Chapter 77 Flypaper



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This Month's Membership Meeting

May 9, 2024 Social Hour at 6PM Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

How Cool Is Your Plane?

Presentation by Jack Gavin, with his Sorrell Hyperbipe (Weather Dependent)

PLEASE join us!

Burgers during social hour!

2024 Board Members and Officers

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President's Corner

Fun Flying season is here!!!!!!

Our flying season is off to an amazing start and hope all of yours is as well. Sandie and I had an awesome trip down to North Carolina where we stopped at Kitty Hawk and walked on that sacred ground. We flew to some other amazing places that I can't wait to tell you about at the meeting and is also featured quite a bit in our awesome #Pilotlife section in here. I am so excited for this summer and all the amazing adventures we are going to have, one of which is hopefully flying out of our home strip a lot this summer as we have been putting in a ton of work on making it smooth and getting the hangar ready for planes and projects.

Speaking of fun flying, our presenter for this month has an awesome plane to fly in and tell us all about. Jack Gavin will be coming in his Sorrell Hiperbipe. This is of course weather dependent and as of right now the forecast is not looking promising but this is spring in Michigan and we know that changes by the hour so let's keep our fingers crossed as I am excited to see this plane!!! If he unfortunately can't make it due to the weather it still promises to be a very fun meeting with lots and lots of flying stories and good food as always.

With flying season in full swing, that also means our activities are starting up for the summer and these are what makes our chapter so great!!! First up is we have a Young Eagles event scheduled for next Saturday May 18th. This is for the home school group that we have had to unfortunately cancel on already twice this spring due to weather so let's keep our fingers crossed that the third time's a charm. We will also be hosting an open event on June 8th which is International Young Eagles Day. We normally don't get to hold an event on this date because our focus is on the Dawn Patrol but since that is later in the month this year it gives us an opportunity to do something we normally don't get to.

Speaking of the Dawn Patrol, it is that time of year again where we start preparing for our main fundraiser. We have a big announcement as Sandy Matthews has said this will be her last year as coordinator. She has been heading this up alongside Jeff for over 25 years and deserves a huge thank you and round of applause. She has said that she will continue to assist with whoever volunteers to take her place in the leadership position. So please think about stepping up and volunteering and jumping in with Sandy this year as a great way to learn the role.

As we all know, this is the one day that funds everything this great chapter has. Without this event we would lose much of what we have that sets our chapter apart. We can't pull this off without all of you. It is a bunch of work but also a ton of fun. I have had a great time every year and have worked in nearly every position we have. Last year we were particularly short on volunteers so please put it on your calendars to be there. We all need to rally round this event to make it a success. The first event is our airport cleanup day on June 1st. This benefits not just our chapter but the airport as a whole making it more welcoming to everyone. It only takes a couple hours and makes a world of difference. Next up is the always fun parade. Who doesn't love walking in a parade waving at people and seeing everyone smiling and the kids all excited so come on out and join us on Wednesday, June 19th for that. Then comes our big weekend June 22 & 23. On Saturday we set everything up and do all the prep to ensure our event goes off without a hitch and after setup we have

a fun luncheon and bask in the glory of a job well done. Then Sunday it's all hands on deck as we serve our community and raise the necessary funds to keep our amazing chapter going and again it can't happen without all of you coming together for this one event. And I look forward to working alongside all of you and sharing a lot of laughs and stories along the way.

Again this is our busiest but also most fun time of year so make sure to come out and be a part of it all!!!

Jake Carmer

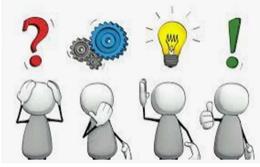
Looking for Program Ideas!

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 <u>EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com</u>.







Sponsored by Chapter 77 Experimental Aircraft Association

Rain or Shine!

36th Annual Dawn Patrol

Fly In - Drive In

Pancake Breakfast

June 23, 2024

7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

DALTON AIRPORT

FLUSHING, MICHIGAN

Free Attractions

Returning this year!! Classic Car Show 9:00 AM - Noon / No Entry Fee DJ Music by Jim Landon



- 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

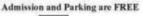
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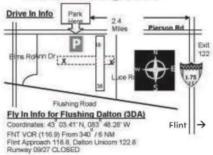
Adults: \$10.00 • Kids: 5-12 \$5.00 • Kids under 5 FREE

Pancakes Sausage Eggs Fruit

Beverages









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2024 Dawn Patrol - Volunteers Still Needed

It's time to think ahead to our Dawn Patrol fundraiser on June 23rd! We need volunteers, as always! Below is our sign up sheet. Please come out to our meeting on Thursday, May 9th to sign up for something, or email me at <u>EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com</u> and tell me what you would like to do, and I will write your name down for you! Thank you in advance!!!

-- Please note: Any position where driving is involved requires 18 years of age or older and a drivers license. And, to cook, you must also be 18 years or older. --

<u>Coordinators</u>	EAA Daw	II I all'OI	une 23, 2024
	** indicates group L Pancake Cooks	Coffee Makers	Breakfast Ticket Sales
Saturday Setup & Food Prep.			
		Juice & Coffee Servers	50/50 Ticket Sales
	Pancake Batter Mixers		
		Fruit Servers	Raffle Ticket Sales
	Egg Crackers Mixers		Merchandise Sales &
===		Table Service - Gather Trays	Young Eagle Membership
Air Traffic Advisor * Mandatory Safety Meeting 6/9 @ 1pm	Egg Cooks	Refill Syrup , Wipe Tables	Trash Can Patrol - In Hanga
Flight Line Safety			P.A. System
	Sausage Cooks	After Breakfast Kitchen Cleanup	Supply Runner Must Have Cell Phone & Car to Gelf Supplies
Help CAP Park Cars			After Event Outside Cleanup
Kid's Pedal Planes	Egg Servers	General Help	
Outside Cleanup	Sausage Servers		Float Help - We Will Call
Tractor Shuttle Service	Man to help Load trash pickup in Garbage Truck Monday	Handicap Golf Cart Drivers	
Tractor Shuttle Service			

Young Eagles!!

(Submitted by Sandie Carmer, Young Eagles Coordinator)

Due to weather, we had to reschedule the first Young Eagles Day yet again. It will now be held May 8th. It is for the local home school group!! This is the event where we fly in the morning, break for lunch, then have a panel discussion for the youth and their families. This is the third time we will be holding this event for this group! It's so much fun!

Hope you will join us!

Also, we are having a Young Eagles Day on National Young Eagles Day, June 8th! Hope you can help out!

Just a reminder, since we hope to fly many, many Young Eagles each 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: <u>Become a Volunteer Pilot | EAA</u>)

- 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 <u>EAA's Youth Protection Training and background check</u>
- 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. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and who will volunteer in the future! I appreciate you!!

Did You Know...

On This Day - 7 May 1958



Major Howard C. Johnson, U.S. Air Force, prepares for his record flight, with Lockheed test pilots Willam M. ("Bill") Park (center) and Jack Holliman. F-104A Starfighter 55-2957 is in the background. (Lockheed Martin)

Major Howard Carrol Johnson, United States Air Force, the operations officer of the 83rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 78th Fighter Group, based at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, zoom-climbed a Lockheed F-104A Starfighter, serial number 55-2957, to an altitude of 91,243 feet (27,811 meters) over Edwards Air Force Base, establishing a new *Fédération Aéronautique Internationale* (FAI) altitude record. ¹ The flight was certified by Charles S. Lodgson of the National Aeronautic Association.

Using techniques developed by Lockheed aerodynamicists, Major Johnson climbed to 41,000 feet (12,497 meters) and accelerated to the Starfighter's maximum speed in level flight. He then started to climb,

maintaining a steady 2.5 G load, until he reached the optimum climb angle. A piece of masking tape applied to the side of the cockpit canopy at the predetermined angle gave Johnson a visual reference during his

climb. At approximately 77,000 feet (23,470 meters) the F-104's J79 turbojet engine had to be shut down to prevent overheating in the thin high-altitude atmosphere. The interceptor continued from that point on a ballistic trajectory until it reached the peak altitude. On the descent, the engine was restarted and Johnson flew the Starfighter back to Edwards Air Force Base.

Major Johnson had broken the altitude record set just 17 days earlier by Lieutenant Commander George C. Watkins, U.S. Navy, flying an experimental Grumman F11F-1F Tiger. The Lockheed F-104 beat the Grumman F11F by 4,362 meters (14,311 feet). ²



Major Howard C. Johnson seated in the cockpit of a Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. (Johnson Family Collection)

(Excerpt courtesy of: https://www.thisdayinaviation.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.

Come join the fun!!

EAA Learn to Fly Week inspires future pilots on May 13-18

Five days of free webinars capped off with Flying Start events held across the U.S.

(Submitted by EAA National)



EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (April 4, 2024) — Aspiring pilots can kickstart their aviation journey as <u>EAA Learn to Fly Week</u> returns on May 13-18. The six-day event enters its second year with expanded webinar offerings, and new topics to explore. Learn to Fly Week is supported by Sporty's.

"Learning to fly can seem like a daunting task at first," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager, "but EAA's Learn to Fly Week will help the dream remain larger than any hurdles."

Learn to Fly Week begins with 15 webinars scheduled over the first five days, May 13-17. EAA staff members and industry experts will be hosting each webinar. New topics for 2024 include getting started with helicopters, aircraft options for flight training, and training with FAA-approved flight simulators. All webinars are free to attend, but online pre-registration is required.

The week concludes on Saturday, May 18, with EAA Flying Start programs held at numerous chapters throughout the country. At those locations, prospective pilots can connect with the local aviation community, discover flight training opportunities available in their area, and take a free introductory Eagle Flight as part of EAA's program for adults that connects them with aviation resources.

More details about Learn to Fly Week, including registration links for webinars, can be found at <u>EAA.org/LTFWeek</u>.



#thePilotLife

This section is for you to share your photos and flying stories.

Email to

EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com or tanny.gang@gmail.com

JOHN VON LINSOWE

Cool planes kinda month!







John and Dian made their trip down to the warmer states and got to taste a buffet of aviation at Sun n Fun. Followed by some more fun at Justin's place in this XtremeAir unlimited aerobatic airplane.

The plane can take +/- 10g



John's student of the month was Craig from Owosso (RNP). They flew this unique Grumman Yankee in a TW configuration with a Lyc O-320.

Another cool plane in the book.

Breakfast at Paddle Inn, Mio John & Dian (RV7), John Orme (C140), Bryan Pender (RV8)







Change of roles, from pilot to airport manager. Bryan did the inspection flight in his beautiful RV8.





CARMERS

Jake and Sandie pulling away with an early lead this season. A week of flying in the Appalachia

What an amazing day of aviation!!!! 5.4 hours in the RV4, 5 different airports and crazy adventure. First was breakfast in Owosso with our aviation family, then a fuel stop on a runway on top of a mountain in **West Virginia**. Then on to a place I have always wanted to visit. Today we walked the sacred grounds of Kitty Hawk. Landing my own on a strip next to the very place the first powered flight happened is something of dreams. To walk the path of where those first ever flights took place is something magical to an aviator. It truly was an amazing experience.









Pictures for the hangar wall!

Kitty Hawk (First Flight Airport), NC





Tonight was unbelievably amazing! We flew out to **Ocracoke Island**, in the Atlantic Ocean. It was so beautiful!! Got to land parallel to the beach, then got out and walked on it and collected shells. We then walked into town and had an amazing dinner before flying back, taking off at sunset and the rest of the trip with twinkling lights below and above us!! One trip I will not soon forget.







Lots of turbulence and some challenging landings in between a mountain bowl with crazy winds. But back home safely with some incredible memories.

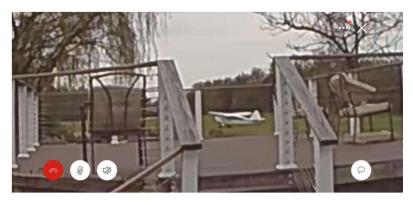
... and 12.9 hours on the tach!







Security threat detected...
2 STOL planes caught on camera 6





Mow the grass and they will come!



Scooter (Stinson) and TJ (Kitfox) from the Great Michigan Bush Company

TANMOY GANGULY

Is a tailwheel pilot now!





Out on my first XC with the RV, and the winds picked up! You won't see me sitting at an FBO reading a book otherwise! 🥑



Yes, that wheel right there can make it somewhat interesting!







The sky feels like home now!

Noddy meets my other wheels and wings!

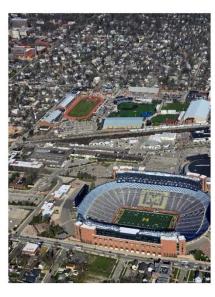






Flew an hour to "Neil Armstrong Airport" in Ohio and watched the moon landing (it's shadow on earth). Pure dumb luck!!!

Of course, when you are near ARB your clearance should include a fly-by over the Big House.







Repeat of the Big House pattern entry to ARB for some landing practice in the RV. I still can't seem to forget the sight-picture of landing at ARB. Everything seems to work like clockwork there!

Spoiling my friends with their first RV rides.

Now they know why RV pilots are so annoying and can't stop talking about their planes.





FUN VIDEOS in this month's presentation!!!

My friend Ajit here, is the certified airport bum of Ray (57D). Sadly in 2017, he had an accident, and his Tri-Pacer was totaled.

He keeps his passion alive flying with friends and volunteering at aviation events. We flew over to JXN to get some coffee and breakfast.



Upcoming Events – 2024

(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!



May

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

(**Presentation:** How Cool Is Your Plane? Presentation by Jack Gavin, with his Sorrell Hyperbipe) (Weather Dependent)

June

- 1 Airport Clean-up Day; 9am (rain day 6/15)
- 6 Board Meeting; 7pm
- 8 National Young Eagles Day Will be doing Young Eagles at Dalton!!
- 13 Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm

(**Presentation:** Dawn Patrol Prep)

- 19 Parade
- 22 Set-up Day
- 23 Dawn Patrol & Clean up

July

9 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(Presentation: Oshkosh Airventure Hype!)

August

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm

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

(**Presentation:** TBD)

September

- 5 Board Meeting; 7pm
- 12 Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm (**Presentation:** TBD)

October

- 3 Board Meeting; 7pm
- 10 Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm (**Presentation:** TBD)

November

- 7 Board Meeting; 7pm
- 14 Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm (**Presentation:** TBD)

December

7 – Banquet (**Presentation:** TBD)

EAA Chapter 77 Activities May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7pm – Board Mtg	3	4 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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12 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	13	14	15	16	17	18 Young Eagles Day 8am-3pm Dalton 3DA
19 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	20	21	22	23	24	Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
26 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	27	28	29	30	31	

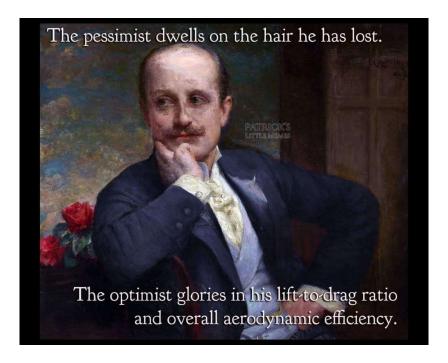
Saturday and Sunday Flyouts: Contact Flyout Coordinators for details — Kerry Matthews 810-659-3501 or Jake Carmer 810-919-0121 **TaylorCraft Build Dates:** Contact Doug Isham for dates and details — 810-820-0765

EAA Chapter 77 Activities June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am – Airport Cleanup Day
2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	3	4	5	6 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (Dawn Patrol Prep)	7	8 8am – National Young Eagles Day – EAA77 Young Eagles Day - Dalton
9 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	10	11	12	13	14	15 9am – (Rain Day only) Airport Cleanup Day Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
16 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	17	18	19 Flushing Parade	20	21	22 AM - Dawn Patrol Setup Day
23 7am – Dawn Patrol	24	25	26	27	28	29
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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

Aviation Humor



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.



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 ft² 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.

03/06/2023 jdc



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 or visit their website at https://matthewsstumpgrinding.com/stump-grinding/



Blacktop Anchors

https://www.blacktopanchors.com/

Tie downs

Submitted by: Paul Allar Phone: (248)761.8937

Email: paul@allarse.com

Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at <u>EAA77Newsletter@gmail.com</u>

Click here for webpage: https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa77/join-or-renew-membership

EAA77 Chapter Dues Information!

2024 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
- Fill out the Membership Form and email it to the email address below, then mail your \$30 to the address below
- Fill out the Membership Form and email to the email address below and click the link here to pay by Paypal: <u>EAA77 Membership Renewal</u>

The Membership Form version was attached to the email, but can also be found by clicking this link: <u>EAA77</u>
<u>Membership Form</u>

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

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Tim LeClair

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept April meeting minutes: Kevin Curtis
- Seconded: Jim Plourde
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurer's Report accepted

Guests and New Members: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Chapter is selling a donated O-235 core and prop with no logs.
- Board of directors has made a decision to remove fees for Redbird simulator to encourage use.

Young Eagles:

- April 20th, 8:00 to Noon.
- Volunteers please sign up at www.youngeagles.org

Dawn Patrol:

- June 1st is clean up day, June 15th is the backup day
- Hope we have a large turnout.

Project Report:

• Kevin Curtis installing Super Cub landing gear on his Super Cruiser. The 3" increase in gear height will reduce 600 foot takeoff roll to 400 foot.

Pilot Life:

• None

Tim LeClair adjourned meeting at 7:20 p.m.