



## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

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Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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#### I suppose summer has come to an end

Notwithstanding the awesome weather we've had this past week I think we must accept that summer has come to an end. But not to despair. Fall colors are coming out and it's a great time to fly. Doug Koons is still setting up lunch fly-outs which have been a lot of fun. If you're interested get in touch with Doug (517-676-5001) to get on the group text. Oh, and there's often a couple of empty seats available too.

And don't forget the Tuesday Potluck Dinners. 6:00.

#### Elections!

Not to repeat myself from last month but...

It's that time again. We need candidates for Chapter 55 Officers.

#### President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer.

I've been President for 4 years now and though I don't think we've made too big of a mess it would be good to get some new blood. Rick Laub (517-927-5426) is soliciting nominations. If you are interested in helping out or have a suggestion, please give Rick a call. As I've said before, it's not a lot of work, it's fun, and it's important to the ongoing success of the chapter. Any newcomers will get plenty of support from the alumni.

#### CRAA comes to KTEW

Last Monday the Capital Region Airport Authority held their monthly meeting at the LCC Aviation Center. Several Chapter 55 members came out and it was nice to meet the board and hear about things relating to Mason-Jewett field. Key points discussed were a North/South runway, expansion mega-joints in the taxi-ways (They plan to take care of them), and Attila the fuel system (more on that later).

An engineering study on the N/S runway put the price tag at \$2.4 Million. And due to the wind profile, it wouldn't qualify for federal funds. Really?

A Board and Chapter member challenged it as a "worse case scenario" and asked for a best case which could include participation by KTEW stakeholders. We'll see what develops.

As part of the study, they took a look at commercial opportunities on and around the airport. There's some real potential there which could help fund improvements.

#### Reno Air Races

The races were a success with no accidents that I'm aware of. Dreadnought took first place in the Unlimited Gold race. Sea Fury's took 1, 2, and 3. The P-51 Miss America was disqualified for crossing the dead line. Our Elliot took 6<sup>th</sup> in the Sport Silver. The SX300 just doesn't have enough beans to take the Lancair's. There's some amazing footage on YouTube and Instagram of the races if you're interested.

Stay safe and keep flying!

Drew Seguin

*Silver Unlimited start view from the pace plane.*



*Wasabinought & Race 26*



### **EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting August, 2021**

→The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:09pm. →Present were Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, Al Spalding, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Ken Drewyor, Jeff Shaud, and Rick Laub. Absent were Clarke Borgeson, Gabe

Blosser, Warren Miller, and Chloe Miner. Margie Clark attended as the Young Eagles coordinator. →The Secretary's Report for July 11, 2021 was presented; Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept, Joe Madziar supported; the motion was approved. →The Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2021 was introduced; Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept, Rick Laub supported; the motion was approved. →The Ray Scholarship Committee reports the candidate has her application and should submit it to EAA this week. →The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud that three pilots volunteered to give flights to the youth group. The small engines were lubed up and ran for a half hour before shutting down and the oil drained before beginning disassembly. For the next meeting they will finish the disassembly. →The September membership meeting will be Saturday September 11th with a presentation by John Hanley on turbine engines. →The Capital Region Airport Authority's September 2021 meeting will be September 27th at 4:30PM at the Lansing Community College hangar. The CRAA master plan will be on the agenda along with the proposed repaving of the taxiway at KTEW that is projected to affect operations here for two months. Mark Bathurst will give updates on the meeting as it draws closer. All Chapter 55 Members are encouraged to attend to support our airport. →The final Young Eagles flights will begin after the close of this meeting. There were 68 Young Eagles flown in July. →The Board of Directors and Membership meeting officers election is coming. Candidates are needed for the President and Treasurer offices. →A person to be responsible for closing the meeting room after the membership meeting was requested. Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Jeff Shaud, and Mark Bathurst volunteered to be responsible for the remainder of the year. →The Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. →Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

### **EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting Minutes August 14, 2021**

→The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by President Drew Seguin with 25+ members and 3 guest attending. →Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin announced that this would be a short meeting so that we could begin the final Young Eagles flights for this summer. →Drew thanked the breakfast team and announced next month's team. Connie Bobcik, Dillon Blair, Ron Goodnoe, Mike Lutz, Lee Roach, and Thomas Roach will be the team

for September. →The Secretary's report for July was introduced; Bill Purosky made a motion to accept, Jeff Shaud 2nd the motion; the report was approved. →Treasurer's report July 31st was introduced; Rick Laub made a motion to accept, Jeff Schaud 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; the report was approved. →The Youth Group had four members that took flights with three chapter pilots to become familiar with flying in a light plane. The youth in attendance were give instruction on how a four cycle engine operates. The small engines were donated by Harbor Freight then were gassed up and oil added, started and run for a half hour. They were shut down, allowed to cool and disassembly of the external components was done. Complete disassembly will finish at the next meeting and then will have instruction on using micrometers, calipers, and dial indicators to measure the internal components. →The Ray Scholarship Committee candidate has her medical certificate and is submitting the paperwork to EAA national. → Young Eagles flights last month totaled 68 YE's. The flights are ready to begin at the close of this meeting. Volunteers are still needed to help out stuffing goody bags and with the final flights of this summer. →Mason Aviation Day is next week Saturday, August 21st. Volunteers are needed for this final big event for Chapter 55 this year. Help is needed with setup on Friday along with help in all areas on the day of the event along with tear down. →The presentation for September will be on turbines by John Hanlen. →Capital Area Regional Airport Authority will hold their September 2021 meeting at The Lansing Committee College facility on September 27th at 4:30PM. All Chapter 55 members are encouraged to attend to show our support for the Mason Jewett Airport. →The meeting was adjourned at 9:42am. →Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

### **EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting September 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:02PM

Present were Drew Seguin,  
Doug Koons, John Kuchar,  
Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar,  
Jeff Shaud, Gabe Blosser, Ken  
Drewyor and Rick Laub.  
Absent were

Al Spalding, Warren Miller,  
Clarke Borgeson, and Chloe  
Miner. Guests attending were  
Margie Clark as the Young  
Eagles coordinator and Bob  
Clark. →The Secretary's  
Report for August was not  
presented. □The Treasurer's  
Report for August 31, 2021  
was introduced; Rick Laub  
made a motion to accept, Doug  
Koons supported; the motion  
was approved. →The Ray  
Scholarship Committee reports  
the candidate needs to submit  
her application. →The Youth  
Group report from Jeff Shaud  
was the meeting last Sunday  
was canceled due to the MAD  
event. The next meeting will  
be Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Four youth showed up to work  
the MAD event. Our Ray  
Scholarship candidate and her  
mother worked the Young  
Eagles and MAD event and  
were very helpful. →The  
September membership  
meeting will be Saturday  
September 11<sup>th</sup>. John Hanley  
will give a presentation on  
turbine engines. Presentations  
for October and November are  
needed. □Mason Aviation  
Day was a success with the  
offering of lunch helping to  
bring in volunteers for the  
setup. The Boy Scouts were  
very helpful at the event.  
Facebook advertising paid off  
in promoting the event. At a  
very low cost. Margie  
suggested putting the  
concessions outside for better  
accessibility for the attendees.  
□The Capital Region Airport  
Authority's September 2021  
board meeting will be  
September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM at  
the Lansing Community  
College hangar. →The Boy  
Scouts have offered to paint a

compass rose at the airport. They are willing to do it for a merit badge. → Chapter officers are need for our November election of officers. Candidates are needed for the President and Treasurer offices. Rick Laub has offered to contact members to run for the open offices. □ Jeff Shaud made a request for help with a Youth Group trip to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. □ The Tuesday night pot luck has been quite successful with 15 to 20 people attending. So far there have been enough volunteers willing to make the entree. □ John Kuchar will make sure that the picture of the breakfast crew is taken. □ The Christmas party being held at the hangar is being considered. Margie Clark volunteered to make a couple of turkeys. Details will be worked out in the coming weeks. □ No further business was discussed.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary EAA  
Chapter 55

### **EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting September 11, 2021**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by President Drew Seguin with 25+ members and 4 guest attending. One new member was welcomed.
- Following the National Anthem a September 11<sup>th</sup> tribute was made.
- Drew thanked the breakfast team and announced the October team. John Karlen, Terry Lutz, Chuck Moore, Brodie Stevens, Noah Heriford, and Jeff Stetson will be the team for September.
- The Secretary's report for August was not presented.
- The Treasurer's report August 31st was introduced; Bill Puroskey made a motion to accept, Dave Courey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; the report was approved.
- The Youth Group didn't hold a meeting due to the MAD event with several youth showing up for the event. The group will continue with the engine tear down at the next meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month.
- The Ray Scholarship grant has been made to the chapter with funds deposited into the Chapter account for our candidate for her flight lessons.
- Young Eagles flights have ended with nearly 300 Young Eagles flown this season and over 5,000 for the chapter in total. We have money to buy more supplies. Doug Koons has flown over 700 Young Eagles. Chloe Miner flew her first Young Eagle after starting out as a Young Eagle herself. She is planning on getting her college degree and becoming a fighter pilot. On the second Sunday we will be giving flights to the Boy Scouts that worked the MAD event.
- There is a Dawn Patrol breakfast tomorrow the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Grove Airport. It will be a big breakfast and there will be helicopters there.
- The presentation for today will be on turbine engines by John Hanley.
- Capital Area Regional Airport Authority will hold their September 2021 board meeting at the Lansing Community College facility on September 27th at 4:30PM. All Chapter 55 members are encouraged to attend to show our support for the Mason Jewett Airport.
- The yoke on the simulator that was donated needs repair.
- Officer elections are this November and we need candidates to volunteer to serve the as chapter leaders. Rick Laub will be contacting members to put their name on the list.
- A compass rose has been proposed to be put in at Mason Jewett Airport. Great Lakes Aviation will supply the materials and the Boy Scouts will do the work as a merit badge project.
- The Christmas party is planned for this December at the EAA hangar on Sunday the same weekend as our monthly meeting. Margie Clark will do a couple of turkeys and some of the fixings.

- There is a fly in/camp in at the Brighton airport next weekend.
- There is a hangar party at the hangar of Terry Lutz following today's meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:02AM..
- Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar,  
Secretary EAA Chapter 55

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**  
**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN  
WITH YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS**

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: Oct. 6th  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; Oct. 9  
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

**Thank you, September Breakfast Team:**



**October Team**

- John Karlen
- Terry Lutz
- Chuck Moore
- Brodie Stevens
- Noah Heriford
- Jeff Stetson

**November**

- Kirk Curtiss
- John Vandermolen
- Steve Houghton
- JulieAnne Miller
- Margie Clark
- Dawn Koeplinger



**YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR**  
by Margie Clark  
([margie@eaa55.org](mailto:margie@eaa55.org))

We have new registration forms for Young Eagle flights. They are in the blue topped storage box by the bulletin board along with certificates, log books and pilot pins to give to your young flyers. If you have old registration forms please destroy them per National EAA request. If you are still flying youth please use the new registration forms. Every youth flown up to December 31 will raise our totals. To date we have flown 291 youth this year. Thank you so much to the pilots that have made this happen.

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



**MEMBERSHIP**  
by Vickie Vandenberg  
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**NEW MEMBERS:** Chapter 55 welcomes welcome new student members Victoria Ericks and Ava Ericks.

**MAGAZINES:** We can accept small supplies of aviation magazines and we do offer them for members to take what interests them. The chapter no longer has storage space for large quantities. After they have been set out for a period, they will then be donated to a worthy cause. NOTE: My tub for the magazines has disappeared and I would appreciate its return.

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:** Chapter 55 is seeking nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of

Directors for elections that will take place at the November meeting. Per our Chapter By-Laws, it is the duty of the Chapter 55 Board to conduct and control the business and property of the chapter. Meetings of the Board are scheduled for 7:00pm the evening of the Wednesday immediately preceding the second Saturday of each month. Meetings generally last one to two hours depending upon the amount of business. Nominations are open up to the time of election and nominees will be posted at the meeting room on the bulletin board. All newly elected officers shall assume their responsibilities at the December Chapter membership meeting. If there is a member that you feel would be a good candidate for an officer's position, please encourage him/her to allow you to make a nomination. And, if you are interested in serving your Chapter in a position, please contact Drew Seguin or any current officer.

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

**DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMBER NEWS OR INFO TO SHARE??** Contact Vickie 517-483-3692 or [vickie7463@gmail.com](mailto:vickie7463@gmail.com)

**HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:**

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619  
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532  
Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020  
Tim Martinson; see Classifieds



**YOUTH GROUP**  
By Jeff Shaud  
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**Future Activities**

Our next youth group meeting will be Sunday October 10, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the chapter hangar.

If you have ideas for YG activities, please contact me via my cell phone (517) 712-6482 or email [jlshaud@wowway.com](mailto:jlshaud@wowway.com). Let's keep the interest of

general aviation going by mentoring youth through the EAA Chapter 55 Young Aviators youth group. Thank you!



**LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS**  
By Mark Bathurst  
([bathursm@star.lcc.edu](mailto:bathursm@star.lcc.edu))

Boeing's 2021 Pilot and Technician Outlook has just been published. This report is regarded by many as the seminal analyses of pilot, mechanic and cabin crew employment opportunities worldwide for the next 20 years. The report does not cover general aviation, so the demand for pilots and mechanics is going to be slightly greater than in the report.

The link to the report is:

[https://www.boeing.com/resources/boeingdotcom/market/assets/downloads/BMO\\_2021\\_Report\\_PTO\\_R4\\_091321AQ-A.PDF](https://www.boeing.com/resources/boeingdotcom/market/assets/downloads/BMO_2021_Report_PTO_R4_091321AQ-A.PDF)

Boeing projects that 612,000 new pilots, 626,000 new maintenance technicians and 886,000 new cabin crew members will be needed worldwide to fly and maintain the global commercial aviation fleet over the next 20 years. The forecast is limited to the commercial aviation sector and assumes air traffic demand recovers to 2019 levels within the next couple of years.

Demand for new mechanics in North America is estimated to be about 132,000 over the 20 year period covered by the report. Demand is created by introduction of additional aircraft into the industry, retirements at an accelerating rate and increased specialization of aircraft mechanics' activities in aircraft maintenance. Newer generation aircraft are being introduced which drives the need for technicians who can accurately analyze, interpret and act on information generated electronically. However, older aircraft still remain in service, which thus require maintenance providers to employ technicians with a wide set of skills to concurrently maintain and repair aircraft that were built decades ago as well as the latest technology types.

The increased demand for highly skilled maintenance technicians drives increased prospective student interest in aviation maintenance schools like LCC's. We are seeing that interest manifest itself through enrollment increases, increased requests for information about the school and increased employer requests to talk to our students about job

opportunities. Our students who graduated a couple of months ago report they are receiving multiple job offers once FAA licensure is achieved, and have a broad choice of career areas from which to choose.



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



**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](mailto:tmartins1575@yahoo.com)

**Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister [zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com)**

**WANTED:**

Ray Scholarship Coordinator is in need of a laptop (PC based) donation for our selected candidate to run one of the approved PPL ground school programs. Contact Jeff Shaud @ 517-712-6482.

**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](mailto:jbobcik@gmail.com) We can deliver to EAA hangar for pick-up.

**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:  
David Alexander; Aventura II  
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 Debonaire  
Lewis (Bob) Clark; Cessna 172  
Randy Collier; Cessna 182 & Hot Air Balloon  
Dave Cook; RV-6A (w/Greg Hover); Taylorcraft Ultralight  
Kirk Curtis; Cessna 182  
Ken Drewyor; Kitfox (sold); Mooney M20C  
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II  
Donald Frank; BE35P  
Mike Franzago; Stearman; Starduster project  
Ralph Gregus; Zenith CH750  
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza; and Travelaire; PT-17; AT-6 restorations  
Chuck Hacker; Zenith 701  
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project  
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B  
Steve Houghton; RV-7A

Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)  
John Karlen; Cessna 340  
Dawn Koeplinger; Cessna 172; Aeronca Sedan  
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)  
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project  
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8  
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701  
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A project  
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172A  
Chuck Moore; REVO Lt Sport Evolution & RV12  
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman  
Traveler restoration  
Jim Palmer; Glasair III  
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)  
Pat Salow; Zenith 701  
Dan Schiffer; Bell Helicopter  
Tom Schroder; Cessna 172  
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3  
project  
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project  
Tom Sheehan; Cessna 170 & Aerosport  
Jim Spry; RV-8  
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango  
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna 206

Ken Vandenbelt; Cessna 172; Cessna 170; Stearman  
project  
David VanderMolen; Zenith 750 project  
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750 project

Mason Jewett Field FBO:  
Great Lakes Air Repair  
517-525-3673  
Maintenance - Painting - Upholstery - Engines

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

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<http://www.fly-ins.com/>  
<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

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