



“Daedalus Flyer” Author’s Guide

Tips and techniques for submitting items for publication in the Daedalus Flyer

What is the Flyer?

The Daedalus Flyer is the official publication of the Daedalians. The first issue was published in August 1959 and the format was similar to a newspaper. The original purpose of the publication was to educate members on various aspects of flight safety or news about aviation. This tradition continues today with the Daedalus Flyer being an important source of information for all members.

Although the format has changed through the years, one thing that has remained constant is the focus on news from the field. Flights are a vital part of the Daedalians so your input is important to the success of the magazine. The editor and staff work diligently to produce a quality product each quarter. This is your publication and we need your support.

Flights or individuals are welcome to submit items for any section of the magazine including:

- Flightline
- Reunions
- Awards / Scholarships
- “There I Was”/ War Stories
- Personal Aviation Experience
- In Memoriam

I’m not a writer...

You don’t have to be a great writer to get published in the Flyer. You just need good ideas and a desire to share them with fellow Daedalians. Members are interested in hearing about aviation experiences, interesting news from flights, awards and other areas that advance the mission of the Daedalians.

Submissions may be edited before being published in the Flyer. These changes can range from grammar to syntax to cutting content for spacing. The editor also reserves the right to withhold publishing items with inappropriate language or suggestions.

In most cases, articles are approximately 500 to 1,500 words, depending on the subject. If the entry contains references or copyrighted material, appropriate credit and/or approval must be included.

The font size and paragraph spacing are not important, especially if submitted digitally.

I'm not a professional photographer...

Anyone can take a great photo with a cell phone these days. You don't need expensive cameras and lenses to have your pictures printed in the Flyer.

Quality

The quality (resolution) of photos affects how well they look in print. Normally, the larger the file size, the better the pictures will look when printed. When possible, submit photos that are 300 dpi. The problem with large files, however, is they don't always make it through in e-mail, but there are several options available to get them to us. Try DropBox or WeTransfer and use communications@daedalians.org as the recipient. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to call.

Format

When submitting pictures for publication, send them in the original format (.jpg, .jpeg, .tif, etc). Please do not embed photos into a document because it makes them difficult to edit and they appear very grainy.

Portraits or Pictures?

Portraits are posed shots; pictures are typically action shots. Action shots are much more appealing and interesting than "birds on a wire" photos. Consider this when deciding which pictures to send with your article.

Captions and more

Please provide a proposed caption. Identify every person in the photo by rank (if applicable), status (i.e. retired) and first/last names, what is going on in the picture (award presentation, guest speaker, etc), where the photo was taken, who took the photo, etc. Ensure all information is accurate, such as location names, spelling, rank, etc. If sending printed photos, do not write on the front or back as the ink can show when scanned.

Before sending photos, verify they are in focus. Avoid "photo-bombers" or distractions in the background when possible and watch the lighting. Oftentimes, slide shows or fluorescent lighting wash out the subject of the pictures and there isn't any way to correct this in PhotoShop.

----- *Do* -----

- Submit entries on time (see deadlines below)
- Send constructive comments to help the editor improve the Flyer
- Check out recent issues for subject ideas and to not duplicate recent articles
- Include good quality photos with thorough identification

----- *Don't* -----

- Submit previously published articles or photos without copyright approval
- Use inappropriate language or suggestions in writings
- Crop photos – the editor will crop them to fit the available space

Programs

The Daedalians have more than 100 individual programs and we love to hear about how the flights are participating in them. Awards and scholarships have a separate section of the Flyer so we can highlight the winners. The spring issue usually has the largest number of submissions and the editor will work diligently to fit them all in.

Flightline

This section is specifically for news from the flights. It does not replace the quarterly activity report and the editor does not review these reports for content. Flights wanting to have an activity published must send full details directly to the editor at communications@daedalians.org. The editor will make every effort to include every flight's input in the next scheduled issue. We recommend flights identify a writer and a photographer for each planned activity.

Deadlines and Publication Dates

The Daedalus Flyer is published quarterly, but submissions are accepted year-round. Sometimes the editor needs filler material and will pull from entries received after the deadline. Use the following dates as guidelines only. The publication date is when you can expect to receive the Flyer in the mail.

<i>Issue and Publication Date</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Spring (March)	Jan. 1
Summer (June)	April 1
Fall (September)	July 1
Winter (December)	Oct. 1

How to reach us

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