

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

**MARCH 2024**

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Rick Laub

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It was great to see everyone and a number of guests and some new members at February's meeting. We talked about the survey results. Seems there is interest in visiting some museums like the US Air Force museum in Dayton or Willow Run or the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo among others. By a show of hands, it doesn't seem folks want to spend the money for taking a bus – so we are looking at some alternatives such as carpooling.

I hope to keep the business part of our meeting to under 30 minutes – we will see how that goes. And, if you have thoughts about how I might be more effective, please feel free to share (with me, of course).

We have an upcoming Young Eagles event in April that we are staffing and flying at the Owosso Airport – let's all pitch in and help Margie make this a successful outreach activity.

This month's meeting features Jeff Stetson, our motor glider pilot, talking Rotax engines. My plane has a Rotax so I am looking forward to what he has gleaned from his time attending the Rotax factory training class. See you at the meeting, if not before.

### **SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**

#### **MARCH:**

Jeff Stetson – Rotax engines

#### **APRIL:**

FAA Seminar – topic TBD

#### **MAY:**

Dave Trojan – topic TBD

**CONTACT PAT SALOW WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS**



Thank you to our February breakfast team, Tom Schroeder and Jim & Carol Spry

### **CHAPTER 55**

**BOARD MEETING:** 7:00pm: March 6th

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 9:30am; Sat. Mar. 9th  
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
John Schwartz	Don McAlister
Doug MacKenzie	Ken Vandenberg
Mark Jacob	Dave Trojan
Robert Kerr	Martin Pfenninger
Denise Bolen	Paul Creger

### EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting, February 7, 2024

→The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Rick Laub. In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, John Kuchar, Drew Seguin, Bob Clark, Gabe Blosser, Dave James, Ken Drewyor, Michael Rosencrans, Gary Nicola (arrived late) and non-board member Doug Koons. Absent were Greg Hover, and Warren Miller. →The Secretary's Report was noted. Drew Seguin made a motion to accept the report; seconded by John Kuchar; motion carried. →The Treasurer's Report was noted. Treasurer Drew Seguin stated that we received from EAA National \$1,065 Young Eagle Credits for use for Young Eagles. He also stated that around 60 people have paid membership dues. Donations have come in for the Newberry Scholarship Fund. Funds of \$125 are needed to retain our membership in the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. Gilda Tucker made a motion that we pay the dues and retain our membership; seconded by Michael Rosencrans; motion carried. Gilda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Michael Rosencrans; motion carried. →Doug Koons reported that after five unsuccessful attempts, all but one due to unfavorable weather, Cal has yet to complete his final flight before receiving his license. →There is no word yet from EAA National regarding the Ray Scholarship for 2024. →Youth Group Leader Jeff Shaud is attending a funeral out of town and wasn't available for reporting. The upcoming Sunday Youth Meeting is cancelled. →The Interest Report Survey results, skillfully graphed by Rick Laub, indicated the greatest interest was in trips to air museums. Of least interest were events at the member hanger such as potlucks and movie nights. Gilda was assigned the task of inquiring with available tour bus companies on cost and available dates for trips. Results of the inquiry will be brought up at the Saturday Member's Meeting. →Gary Nicola

reported on his results of inquiry regarding member dues paid at other chapters compared to our chapter. His findings were that we are comparable to other chapters in our fees. →John Kuchar gave a review on our insurance needs. Insurance is needed for all activity held at the members hanger – on the people. Some events such as Dawn Patrol and Mason Aviation Day already have coverage. John is in charge ensuring we have insurance for these events, with the exception of Young Eagles, which is handled by Margie Clark, and the Youth Group, which is handled by Jeff Shaud. John will look into other areas that are currently uninsured such as our involvement in the Christmas Parade in Maon. Drew's tug is used in that parade thus Drew would handle insurance for that. Drew made a motion that Al Spalding be replaced as alternate check signer for the Chapter in his (Drew's) absence, (Al has moved out of the area) and that Rick Laub would be Al's replacement; Dave James seconded; motion carried. →Mention was made by Rick Laub about the heat used in member's hanger over the past month. Several members spoke up saying that the room and bathroom were actually hot on some evenings over the weekend, and that the outside door was at times wide open. Discussion centered around who pays for the extra heat usage when the room is not being used for member meetings and member-wide events. No decisions were made and no conclusions were forthcoming. →Also of concern to some were oil spills in the airplane hangar part of the members building, as being a fire hazard and a possible source of slipping and falling. Use of the dining tables, it was brought up, is allowable for use as a table for holding airplane parts, etc. as long as the table is covered in heavy plastic. Rick Laub will do any follow-up he deems necessary regarding these issues. →The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm. →Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary.

### EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting, February 10, 2024

→The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Rick Laub. →After singing the National Anthem, Rick thanked the breakfast team: Jim and Carol Spry, and Tom Schroeder. →The March breakfast teams consists of: John Schwartz, Doug MacKenzie, Mark Jacob, Robert Kerr, and Denise Bolen. →There were forty in attendance, including

twelve guests. Rick welcomed the guests, several of which are students of our program speaker Shelley Jellema, Lansing Community College (LCC) Drone Director. →The Secretary's Report for January contained in the February Newsletter was acknowledged. →Treasurer Drew Seguin being absent, Rick Laub gave the Treasurer's Report. Sixty members have signed up or renewed membership. →Youth Group Leader Jeff Shaud is on funeral leave, thus there was no Youth Report and Sunday's upcoming Youth Meeting is cancelled. →Ray Scholarship Reporter Doug Koons was absent. In his place, Rick Laub gave the update on Cal, last year's recipient. He has yet to complete his final flight after five aborted attempts. Unfavorable weather is the cause in all but one case. There is still no word on the 2024 Ray Scholarship. →Margie Clark gave the Young Eagles Report. The Child Protection Policy Form expires after three years. All who work in any capacity with the Youth Group or Young Eagles are required to have an updated policy form. The form is found on line at eaa.org. More adult workers are needed to help Jeff Shaud in the bi-monthly youth meetings. Pilots and ground crew will be needed to handle the 118 who have signed up to participate in the Young Eagles flights scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> in Owosso. →Margie was in charge of passing out awards: Tom Schroeder awarded for flying Young Eagles in 2021; John Kuchar for serving as Chapter 55 Secretary for the past two years; John Bobcik for his duties as webmaster for 2023; and Gordon Hempstone for working as ground crew for Young Eagles in 2023. →Rick Laub skillfully graphed the results of the Program Interest Survey. Eleven members completed the survey. The greatest interest was in trips to air museums. The least interest was in events at the chapter hanger. Gilda Tucker contacted available bus companies to find the cost and available dates for trips. Half day trips would cost \$40/person and whole day trips \$80/person. A show of hands revealed very weak interest in either. →Rick thanked Terry Lutz for donating a computer to our chapter. →Michael Weck is still offering weekend evening ground school classes at the chapter hanger for a minimal charge. →Gilda Tucker brought a sample of the Oratex fabric used to cover airplanes. There will be an Oratex covered Piper airplane on display at the 2024 Air Venture at Oshkosh. →The program following today's meeting will be conducted by Shelley Jellema. She will be explaining all about drones and will have drones on

hand for members to fly immediately following the presentation. FAA Drone Safety Day will take place at the LCC hanger at Mason Airport April 27<sup>th</sup>. →Next month's program will feature Jeff Stetson giving a presentation on the Rotex engine. →The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am. →Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary.



**MEMBERSHIP**  
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**NEW MEMBERS:** Chapter 55 welcomes new members Steve Carpenter and Jon Iversen. Steve doesn't have a pilot license or aircraft yet. Jon has and SEL Private and instrument rating but no aircraft or project at this time. So, let's see what we can do to get them in the air !

**2023 MEMBER OF THE YEAR:** Congratulations to our Member of the Year – Jeff Shaud. Jeff works tirelessly to keep our Young Aviators Youth Group going strong all year long !!

**CONDOLENCES:** to the Brown Family on their recent loss of our member Lloyd Brown.

**CONDOLENCES:** to Gilda Tucker on the recent loss of her sister-in-law.

**CONDOLENCES:** to Jeff & Cindy Shaud on the recent loss of Cindy's mom.

**MEMBERSHIP PROFILE INFO:** Secretary Gilda Tucker has volunteered to take on the task of doing Member Profiles for a new "member spotlight" article in each newsletter. She is asking for each member to submit their information to be featured in a future newsletter. Hopefully, I will remember to include the form when the newsletter is emailed.

**UNITED FLYING OCTOGENARIANS:** Last month I wrote about this great group. Come to find out a member walks among us – Bill Purosky. So, if you would like to hear first hand what it is all about, ask Bill and/or visit their website: [www.UFOpilots.org](http://www.UFOpilots.org). Congratulations, Bill !!

**MAGAZINES:** We can accept small supplies of aviation magazines and we do offer them to members to take what they want. There is a specific tub in the meeting room for your contributions.

**SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8, 2024:** A couple of great informational flyers ....



**Air Traffic Bulletin**

## Solar Eclipse

### April 8, 2024

Please be aware of the possibility for multiple Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR).  
Be vigilant for Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMS) and delays/disruptions in the National Airspace System (NAS) that could affect your flight.

<b>FAA TFR Site:</b> <a href="https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html">https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html</a>	<b>FAA PILOTWEB NOTAMS:</b> <a href="https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/PilotWeb/">https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/PilotWeb/</a>	<b>FAA NAS Status:</b> <a href="https://nasstatus.faa.gov/">https://nasstatus.faa.gov/</a>
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We need your help in getting the word out:  
Please pass this information along to as many pilots and aviation professionals as possible.

Check the **published** NOTAMs for any changes or unique procedures. Several types of operations may be prohibited or restricted during this event.

#### VFR AIRCRAFT

\*\*\*CLASS B and C SERVICE IS MANDATORY\*\*\*

Expect delays outside Class B, C, D airspace during peak traffic periods. VFR advisory service with approach controls will be on a workload permitting basis. Approach facilities will not provide ATC Services for Practice Approaches during peak traffic periods.

Set transponder to 1200 and squawk altitude prior to reaching any Class B or C airspace.

Extremely high volumes of traffic are anticipated in this area.  
VFR flight following, airborne IFR pickups and other VFR services to aircraft may not be available in certain areas.

Check airport availability and plan your trip early.

Solo flights and student training are encouraged to be completed prior to the eclipse.

### Total Solar Eclipse 2024

- The area inside of the **Blue Lines** is the path of totality in which the sun will be completely covered.
- Areas near the central **Red Line** will be in darkness the longest.
- Other areas of the Cleveland area that do not see a total eclipse will see at least 80% of the sun obscured.



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

**Gilda Tucker**

Technically, I was a member in 2005 when my late husband Craig included me in his membership. I became chapter secretary in January of 2024. However, I didn't pay any attention to EAA back then. I became a member on my own in 2022.

I have taken a pitch hitter pilot course from Terry Lutz, and am currently working toward pursuing a pilot's license. I don't own an airplane.

I am not a spectator. I want to be part of the action, thus, I am aiming toward becoming a pilot. However, I also enjoy aviation history and going to air museums.

Before retiring, I was involved in music as an educator and performer. I taught most of the stringed instruments, including piano. I performed vocally and on cello, and violin.

My non-aviation interests include dancing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, kayaking, water-boarding, collecting antique glassware, and finding original books from the 1800's on U.S. History.

If there were no limitations, you would find me flying my own jet to my chateau in the Italian Riviera, my private Caribbean Island, or my remote chalet in Upper Michigan.



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

**Vickie Vandebelt**

I have been a member of EAA Chapter 55 since 2003.

I am not a pilot but offer support for my pilot and restoration husband, Ken Vandebelt.

I have always been interested in history and now that includes aviation history.

I retired in 2008 after thirty plus years in the insurance agency industry. My goal was to retire early and do volunteer work.

In addition to serving Chapter 55 as Membership Coordinator and past Secretary and past Events Coordinator – I currently serve as Secretary for the East Jackson High School Alumni, Treasurer for the Friends of the Leslie Library, Membership Coordinator for the Leslie Area Chamber of Commerce, Membership Coordinator for the Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club, and I serve on several committees of the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce.

In aviation, I am a member of EAA National, plus I am a member of the Michigan Stearman Group, as well as being a “Tribute Rosie” and member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association.

I really enjoy all the things I do and not sure what I would do if I had no limitations of any kind ... Maybe hire some help and foster a parcel of dogs looking for their forever home.



**YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR**  
by Margie Clark  
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See you at the hangar!!!



**YOUTH GROUP**  
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See you at the hangar!



**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**team Heartwood Glad Rags**  
by Karen Meirndorf  
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Relay For Life is once again coming to Holt on Friday, June 14th, 2024, from 6:00pm to 10:00am Saturday morning.

EAA Chapter 55 is fund raising to place our chapters name on the top of a American Cancer Society fact sign that is placed around the Relay walking track.

Please help a great cause and community event with your 50/50 ticket purchase during the monthly meeting pancake breakfast. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the meeting. (Just making a donation is welcome too!!)

Your support enables us to continue our life saving work, and we're thankful for your generosity.



**THE EAA MISSION:** To grow participation in aviation, by inspiring people to fly, build, volunteer and outreach to promote aviation.



**EDITORS PROLIX**  
By Deanna McAlister  
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It's false spring number 4 or is it 5 ??? Great flying weather, see you at the airport!!

Our February program was very informative about drones, presented by Shelley Jellema from LCC.



EAA Chapter 55 is a 501(c)3 non-profit. Donation gifts to Chapter 55 are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. If desired, donation gifts can be designated specifically for the Youth Group, for Young Eagles, or for the Newberry Aviation Scholarship. An acknowledgment receipt of your donation gift for tax purposes can be provided on request.

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### **FREE RADIUM INSTRUMENT TESTING AND TRAINING**

**By Dave Trojan**

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Many instruments made up until 1960s had the luminous paint, needed to read them at night, based on Radium. Radium is one of the most radioactive chemical elements and is 1000 times more radioactive than Uranium. It has a half-life of 1602 years and decays into radon gas. This means 70 years old instruments are still active and will be for the next thousands years. Are you worried or just want to be extra safe around gauges that may contain radium? I can check any and all your gauges, instruments and anything else that you may suspect of containing radium free of charge. I have been trained by the U.S. Air Force to identify and test for radium. I can also provide training to you on how to identify radium gauges. Testing is FREE of charge using my portable Geiger counter testing device. I can also safely dispose of any Radium gauges that you may have. For more information on this subject: <https://theaviationist.com/special-reports/radioactive-materials-in-flight-instruments/>

If interested in testing and or training on this issue, please contact Dave Trojan at [dtrojan60@gmail.com](mailto:dtrojan60@gmail.com) or cell 808-386-0609



### **EXPENSIVE HAMBURGERS**

**By Bill Purosky & Doug Koons**

See you at the hangar!!!



### **NOTES FROM CAPE JUBY**

**By Terry Lutz**

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The subject of angle of attack (AOA) continues to gain traction with EAA and the FAA. From what I am hearing, the FAA will designate AOA as “an emerging technology”, so we can expect to hear more about it in the next few years, and you can also expect that it will show up in regulatory guidance, such as guidance to CFIs for Flight Reviews.



Mike Vaccaro is my partner in crime on the work I've been doing with my RV-8. I wish you all could have flown the F-4 Phantom II. It was a handful at high AOA. During combat maneuvering, you had to use rudder to roll, and you'd better keep the stick right in the center. If you tried to roll with the stick, it would depart controlled flight and you had a real handful trying to recover. This is not the way airplanes are supposed to fly! McDonnell-Douglas put an angle of attack aural tone in the system that worked marvelously well to let you know what your AOA was while you were looking outside at who was trying to shoot you down (how did you ever let them get in your 6 o'clock?).

What we have done is recreated the AOA system from the F-4 Phantom II Supersonic All-Weather Fighter Bomber, Mostly Bomber. It works marvelously well, but to do it we needed a good source of AOA information. In my airplane we are using the Garmin pitot probe with a pitot port and an offset port 45 degrees below the pitot port. Here is a link to a short video that Vac put together that describes how the system works: <https://youtu.be/XMDMsOGQezg>



working area SW of Saginaw, then worked between 10,500' and 12,500' doing practice rejoins and some extended trail (wingman chasing lead through mild aerobatic maneuvers). Great fun was had by all.

### **FROM THE LOCAL FRONT:**

Tim Brenner sent the attached photo of the soft cover which is now installed in the fuel hose at KTEW. The story of how that happened isn't important. What is important now is that we treat it with respect so it lasts a long time!

Many of you were in the December meeting when I previewed a presentation I had prepared for a symposium at the International Test Pilot School. Later in December Don Burt and I flew to London, Ontario, Canada in his DeHavilland Beaver where the presentation was well received. Since then, I have given it to EAA Chapter 1056. Then in early February, Mike Vaccaro and I gave the presentation to the SE Symposium of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, where we were awarded "Best Paper". Mike Vaccaro is a former USAF fighter pilot and has been to the Fighter Weapons School twice, once in the F-4 and next in the F-15. No forehead, walks on his knuckles. We are on track to give the presentation in Lucerne, Switzerland in late June.



Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister ([zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com))

**Deadline: Wednesday preceding the 1st Saturday of each month.**

Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams" ([madziars@msn.com](mailto:madziars@msn.com)) and Pat Salow "Monthly Programs" ([salow@icloud.com](mailto:salow@icloud.com))

On Monday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to do some formation flying with Ron Staley and Bill Shortt in their L-39s. They are very nice flying airplanes, although like any airplane of that size and complexity, they require their own special care on the ground. We did some wing work on the way to a

## CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** RV-6 tail kit; miscellaneous 2 x construction lumber 8 to 16ft. Contact: Greg Hover; 517-862-8966.

**FREEBIE:** Top quality, nearly supersonic 55 gallon drum, used once, very gently. May have enough residual airshow smoke oil inside to keep your aerobatic R/C airplane smoking for a long time! Will help you haul it, no problem!!



**WANTED:** Your old Gauges, Instruments, cockpit parts. Looking for non-airworthy gauges, the older the better, for use in static display instrument panels. I collect and restore old aircraft instrument panels for collectors and museums. I'm a member of the international Aircraft Cockpit & Instrument Panel Collectors Group. I also work with many Aviation Museums to restore their aircraft such as the Selfridge AFB Museum, Wurtsmith Air Museum, and the Yankee Air Museum. I recently restored FG-1D Corsair panel for the Selfridge AFB Museum using old gauges and parts. Old instruments can be used to fill holes in panels and can be used for parts to restore other instruments. While not all damage can be fixed, broken parts from two or more identical indicators can often be salvaged to create a single, functional whole.

I'm especially looking for Clocks, Altimeters, Gyros, Fuel gauges, and Airspeed indicators. I'm also looking for toggle switches, warning lights, and old control boxes. I don't mind getting my hands' dirty digging through hangars looking for stuff. One pilot's junk is another's treasure! If you have old gauges, instruments, and cockpit parts please contact

Dave Trojan at [dtrojan60@gmail.com](mailto:dtrojan60@gmail.com) or cell 808-386-0609



Do you have anything you want to buy, sell, or trade?? Contact Deanna McAlister [zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com)

### HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Brown Family; 517-589-8619

Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532

Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020

EAA55; Common Storage or Building hangar space;

Rick Laub; 616-755-6255 (waiting list)

### SENDING EMAIL BLASTS:

The best way to do a broadcast email to our Chapter 55 membership is to "reply all" to your latest newsletter email. Update the "Subject" enter your message and delete the old subject matter content. This will insure you get the most up-to-date membership roster.

### EAA55 = PILOTS, PLANES & BUILDERS:

Here is a list of those who are working on homebuilts and/or restorations, as well as pilots and their planes ... Additions, deletions & corrections appreciated:

Mark Bathurst; Cessna 172

Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib

John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox 7SS

Ivan Bradley; Zenith CH650B

John Caron; Cessna 172

Stan Chubb; Beechcraft Bonanza

Lewis (Bob) Clark; Cessna 172

Randy Coller; Cessna 182 & Hot Air Balloon  
Dave Cook; RV-6A (w/Greg Hover); Taylorcraft  
Ultralight  
Ken Drewyor; Kitfox (sold); Mooney M20C  
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310  
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II  
Donald Frank; BE35P  
Mike Franzago; RV-8  
Ralph Gregus; Zenith CH750  
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza;  
w/Travelaire; PT-17; AT-6 restorations  
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project  
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B  
Steve Houghton; RV-7A  
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)  
Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 proj  
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)  
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project  
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8  
Edward Manturuk; Lancair ES  
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701  
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-14A; RV-9A project  
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172  
Chuck Moore; RV-12  
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman  
Traveler restoration  
Jim Palmer; Glasair III  
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)  
Pat Salow; Zenith 701  
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3  
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project  
Tom Sheehan; C-170 & Aerosport & Funk B85C;  
Lincoln-Page 1928  
Rockwood Shepard; RV-9A  
Jim Spry; RV-8  
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango  
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna  
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project  
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750  
John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

**POCKET CALENDAR:**

June 15th EAA55 Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast  
August 17th EAA55 Mason Aviation Day

**FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS POSTED**

**IN TEW TERMINAL** w/special thanks to Tony  
Kruckeberg of LCC. Be sure to check these flyers  
out if you are looking for a weekend place to fly !!

**WEB EVENT CALENDARS:**

[www.eaa.org/ea/events](http://www.eaa.org/ea/events)

[www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp](http://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp)

[www.michigan.gov/aero/](http://www.michigan.gov/aero/)

**CRAA BOARD MEETINGS:**

4th Monday of the Month @ 4:30pm  
Marion "Babe" Ruth Community Room  
Terminal Building, Capital Region Int. Airport

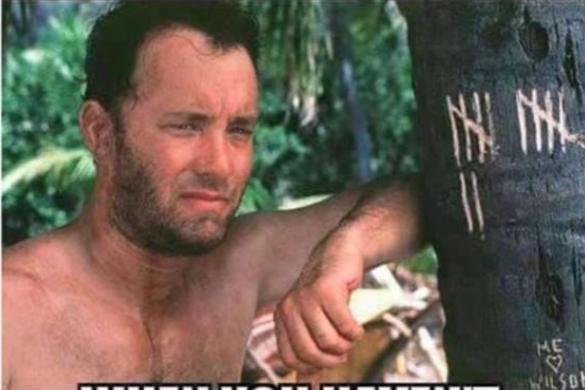
**MASON JEWETT TENENTS & USER  
MEETINGS:**

First Wednesday of the second month of each  
quarter. The 2024 meetings will be held on  
February 7<sup>th</sup>; May 1<sup>st</sup>; August 7<sup>th</sup>; and November 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30pm in a classroom at the  
LCC Aviation Technology facility.

Mason Jewett Field FBO:  
Great Lakes Air Repair  
517-525-3673

Maintenance - Painting - Upholstery - Engines

**HOW YOU FEEL**



**WHEN YOU HAVEN'T  
FLOWN FOR A WHILE**

**Don't let the plane fool you**



**I'm broke**

**The address of the  
airport in Traverse  
City, Michigan is  
727 Fly Don't Dr.**

**WINGTIPS** is published monthly by *EAA Chapter 55 of Mason, Michigan*, for the use, education and enjoyment of Chapter members and supporters. Accurate information transfer is our goal; however readers should verify dates and times prior to attending an event.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday of each month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submitted material. Photos, sketches or artwork sent by email must be in JPEG or BMP format. Text must be in a Word format or copyable from the email. Submissions may be sent by regular mail and must be accompanied by prepaid postage if you want them returned.

Submissions should be sent to: Deanna McAlister, Newsletter Editor.