

#### **EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55**

#### **JUNE 2021**

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Drew Seguin eaa55.president@gmail.com

emptied out so we can use it and the outdoors for social distancing if necessary

### It's been a long wait...

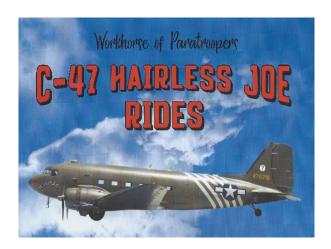


But it's coming to an end!

State guidelines have been relaxed. Let's have a regular meeting on June 12. With a Young Eagles event after. We need pilots, planes, volunteers, cheerleaders. Well, we could probably get by without the cheerleaders. Contact Margie Clark with questions or to sign up: (517) 712-2203.

For our Chapter meeting...

If you've been fully vaccinated, you're invited to our first regular chapter meeting in over a year. Masks at your discretion. If you're not vaccinated, well, YOYO. We won't be asking. With the Young Eagles event to follow we will have the hangar



And then on **June 20**, **Father's Day** we'll have Hairless Joe, the Yankee Air Museum's C-47. \$195. We'll need some volunteers to help with the grounds and Rumor Control.

#### **But wait! There's more!**

Not only can you purchase a ride on this beautifully restored classic, but we will be giving away **Two Free Rides!** All you have to do is show up and throw your name in the bucket. Of course, it would be nice to pitch in.

The EX-3 is Legal!



Yes, the rumors are true. My project has passed inspection by D.A.R. Ted Gauthier. Now I'm waiting for Elliot to come by for first flight. He's doing the initial testing because *a*) It's more important to him than me, and *b*) I know he'll do a much better job of it. If you've seen his videos you know what I mean. Of course, I'm biased in my assessment.

Elliot has agreed to do a pot luck dinner and share some High Desert Tales when he's here. We'll make an announcement when we have a date.

**But what if you want to go fast... I mean really fast.** It seems United Airlines has signed an agreement with Boom (what a great name) to purchase 15 Overture supersonic airliners. Of course the catch is they have to be certified, etc. We haven't had supersonic airliners plying the skies since the demise of the Concorde in 2003. It wasn't economically successful but hey, that was with 1960's technology. And the Aerion supersonic bizjet project was cancelled a couple of weeks ago. Developing new aircraft is hard and risky business.

### Blessed are the dreamers who push the envelope regardless.

Drew Seguin

Speed





### **EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting**

### May 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:06pm

Present were Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Jeff Schaud, Gabe Blosser, Clarke Borgeson, and. Rick Laub. Absent were Al Spalding, Mark Bathurst, Ken Dewyor, and Chloe Miner. → The Secretary's Report for May 5, 2021: Doug Koons made a motion to accept, Rick Laub supported; the motion carried. The Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2021: Doug Koons made a motion to accept, Rick Laub; supported; the motion carried. → The Ray Scholarship Committee reports they have a candidate from the Youth Group that is very promising. She is required to have a 3rd Class Medical certificate for her application approval, → Youth Group report from Jeff Schaud. Is that Youth Group Meetings are still on hold due to the corona virus with the expectation that June may occur as restrictions are lifted. >The fire extinguishers in the chapter building are scheduled to be in approved condition or replaced next Wednesday. >The May members meeting is canceled but an informal gathering will happen in it's place. > A note from Vickie Vandenbelt requested that the chapter schedule the flight donation that was made to the Mason Chamber of Commerce raffle Doug Koons will schedule the flight → The Young Eagles flights appear to be a possibility in June if outside gathering restrictions are eliminated . >> The Yankee Air Museum will have their C-47 at Mason

Jewett Airport on June 20<sup>th</sup> and will be offering rides to the public. Chapter 55 will donate two rides selected by a random drawing from those that register. □A motion was introduced to remove from the Civil Air Patrol Hangar Lease Agreement Item I, sub-Paragraph VIII, Paragraph XII from the hangar rental lease regarding the Chapter placing a lien on the Cessna 182 aircraft N813CP stored in the storage hangar for non payment of monthly the rental fee. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 yea's and 2 nay's.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary EAA Chapter 55

### EAA CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 8, 2021

Meeting Canceled, no minutes.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: June 7th MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; June 10th 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)

Hello members,

It's a new year and hopefully a new beginning to get our Young Eagle Rallies off the ground and flying our future pilots. We will be flying youth from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the second Saturday of June, July and August. I have pilots that have volunteered and a few volunteers for registration and ground crew but we certainly can use more to help out. If you are willing to help out please shoot me an email or text me at 517-712-2203 to confirm your ability to help out. I need to put together a roster to be sure all areas are covered.

Also if you fly but just don't care to fly youth I am hoping someone can help out and work a static display with their plane to do a preflight for the groups before they fly so the youth and parents understand the process and safety checks that are done before we get in the air. This is one less thing that the pilots need to cover before the youth board and fly and it shows them the steps of preparing to fly.

Hoping for lots of confirmations for help with our rallies.

Fly safe,

Margie Clark

#### From EAA National:

### DOUBLE CREDITS FOR YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS THIS SUMMER

**April 2021** – Pilots who fly Young Eagles during June, July, and August 2021 will earn double the usual amount of Young Eagles credits for flights during those months! For each Young Eagle flown during those months, a credit of \$10 will be awarded to the chapter affiliated with the pilot, or to the pilot if they are unaffiliated.

These extra credits can be used for any normal purposes to enhance your Young Eagles activities, or for sending a young person to the EAA Air Academy, which will return in 2022. Chapters can also use these credits to purchase a Young Eagles Workshops kit or a Young Eagles Build and Fly kit.

To qualify for double credits, make sure that all the paperwork for your June/June/August flights has been mailed and received by the EAA Young Eagles office no later than September 30, 2021. Make sure you mail the paperwork to EAA as soon as you can after the flights, so your Young Eagles can reap the benefits of an EAA student membership, including free access to Sporty's Learn to Fly course. (NOTE: Paperwork for EAA Chapter 55 flights is compiled and submitted by our Young Eagles Coordinator, Margie Clark.)

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



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

SNACK SALES: Visiting the airport for any reason?? Don't forget to stop by the EAA for your pop, water, munchies and the ever popular Klondike Bar!! Unfortunately, inflation has affected some prices. While our mark-up is very small, there have been a couple price increases. Your purchases do support our chapter and future purchases. Payment is on the honorary system. Do you have a favorite chip, cookie or candy bar that you would like us to keep in stock? Just let Vickie know. And, a very big "THANK YOU" to all our members who partake.

### SPECIAL E-NEWS FROM VEVAY TOWNSHIP

<u>5-10-21:</u> As you may know, Vevay Township has three cemeteries: Hawley, Rolfe, and Eden. One of the services the Township offers is recognizing those who have served in the military, first with a year-round bronze medallion that identifies the person as being a military veteran, and secondly at key holidays with a flag flown with the medallion.

One of the Township goals is to have as complete and accurate a record as possible of those deserving this honor. A recent review of census records of Civil War veterans revealed five veterans of the Union Army who are buried in Vevay township, but not previously known to be veterans: Luther C. Adkins, Lorenzo Bartlett, George James, Ira Nelson, and Henry Stevens. They all now have the medallion by their headstones.

If you have a loved one or family member who served in the military and is buried in one of the Township cemeteries, would you please verify with the Township that they served, and when they served (exact dates not needed). Please do so by emailing us at: <a href="mailto:supervisor@vevaytownship.org">supervisor@vevaytownship.org</a>

Thank you for helping us to honor our veterans!

### NEWS FROM MASON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Plans are underway for a July 4<sup>th</sup>

**COMMERCE:** Plans are underway for a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade anticipating that permits will be granted. Step

off will be at 6pm. However, there will be no fireworks at the fairground.

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

### Ray Scholarship Update:

Unfortunately, the Chapter 55 Scholarship committee did not receive a qualified candidate application for the Ray Scholarship by the March 31,2021 deadline. The committee is now extending the deadline through the summer to see if we can find a qualified candidate to recommend to the National Ray Scholarship Committee. The qualifications for the Scholarship can be found on the Chapter 55 website along with the application. This application will be reviewed by the chapter scholarship committee to determine if the candidate qualifies for the Ray Scholarship. If you have any questions please contact Joe Madziar, madziars@msn.com.



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

**June 2021 EAA55 Young Aviators Youth Group Activity** 

## We're Back! The Youth Group Meets Again!

After a very long absence from the scene, the EAA Chapter 55 Young Aviators youth group (YG) will again start meeting as a group. Our next meeting will be Sunday June 27, 2021 at the EAA Chapter 55 hangar meeting room from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

We have some exciting activities planned for this year and could certainly use your help in mentoring these young ladies and gentlemen in some of the finest experiences of their lives. Our goal, this year, is to provide Young Eagle flights to YG members at least once a month on the 4th Sunday of each month, June/July/August/September. If you could volunteer your time and aircraft, or assist as ground crew; it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to plan a YG visit to the Kalamazoo Air Museum sometime this summer. I sure could use

help making this happen. I envision an early morning fly-in to the facility and an arranged guided tour of not only the museum, but the restoration shop as well. If someone knows how the logistics of this can be accomplished, please let me know, and of course; I'm looking for volunteers to assist with this activity.

This year the YG will again associate with the Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (CARDS) organization. After last year's success of flying our foam board assembled RC aircraft, we are anxious to move forward on a RC aircraft build that more represents the construction of an actual aircraft. The CARDS organization has again graciously offered their assistance in both the build aspects and flight training. We look forward to, once again, associating our YG with this fine organization.

### From the CARDS website:

"The Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (CARDS) was founded in 1970 and is the largest radio control club in the Lansing area. The club [#353] is an AMA [Academy of Model Aeronautics] Gold Leader, and boasts the largest model aircraft runway in the state of Michigan, and hosts some of the state's largest model aircraft events. The primary focus of CARDS is to increase participation in model aviation in the greater Lansing area. They offer a safe way for others to learn how they can participate in this hobby. The club is always looking for new members, from those who have never flown a model aircraft, to those who have been flying for decades. All pilots are welcome at CARDS." For specific direction to the CARDS airfield please check out their website at www.cardsrc.com.



If you have ideas for YG activities, please contact me via my cell phone (517) 712-6482 or email <u>jLshaud@wowway.com</u>. Let's keep the interest of

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



## Beechcraft Heritage Museum Visit by Jeff Shaud

During a recent trip to our airpark property (TN77) near Nashville, Tennessee, we had the opportunity to take in the sights of the Beechcraft Heritage Museum located in Tullahoma, Tennessee. I've been wanting to visit this museum for over a year, however; it has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only recently have they reopened their doors to the public. I have to say, what a treasure this museum is to see.



The history of Beechcraft begins early in the archives of aviation in this country. In 1924 Walter Beech, along with Clyde Cessna and Lloyd Stearman, formed the Travel Air Manufacturing Company, located in Wichita, Kansas. In August of 1929, Travel Air became a subsidiary of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. In 1932, as president of the Curtis Wright Airplane Company, Walter Beech believed there was a need for a "high-speed, four-place cabin biplane". When he attempted to interest Curtiss Wright senior management in producing this new aircraft, they refused, citing the harsh economic climate as the reason. Consequently, Walter resigned from Curtiss-Wright and found the Beech Aircraft Company on April 19, 1932. Partnering with Beech were his wife, Olive Anne Beech, chief designer Ted Wells, K.K. Shaul, and investor C.G. Yankey.

The first Beechcraft, a model 17R, was test flown by Wilber "Pete" Hill on November 5, 1932, less than seven months after the company was founded. The aircraft served as the Beech Aircraft Company demonstrator until May 24, 1934. This first edition masterpiece is displayed today in the museum's Walter Beech Hangar.



The museum, located in a picturesque setting adjacent to the Tullahoma, Tennessee Regional Airport (THA), traces the lineage of the Beechcraft family of airplanes. The museum began as the Staggerwing Museum Foundation in October of 1973 to honor and preserve the heritage of the Beechcraft model 17 Staggerwing aircraft. In April 2007, the museum became the Beechcraft Heritage Museum by expanding its interest in all Beechcraft aircraft from 1932 to present. The initial inspiration for the 1973 founding of the museum by the Staggerwing Club came from pioneer aviatrix Louise Thaden. Flying a stock 1936 model C17R "Staggerwing", she and

copilot Balance Noyes won first place in the 1936 Bendix Trophy Race, besting racing professionals and military aircraft in a one-day flight from New York to Los Angles. Early in the 1970's, Louise was a guest speaker at the Club's annual fly-in and offered to donate all of her racing and aviatrix paraphernalia if the Staggerwing enthusiasts would start a museum. The original museum structure was a log cabin erected in 1974 and was named the Staggerwing Museum Foundation. In 1995, the museum expanded its Beechcraft family to welcome the Twin Beech 18.



Following on the heels of the Model 17 Staggerwing, the Model 18 "Twin Beech" was introduced in 1937. The Model 18 is arguably the most versatile general aviation aircraft ever developed, enjoying a civilian /military production run of nearly 8,000 aircraft over a span of thirty-three years.



If you have an opportunity to visit the Beechcraft Heritage Museum, you should not pass it up. The displayed aircraft and memorabilia represent a long heritage of general aviation in early America and the world. You will not be disappointed.

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

Spring is definitely here. The weather is changing for the better, and the opportunities for class work to be performed with hangar doors open and out on the ramp is a welcome change. We are in the midst of our break between semesters, and students will come back in early June for the eight week summer semester. At the end of the summer semester in early August, our second year students will graduate, and have already begun applying for jobs. Unlike last year at this time, employment opportunities are looking very strong. A number of our second year students have already received job offers, and employers are contacting us with a frequency akin to the pre-pandemic environment. Current demand for aircraft maintenance technicians derives from several factors.

First, air travel is up. Almost as many people are now flying commercially as was the case in 2019. As airlines add flights and remove aircraft from storage, they need more pilots, flight attendants and mechanics. Second, many employers offered early out/early retirement options to legacy employees. Not knowing how long the COVID restrictions would be in place, and not knowing what the post-pandemic world would look like, employers across the aviation industry significantly reduced head count. As the economy has recovered relatively quickly, airlines, manufacturers and repair facilities (large and small) are all now scrambling to find additional help. One can easily imagine a situation similar to 2018 and 2019 where demand will outstrip supply, and that translates to multiple job offers for our students and probably increased salaries and benefits as well. Employers who have talked to us all indicate they see a sustained period of hiring. This is good news for our students, and for the industry as a whole. General, commercial and military-related aviation all are significant economic drivers, and with the indicators all pointing to a string recovery, our students are pleased with the choice they made to attend LCC's program. Our fall 2021 incoming class is already at capacity and we have had to create a wait list for others interested in joining us. Given where we have been in the past year and a half, we

are looking at a positive future for our students and our program.



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

The next five months are my favorite aviation months. Not that soaring above frozen lakes and ponds and white fields aren't too shabby either. Now is the perfect time for Michigan fly-in camp outs. Here is a tip for a make-shift dwelling, preferably using the right high wing. A low wing works well, you just have to crawl. Use "swimming noodles" on the leading and trailing edges to keep a taunt tarp from touching the paint. Stake the tarp to the ground and over the wing, tadaa a sleeping quarter. If you would like to try this out at MI71 this summer contact me and we can arrange a fly in camp out. (not responsible for the falling in love with sod strips, solitude and sunshine)





RELAY FOR LIFE By Karen Meirndorf krmdorf@yahoo.com

The American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" is set for September 24th-25th at the Corrigan Oil Speedway (formerly Spartan) in Mason. I am again participating and raising funds by the sale of Luminarias. I decorate each luminaria with the name and design you specify. These are used to luminate the track during the ceremony. With your support, the funds we raise help sustain critical research and patient service. Every dollar really does count. If we resume meetings and I can make it down, we may have some 50/50 drawings as a fund raiser. A Luminaria donation form is attached with this newsletter and I hope you will support my efforts. Of course, if you care to make a donation without the purchase, checks and cash are gratefully accepted. The form includes my address for return mail. If you have questions or need additional information, I can be reached via email. Thank you for whatever you can do the make this event a success!!



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"WingTips" are welcome and can be made by
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Deadline: 1st of each month.
Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams"
(madziars@msn.com) and Dave Courey "Monthly
Programs" (dcmi@reagan.com)

### **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

### CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE:

FOR SALE: Former member Dick Bacon was an A&P for many years. His family is in the process of assisting him to clean out his house and collection. He has service manuals for some airplanes, along with engine manuals and aircraft mechanic tools. There are also boxes of aviation magazines dating back to the 1930s. Plus, never used EAA coffee mug & EAA water bottle and possibly other memorabilia. And, an old tail & rudder of a yet-to-be determined airplane. And, possibly more miscellaneous. Anyone interested in inspecting or making an offer, contact Dick's daughter, Jean Preston 703-626-7377

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; <u>jbobcik@gmail.com</u> We can deliver to EAA hangar for pick-up.

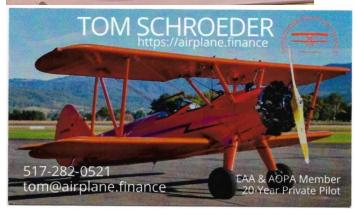
Two New Goodyear 8:50x6 ribbed aircraft tires and tubes.

Brand new, never mounted. Came with my kit and I'm not going to use them.

Retail value over \$1000. Make an

offer. seguind@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

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

### **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 Coller; 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 Koepplinger; 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

### **WEB EVENT CALENDARS:**

http://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/events http://www.fly-ins.com/

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

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

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