

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

MARCH 2021

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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Wings On!!

I want to thank the Three Amigo's who helped put the wings on my EX-3 project: Rick Laub, Tim Martinson, and Doug Koons.



There's no way I could have done it without their help. I must say it went without a hitch. I had laid everything out beforehand and it only took about 30 minutes to get the wings on. Doug stayed for a couple of hours to help with the rigging so now the wings are on and set. At this point I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I hope to get the windshield on in the next few days, then it's just a matter of putting on all the pieces and parts in waiting. Oh, and getting all the paperwork sorted out...

We have a Rock-Star in Chapter 55!

If you haven't read it already make sure to check out the latest issue of Sport Aviation. Our own John and

Connie Bobcik are featured with their award winning Kitfox. And anyone who has had a close look at the plane will agree that it's a work of art. I just don't like to park too close to it. Makes me look bad. 😞



Panels Off at the Air Zoo

OBTW: I don't like to criticize but I was disappointed with the "Panels Off Month" at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. Not many panels were off and there was no documentation to go with the displays. I did see some interesting stuff but mostly because I knew what to look for. I hope they can do a better job with future exhibits.

A Charity Opportunity

We've been approached with an opportunity to give back to our community. Highfields has asked me to reach out for a volunteer to provide an airplane ride in the silent auction for their annual Golf Outing fund raiser in June. I will pay for your fuel.

Those who've been in the chapter a while will remember Gary Long who worked there for many years. This is a great opportunity for a great

organization in our community. See the attached flyer for more information.



Meanwhile...

The State of Michigan, Public Health Guidance limits for Indoor Public Gatherings has opened up a bit but I don't think we're quite there yet:

If the weather is pleasant we can gather outside on March 13. I'll leave it up to individuals on that but we won't have an official meeting.

On a brighter note, it seems every day I hear of another friend who's had at least one vaccine (including me) and the numbers are moving in the right direction. That and the warming weather points to fun on the horizon. It's been a long slog but I really believe there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

Keep Calm and Fly on.

Drew Seguin

And here's saying Bye Bye to winter...



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Be sure to check out the March edition of Sport Aviation. Great article featuring our very own members John & Connie Bobcik and their award winning Kitfox starting on Page 56.

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting FEBRUARY 10 2021

To be published when available.

EAA CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2021

→ Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: March, 10th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; TBA
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

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



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
(margie@eaa55.org)

Wow, hard to believe it's been a year since we have been able to get together and here is hoping that this is the opening to get back to some normalcy soon.

In hopes that we will be able to once again hold Young Eagle Rallies this summer I am starting on my YE housekeeping list.

1. If you are considering being a volunteer for the rallies I would like to encourage you to complete the "Youth Protection Policy" on the EAA Young Eagle site.
2. If you are considering being a Pilot and flying Young Eagles you are required to complete the "Youth Protection Policy" if you haven't already. This is mandatory for ALL pilots flying youth.
If you are not registered with EAA having completed the inquiry your flights will not count for the chapter or yourself. In addition, you must also be a member of the national EAA.
3. In order to advertise our program I need to know how many pilots we will have flying this summer. The rallies will be held the second Saturday of June, July and August if all goes well.
If you could please let me know if you are willing to help out with flying it would be much appreciated. Going forward with our program relies on participation.
Our normal flying numbers of 300 plus was cut to 18 this last year so going forward we hope to increase that this coming season.

For those that are unfamiliar with our Young Eagle Rallies we fly youth between the ages of 8 and 17 free of charge. Flights are approximately 20 minutes long and when completed the youth receives a certificate, a goodie bag and a log book that contains a passcode which will allow them to take Ground School at no cost. This is a great program to inspire future pilots and to introduce them to the miracle of flight. It is both rewarding to the youth and to the pilots that participate.
Please contact me if you are unfamiliar with the program and would like more information.

Safe Flying,
Margie Clark



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandenberg
(EAA55.mems@gmail.com)

NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Dawn Koeppinger. Dawn purchased the Cessna 172 from Greg Harris and currently in the EAA55 hangar.

EAA NATIONAL SURVEY: EAA National has just emailed a survey to members. I hope you will take a few minutes to give EAA your feedback about various items that National offers to the members.

WEBSITE MEMBER ROSTER: I am currently in the process of updating the list for all the 2021 Memberships to date.

HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619
KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020
Dave Paul; 517-525-3575 (and for sale)
Tim Martinson; see Classifieds
Cloud 9; see Classifieds

DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMBER NEWS OR INFO TO SHARE?? Contact Vickie



YOUTH GROUP
By Jeff Shaud
(jlshaud@wowway.com)

Meeting was canceled, see you at the airport.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
By Mark Bathurst
(bathursm@star.lcc.edu)

Most high school seniors are currently well into their decision-making process about what to do following graduation. If the decision is to continue their education, students have an array of options from which to choose. Some choose to enroll in a four year college (MSU, WMU, etc.). Others choose

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

specialized programs requiring less than four years to complete, with the program typically being tightly focused and resulting in some type of certification with strong job prospects. Nursing, dental hygiene, robotics, welding and other technical career programs are in this category and aviation maintenance technology is included.

There are about 180 FAA-certificated 14 CFR Part 147 schools in the United States that prepare students for careers as licensed maintenance technicians. Five of those are in Michigan. MIAT I Canton, SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology) in Ionia and Andrews University in Berrien Springs are private schools that offer the program in various lengths. The two public schools are Western Michigan is a four year program, and LCC's is two years. Obviously tuition and fees vary by institution, and student housing may be available at additional cost.

LCC's program offers significant value for the investment. If a student lives in one of the 15 school districts immediately surrounding LCC, the total cost for the six semester, two year program is about \$26,000. This includes tuition, course (lab) fees, books and other associated college costs. If a student lives out of the local district, but within the state of Michigan, the cost jumps to about \$38,000 for the six semester, two year course. Room and board is not included in the cost.

Students who additionally wish to receive two Associates' degrees (one in Airframe Maintenance Technology and one in Powerplant Maintenance Technology) need to complete five additional general education courses in addition to the aviation maintenance program's courses. LCC's current tuition rate is \$111 per credit hour. Compared to WMU or MSU, this is a significant savings. Additionally, the LCC Associates' degrees transfer to both WMU and Sienna Heights University where our graduates start as juniors with full credit for all coursework at LCC.

Notwithstanding the COVID-19 impact on educational institutions and employment opportunities in general, our projected enrollment numbers for the class starting in the fall of 2021 look to be at capacity. We are starting to see increased employer interest in talking to our students about job opportunities, so by the time our students are ready to graduate this August, we hoping to see stronger hiring industry-wide. Airlines are forecasting growth year-over-year, major MRO facilities are reporting robust demand, and aviation-related manufacturing

corporations are seeing initial signs of increased orders. This bodes well for our students ready to enter the aircraft maintenance career field.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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See you at the airport!!!

Ray Aviation Scholarship

What is the Ray Scholarship?

The Ray Aviation Scholarship is a program funded and supported by the Ray Foundation, managed by the EAA, and administered by the local EAA Chapter. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA will provide up to \$10,000 to deserving youths for their training expenses. The flight training scholarship will award up to:

- \$5,000 for Glider pilot training
- \$7,500 for Sport pilot training
- \$10,000 for Private pilot training

The following are eligibility and expectations for a Ray Scholarship Candidate.

Complete two or more hours of volunteer service per month, such as: Young Eagle volunteering, Pancake breakfast/fly-in volunteering, and Chapter gathering participation.

- Be age 16-19 for sport pilot, Private pilot, and age 15 for glider pilot
- Posses a student pilot certificate (private pilot students)
- Posses an FAA medical certificate
- Be able to begin flight training within 60 days of receiving the award.

If you know of any youth who meets or will meet these qualifications, the first step is to fill out an application. The Chapter 55 Scholarship committee will review all applications. The committee can only recommend one candidate to the EAA for full scholarship so the candidate must be very committed to starting and completing their training. If a candidate is selected by the committee, the recommended candidates name and qualifications will be forwarded to the Ray Scholarship Fund Committee for their consideration.

Applications are being accepted until March 30, 2021. You can find the application on our Chapter 55 website under Scholarships. Completed applications should be mailed to EAA Chapter 55, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 443, Mason MI, 48854 More information about the Scholarship can be found on the national EAA website, EAA.org

Only youth who have a genuine interest in becoming a glider, sport, or private pilot should apply.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Madziar at madziars@msn.com.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Local Teen becomes cadet non-commissioned officer (NCO).

Mason, MI. The Scott M Burgess Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron is honoring C/SSgt. McAllister "Cool" Hayslette. He is now a Cadet Staff Sergeant NCO after earning his first CAP milestone, the *Wright Brothers Award*, on 21 February 2021. Cadet Hayslette has earned the nickname "Cool" for his demeanor under pressure and his "can do" attitude. Another "cool" feature of Hayslette is his interest in others besides himself. Goal wise, Hayslette is a Young Eagle from www.EAA55.org who is working on completing ground school through their program. He intends to become a pilot.

His status as a new NCO will require him to mentor junior cadets in the squadron. He is already cool, but he must also be positive and humble with his new authority; the CAP cadet program will help him improve and practice leadership skills. He will be given more public speaking opportunities as he enforces the standards of CAP, coaches and trains junior cadets, and leads by example. Currently, "Cool" Hayslette is also excellent at running icebreakers and games for our meetings. Hayslette will also play a role in our upcoming Squadron Open House: it is a public event in Lansing, planned for the 12th of April 2021. For contact information see below.

The Civil Air Patrol is the auxiliary to the Air Force. We provide training to cadets in search and rescue, leadership, and aerospace education. Cadets also have the opportunity to take part in community service opportunities and fly powered airplanes and gliders. To find out more, you can visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com, contact Lieutenant Rick Williams at 517-256-7821, or email: rwilliams.cap@gmail.com



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)

Captain Chloe's Life Update

Hey everyone!
It's been a while since I've seen most of you guys and I miss you all! I have always looked forward to our monthly meetings, Young Eagle events, and getting to talk with all of you. Honestly, it's what I missed the most in 2020. Just ask my parents. I probably annoyed them with how much I brought up how I missed our chapter events and all of you. I'm hoping that we can be back to "normal" very soon. Once the airport shut down, everything went virtual and it was very hard for me to understand approaches

when I wasn't able to physically do it. I could watch videos, but it wasn't the same. When the airports reopened, I was far ahead in ground lessons, but behind in the flights, so it was hard to catch up and review everything that we talked about months prior. In July, I started my first job of 2020 at Plane Food Market located in Stockbridge right next to the Stockbridge Auto Care. It's an aviation-themed indoor farmers market with mostly Michigan-made products. Don and Deanna McAlister are the owners. If you haven't checked it out yet, you're missing out. Later in the year, I decided that 1 part-time job, a full-time college schedule, and flight school wasn't enough for me. I broke up with my ex and wanted to keep my mind focused on other things all the time, so I decided to apply to my second and third job at the Stockbridge and Chelsea Wellness Center (gyms). I took on so many shifts that I was a little overwhelmed after a while and noticed that I was starting to fall behind and not retain a lot of information from my lessons. I made the decision to put my training on pause, which in the long-run, was a really good decision.

Just before making this decision, I had a few cross-countries with Pat and Jonathan from our chapter and with some of my friends. Pat and I flew to South Haven and back, Jonathan and I flew to Ohio and were stuck for a few days due to the weather, but checked out a lot of cool aviation museums while we were stuck until I could fly back, and then Ryan and I flew to New York for a very expensive trip to McDonalds and Niagara Falls.

Though 2020 wasn't my favorite year, I try to remember the really good times like everyone else. I'm now back in training and am retaining all of my lessons and have been doing a lot better than what I was towards the end before the break. I have been able to maintain a 3.8 GPA and am pursuing a B.S. in Energy Systems Management at Jackson College. Back in December, I got ahold of U of M's Air Force ROTC detachment and have been in contact with my college's president and we are working together to make my college a "cross-town university" with U of M. It's typically a 4-year program, but for students in my situation, it can be a 3-year program. We sent our application and are still waiting for everything to get approved by the Air Force Education Command. After being in the program and completing all of the requirements, I can enlist as an officer in the Air Force straight out of college.

My goal, believe it or not, is to be a fighter pilot. If all goes as planned, I will be a fighter pilot for 10-12

years, then an airline pilot for Delta. I'd like to go back to school later on in life to get another Bachelor's degree and a Masters degree. Maybe in Aerospace Engineering from U of M. I still have a lot of time to decide.

Let's hope for a better year this year and for everything to start getting better, so we can go back to normal.

Stay safe everyone and I hope to see you all again soon.

Chloe a.k.a Captain Chloe

CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE:

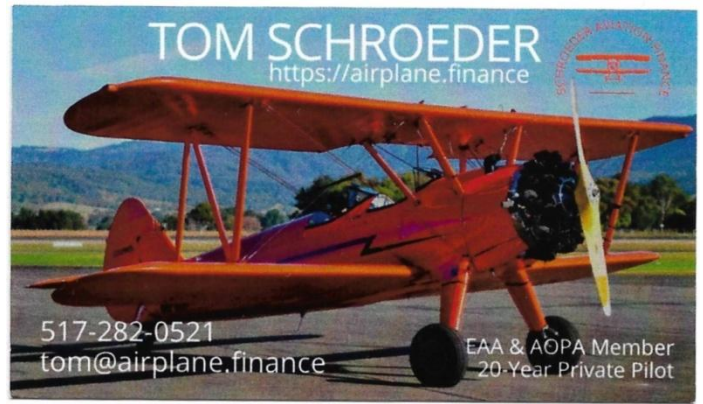
Chapter 55 T-Shirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each for chapter members. Vintage Chapter 55 Sweatshirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each.

Pure Michigan Maple Syrup John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; jbobcik@gmail.com We can deliver to EAA hangar for pick-up.

1978 Piper Warrior II 4085 TT 1285 SMOH ADSB in & out. contact gawfdog@aol.com

For sale!!!! 16 acres, 4 bedroom 3 bath, hangar, horse barn, runway, forest, pond, hunting, 2 big hills Haslett Schools Williamston township, 865 Barry Rd Haslett \$478,000 \$450,000 if no realtor contact Gabe Blosser 517- 896-0020





Two New Goodyear 8:50x6 ribbed aircraft tires and tubes.
 Brand new, never mounted. Came with my kit and I'm not going to use them.
 Retail value over \$1000. Make an offer. seguid@ventrex.net



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

Storage hangar space at EAA Chapter 55; \$80.00 per month; contact Drew Seguin; 517-333-4531; ea55president@gmail.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
 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/BPuroskey; 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

The bartender said, ‘Sorry, but we have been out of electricity all day ever since some idiot crop-duster hit a power line down the road.’ “

Mason Jewett Field FBO:
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**FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS
POSTED IN TEW TERMINAL (with
thanks to Mark Bathurst)**

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

<http://www.eaa.org/en/aaa/events>

<http://www.fly-ins.com/>

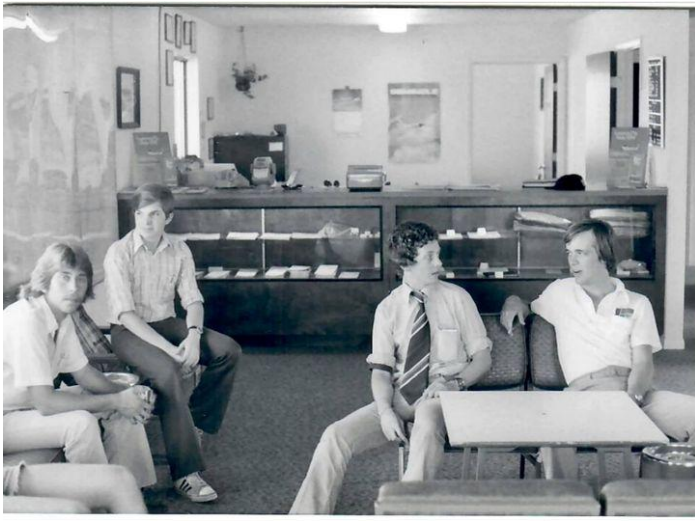
<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

**Submitted to READER DIGEST by Essie Conley;
published June 2004:**

My friend asked his father -in-law, a crop duster, how his day had gone.

“It was the worst day of my life,” replied the man.
“This morning I was up in my plane dusting a field when I nicked a power line and damaged the wing of the plane. When I got back to the office, my boss chewed me out. Then the guy from the FAA chewed me out. On my way home, I stopped off at a bar and was handed a warm beer. So I yelled at the bartender, ‘Don’t you have any cold beers?’





Fast Freddie Hijmans and Jim Olsen. (photo compliments of Don Frank)

Pun of the month, by Chloe

I have a joke about airplanes, but I can't seem to land it.

Photo from early summer 1978 when Ken Drewyor was a Flight Instructor at Frank's Flying Service, 09G, Mason MI. L-R: Ken Drewyor, Jeff Stahlberg,

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