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This Month's Membership Meeting

April 13, 2023
Social Hour at 6PM
Meeting at 7PM

Presentation

**Tom Schendel ("GyroTom") and
his flying adventures at Alkay
Airport**

**PLEASE join us and support a fellow
member!**

2023 Board Members and Officers

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			Website Editor:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281

President's Corner

Good times are here!!!!

Unfortunately, Sandie and I will not be at this month's meeting as I am working in Ohio, and she is tagging along. The good news is, before we left, I was able to get the RV4 back in the air and flight testing is showing very positive results!!!! I can't wait to show all of you the finished product and share some of the awesome improvements I am seeing. The warmer weather is finally here, and more and more flying weather is happening. Sandie and I are also working hard to truly make our strip at home more usable and look forward to more of our friends flying in this summer!!! Also, lots of fun chapter events and local aviation activities coming up, from our dawn patrol to the airshow at Flint. There are also several events coming up at Owosso (their easter egg drop and camp out) plus return of the Chesaning STOL Competition.

One other big change is Chesaning has decided to go a different route with their catering for their dawn patrol, so unfortunately this is a loss of income for us but will also allow us to go out and have fun at their event and continue to support them. As always, we have to take the good with the bad and all move forward together. I know I hope to do a ton of flying and hope to see all of you at as many aviation events as possible this summer!!!

Have a great meeting!!!

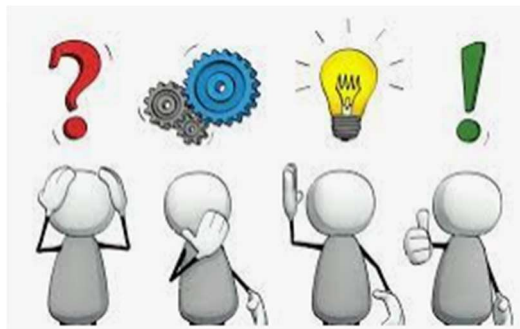
Jake Carmer

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.



**Rain or
Shine!**

Fly In - Drive In

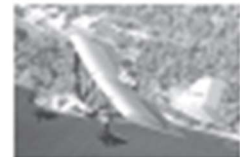
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Returning this year!! Classic Car Show

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

Eggs
Fruit

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Presenting - - EAA77 Brochure

We are pleased to announce that the chapter now has a brochure! Screenshots are below, but full-size version was attached to the same email as this newsletter. We hope you like it as much as you do! These will be printed on glossy paper so we can hand out at the Dawn Patrol and upcoming Flint air show. Members are encouraged to hand them out as well!

When Do We Meet?

Meetings are the **second Thursday of each month**. From **6pm-7pm** is social hour, and a meal is provided. A donation is suggested, to help offset the food costs, and bringing a dish to pass is welcome! **Meeting starts at 7pm** with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short business portion. Then on to project reports and flight reports! Members and visitors can ask questions and share stories, and just have fun! Finally, there is typically some kind of aviation-related presentation to round out the evening.

Meetings are in our beautiful meeting room, and we hope to see you there soon!



Chapter Purpose

To promote and encourage education of the general public about recreational aviation, the design and construction of amateur-built aircraft, and the restoration of aircraft.

Where Are We Located?

EAA77 is located at **Dalton Airport (3DA)** in Flushing, MI. Physical address:

3400 Ann Drive, Flushing, MI 48433



For those flying in, 3DA is located 6 miles NNW of the Flint's Bishop Airport (KFNT) in Great Lakes Approach airspace (contact on 118.8



Image thanks to one of our members

Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 77

Come Join the Fun!
Join the Fun!



Website: www.EAA77.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA77>

Chapter President Email:
EAA77President@gmail.com



Who Are We?

EAA Chapter 77 is part of the worldwide network of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapters. EAA is a non-profit organization of members with a wide range of aviation interests and backgrounds. This includes:

- Antiques
- Classics
- Warbirds
- Aerobatic aircrafts
- Ultralights
- Helicopters
- Homebuilts
- And Contemporary

Membership enables members to share the spirit of aviation with others through recreational pilots, builders, and restorers. Being a member is fun and offers a comradery with others who have similar interests, as well as mentorship.



Why Join Chapter 77...

- **Activities**—Group projects, pancake breakfasts, trainings and presentations, and group flyouts and other social activities.



- **Meetings**—Lively presentations, technical discussions, activity planning, project updates and just about anything else an aviation enthusiast would be interested in.
- **Workshop and Tool Crib**—Access to our collection of tools is an invaluable benefit to chapter members. This even includes a paint booth!
- **Simulators**—One certified Red Bird in addition to an additional three-screen sim for practice or instruction.

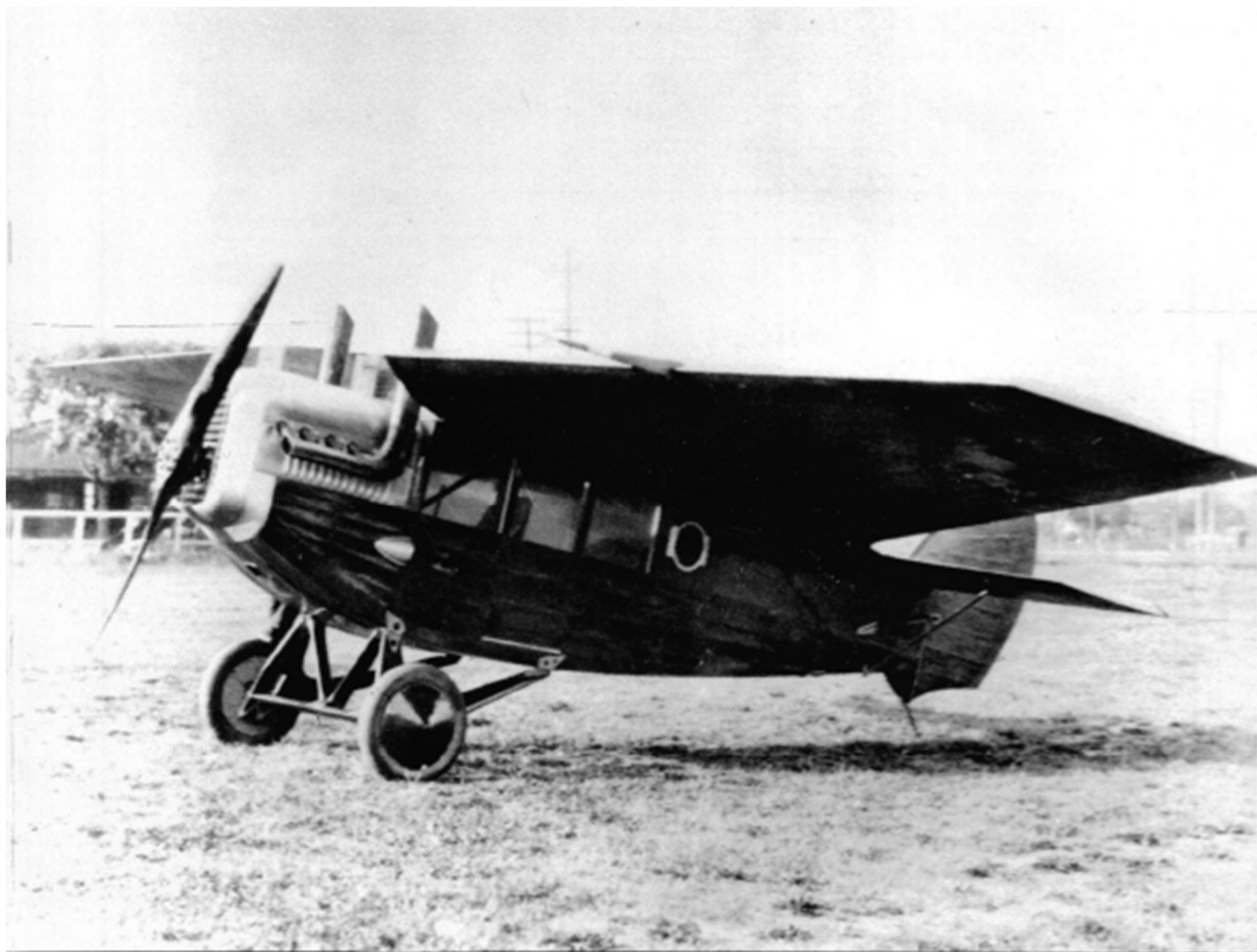


... And What Is There For You?

- **Meeting Room**—A beautiful room available to chapter members for meetings and parties. It includes a full kitchen with stove and refrigerator if those needs are required.
- **Hangar**—Members have the ability to rent space in our chapter's hanger.
- **Volunteerism**—EAA77 is a member-driven group and members are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to participate. This includes Young Eagles, both as pilots or ground crew, helping with the Dawn Patrol and related activities, and countless other activities, including build projects in our workshop. It's not only helpful and rewarding, but a lot of fun!



Did You Know...



After building the *Batwing* for the U.S. Army Air Service in 1919, and later an airplane known as the *Cootie*, Bill Stout formed the Stout Engineering Laboratories to build commercial aircraft. He rented a building on Wellington Avenue in Detroit and with financial support from Robert Stranahan of the Champion Spark Plug Company, built this three-place, all-wood *Batwing Limousine*. It had an internally braced wing with a span of 36 feet and was powered by a 200-horsepower Packard engine. Stout made his own thin plywood to cover the airplane because plywood of the quality needed was not available at that time. The airplane was test flown by Bert Acosta at Packard Field in Detroit in late 1920. The *Batwing Limousine* generated considerable interest among military officials because of its ability to carry heavy loads.

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.
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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!!

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!!

EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20



Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more.

While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

“Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process,” said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. “Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is.” Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.



Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.

TaylorCraft Project Update

Submitted by Doug Isham



N77FJ had a busy month! Welding more on the fuselage, teaching new members about aircraft rebuilding, moving forward with new fundraising efforts and a history of N77FJ project to help tell our story.

Several Saturday morning work parties made progress on the landing gear repairs & fuselage modifications for the new bigger engine and increased gross weight STC.

Teaching is happening as we work! Randy, Tom, Eric, Darrold, Roman, Gideon, George, Scott, Tanmoy and others all helped work on our project.

To the left is a flyer made by Tanmoy you can help us publish to support the project. So far we've raised \$1,515.00!

Kate Zerbe helped us with a history project, Jerry flew with over 99 students in N77FJ! More on this soon!

**WE ARE REBUILDING THIS HISTORIC
1941 TAYLORCRAFT BC-120
TO TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF PILOTS**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE

gofundme



Take these broken wings
& learn to fly!



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

April

13 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** Gyro Flying at Alkay Presentation – Tom (GyroTom) Schendel)

May

4 – Board Meeting; 7pm
11 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** GHOST [Genesee Human Oppression Strike Team] & Airports Presentation – Sgt Victoria Dallas, Genesee County Sheriff Deputy)

June

1 – Board Meeting; 7pm
7 – Parade
8 – Membership Meeting; Social hour & dinner, 6pm; Meeting, 7pm
(**Presentation:** 1) Alkay Changes and Activities – Doug Smith
2) Dawn Patrol Prep – Jeff Spinney & Sandy Matthews)
3 – Airport Clean Up Day, 9am
10 – Dawn Patrol Setup Day, 9am, with potluck at noon
11 – Dawn Patrol
25 & 26 – Bishop Airport Airshow

July

6 – Board Meeting; 7pm
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 April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Varies – Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
2 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	3	4	5	6 7pm – Board Mtg	7	8 Varies – Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
9 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	10	11	12	13 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Membership Mtg (GyroTom)	14	15 Varies – Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
16 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	17	18	19	20	21	22 Varies – Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
23 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout	24	25	26	27	28	29 Varies – Occasional breakfast or dinner flyout
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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

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#thePilotLife

We are starting this new section in the newsletter for you to share photos, captions, and flying stories.

Email to 

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

SANDIE & JAKE

*Jake's RV is back in the air
flaunting that new cowl*



*Breakfasts, friends, and sunset
flights are the order of life again*





JUSTIN & JOHN

Georgia trip in the RV at 195 MPH TAS



*Nothing like a little Father/Son time.
You can see John trying to get some
instrument time flying through that
smoke.*

TANMOY

The joy of taking someone on their first small plane ride, best feeling!!!



Airplanes & Coffee



Wingtip Weekends



Felt like a Young Eagle! 737 MAX Simulator – got 3 landings at LAX



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.



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/>



Send your ads to Sandie Carmer at 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

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
March 9, 2023

Secretary's Report:

- In newsletter
- Motion to Accept: Don Niles
- Seconded: Bob Deuker
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Treasurers Report:

- Motion to Accept: Jim Plourde
- Seconded: Doug Isham
- Motion Passed (none opposed)

Guests and New Members:

- Nathan Sarria – moved from California, interested in aviation
- William Schmitz – Firefly Ultralight
- Jim Palmert

Dawn Patrol:

- 35th Annual Dawn Patrol Sunday June 11th.
- Setup Saturday June 10th with potluck at noon
- We will be handing out flyers during Parade the evening of Wednesday, June 7th.
- There will be face painting, balloon artist, Flushing Farms at the breakfast.
- Car Show being done by Back to the Bricks organizer.
- Saginaw Chapter of Yankee Air Force will be doing dog tags. Bring 1950 Beech Model 18 fuselage and L-2 Birdog
- My Flight doing helicopter rides.
- Life flight helicopters attending: Panda Flight, LifeNet, FlightCare
- Michigan National Guard Chinook may attend

Bishop Airshow: Wings Over Flint

- Being run by professional airshow company from Pennsylvania w/ mobile radar
- 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.

Bishop Airshow: Wings Over Flint cont.

- EAA77 will be setting up 10 x 10 canopy, bringing T-Craft project to make public aware of what we do. We will be creating pamphlets to hand out.

- Yankee Air Force bringing B-25 bomber and doing rides.
- New Jersey Air National Guard Wing bringing F-16 for static display.
- Tickets only available online. No tickets available at gate.

New Business:

- MULA Party March 11th at Liberty Diner 6:00 p.m. RSVP w/
Rick Hayes @ aviators12@aol.com
- Looking for volunteer pilots to work Young Eagles in Chesaning
- John Orme doing most of planning for July 8th & 9th Chesaning STOL event.
- EAA77 providing equipment and cooking Chesaning breakfast.
- May General Membership meeting speaker GCSD Sergeant Dallas on GHOST program

TaylorCraft:

- Doug Isham doing work parties every other Saturday morning.
- Removed damaged landing gear, cleaned the brakes. Randy Labar repairing landing gear.
- Wood ribs off to get to fuselage.
- FAA logbook pages are missing.
- Working toward getting support with YouTube channel, GoFundMe page has been set up. Jim Plourde has loaned a GoPro camera to assist project.
- Looking for an engine rebuilder to donate engine repair time.
- Reaching out to Garmin for vintage look instruments.

Project Report:

- Jake Carmer making good progress on RV4 cowlings and baffles.
- Scott Skalski discussed his Aerolite mods. Has Chaos 400 Aircraft page on Facebook.
- John Sharp RV8 to be ready this summer.
- Paul Allar made map of all airports in Michigan with LED lights.
- Dave Wojciechoski has a slow build kit.
- Eric LaForest planning on building French Emeraude kit previously donated to chapter.
- Tanmoy Ganguly took a friend on an Eagle flight and convinced him to become a pilot.

Bob Deuker made motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Doug Isham seconded motion. No opposition.