

CHAPTER 55 EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2009



Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

EAA Chapter 55 Hangar - Mason Jewett Airport – 643 Aviation Drive, Mason, MI 48854

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Climb and Maintain Flight Level 55

This month we elect new chapter officers. Election ballots were sent out by e-mail and snail mail late last month. We'll also have them available at the meeting. Please make your choices known by attending the meeting to vote in person, or mailing your ballot to our Secretary, George Moore in time for the meeting. Elected officer positions are for two years, and looking back over the past two years I am amazed at the list of projects and events our members accomplished.

Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2009, 7:00 pm.
Chapter Membership Meeting
November 14, 2009
Breakfast 8-9 Meeting 9:30 am.

Continuing our tradition of more than 20 years, our dedicated volunteers produced two very successful Dawn Patrol breakfast

fly-ins and two outstanding Mason Aviation Days events, and in addition hosted a Michigan Aeronautics Commission safety seminar. Healthy finances allowed us to purchase new meeting room tables and chairs, and members refinished the floor to complete the makeover. The room is now bright and cheery and a place of which to be proud. We finally repaired our leaky roof, replaced our furnace, repaired the hangar winch, and are in the process of repairing the builders' hangar door. A chapter member survey was conducted to determine the wishes of the members and direct the future plans of the Board. But wait 'till you see our roof! Airline travelers will surely know there is an EAA chapter alive and well at Mason. And when the next update of Google Earth showing our area is published, so will the whole world.

Our legal eagle, Don Frank updated our rental contracts for the storage and builders' hangars. Phil Tartalone produced two more in his series of exemplary GLIAC programs, and our chapter members volunteered in various positions and helped staff the EAA booth each time. Terry Lutz brought the Airbus 380 to Oshkosh this year, and we all posed for a Chapter 55 photo with the plane. Twice we fielded a float in the Mason 4th of July parade. Chuck Hacker trained us in gas welding, and Bob Smith trained us in rib stitching. At least two members, Ken Drewyer, and Jim Spry, completed their projects and flew them for the first

time. Doug Koons and crew flew 388 Young Eagles over two summers, for a grand total to date of 2,364. Ernie Lutz is now up to 311. And the Christmas celebrations and pot-luck gatherings are my favorites. To all the chapter volunteers I offer a hearty "Well Done".

After the elections, this month's program is part two of Sheet Metal Techniques, a DVD of the EAA's Hints for Home-builders programs. Make sure you sign up for our Christmas party. With the Chapter subsidy you will never have a less expensive meal of this quality. And the White Elephant gift exchange afterwards will leave you gasping for breath from the hilarity.

The past two years have flown by (pun intended). Thanks for the memories.
Bill Bezdek, President

Breakfast Teams

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Tom Botsford	Dave Courey
Kirk Curtiss	Kevin Cozik
Kyle Curtiss	Brian Eakin
J. Morris Hickman	Dave Keller
Steve Houghton	Steve Meyer
Karen Meirndorf	Pat Salow
Rick Riisberg	Joe Whitesides



October Breakfast team cooks: Craig Tucker, Pete Chestnut and Drew Seguin

EAA Chapter 55 Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12th, 2009

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Sliced Roast Beef
Rosemary Redskins
Honey Glazed Carrots
Peas and Pearl Onions
Spinach Salad with Hot Bacon Dressing
Clover Rolls
Cheesecake
Coffee and Punch

We will have a White elephant Gift Exchange after dinner!

Vevay Township Hall
780 S. Eden Road, Mason
(The hall is south of Mason Jewett Airport)

Cost is \$15/person

Please RSVP to Sharron Hacker with check payable to
EAA Chapter 55
on or before Monday, November 30th.
2751 Parman Road
Dansville, MI 48819

EAA Chapter 55

Board of Directors Meeting, October 7, 2009

Members in attendance: President Bill Bezdek, Vice President Bill Purosky, Secretary George Moore, Treasurer Sharron Hacker, Young Eagles coordinator and Director Doug Koons, Membership Chairperson and Director Vickie Vandenberg, and Director David James. Members in absentia: Director Rick Dallas and Director Al Spalding. Guest: Bob Harris, from B H Vending. Mr. Harris was invited by David James to assist us in planning for one or possibly two vending machines to be placed at the Terminal Building. Mr. Harris would supply pop and snack items to be determined and also to provide cost proposals via David James. Decisions pending. The meeting was called to order by President Bezdek at 2318 Z (7:13 p.m., EDT). Secretary's report: Doug Koons moved to accept as written, seconded by Bill Purosky, motion carried. Treasurer's report: Discussion followed re: Newberry scholarship and how much should be donated to EMU. It was moved by Bill Purosky, seconded by David James that the amount should be \$2,500.00, motion carried. Sharron Hacker brought up the question of what constitutes a new member? After some discussion, Doug Koons moved that a new member is one who has never previously

been a member of Chapter 55. Seconded by Vickie Vandenberg, carried. David James moved that the membership dues would only be prorated only the first time one becomes a member of Chapter 55. A member who drops from the membership roll and then returns is therefore considered a member who has returned and not a new member. Bill Purosky seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Membership Committee: Vickie indicated that we presently have 8 new trial memberships. Young Eagles: Doug Koons received a letter written by a young child (Young Eagle) expressing her appreciation to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Chapter 55 for providing her with a flight experience. Mr. Koons also said that Young Eagle certificates and other items for the Young Eagles bag will be arriving soon from EAA HQ. Mr. Koons also said that we have flown a total of 181 YE this year. Vickie moved that we authorize \$1,020.00 for the purchase of said items for the YE bag and that Doug Koons be authorized to purchase items. Motion seconded by David James. Motion carried unanimously. Old Business: Hangar Roof: September 30, 2009, Mr. Koons indicated that all preparations have been completed for the team of roofers to complete the repair job on our hangar roof to be done on Saturday, October 10, 2009. New Business: Elections for Chapter 55 officers: The following candidates have been selected so far: President: Kenneth Vandenberg; Vice President: Bill Purosky; Secretary: Bob Smith, Vickie Vandenberg; Treasurer: Ed Search. Elections will be held at our November 2009 general membership meeting. Christmas Party: Vickie moved that we authorize \$27.00/person for catering services; \$350.00 for decorations; \$50.00 for appetizers. Sharron amended to allow for line by line flexibility as needed as long as disbursements remain in the budgeted amount. David James seconded, motion carried. Vickie: Young Eagle of the Year Award? Decision pending. Also pending is the EAA Chapter 55 member of the year award. Several names have been submitted to date. Storage Hangar space request: Joan Wilke, wife of deceased member Dick Wilke has requested hangar space for Dick's airplane. Joan will be sent a rental form at the standard rental fee. Meeting adjourned at 2443 Z (8:43 p.m. EDT).

EAA Chapter 55

Gen'l Membership Meeting, October 10, 2009

There were 39 members present. Guests: We are pleased to have as our guests Bryan and Breah Plaut; also Mr. Bill Long. President Bill Bezdek called the meeting to order at 1334 Z (9:34 a.m., EDT). Secretary's Report: It was noted that on the front page of the September newsletter the date was given as 2008. The correct year is 2009. Secretary's report with this amended date was move by Dick Bacon to accept. Motion seconded and carried. Treasurer's report was approved as presented, moved, seconded and carried. Young Eagles: Doug Koons reported that we have flown 181 youngsters over just two event days and that for the entire year we have flown between 200 and 300 YE. Membership Committee: Vickie reported that trial memberships are available for any new prospective member. Old Business: Roof repair deferred for the first Saturday weather permits, thus cancelled for today (Saturday October 10, 2009) because of wet weather. New Business: Builders' hangar pulleys to be replaced. Tom Botsford suggested that we also replace the cable. Bob Smith

moved to allocate no more than \$300.00 for the needed repair. Motion seconded by Dick Bacon, carried. Chamber of Commerce raffle to be held October 17, tickets available from several of our members, including Tom Botsford and Vickie Vandenberg for \$20.00 each ticket. Al St. George reminded us of the availability of forms for those who are about to conduct first flight of their project. The form is very helpful for recording all the needed parameters, such as stall speed, rate of climb, best glide speed, etc. Need for absentee ballots queried by Vickie. These will have to be sent to any member who will not be able to attend the November general meeting. Special honor goes to Ernie Lutz who has now flown 300 Young Eagles. EAA Headquarters has sent him a very nice blue jacket celebrating 300 YE flown. Congratulations to Ernie. Sharron Hacker presented the need for the Board of Directors to address the need for purchasing our own software (Quicken software). Our guest, Mr. Bryan Plaunt suggested that if we are interested, he could obtain from MSU a computer at a very reasonable cost that could become a permanent appliance for our chapter. This, together with Quicken software, licensed to our computer, would then negate the need to purchase new software for recording income and expenditures of our organization. BOD will take up this issue. Election of new slate of officers: November is the month when elections will be held (see October BOD minutes). Vacant spaces in both the builder hangar and the storage hangar now available. Christmas Party sign-up deadline November 30, 2009, cost \$15.00/person. Date of Christmas party is Saturday December 12, 2009. Program for today: Al St. George presents a video re: sheet metal working for experimental aircraft. Meeting adjourned 1404 Z (10:04 EDT).

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By Vickie Vandenberg

MEMBERSHIPS: Let me know if you need info to provide to prospective members or students.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: If you have not yet submitted your reservation for the Chapter 55 Christmas Party, information & payment of \$15 per person will be accepted at the November meeting. It's always a fun time with good company & good food.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2010: It's so hard to believe that yet another year end is fast approaching. As you know, annual membership dues are payable on January 1st. Payment will be accepted at the upcoming monthly meetings.

NEWS FROM YOUNG EAGLE HEADQUARTERS: EAA's Young Eagles department reported it had entered the 1.5 millionth YE into the World's Largest Logbook on Thursday, October 15th, 2009. This marks a major milestone in the program that launched in 1992. On another note, the new EAA YE Co-Chairmen Sully Sullenberger & Jeff Skiles eagerly begin their new roles as leaders of this most successful youth aviation initiative in history.

ROOF REPAIRS: Chapter 55 owes a debt of gratitude to Bill Perry of Wm. Perry Construction; 11112 Upton Road; Grand Ledge, MI 48837; 517-627-6679. Bill graciously donated his equipment & time to help us apply the coating to the hanger roof (along with Bill Purosky, Doug Koons & Al Spalding). If you have any roofing needs, please give Bill Perry a call.

HANGER ROOF: Speaking of the roof, check out our roof ID. We should be easy to find now!! Special thanks again to Bill Purosky, Doug Koons & Al Spalding for their time (well) spent!!

CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2010: MDOT has already asked that we commit to dates if we wish to have them published on the back panel of the 2010 Michigan Airport Directory. Based on the feedback I received from various members, we have scheduled our Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, June 13th (Sunday following our Saturday meeting) and our Mason Aviation Day for Saturday, August 21st (third Saturday in August). Doug Koons has indicated that we will most likely schedule three Young Eagle rallies and they tentatively will be the second Saturday of June, July & August.

DO YOU SHOP KROGER STORES?: You can now sign up to benefit the Yankee Air Museum on the Kroger Community Rewards Program each time you use your Kroger PLUS Card. Simply logon to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up to have your account purchases benefit the Yankee Air Museum.

WILLIAMS AERO ESTATES NEW WINERY: Chateau Aeronautique Winery is now open. Located on the Williams Aero Estates in Rives Junction just south of Mason, it is easily accessible by plane or car. Reports say the wines are on the dry side; ranging in price \$13 to \$30 per bottle. Visit www.ChateauAeronautiqueWinery.com for details. Maybe we could plan a fly/drive out & rendezvous on the field to check it out?

Young Eagles

By Doug Koons



Ernie Lutz, a long time Chapter 55 member, has flown over 300 Young Eagles and was recently awarded the handsome EAA flight jacket he is shown so proudly wearing.

Notes from Cape Juby

By Terry L. Lutz, Chapter 55 Flight Advisor

We were doing some exploring in France last weekend, and decided to climb to the top of the Puy de Dome near the city of Clermont-Ferrand. The Puy de Dome is the highest in a chain of several extinct volcanoes. As we drove through the city toward the base of the volcano, I noticed a large industrial complex with a long building that had a huge sloped roof at each end. It looked like someone had created a building with an indoor ski jump at each end, but in fact it was a test facility for the Michelin Tire Company, headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand. And therein begins the story for the November “Notes From Cape Juby”.

Low clouds blanketed the city, but as we drove uphill toward the base of the Puy de Dome, the clouds changed from broken to scattered, but were still pretty low. We would certainly be hiking upwards and through the clouds to emerge in bright sunshine. From the parking area, the altitude gain would be about 2000'. The top of the volcano is about 4800' above sea level, or about the same altitude as Denver, Colorado.

The path up is fairly steep, probably a 10-12% grade. While we trudged up the path, trying to catch our wind and settle into a rhythm for the climb, a guy comes by on a mountain bike, pedaling like crazy, but only going about 1.5 mph. Hard to keep one's balance at that speed! The path is easy to walk, and it has been groomed with finely crushed volcanic rock, which feels great under foot. We reached the top and hiked around what was once an active volcanic cone. The weather was clearing, and revealed a spectacular view of the city, which is dominated by a huge cathedral in the center. Constructed of volcanic rock, the cathedral is the color of charcoal, unlike most of the cathedrals in Europe.

As we were about to head back down again, I stopped in the gift shop to find a book with some nice pictures of the Puy de Dome. While paging through one of the books, I noticed an old picture showing an airplane parked on the summit. “What's the story behind this picture”, I thought. The picture was taken on the summit in 1911.



Details of buildings and surrounding terrain were confirmed from what we could see around us. At the information desk, we learned that there was a monument to the aviator who had landed there, and we found a path which led to its location.



In 1908, Andre and Edouard Michelin created the Grand Prix de Michelin, designed to boost the development of the French aircraft industry. The prize was 100,000 French Francs, which today would be worth about \$25,000. To win, the pilot with passenger had to fly the distance from Paris to Clermont-Ferrand (roughly 185 nm) in less than six hours, carrying one passenger, and land on the top of the Puy de Dome. This met the basic requirements of distance, speed, and altitude that the prize required. To further validate the flight, the airplane had to circle the Arc de Triomphe in Paris to begin, and circle the cathedral at the heart of Clermont-Ferrand before landing at the summit.

On March 7, 1911, pilot Eugene Renaux and his mechanic Albert Senouque departed Paris and in hazy conditions and headed towards Clermont-Ferrand. Accounts of the flight do not mention enroute stops for fuel. They were flying a Farman biplane, which likely flew at 40-50 knots with a 50 hp V8 Renault engine. Fuel consumption was likely about 6 gph. Flown non-stop, the flight would have taken 4-5 hours, with a fuel consumption of 30-35 gallons. We know that they departed Paris at 0912, and landed at the summit at 1423, so their time in-flight was 5 hours and 11 minutes. Based on their estimated speed and time enroute, it is unlikely that they could have stopped for fuel.

What makes the flight more remarkable is that cross-country flying techniques were still being developed. Maps were poor, and they probably had a 10 lb compass borrowed from someone's boat. Who knows what the wind was, or whether they had a headwind or tailwind. There were no roads or rivers to follow. Most rivers in that region run east to west, toward the Atlantic, not north-south along the route from Paris to Clermont-Ferrand. It must have been pretty cold sitting on the wing of an open biplane on March 7th in central France, a cold that they endured for more than 5 hours.

After circling the cathedral at Clermont-Ferrand, 34 year old pilot Eugene Renaux, with one year of flying experience, climbed toward the summit of the Puy de Dome and made one key decision to land the airplane on what is at best a bumpy patch of level ground about 250 feet long. At the last moment, he would pull the nose up and use power to slow the descent

rate onto the summit. It worked. Had he misjudged the landing, the airplane would have been broken on the rocks just before and just beyond the landing site. The landing excited the community of Clermont-Ferrand, who watched the event from their rooftops. The area became a manufacturing center for Breguet aircraft, and the first paved runway in the world was constructed there in 1916.

With the beginning of November, flying days and days warm enough to work on airplanes are becoming fewer and fewer. It's a good time to catch up on your reading, and for aviators, there is nothing better than a great book about flying and adventure. Last Spring, I was surfing the website of Van's Air Force as I frequently do, and came across someone's list of the 10 greatest aviation books. Then other people chimed in with their choices, and list began to grow. I decided to have some fun and record all the books that people had listed. The total came to nearly 40 different books.

What I'm going to do is list the top 5 books on my aviation list, and challenge everyone to send me their top 5 list. The idea is not to find what the consensus favorite books actually are, but to challenge everyone to find a book they haven't read, and read it over the winter. Hey, they make great Christmas presents! So here is my list:

1. Fate Is The Hunter – Ernest Gann
2. Wind, Sand, and Stars – Antoine de St Exupery
3. The Spirit of St. Louis – Charles Lindberg
4. Forever Flying – Bob Hoover
5. Tex Hill, Flying Tiger – Tex Hill
6. Memoirs of a Triple Ace – Bud Anderson
7. I Could Never Be So Lucky Again – Jimmy Doolittle
8. Stranger To The Ground – Richard Bach
9. The Battle of Britain – Hough/Richards
10. The Last Man On the Moon – Eugene Cernan

Hey, you see! It isn't that easy to pick your top 5! Sometimes it takes 10 to pick 5, but I can't decide. So sit down on the next rainy day and send me your top 5 aviation books. This includes anyone out there from EAA who happens to read these "Notes From Cape Juby". In January or February, I'll publish a broad list of titles that everyone can appreciate, and one where everyone can find a great read. So email your top 5 choices to:

terry.lutz@attlgobal.net

While there are many good flying days in November, the weather makes it harder and harder to get into the air. The temperature change means everything takes more time, except of course the sun going up and down, which seems to race to the horizon when you are out trying to get in few minutes of flying time. Slow things down a bit and fly safely, and don't forget to lend a hand to youfellow pilot, because it just might make a world of difference for that person.

From the Flight Surgeon

By Gregory Pinnell, MD

Senior AME/ Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR

Winter is just around the corner and with it the cold and flu season, not to mention the current concern with the H1N1 "Swine" flu. Virtually all cough and cold medications used to treat symptoms of colds and flu carry significant side effect potential such as drowsiness and sedation, which could compromise the safety of your next flight!

Some over the counter (OTC) preparations can persist in your system quite some time when taken. If ill with colds or flu it would be prudent to ground yourself till 24-48 hours have elapsed since the end of symptoms and you have discontinued all OTC and/or prescription medications. Fly Safe!

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

Rans 2007 S6S Coyote II: 88 hrs; Rotax 912; ground adjustable prop; Garmin 296 GPS; many extras; \$55,000. Ernie Lutz 517-676-4601

DTV antenna: for analog or new digital TV; \$20 George Moore 517-536-1034

Telex ProCom 200 noise canceling headphones Bart Smith 517-676-2146

Burning barrels: \$5.00 Dave Groh 517-676-4416

Generator; Generac 4000w. \$350 - Greg Hover 517-676-5126

New surplus hardware (clamps, Dzus, spark plugs, bolts, more) Dave Groh 517-676-4416

Military-style Dog Tags made to your order. \$5.00 Vickie 517-589-5051

Avon Products & Natural Beauty Soaps

Deanna McAlister 517-596-2506

HANGARS FOR RENT: Contact Deanna McAlister 517-851-7047 or Lloyd Brown 517-589-8619

WILL LOAN: Zenith 701 jigs & fixtures. Chuck Hacker 517-740-9222

PLACE YOUR AD HERE! Contact Warren or Vickie for the next edition!

Back in the good ole days!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Warren Miller

I came across a copy of an old news letter that was dated Sept 1981 when Max Hall was the Editor and meetings were being held at Ivan Rowell's hangar on Sandhill Road, which was prior to the new hangar being built in Mason. Max is somewhat humorous regarding his typing and his typewriter. Remember, this was almost thirty years before Al Gore invented the internet/computer. Notice the officers -- some are still Chapter members today. Can you guess who? Enjoy the following.

SEPTEMBER WINGTIPS CHAPTER 55 - EAA

MEETINGS HELD THE SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 3874 SANDHILL RD. AT 9:00 A.M.
LANSING, MICHIGAN

<u>PRESIDENT</u> - DOUGLAS UPTGRAFT 1605 PARKVALE AVE. EAST LANSING, MI. 48823 332-2948	<u>ACTIVITIES OFFICER</u> - NORMAN GATZEMEYER 616 JEFFERSON ST. MASON, MI. 48854 676-2603
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PROSE FROM THE PRES

Dear Fellas and Gals:

We just put on a super open house breakfast for Monroe Custer Airport and I want to thank Ivan and Mavis Rowell, Howard and Toni Gostnell, Norman and Mary Gatzemeyer, Dick and Virginia Newberry, Glen and Marty Trommater, Don King, Joe Whitesides, Max Hall and Emeron Christiansen.

These people all did a beautiful job and the Custer Airport Board has written me to thank them and they want us to come back next year for a dawn patrol fly-in breakfast.

It really was rough though as we were in three different air conditioned buildings with hot and cold water to clean up and I was afraid to mention to the others that Don King and I had color T.V. for watching a football game before we turned in for the night.

Joe, Max, Emeron and I flew down in Joe's Bonanza, so we stopped at Brighton for their corn roast fly-in and I would also like to report that Brightons Chapter had a large turn out for this event, with many planes and people participating.

We are getting closer to making a decision on a hangar and a location for our monthly gatherings as our savings swell, but it sure would be nice to see some others helping out on our chapter activities.

Thanks also to the Trommeters for having us all out for a pot-luck dinner to say goodbye to the Renwicks and for the slides and projector brought by the Scotts and Pickens for everyone's entertainment. Sharon just got back from Germany and Joe's daughter also sent an "airplane cake" for the occasion.

There are some beautiful flying days yet this year, so I hope many of you get out to enjoy them and don't forget our meeting Saturday the 12th.

DOUG

OF CORN ROASTS & PEANUT DROPS

After our successful pancake breakfast at Monroe Custer Airport Sunday the 21st, Doug Uptgraft came up with one of his many stupendous (always have wondered about the roots of that word) ideas, by suggesting we stop at Hyne Field, Brighton

to help Chapter 384 celebrate their corn roast, and as usual, Doug's radar homed in on the most delectable and salubrious of repasts; (that means you gotta big nose for good food chubby).

Those fine people really know how to do it right, I think Bob Evans must have gotten his idea from them.

I met my most charming (and pretty) hostess and counterpart Jan Pingston, who showed me their ingenious method of buttering a hot charcoal roasted ear of corn in a seconds time. We watched as her husband Bob made his annual "bombing" raid over a taxi strip where he released zillions of peanuts to the joy of all the youngsters there, and I must admit, me and my companions couldn't resist either.

Just so I won't take the rap alone, the other "big kids" scrambling for peanuts were Joe Whitesides, Emron Christensen and Doug Uptegraft.

We watched John Maxfield bore a few new holes in the sky with his beautiful Pitts and met other 384 friends like Rick and Margaret Demond and even seen Chapter 55 members Bill and Terry Zens and the boys there.

Thanks Chapter 384 for a great afternoon; Joe's big Bonanza sure knew it had a corn fed crew when her wheels came up from Hyne Field.

HAVE GRILL - WILL TRAVEL

Just another reminder to all you organizations out there, Chapter 55 has a traveling road show available for all occasions that are not X rated, we blush easily. See Ivan the impossible perform the improbable; bake and flip a perfect replica 727 pancake while stumbling over the grills wheel chock - watch Douglas the great do his tight wire act while holding the food inspector at arms length - (we passed with flying colors), watch Max the marvelous turn Hungry Jack's best (too early) and cover the front of his blue flying suit with spatter - see the greatest balancing act in the world as Joe-Joe the smiling faced treasurer, juggle the books to pay for the supplies - watch Donald the paring chase a hot sausage across the floor - (it won the race), witness Howard the Wise take a great deal of time getting to his duty station because he's got his plastic apron taped too tight at the bottom and can only take tiny steps.

This, with a cast of happy, helping wives, will perform for you, and best of all, you'll indulge in a gravity defying feat as you put down the lightest, and tastiest pancakes this side of Aunt Jemimas.

If it's a people pleasing event you want to start off your organization's activities, we're the best what am in pancake breakfasts (dinners). Contact any of the chapter 55 officers listed on page one. Our grill has wheels and will travel.

P.S. proceeds will go to the chapter 55 hangar fund.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard and a wig-wag of the old wing tips to our newest members John Kroone, 327 Farmstead Lane, Lansing and Jim Palmer, 1842 Dogwood St. Holt. Please add these new members to your membership list and make them welcome.

I DUE SAY !

Our new members have something over on many of the "old" members. yep; you guessed it - their dues are paid for this year.

All dues are renewable in June. please make our treasurer happy and join chapter 55 again.

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSES

Aviation Weather AFT 164 sat-sun Oct 7 and 8 from 8 to 5 \$14.00
Your Body in Flight AFT 169 (dates arranged) 3 day field trip-wright patterson \$39.00
AFB pinch hitter course AFT 172 sat Nov 21, 8-5 all day \$ 58.00

If you are interested in the flight courses being offered during regular school hours, see me at the meeting. They have everything offered.

FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

chapter 145, grand rapids. members and chapter 211 and 704 people are invited to the september picnic meeting, september 12 at 4 o'clock p.m. call pat at 452-4158 after 5 pm so we have an idea how many to plan for. if not convenient to call, please come anyway!

chapter 384, brighton - - at our september chapter meeting, roy pinner will be our guest speaker and demonstrate his hummer ultralight. roy's project netted him an award winning trophy from oshkosh. he will be available to answer any questions between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm that night. following this introduction the chapter will be discussing the past eaa museum trip.

chapter 50, sandusky area - - (good to see earl damschröder at the monroe custer airport breakfast and festivities) the annual chapter 50 picnic will again be held at the weiker airstrip on sunday, september 20 with the festivities to start at noon. final arrangements will be discussed at the august 23 meeting. the meat and soft drinks will be furnished by the chapter. members are asked to bring a covered dish and a desert if desired, their spouse and children. also all individuals should bring their OWN TABLE SERVICE. rain or shine. there is plenty of hangar space available for the tables.

chapter 333, ann arbor - - president tom and doc b. caught 384's last meeting and saw a demonstration on vacuum forming fiberglass. . congratulations to joe robinson and his bride who were married last month.

COMING EVENTS

sep 13 hastings dawn patrol and breakfast, serving from 6 am to 11 am, \$2.75 adults, \$1.50 children - prizes

sep 13 fowlervill dawn patrol - maybe i didn't miss this one after all, i had it down as the 6th.

oct 9,10, 11 cessna 120/140 association 6th annual convention and fly in. ace airpark, 4000 ft grass by 120 ft, altitude 910 msl, 80/87 octane fuel available, also mechanic, watch for jumpers and balloons, bring own tie downs. hotel headquarters is sheraton motel, (317) 649-0451, \$31.20 single - \$36.40 double. write sheraton inn, 5901 scatterfield rd., anderson, in. 46013 for mor info (on cheaper accomodations, see me at the meeting) anyone interested in going, also see me (Max Hall)

AND DON'T FORGET - - - OUR NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 12TH.

SORRY ABOUT MY CAPITAL STOP GIVING OUT ON ME - LIKE ME, IT'S A FUNCTION OF AGE; IT'S BEEN FUNCTIONING TOO LONG.

**EAA Chapter 55
Election Ballot
14 November 2009**

President

- ☐ Ken Vandenberg
- ☐ _____

Vice President

- ☐ Bill Puroskey
- ☐ _____

Secretary

- ☐ Bob Smith
- ☐ Vickie Vandenberg
- ☐ _____

Treasurer

- ☐ Ed Search
- ☐ _____

Instructions: Please print this ballot and bring it, unmarked, to the meeting on Saturday, 14 November. At that time write any floor nominations in the blank spaces above and mark your choices in the squares.

If you are unable to attend the chapter breakfast meeting please mark your choices and mail this ballot to our Chapter Secretary George Moore at 10451 Pauline Drive, Jackson, Michigan 49201 in sufficient time to arrive before 14 November.

RENO AIR RACE WITH ELLIOT SEGUIN



Rare Bear with it's new paint scheme. Notice the new part on the tail covering the boil-off oil cooler.



Elliot, Jennifer, and Curt
Three fourths of the Wasabi Racing Team



Picture of the new roof on the Chapter Hangar
taken by Vickie Vandenbelt at ground level.