

With the weather finally turning and people getting out more, many of us are getting back into projects. I am finally able to start working on projects outside my house and hopefully the ground will be dry enough soon that I can start working on rolling my runway. I also have a bit more free time and looking forward to getting more involved in the TaylorCraft restoration. This plane has a long history with this chapter, and I am excited to see it starting to once again take shape. Make sure to read Eric's article in the newsletter and find out more about joining in on the fun and excitement. Being there this last Saturday also has me chomping at the bit to get back to work on the Bearhawk!!!

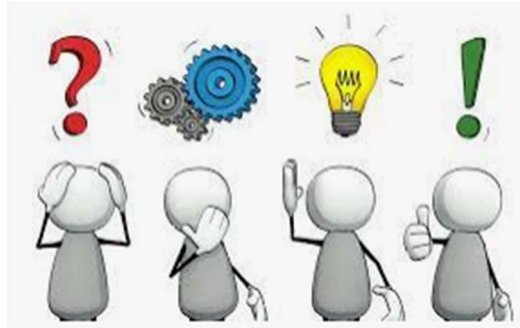
Can't wait to see you all Thursday!!!!

Jake

## Looking for Program Ideas!

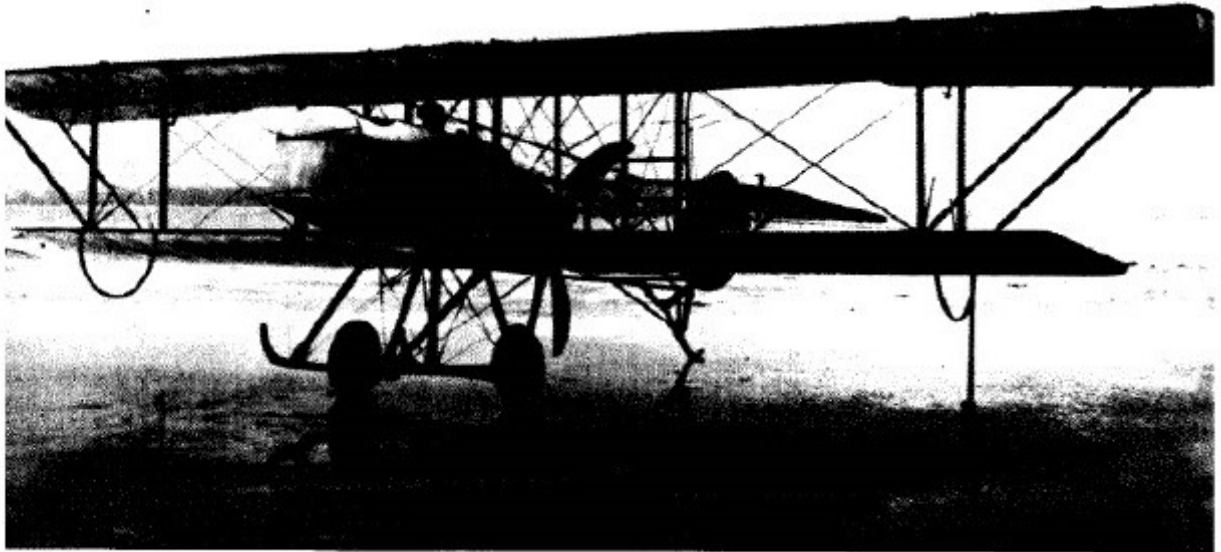
We are looking for programs for future membership meetings. Remember, these meetings are YOUR meetings and meant to be fun and engaging! So, share your ideas with us!

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



## Did You Know...

### *Did You Know?\**



Alfred Verville was born in Atlantic, Michigan, in 1890 and by age 20 had completed a mail order course in engineering. In 1912, he was hired by the Curtiss Aeroplane Company in Hammondsport, New York, as a design engineer. He returned to Michigan in 1915 to form the General Aeroplane Company at 1507 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit. His first design, the *Alpha*, was a two-place flying boat powered by a 90-horsepower OX-5 engine, that was sold to the U.S. Navy for pilot training. Verville then received a U.S. Navy contract to build a larger version, known as the *Beta*, but the contract was later canceled. During the winter of 1915–1916, Verville built a two-place fighter, the *Gamma* (seen here). It was taken to frozen-over Lake St. Clair for its maiden flight. Snow had been cleared to make a runway, but on takeoff, a wind gust blew the *Gamma* into a snow bank alongside the runway, and it crashed. Test pilot William Bonney was unhurt, but the *Gamma* was destroyed; Verville's General Aeroplane Company closed that summer. (Courtesy Fred Verville.)

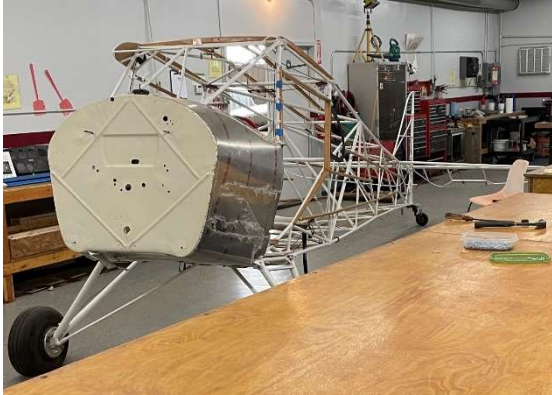
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## Let's Build An Airplane!!!!

(Submitted by Eric Laforest, 810-577-5292, [Elaforest45@gmail.com](mailto:Elaforest45@gmail.com))



For those that haven't heard, we have restarted the TaylorCraft project. We are currently moving forward on the fuselage with lots of work to do. We have control cables to make and install, all new pulleys to install. We also need to run wiring for lights and such, plus build out the luggage compartment, refinishing the doors, etc. As you can see, we are working hard to get more organized and get moving forward in a manner more like kit planes are built. Once the

fuselage is more complete, we will then move onto the wings and from there the firewall forward. I have had many conversations with members of both EAA77 and DAA that have logged lots of hours in this plane and are excited to see it fly again.

**So, come on out, whether to get your hands dirty, offer advice, moral support, or just to be part of the comradery and fun that this group is all about.** We meet Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 9:30am. If you have any questions feel free to contact me, you can call, text, or email. I can't wait to see you there.



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

- ➔ **Breakfasts** at Liberty on Mondays at 9am  
**\*\* Is anyone doing this or should I remove it from the newsletter? Please let me know at the newsletter email ([EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com)) \*\***
- ➔ **Lunches** at McDonalds on Hill Rd (by the highway) at 12pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays!  
**\*\* Is anyone doing this or should I remove it from the newsletter? Please let me know at the newsletter email ([EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com)) \*\***
- ➔ **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!
- ➔ **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!*

Join us

### April

14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(**Presentation:** EAA77 Awards Ceremony)

### May

5 – Board Meeting, 7pm  
12 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(**Presentation:** TBD)  
21 – Airport Clean-up Day (rain day 5/22), TBD

### June

2 – Board Meeting, 7pm  
8 – Flushing Parade (tentative), TBD  
9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(**Presentation:** Dawn Patrol Planning)  
11 – Dawn Patrol Setup, TBD  
12 – Dawn Patrol

### July

7 – Board Meeting, 7pm  
14 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(**Presentation:** Oshkosh Airventure Hype)

### August

4 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

### September

1 – Board Meeting, 7pm

8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm  
(Presentation: The Ninety-Nines)

### October

6 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

### November

3 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

### December

TBD – Banquet



## EAA Chapter 77 Activities April 2022

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

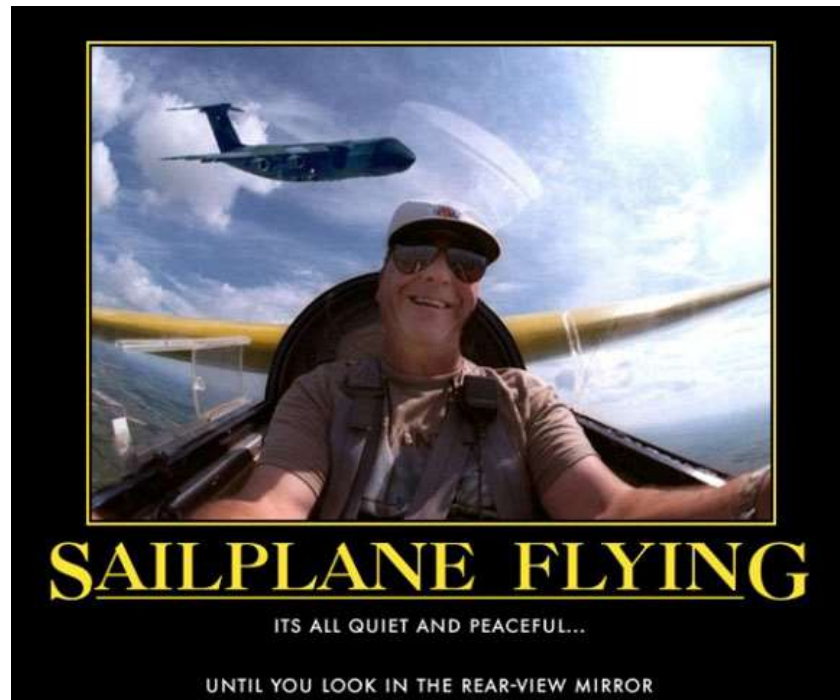
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<b>22</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout <b>TBD</b> – Airport Cleanup Day (rain day)	<b>23</b> <b>9am</b> – Breakfast at Liberty <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm</b> – TCraft Restore work	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Varies</b> – Occasional breakfast flyout <b>9am</b> - TCraft Restore work <b>12pm</b> – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) <b>5pm</b> – 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



### *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 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/>



### 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.

### Dalton Airport Hangar #28 For Sale

Built 1996, new roof around 6 years ago. 40' by 50'. Insulated and heated. Extra tall bifold door with 14'6" clearance. Lots of windows and overhead fan. Doors and parking on either side. Very good shape. I am happy to talk to any interested party and show the hanger.

Contact Bill Boike 810-287-6263 for more information.



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

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

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](#)

A sample of Membership Form is below as FYI

**Email Address:** [FAA77Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:FAA77Treasurer@gmail.com)

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**EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2021**

No minutes received