



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

MARCH 2020

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

EAA Chapter 55 Hangar; Mason Jewett Airport; 643 Aviation Drive, PO Box 443, Mason, MI 48854

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→ Flight Advisor : Terry Lutz → Adult Eagles : TBD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

(president@eaa55.org)

CGS Hawk Donation



The Hawk is still available, though Jim Spry says he has a few interested parties. Might even be sold by the time you read this. That would be nice.

Meanwhile we've raised over \$1200 selling the various tools and supplies we got with the donation. There's still some stuff left so we're holding a...

Special Chapter 55 Scrounge Sale

After the March Chapter meeting we will open the tables for "free". Come take whatever you want. We'd like a donation but will leave it up to you as to how much you'd like to give. After the sale we're going to dispose of what's left. Come on Down!

And thanks again to Jack Martin for the donation!



And we have a new builder in our midst. Rick Laub took delivery of his Sling kit last week. I was impressed that a dozen members showed up on a

snowy day to offload it. It was unloaded and safely in the builder's hangar in an hour.

Last I checked Rick was finishing up with the inventory and getting ready to dive in.



I think that means we currently have at least 4 projects under construction or modification on the field at KTEW.

Meanwhile I've managed to get my paint booth up and running and am learning how to operate my fancy new paint gun. Taking a bite out of the elephant every day.



Oh, And just because it's a cool picture...
Clay Lacy, DC-8, Human Fly. 1976





I hope to see you Saturday.

Drew Seguin

**EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2020** → Meeting called to order by
President Drew Seguin at 7:00pm.

→ Present: Drew Seguin, Mark Bathurst, Gabe Blosser, John Bobcik, Bob Clark, Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Bill Purosky, Jeff Shaud and Al Spalding. Absent were Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, and Ken Vandenbelt. → Secretary's Report for January 8, 2020; Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept; Doug Koons supported; the motion carried. → Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2020: Doug Koons made a motion to accept, Bill Purosky supported; the motion carried. → Youth Group report from Jeff Schaud : 10 members were present, added 1 or 2 new members. Servos were mounted on the RC project and wiring is being worked on. They are looking to get a variety of aviation personnel to give talks. Drew offered to host the group for a view of his project. The group toured hangar 639 to view the planes inside and do a little hands on experience taping insulation. → John Bobcik reported that the EAA 55 website is up and functioning with work still ongoing. The email for the EAA55 officers was proposed to be changed to a gmail address. → Drew Seguin accepted the resignation of Margie Clark from the Board of directors to bring it into compliance with maximum of 13 directors. → The CGS Hawk is up for sale to members with the sale going to outside bidders if no members are interested. Tools and parts donated with the plane will be up for viewing and purchase by the members after the membership meeting. → Gabe Blosser is scheduled to give the program on seaplanes for the February meeting. → The requirement for at least one member of the CAP and the billing for use of the chapter meeting room is being addressed. The group will be reminded to reset the meeting room after they finish their meetings. → Next year's Christmas Party will be addressed by Drew Seguin with a questionnaire to members for what type of party to have and to get a handle on member interest in continuing with the chapter having the party. → Chapter 55 earned the Silver Award and a nice poster for our club

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed; March 11th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; March
14th with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

Upcoming Breakfast teams:

March

Ward Harris
Joe Pirch
Eli Sharkey – student
Carl Zaytag
JesuisArriagaJr.-student
Venicio Arriag- student
Doug MaKenzie

April

Don Frank
Dave Courey
Deanna McAlister
Don McAlister
George Moore
Vivian Stevenson - student
Jeff Markham
Don Nolte



February Breakfast Crew: Thank you to those who served breakfast!!! Thanks for your pancake and egg expertise!!!

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

MARCH

LCC Tour w/Mark

APRIL

FAA presentation GL airspace w/Patrick Ryan

**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN
WITH YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS**

participation and member involvement One more . → A locked file cabinet for the president was requested.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting January 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by President Drew Seguin with 29 members present.

□ Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin thanked the breakfast team and announced the February breakfast team of Ward Harris, Joe Pirch, John Schwartz, Eli Sharkey, Carl Zaytag, Jesus Arriaga, Jr., Venicio Arriaga, and Doug MaKenzie. □ Secretary's report of January 8, 2020 was accepted and approved. □ Treasurer's report January 31, 2020 was accepted and approved. A reminder was given that 25 members have not renewed their membership. □ No Young Eagle report was presented. □ Youth Group update from Jeff Schaud that membership is 10-12 currently. A visit 2 weeks ago to hangar 639 had them working on taping insulation in the hangar as practice on working with fabric and instilling teamwork. Next item on the RC project is to complete the tail boom and check out the servos. Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2-5PM. □ Margie Clark has resigned from the Board of Directors to bring the number on the board down to the maximum of thirteen. □ The March program will feature a tour by Mark Bathurst of the LCC facility. □ Offers are being solicited for the donated CGS Hawk that can be seen in the builders hangar. There will be a rummage sale February 22 for the parts and tools received with the Hawk donation. □ Hangar owners at KTEW who wish to be on the CRAA email list should contact Bonnie Wohfert to be added to the notifications list. □ We are recycling foam with breakfast plates scraped of food but no need to wash them. □ Terry Lutz announced there will be a hangar party in hangar 639 on February 22 from 10:30AM to 1:00PM with live music, coffee, finger food, and plenty of conversation. The CGS Hawk rummage sale will in the hangar next door. □ The Christmas Party this coming December needs member input from members on attendance, location, and member notification. Pay attention to the website and to the newsletter for when and where as well as a request

from Drew about a member survey. □ Chapter 55 earned the Silver Award for 93% participation in chapter activities and individual participation. Member training at Oshkosh does qualify for an additional activity. □ Tom announced that he is retiring from Eaton Federal but will still be helping pilots with plane financing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04.

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary



YOUNG EAGLES
by Margie Clark
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See you at the airport!

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



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandenbelt
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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Jeff Stetson. Jeff has an AMT-200S Ximango. We also welcome new member Nathan Usher. And, we welcome honorary member Jeffrey Hall, who is the Civil Air Patrol leader. We also welcome several new Student Members Noah Heriford, Gabriella Boettcher, Carlos Andrade and Eduardo Andrade.

NEW CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: Our Membership Roster has been migrated to a new program. The new format offers great options for listing, searching and printing. And, the list has now been updated to reflect info for everyone that has paid their 2020 dues. Please check it out and verify that your information is correct. If you have corrections or need a new or replacement photo posted, please email to vickie7463@gmail.com

PICTURES, PICTURES PICTURES: In addition to your profile picture, Webmaster John is looking for pictures of your past & present projects and current aircraft for the Photo Gallery.

FRIDAY COFFEE: A group from EAA55 and more - meets every Friday morning at about 9:00am for coffee/breakfast at A&W Restaurant; 628 N. Cedar; Mason, MI. Coffee, good food and great conversation can't be beat. We hang out until at least 10:00am. Stop and join us if you are in the area.

EAA NATIONAL "FREE TRIAL

MEMBERSHIP": If you know anyone who is interested in aviation but not a member of EAA national, we can sign them up for a FREE six-month trial membership. Applications are available at the hangar or I can email. Also, we encourage parents of youngsters interested in aviation to sign up for a membership to gain knowledge to share with their kids.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Chapter 55, along with EAA National, has been very active in the encouragement of young people in aviation. Chapter 55 welcomes any youngster who wishes to become active in our chapter as student member - free of charge. An application for student membership is available at the hangar or I can email. Perhaps you have a young person in mind that you might want to mentor, transport to meetings or events, etc ??

CARDS & MEMORIALS: Do you know of a member who is ill? Or, who has had a death in the family? Please contact me at 517-589-5051 or vickie7463@gmail.com so that the Chapter can send a card. (With my sincere thanks to those who have alerted me in the past.)

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AIRPORT OPERATIONS: CRAA personnel are available 24/7. If you encounter anything amiss at our airport - please call 517-321-8525

FLY-OUTS:

Big Rapids - Soup Lunch; 11am-1:00pm; ea. Sat.
Brighton - Breakfast; 9am; each Saturday
Hillsdale - Breakfast; 8am-11am; 3rd Sat. ea. month

FLIGHT TRAINING AT TEW:

Great Lakes Air Ventures; Dale Foerschler;
<http://greatlakesairventures.com/>
Cloud 9 Flight Training; Tracy Tillman;
<http://cloud9flighttraining.com/2017/09/20/web-site-up/>
Spartan Wings Flying Club;
<http://www.spartanwings.com/>
Deanna McAlister; zirconmoons@gmail.com

HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619
KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171
(waiting list)
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Jacque Moss; (Carson Hangar) 517-575-0259

HANGARS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Jacque Moss; 517-575-0259 (Carson Hangar)
Dave Paul; 517-525-5010

OTHER:

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder of Eaton Federal Savings Bank;
tschroeder@eatonfed.com

EAA RECYCLES: Our chapter works to reduce our carbon footprint by recycling any materials we can. The following people have volunteered their time to take care of certain "recyclable" products. If you care assist, we would love to hear from you!
RETURNABLE BOTTLE/CANS - Al Spalding
PLASTIC - Vickie Vandenbelt
METAL - Vickie Vandenbelt
GLASS - Al Spalding & Vickie V
CARDBOARD - Al Spalding
STYROFOAM - Jeff Shaud
EGG SHELLS - Vickie Vandenbelt



YOUTH GROUP

By Jeff Shaud

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Young Aviators Youth Group Report

Volume 2 Number 2

By Jeff Shaud

Young Aviators Visit Carbon Cub Builder's Hangar

During a long winter's cold spell, what do you do when an amateur home aircraft builder invites you to their hangar to check out their CubCrafters Carbon Cub FX build progress? You go! That's just what the EAA 55 Young Aviators did on Sunday January 20th. Drew Seguin graciously hosed the group to see the progress made thus far and to learn the construction techniques of a "tube & rag" aircraft. Upon entering the hangar man door, there was the unmistakable aroma of MEK & polyurethane. As we wound our way between gleaming aircraft, we soon spotted the work area of the Carbon Cub. What a wonderful sight! The kids were amazed at all of the metal fabrication and all of the parts arranged for meticulous assembly.

As we entered the build area, Drew was busy working on fabric covering the vertical stabilizer/rudder. The youth were particularly intrigued by the fabric covering that was taking place that day. Drew showed us how the fabric is "laid-up" to form a sleek, yet light, U.V. resistant surface. The kids recognized some of the tools being used in the covering process as those similar to the seamstress trade, namely the iron and the pinking shears. These scissors make the tell-tail zig-zag reinforcement strips applied to the rib sections and control surface edges. We learned the zig-zag cut prevents the fabric from fraying. From the fabric covering area we worked our way around to the fuselage. After an informative description by Drew, the kids had many question of how and where the fuselage had been constructed. We were surprised to learn the Carbon Cub has a 2000 pound gross weight and half of that (1000 pounds) may be of pilot, passenger, and cargo. We learned, through the utilization of modern materials and design advancement; this incredible gross weight can be obtained in such a small package.

Next, it was on to the wings! Drew had the uncovered wings completely assembled and resting in the storage fixture. The all-aluminum construction is an amazing mixture of "old-school" methods and modern computer numerical control (CNC) machined parts. Many of the kids were particularly interested in the cross-wire tensioning devices and how the fuel tanks were constructed.

We learned a lot about amateur built experimental aircraft. Many of the youth group had no idea an individual is permitted by the FAA to build an airworthy aircraft. Our visit to Drew's hangar and Carbon Cub FX was both educational and enjoyable. We would like to thank Drew for the invitation and his hospitality. We are looking forward to another visit as construction progresses towards completion.

RC Model Aircraft Build Update



The youth group has made significant progress on the four Flite Test Explorer RC aircraft we are assembling. This, after cancelling our February 9th meeting due to inclement weather. The tail boom and "feathers" have been completed with the rudder and elevator servos installed and rigging completed. During our February 23rd meeting we were able to construct the electric motor "power pod" and mount it to the fuselage core.



Our model aircraft came with two wing configurations, one with ailerons (four channel model) and one without (three channel model). Being an introductory trainer RC airplane, it is much easier to learn flight control while having only the rudder and elevator to manipulate. Because the three channel wing has no ailerons, it is designed to have a two “bend” polyhedral form. We began constructing the wing spars and wing planform during our meeting on February 23rd. At our next meeting on Sunday March 8th, we will add the polyhedral form to the wings.

We have been receiving extensive assistance from the local chapter affiliation of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (CARDS). Members Mike Pollock, Dave Marks, Fred Warn, and Marv. These gentlemen have offered their knowledge, tools, and equipment so that we may proceed with this project in an efficient and timely manner. I cannot thank them enough for their assistance.

Mentorship Opportunities Available

The Young Aviators are always looking for adult mentors to assist with our activities. If you are interested in working with the next generation of general and/or commercial aviation pilots, experimental builders, maintenance technicians, flight instructors, fixed base operators, astronauts, flight attendants, aviation lawyers, etc., please see Jeff Shaud. Thank you.

Youth Group Experiences

The Young Aviators would like to experience new things related to aviation. We would like to tour a control tower, visit a flight service station, and go to an aviation museum (Kzoo and/or Dayton). In addition, we would like to be able to have our youth group participate in national events such as the EAA

Air Academy and EAA GirlVenture Camps. In order to do this we need two things: adult chaperones and donations! If you are capable of giving of your time to make these experiences happen, I believe you will find it most rewarding. Generous, tax deductible donations of cash and/or saleable items will go a long way to making these dreams a reality. Do you have a car, motorcycle, boat or airplane ☺ you are no longer using or want? Do you have scrap metal lying around that would be better off gone? Consider a tax deductible donation to the youth group. Please see Jeff Shaud or Al Spalding to discuss how your donation would make an impact on the future of youth aviation.

Next EAA Chapter 55 Young Aviators Meeting

Our next regularly scheduled meeting of the Young Aviators will be Sunday March 8, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the chapter hangar. Please feel free to attend our meetings. Chapter members are always welcome.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS

By Mark Bathurst
(bathursm@star.lcc.edu)

Along with some of our instructors, I recently attended the annual Aviation Safety Forum in Ypsilanti sponsored by the Eastern Michigan Flight Standards District Office FAASTeam. They conduct a Maintenance and Pilot program concurrently. You can switch between sessions depending on what subject interests you. The Maintenance program serves as the annual Inspection Authorization (IA) renewal course, and the Pilot program awards Wings credits as administered through FAA AC 61-91J. Well over 200 IA and A&P maintenance technicians were in attendance for the Maintenance program. As you may recall, the first step in an aircraft maintenance technician’s career is attainment of the A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) certificate. LCC provides the necessary training and certification to allow our graduates to test for the A&P license. After three years’ experience as an A&P, certificated maintenance technicians can test for the Inspection Authorization from the FAA.

The Inspection Authorization (IA) allows A&P mechanics to (1) Inspect and approve for return to service any aircraft or related part after a major repair or major alteration to it in accordance with Part 43 of the Federal Air Regulations, if the work was done in

accordance with approved technical data; (2) Perform an annual, or perform or supervise a progressive inspection according to Part 43.

Obviously a maintenance technician who has the Inspection Authorization has the greatest marketability to employers. Several of our instructors have the Inspection Authorization, and use that knowledge and expertise in teaching our students. The Maintenance program included presentations on aircraft battery airworthiness, a discussion by EAA Chapter 55's Tracy Tillman on maintenance errors, a Lycoming engine update, magneto maintenance, and vintage aircraft accessories. The Pilot program covered topics including aerodynamics, aeromedical issues, emergency water survival, DTW TRACON procedures and aircraft performance. Both sessions were well received and very well attended. I highly encourage you to consider attending next year's event, which is scheduled for February 20, 2021, again in Ypsilanti.

At our March 14 meeting, as the after-breakfast speaker, I will be discussing LCC's aviation maintenance program and the FAA's requirements for our school under 14 CFR 147. After my presentation, if anyone is interested, I will have our hangar available for a tour. I hope to see you then.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
(zirconmoons@gmail.com)

It is about time to dig out and dust off the camping equipment. Fly-in / campout season is fast approaching!! Many airports allow camping, check with the owner operator first, but I've found most do have an area to taxi into the grass and set up a tent. High wing aircraft (that I'm partial to) come already supplied with a covered porch, outdoor stools, clothes line and stand up snack table. Just don't forget the sunscreen, an old sectional works great in the front windscreen to shade the cockpit.

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

Deadline: 1st of each month.

Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams" (madziars@msn.com) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" (dcmi@reagan.com)

CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS **FOR SALE:**

Chapter 55 T-Shirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each for chapter members.

Vintage Chapter 55 Sweatshirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each.

Bluebird/Songbird Houses; \$20.00 each; proceeds benefit the Mason Sycamore Creek Youth Garden Club; Vickie Vandenbelt; vickie@eaa55.org

Used American optical aviation sunglasses; non-polarized, two (2) pairs, one gold and one silver frame color, original packaging with care case. Paid \$67; asking \$48 obo. Clarke Borgeson 734-516-4363

Pietenpol Sky Scout; single seat; Lycoming O-145; 65HP; good compression check; all new plugs; runs good and lots of fun ! \$5,500.00. Margaret Bradford; 517-663-3083

Aircraft tire bead breaker; \$5.00; George Moore; 517-536-1034

Nine pieces- 1/8" 3-ply, Mahogany faces w/Popular inner plies, MIL P6070, \$15 ea; One piece-1/4" 5-ply Birch faces w/Popular inner plies, MIL P6070, \$30 ea; .040, 2024-T3, 2'x4', \$15 ea; upholstery fabric; abt 2 yds; Voltage Regulator, Cessna PN C6110010201, \$100; Telex 100TRA Hand Mic \$50; Graco Series 700, HVLP paint sprayer w/several nozzles & accessories & 3M respirator; make offer. Prices negotiable. Gary Nicola; glnicola@att.net or 517-898-6387.

Maple Syrup; Pints, Quarts, and Half Gallons; John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; jbobcik@gmail.com; they will soon be working on their 2019 supply!!

FREE STUFF: There is a tub of magazines on the table, free to whoever might want them.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: Fuel/oil bowser. Has wheels and holds 28 gallons. You'll need to provide the pump. Has been used recently for smoke oil. No bowwowers included in the deal.



FOR SALE: Library overstock copies of hardbacks and softbacks; prices from \$.50 to \$3.00. In box.

FOR RENT:

Space for rent in common hangar; best for low wing but might accommodate high wing aircraft. Tim Martinson; 517-803-0462; tmartins1575@yahoo.com

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister zirconmoons@gmail.com

EAA55 = CHAPTER BUILDERS

Members who are working on or completed homebuilts or restorations ... (Have I missed anyone? Additions, deletions & corrections appreciated):

David Alexander; Aventura II
Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib
John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox
Ivan Bradley; Zenith CH650B
Dave Cook/Greg Hover; RV-6A
Ed Crouse; Rans
Ken Drewyor; Kitfox
Mike Franzago; Starduster project
Ron Gorsline; Zenith 650
Ralph Gregus; Zenith 750
Dave Groh; Stearman; AT-6 restoration
Chuck Hacker; Zenith 701
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project
Gordon Hempstone; Avid Magnum project
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Doug Koons w/BPurosky; Glastar
Rick Laub; Sling 4
Wm. (Bill) Long; Kolb Firefly Ultralight
Terry Lutz; RV-8
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701

Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A project
Warren Miller; Fisher 303 ultralight
Chuck Moore; REVO Lt Sport Evolution
George Moore; KIS Pulsar 150
Gary Nicola; Grumman Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III
Bill Purosky w/DKoons; Glastar
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 ; EX3 project
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project
Jim Spry; RV-8
Tracy Tillman/Lisa Colletti; (2) E-LSA Bailey-Moyes 914 Dragonflies; (1) E-LSA Alatus-AL12 sailplane
Ken Vandenbelt; Stearman project
David VanderMolen; Zenith 750 project
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750 project

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POCKET CALENDAR:

Mar 31- Apr 5 =Sun-N-Fun
Jun 13 = Young Eagles
Jun 14 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol
Jul 11 = Young Eagles
Jul 20- Jul 26 = AirVenture
Aug 8 = Young Eagles
Aug 15 = Mason Aviation Day

**FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS
POSTED IN TEW TERMINAL (with
thanks to Mark Bathurst)**

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

<http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/events>
<http://www.fly-ins.com/>
<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>



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ON FACEBOOK !!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHAPTER 55 ...

Chapter 55 was formed in 1959 and this year marked our 60th Anniversary. We are still trying to find out how many of the first 54 chapters formed prior to ours are still in operation.

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