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This Month's Membership Meeting

January 10, 2021
Social Hour at 6PM
Hotdogs and chips
Meeting at 7PM



2022 Board Members and Officers

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			Website Editor:	Skip Coucke	810-344-7281

President's Corner

Good times ahead!!!

As we look out over the frozen tundra of our yards, it's hard to imagine the warm weather and awesome flying activities we are looking forward to. At this month's board meeting, we started the long process of planning our annual dawn patrol. As always, our amazing Jeff Spiney is getting the ball rolling. This year promises to be lots of fun with great activities and people.

For Sandie and I, things have hit a huge turning point. My motto has always been, work hard and play harder, and for the last year we have worked extremely hard on rebuilding our dream home; a 160-year-old farm house on 17.5 acres that is long and narrow. Last week, we passed our final inspection and have started moving in!!!! This means, as soon as the weather breaks, we will get to focus on the more fun stuff with smoothing and using the runway and hopefully building my hangar and getting back to work on the Bearhawk. Even without the warm weather, we had 2 friends drop in last weekend and land on our snow-covered backyard runway, they were definitely playing harder!!!!



This will also free up more of our time for aviation activities and our beloved aviation family. Hopefully we can all put covid in the rearview mirror, enjoy being together, and one of our favorite activities of hosting a Young Eagle's Day. For the last 2 years we have only been able to do the occasional one on one event but can't wait to have an entire group of kids, their families, and our EAA family there igniting that spark in the next generation.

We are also excited to get more group flyouts together and going places together. I have some Ideas brewing and would love to hear any of your suggestions. Let's all get out and enjoy this freedom of flight we have.

Another exciting thing is Eric LaForest is heading up an effort to get the build going on the Taylorcraft again. He is hoping to start having 2 build times, one during the day and one in the evening so more people have the chance to get involved. This aircraft has a lot of history here at the chapter and will be awesome to once again see her getting life breathed into her. If you have any interest in helping, spectating, being a cheerleader to the group reach out to Eric and let him know. Anybody there with positive energy whether it is turning wrenches, welding, gluing on fabric, or just handing people tools while rooting them on all helps to keep the momentum going. When the chapter has done these types of projects before it has been lots of fun for all involved.

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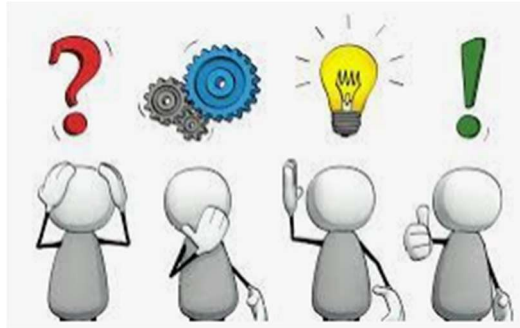
Unfortunately, I will not be at this month's meeting as I will once again be in Oklahoma City for training for 2½ weeks. Paul will be filling in in my absence so let's all give him our support, come on out for some hotdogs, laughs, and most importantly, aviation stories. I can't wait to catch up with everyone when I get back and hopefully start getting more of my own flying stories to share with all of you!!!

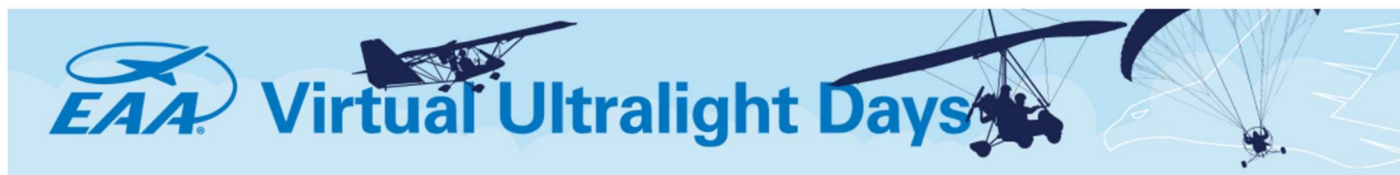
Also, since I will be in Oklahoma, and many of our snowbirds are off to warmer destinations, it has been decided we are going to do awards at the April membership meeting. So, get your Howard Warren nominations in and see you in March!

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.





Join us on Tuesday, February 22, through Thursday, February 24, for an educational online event, EAA Virtual Ultralight Days. Subject matter experts of the ultralight community will present webinars on the lighter side of recreational aviation including how to get started in Ultralights; how-to instructions on a variety of Ultralight aircraft like gyroplanes, powered parachutes, and trikes; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more!

All webinars are free of charge to everyone interested in ultralight aviation, with the live sessions featuring a Q&A segment. On-demand recordings of the presentations will be available to EAA members.

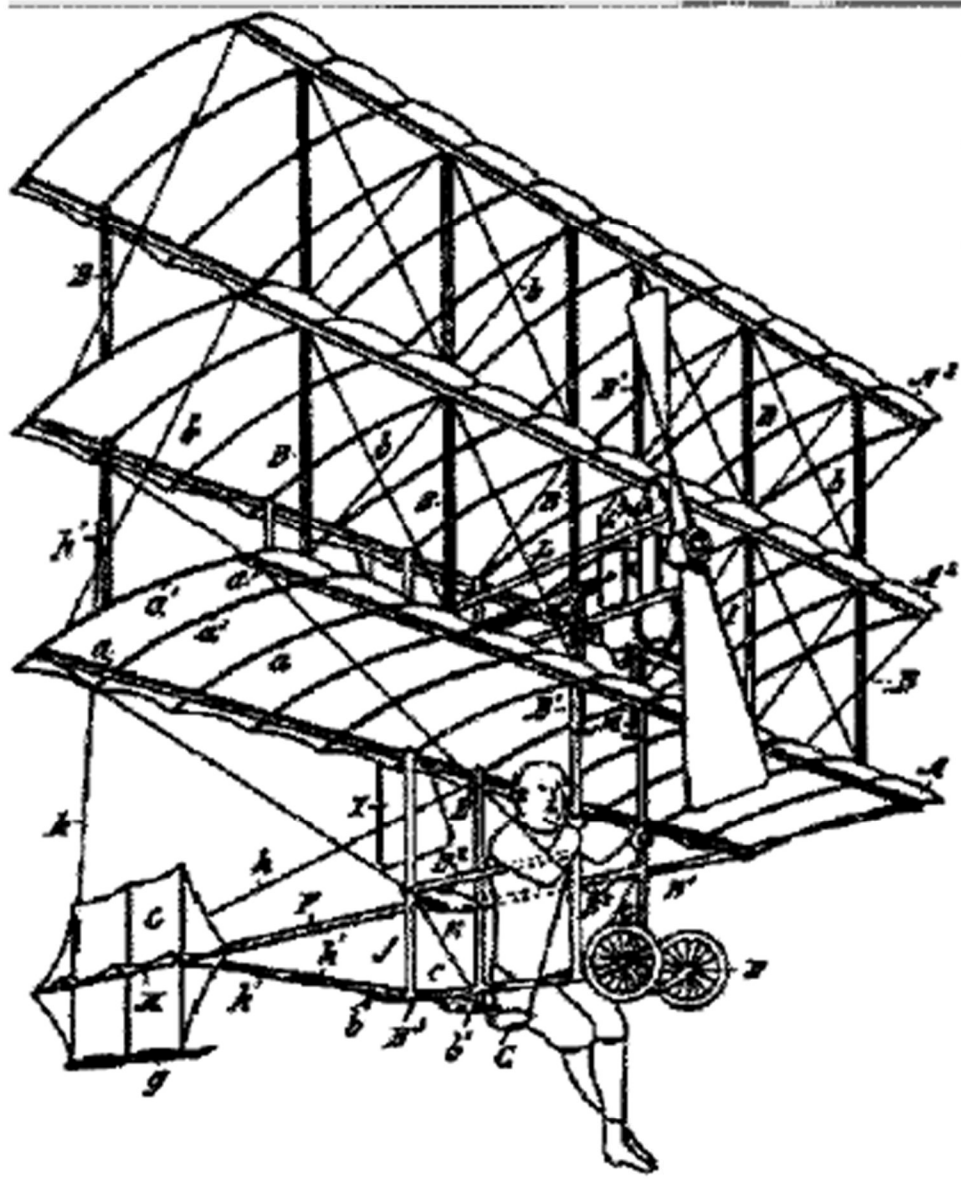
Our very own **Denny Demeter** will be presenting online on **February 24th at 4pm**. His topic is, ***Safety Condition Inspection for Ultralights***. Click the link below to save your seat!

Description: Routine inspections and proper maintenance are a key part of operating "safely." Some say safety is a mindset — join long-time ultralight owner and pilot Denny Demeter as he shares his mindset on things he has learned over the years to inspect and maintain your ultralight. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

<https://www.eaa.org/eaav/aviation-interests/ultralights/virtual-ultralight-days/schedule>

Did You Know...

*Did You Know?**



This is an illustration from a British patent application filed jointly by Octave Chanute, Chicago, and Augustus Herring, St. Joseph, Michigan, in 1896 for a heavier-than-air flying machine. A rather primitive design that used weight-shifting for control, it was based on the Chanute-Herring triplane glider flown by Herring in the summer of 1895. The patent, No. 15,221, was issued in June 1897. See page 11 for more information.

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New EAA77 Fly-out Opportunity!

(Submitted by Justin von Linsowe)



Starting January 2022, there is a new fly-out opportunity for all EAA Chapter 77 members! A quaint, fly-in bed and breakfast location has opened up exclusively to EAA77 members in the Atlanta, Georgia area! After a verbal phone briefing on pattern entry procedures (per the HOA), you have the option of landing on the pavement OR the grass runway! Featuring a 2600' runway oriented to 15-33, with tall Pine Trees at the north end, this narrow "one way in, one way out" runway is a delightful challenge to any consummate aviator! Lots of aircraft tie down space availability with future hangar space pending. Come to Whispering Pines Airpark (Identifier: GA80) and avoid shoveling snow for awhile!

In all seriousness, the airpark has been a fantastic move. Many, MANY thanks to Mr. Dan Willoughby for starting up conversations with strangers and making the find! The primary goal of moving to Georgia was for Shelley (my wife) to be closer to her family and we are a consistent 15-17 minute drive to their house with traffic variations. AND it's on a runway!



The house has been wonderful with very little that "needs done now". Lots of room for Shelley and I to start a family and also house any visitors that may stop by. We're slowly making the house our own, painting room by room.

The carpet was already completely replaced from a teal green to a more neutral beige/tan/off white. (Shelley will insert correct color here). New appliances that all seem to use wifi for some reason and a washer and dryer that sing songs

for almost 120 seconds when they're done. I'm learning about the "heat pump" heating system and how it varies from the typical gas furnace that I'm used to in Michigan. And even though it's not

always as cold in Georgia as it is in Michigan, I've been getting very good use out of our wood burning fireplace. After splitting my own wood only for one month now, I do see the appeal of gas inserts...



I'll be back and forth to Michigan on occasion, it's only 3-3.5 hours in the RV, depending on winds. But I do hope that anyone passing through the Atlanta area will give a call from time to time. It's a fun runway to fly into and walking up to my own house after a flight is pretty fun too. I'm still shopping around for how I'm going to build a hangar and what the most cost-effective method will be, but for now, having a kind neighbor across the street who lets you use his hangar is pretty good!

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!
- ➔ **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

February

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

March

3 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

April

7 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

May

5 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

June

2 – Board Meeting, 7pm

8 – Flushing Parade (tentative), TBD

9 – Membership Meeting; Social hour, 6pm; Meeting (Presentation: Dawn Patrol Planning), 7pm

11 – Dawn Patrol Setup, TBD

12 – Dawn Patrol

July

7 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

August

4 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

September

1 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

October

6 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

November

3 – Board Meeting, 7pm

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

December

TBD – Banquet

EAA Chapter 77 Activities February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30pm – TCraft Restore work	2	3 12pm – Lunch at McDonalds (Hill Rd) 6pm – Social hour 7pm – Board Mtg	4	5 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



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.

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 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 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.



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/>



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

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

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EAA77 Membership Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021

No minutes received