

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

December 2024

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rick Laub

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What do Claus Buchholz, Steve Carpenter, Sue Carter, Chris and Luke Desjardine, Jim Hartman, Jon Iversen, Ronald Johnson, Janet Kinney, Bob Miller, Mason Samson, Meg Schartzler, Tom Tompkins, Megan VanderMolen, Jim Wieser, and Peng Zang have in common? They all joined our chapter in 2024. As much as we have welcomed them sometime at a chapter meeting, feel free to single them out for some further welcoming when you meet them.

In our year-in-review, I thought it worthwhile to see how our chapter has continued to attract new members. And this is just the “regular” members. There were also 14 student members joining this year, and speaking of students ... Our Ray Scholarship recipient Cal Hayslette was the first to successfully complete the program and receive his Single Engine Land rating and certificate this year. This is going to be a continuing theme, but special thanks to Doug Koons for shepherding him through the process.

You might have noticed that we have a newly recoated and newly painted roof thanks to the leadership of Doug Koons. It was a big job, and thanks to Doug, his son Dan, and Stan Chubb for passing on a contractor to get this done at less than a third of our budget.

We had clear blue skies for Dawn Patrol and we had multiple fields full of planes that flew in. The weather for Mason Aviation Day was low overcast,

yet we had a steady crowd show up from the local community.

Thanks again to Margie Clark’s leadership, the Young Eagles days - both at Mason and at Owosso - were a continuing success and incredible service of 270 youth flown - provided by the pilots (have I mentioned Doug Koons yet ..) and all who volunteer.

Our friends up at Capital Region International Airport authority have been busy too – paving taxi lanes, dealing with errant wildlife and putting in a new fuel farm.

Thank you to our board members who have served us for the past two years. After our recent elections, 37 chapter members voted for seven board members who have agreed to another two-year term and two new board members – Doug Koons and Jon Iversen. Welcome and Thank You all.

Christmas Party – December 15th

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

DECEMBER:

Awards Ceremony for Chapter Members

JANUARY:

Jon Iverson – Wings of Mercy

FEBRUARY:

TBD

CONTACT JON IVERSON WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS

CHAPTER 55

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

“THANK YOU” BREAKFAST TEAM!



November Chefs: Steve Houghton & Jennifer Jacob

UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
Stan Chubb	John Caron
Nathan User	John Yurkon
Allen Jencks	Mason Samson
Gordon Hempstone	Lisa Fredline
David VanderMolen	Don Frank



EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, November 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Rick Laub. In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, Gary Nicola, Drew Seguin, Ken Drewyor, Bob Clark (arrived 10 minutes late), Greg Hover, and Warren Miller. Absent were Dave James, Michael Rosencrans, and John Kuchar. Non board members present were Margie Clark and Joe Madziar. †The Secretary’s Report was noted. Drew Seguin made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Greg Hover; motion carried. †The Treasurer’s Report was summarized by Treasurer Drew Seguin. He noted an error in the report due to

failure to include October in the year-to-date final figure amount. He gave the corrected figure amount. Gilda Tucker made a motion to accept the report as amended; seconded by Greg Hover; motion carried. †Jeff Shaud was not on hand to give the Young Aviator’s report, but Gilda spoke in his stead. Jeff will be unavailable to conduct the meeting of the Young Aviators which is to take place Sunday November 10th. His assistant will also be unavailable. Gilda asked if any of the board members would be willing to step up and lead the meeting. (Provided they had a completed Child Protection Policy Form on record.) Bob and Margie Clark agreed to lead the meeting. (Gilda contacted Jeff to inform him that the meeting could proceed as scheduled.) †Gabe Blosser was not available to list the slate of candidates for the upcoming board member election. In his stead, Rick Laub listed the slate of candidates (which were written on the white board by Gilda in advance of the Saturday Member Meeting). The candidates are: Gabe Blosser, Bob Clark, Ken Drewyor, Doug Koons, Jon Iversen, Warren Miller, Greg Hover, Gary Nicola, and Jeff Shaud. The Board Member Election will take place Saturday, November 9th, 2024, at the Membership Meeting. Regarding the election, Gilda made a motion that if a member cannot be at the meeting they would, 1) assign someone at the meeting to vote in their stead (proxy) and, 2) inform Rick Laub of the person they selected to vote in their stead. Drew seconded the motion and the motion carried. †The float used by the Chapter in the Mason Christmas Parade isn’t covered by our insurance. †The “Member of the Year” nominations were submitted and a vote took place. The results will be withheld until the presentation is made at the December Member Meeting. Results will be published in the January 2025 WingTips Newsletter. †Margie Clark requested \$500 from the general fund to cover cost of food for the December 15th Chapter Christmas Banquet. Drew made a motion to grant the request; seconded by Gilda; motion carried. †Ken Drewyor is responsible for the Member Meeting Close Out this Saturday. †Joe Madziar gave an update on the Newberry Scholarship. Joe was assisted in the process of managing the project by Committee Members Ken Drewyor and John Kuchar. Nominations were open from October 1-19th. Five people applied. Of those five, four responded to a call for an interview. Interviews took place on October 30th. The results of the interviews will be withheld until the presentation at the December

Member Meeting. Results will be published in the January newsletter. A motion was made by Drew to give \$159 from the general fund to bring the total scholarship amount to an even \$2500; motion seconded by Bob Clark; motion carried. Gilda made a motion that the scholarship fund go entirely toward tuition of the Aviation Program at Lansing Community College. (The Aviation Program consists entirely of Aviation Aircraft Maintenance.) Greg Hover seconded and the motion carried. As there are no written guidelines regarding the Newberry Scholarship, Joe Madziar agreed to write up a set of guidelines. ✈️Gilda gave a brief overview of her experience at the recent EAA Leadership Academy in Oshkosh. She and John Kuchar attended in October. All expenses except transportation costs was covered by the Academy. Gary Nicola made a motion that the Chapter cover the cost of transportation to and from the Academy in the amount of \$100; Greg Hover seconded; motion carried. ✈️Debbie Groh gave a written correspondence to Rick regarding the “Rosie the Riveter” event on March 21, 2025. We have opportunity, as a Chapter, to be a sponsor. No further details were available about the sponsorship. Debbie will be given opportunity to elaborate on this at the Member Meeting this Saturday. ✈️Mason Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fund-raising event on December 5th. They are collecting donated items from various businesses and organizations (such as ours) to be auctioned off. Donating is a means of advertising for the donor organization. Rick Laub volunteered to donate wine. Gilda volunteered to donate a basket container. ✈️Pat Salow has stepped down as Program Coordinator for our Chapter. Rick appointed Jon Iversen as Pat’s replacement. ✈️The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm. ✈️Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary.



EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting, Saturday, Saturday, November 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:33am by President Rick Laub. ✈️After singing the National Anthem, Rick thanked the breakfast team, Steve Houghton and Jennifer Jacob. Next month’s breakfast team: Stan Chubb, Nathan User, Allen Jencks, Gordon Hempstone, and David VanderMolen. ✈️There were thirty-nine present including two children of members and two guests.

Rick Springer was a guest of Jon Iversen and Joshua Huffman came on his own. Joshua is a veteran pilot desiring to get back into Aviation. ✈️Secretary’s Report was noted. Joe Madziar made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Greg Hover; motion carried. ✈️Treasurer’s Report was summarized by Rick Laub in Treasurer Drew Seguin’s absence. Dave Trojan made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Jim Spry; motion carried. ✈️Young Aviator’s Report was given by Gilda Tucker in the absence of Aviator’s leader Jeff Shaud. Rick mentioned that the float the Young Aviators are decorating for the Christmas Parade isn’t sanctioned in that it isn’t covered by our insurance. ✈️Young Eagles Report was given by Rick in Margie Clark’s absence. Margie’s husband Bob Clark was congratulated on flying 700 Young Eagles! Rick also congratulated Doug Koons on flying 883 Young Eagles. Rick then extended thanks to all the pilots who fly Young Eagles. Jon Iversen asked about the safety record of YE flights. Several members gave basically the same answer. There have been a few fatalities over the years, but accidents are extremely rare. The overall YE safety record is excellent. ✈️Doug Koons stated that our chapter has applied for a Ray Scholarship from EAA National. We will find out in February if we have been awarded one. ✈️Bill Purosky made a motion that the ballot distribution for the board be closed; Connie Bobcik seconded; motion carried. All members had been given ballots including those who arrived late. ✈️Gilda gave a report of her recent experience at the EAA Leadership Academy in Oshkosh. She attended the October Conference along with John Kuchar (who had attended prior to this conference). She stated that it was a very positive experience and that the conference was enjoyable and informative. Her main take-aways were: 1) being careful not to include copyrighted information in the newsletter without prior permission, and 2)the need to review the chapter by-laws annually. ✈️Gilda Tucker counted the ballots for the Board of Director’s election. Candidates for the board: Incumbents Gabe Blosser, Bob Clark, Ken Drewyor, Greg Hover, Warren Miller, Gary Nicola, and Jeff Shaud; new candidates Jon Iversen and Doug Koons. There were thirty-one ballots counted. The votes were as follows: Doug K. (31), Bob C., Greg H., and Jeff S. (30), Gabe B., Ken D., and Jon I. (28), Warren M., and Gary N. (26). All candidates were elected. Congratulations to all and especially to the new members of the board Doug Koons and Jon Iversen.

The new board assumes leadership at the January Board meeting. †Kristine Garcia is President of the Greater Lansing Nurses Honor Guard. The organization provides an Honor Guard at the funerals of nurses. Made up entirely of volunteer nurses, they cover the State of Michigan with their services. There are fifteen chapters in Michigan. Kris wanted to make our chapter aware of their services for anyone who may desire an Honor Guard at the funeral of a friend or family member. The organization is also looking for nurses to volunteer to serve as part of an Honor Guard. The service is free. Contact Kris at 517-243-3126 or email lansingmihonorguard@gmail.com. †Debbie Groh gave a summary of the “Rosie the Riveter” event next March 21st, 2025. The organization honors those women who during WWII worked in factories in the USA building aircraft and tanks and equipment for the war effort. Our chapter was invited to be a sponsor of the event. John Kuchar made a motion that we sponsor an amount between \$250 and \$500; Frank Garcia seconded; motion passed. This will, of course, be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. †A few people in our chapter have connections with a WWII pilot named Russell Hilding. Gary Nicola knew him. Elizabeth Kester, a friend of Joe Madziar, knew Russell’s daughter. Russ was born in 1921. He flew a B-17 and was shot down over France. He survived and was taken to a German prison camp. Eventually he made it back home and lived in Michigan. The State of Michigan awarded Russell a Certificate of Recognition. Russ passed away in 2021. The plaque fell into the hands of Elizabeth who brought it to the meeting and donated it to our chapter. We also have a framed picture of Russell in our meeting room. †Terry Lutz made mention of a volunteer-run charity entitled “Operation Good Cheer”. This is a Michigan organization sponsored by the Child and Family Protective Services. Toys are collected at Oakland County International Airport in Pontiac. Donated toys are collected largely from organizations. Volunteers wrap and prepare the toys for distribution around the state on December 7th. On that day pilots fly in, load the toys and fly to airports across the state to be distributed to needy children in orphanages under the care of the sponsoring agency. Any pilot can participate but must register on line in advance. Pilots are given when to fly into Pontiac and then told where to fly to distribute the toys. Terry is participating this year. Next year maybe other pilots in our chapter may

want to get involved. †Bob Clark needs to borrow a generator to run the lights on the parade float. †The meeting adjourned at 10:25am. †Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to CHAPTER 55

Chapter 55 was formed in 1959 and 2024 marks our 65th Anniversary



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Jon Iverson

I joined Chapter 55 in March of this year. I am a pilot current in PPL and Instrument. I don’t own an airplane but I enjoy flying, building, airplanes in general, and Aviation history. I have been involved with Wings of Mercy for eleven years. I served on the Board of Directors as the Mission Coordinator for Wings of Mercy East. The organization gives free flights to medical patients in need of long-distance transportation to and from medical destinations. I am retired from GM. I worked in Engineering and heavy repairs from 1974-2007. I obtained a Builder’s License in 2007 and still work in every aspect of building including plumbing, wiring, and HVAC repair work. Computers and electronics are also interests of mine. I look forward to serving on the Board of Directors for Chapter 55. I have also been appointed as the Program Director for the Chapter. My pursuits, if there were no limitations, include flying, scuba diving, and traveling the world. I would also give to private charities to fight poverty, human misery, and human trafficking. I would, if given a platform, educate the American public about the purpose of the U.S. Constitution.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Robert (Bob) Miller

I joined Chapter 55 in April of this year. I am a student pilot but I have a lot of flying experience. I have completed flight training up to the check ride. I learned to fly in Arizona and have flown over the Grand Canyon. I enjoy flying, airplanes in general, and aviation history. I retired

from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) as a Data Systems Specialist, but I still do a lot of work with computers. I am very involved in astronomy. I have done astronomy research in Michigan, Arizona, Texas, and Hawaii. I often help out at the Abrams Planetarium and the MSU Observatory on the MSU campus. I put myself through college and graduate school working as a professional photographer. I still very much enjoy photography and have a variety of cameras. I also have several telescopes. I built telescopes while in college. I own a telescope with which I can view the sun. I am an organist and own a concert organ. I have traveled the world to hear organs in cathedrals in Austria, Germany, Scotland, and Australia. My biggest challenge is finding time to pursue my various hobbies. One dream as yet unfulfilled is to fly helicopters.



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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Where has the year gone? Doesn't seem like we should be starting a new one shortly. My many thanks go out to all the pilots and volunteers that helped with our rallies this year and past. Without your generosity of time and planes we could not have given a flying experience to 270 youth this year. Bravo Team!!! Hope to see you all back next year along with a few new folks. Merry Christmas to all.



YOUNG AVIATORS
By Jeff Shaud
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Greetings Young Aviators and parents,
Upcoming Events: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors (Open) Meeting, Chapter Hangar 7:00 PM (YG*) Saturday Dec. 14, 2024 - EAA Chapter 55 General Membership Breakfast & Meeting Breakfast 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM; Membership, Meeting 9:30 AM (YG*) Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024 EAA Chapter 55 Annual Holiday Party, Chapter Hangar, Social Hour: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM BYOB, Dinner: 5:00pm, \$15/person which includes dinner with all the fixings. Please sign-up on sheet that is on the board of directors table no later than Saturday December 7, 2024.

Make payment by check only to Treasurer's folder (on table) or in cash at the day of the party. Don't forget your "white elephant" gift exchange!* - Young Aviators youth group volunteering opportunity. Come on out! Bring a friend. See you at the hangar.



FROM THE EDITOR
By Gilda Tucker
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At our December Member Meeting, awards will be given for faithful service to officers and volunteers. The recipient of the Newberry Scholarship will be unveiled, and (drum roll), the "Member of the Year" award will be announced! Closing the year out is our Christmas Party on Sunday the 15th complete with food, fellowship, and the hilarious white elephant gift exchange. You won't want to miss any of these exciting events! We want to thank Dave Trojan for his outstanding presentation (after the November member meeting) about the restoration of FG-1D Corsair at the Selfridge Field Museum. Dave is an expert aircraft instrument restorer and was a team member for the restoration of the Corsair. If you have any questions about Corsairs or want to see the Corsair on display at Selfridge, talk to Dave.



Dave Trojan & Corsair panel



Dave Trojan – model Corsair

would like to be added, contact Blake Roy at 517-321-0428 or broy@craa.com

2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Another dues reminder – Dues for the 2025 year can be paid by mail, at a meeting or left in the folder for Treasurer Drew (for everyone’s protection, please do not leave cash.) We do ask that you complete the application form when paying so that we can assure that your payment is properly documented and **ESPECIALLY** to keep the information on our website is accurate and up to date. The online Membership Roster will be updated after the February 15th dues deadline.

CARDS & MEMORIALS: Do you know of a member who is ill? Or, a member who has experienced a death in the family? Please contact Gilda Tucker so that the Chapter can send a card. (With our sincere thanks to those who have alerted us in the past.)



MEMBERSHIP TIDBITS
by Vickie Vandebelt
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CONGRATULATIONS & “THANK YOU”: to our newly elected Directors – returning directors Gage Blosser; Bob Clark; Ken Drewyor; Greg Hover; Warren Miller; Gary Nicola; Jeff Shaud and added directors Jon Iversen and Doug Koons. And, “Thank you” to our retiring directors Dave James and Michael Rosencrans for your service to the Chapter.

YEAR-END GIFTING & DONATIONS: If you are thinking of year-end charitable donations or would like to honor someone special, we hope you will consider EAA Chapter 55. Chapter 55 is a 501c3. Your donation can be designated for your choice of one of our funds (Newberry Aviation Scholarship Fund; Young Aviators Group; Young Eagles Program or General Fund). Attached is an easy to use form for your convenience.

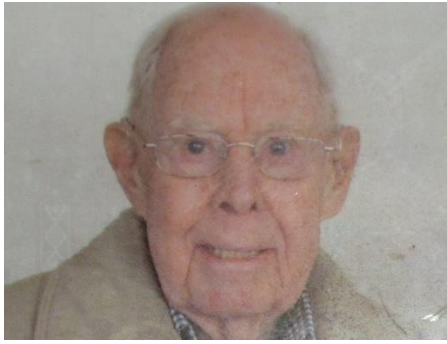
FROM CRAA; BLAKE ROY; OPERATIONS MANAGER: Capital Region Airport Authority will be hosting Quarterly Tenant Meetings at Mason-Jewett Field on the first Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. The 2025 meeting dates are: February 5th; May 7th; August 6th; and November 5th at 5:30pm in a classroom at the LCC Aviation Technology facility. Meeting agendas will be sent one week prior to each meeting. Meetings will last approximately one hour. All are welcome to attend. Please bring any questions or concerns or suggestions you feel may benefit the airport. And, if you are not on the CRAA email contact list and



Kristine Garcia – President of Greater Lansing Nurses Honor Guard

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

CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS:



Russell Hilding



Russ Hilding's State of Michigan
Certificate of Recognition
Donated by Elizabeth Kester

Contributions, corrections and additions to
"WingTips" are welcome and can be made by
contacting

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**Deadline: Wednesday preceding the 1st Saturday
of each month.**

Other Contacts: Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams"
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Programs" (jon.h.iversen55@gmail.com)

FOR SALE: FLY MICHIGAN decals. Available
in red, blue or white. Great for your plane and/or
your car. \$5.00 each. Contact
vickie7463@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Wag-Aero Wagabond project for sale
north of St. Johns. It was built by a 7-time
homebuilder who passed away a few years
ago. Since that time, Wag-Aero has been acquired
by Aircraft Spruce. You can visit their website for
current prices on the parts for the aircraft. As you
can see in the photos, the fuselage and wings are
complete, and plans are included. It has a new fuel
tank, and a hydraulic brake system is
installed. There are no wheels and brakes, no
engine. Price is \$7000. Contact Kurt Gubert 989-
533-8224. He is a Wagabond builder and can show
you what the finished product looks like in person.



HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Brown Family; 517-589-8619
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020
EAA55; Common Storage or Building hangar space;
Rick Laub; 616-755-6255 (waiting list)

MASON JEWETT FIELD FBO:

Great Lakes Air Repair
517-525-3673
Maintenance - Painting - Upholstery – Engines

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:

Tim Allen; Fokke DVIII; Sopwith Scout
Mark Bathurst; Cessna 172
Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib
John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox 7SS
Denise Bolen; Cessna 172
Ivan Bradley; Zenith CH650B
Claus Buchholz; Citabria
John Caron; Cessna 172
Stan Chubb; Beechcraft F33A Bonanza
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); V35 Bonanza
Albert Esser II; Piper Arrow
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II
Donald Frank; BE35P
Mike Franzago; RV-8
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria;
Beechcraft A36 Bonanza; Travelaire;
PT-17 & AT-6 restorations
Ward Harris; Cessna 177Bravo
Gordon Hempstone; Cobra A
Ultralight & Avid Magnum project
Steve Houghton; RV-7A (Builder) (Sold)
Greg Hover; RV-6A (Builder) (w/Dave Cook)

Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18,
Cessna C-34 Airmaster project
Allen Jencks; Fisher Horizon 2
Robert Kerr; hot air balloons
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)(Builders)
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project (Builder)
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8 (Builder)
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701 & RV-10 project
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12;
RV14A, RV-9 project (Builder)
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172
Chuck Moore; RV-12
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza
Grumman Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III (Builder)
Lee Paquette; Sonex (Builder)
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)(Builders)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701 (Builder)
Mason Samson; Aeronca Chief & Piper Tripacer
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 &
Carbon Cub EX3 project (Builder)
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project (Builder)
Tom Sheehan; C-170 & Funk B85C;
Lincoln-Page 1928
Rockwood Shepard; RV-9A (Builder)
Jim Spry; RV-8 (Builder) (Sold)
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna 172
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project
David & John VanderMolen; Zenith 750 (Builders)
Michael Weck; Cessna 150
John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS POSTED

IN TEW TERMINAL w/special thanks to Tony Kruckeberg of LCC. Be sure to check these flyers out if you are looking for a weekend place to fly !!

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

www.eaa.org/ea/events
www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp
www.michigan.gov/aero/

CRAA BOARD MEETINGS:

4th Monday of the Month @ 4:30pm
Marion "Babe" Ruth Community Room
Terminal Building, Capital Region Int. Airport

MASON JEWETT FIELD TENANTS & USER MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. The 2025 meeting dates are: February 5th; May 7th; August 6th; and November 5th at 5:30pm in a classroom at the LCC Aviation Technology facility.

SENDING EMAIL BLASTS:

The best way to do a broadcast email to our Chapter 55 membership is to “reply all” to your latest newsletter email. Update the “Subject” enter your message and delete the old subject matter content. This will insure you get the most up-to-date membership roster.

NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY

Rosie Day

Capital Region International Airport

MARCH 21, 2025

EVERYONE WELCOME

- Original Rosies
- Dynamic Speakers
- Vintage Planes
- Military Involvement
- Children's Activities
- Entertainment
- New Airport Location!

Please join us for the third annual Michigan Rosie the Riveter Day at the Capital Region International Airport. We will honor Rosies, Rosie descendants, veterans and current military, women in manufacturing and STEM, women in aerospace, and students in the talent pipeline. Bring your family, friends, coworkers and community leaders. Sponsorship opportunities available.

<https://glbma.org/rosie-the-riveter-day>

4:00 pm Networking & Vendors
4:30 pm Speakers & Presentations
6:30 pm Closing Ceremonies with Flyover



EAA Chapter 55 is a 501(c)3 non-profit. Donation gifts to Chapter 55 are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. If desired, donation gifts can be designated specifically for the Youth Group, for Young Eagles, or for the Newberry Aviation Scholarship. An acknowledgment receipt of your donation gift for tax purposes can be provided on request.

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Submissions may be sent by regular mail and must be accompanied by prepaid postage if you want them returned.

Submissions should be sent to: Gilda Tucker, Newsletter Editor.