

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

**MAY 2020**

**Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**by Drew Seguin**

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### **Notice:**

### **May 9 Chapter meeting is cancelled**

*Maybe in June?*

#### **Things are pretty quiet at Mason Airport**

I think there's probably fewer less than a dozen operations a day there Although this last weekend saw some increased activity. I think people just couldn't resist the great flying weather we had over the weekend. I know I couldn't.

I continue to be glad I have an airplane project to keep me occupied and interested. Since I spend at least as much waking time at the airport as I do at home, I count it as staying home. ☺.

I notice there are a few regulars out there doing the same thing. It's nice to be able to reach out for some help moving something big. And besides, if the wing is 16 feet long and two people move it that's social distancing, right? A friend once told me part of building an airplane is about figuring out how to do something by yourself that should take three people.



I've got the fuselage covered. All that's left to cover is the right wing. The engine and propeller showed up. But no exhaust. This virus affects everything. They're saying two months. I guess I won't get to fly it to Oshkosh. Oh well. I didn't expect to make that anyway. Then they cancelled it.

Stay Safe and make good choices.

I hope to see you in June.

Drew Seguin



*Andy Chiavetta, Elliot Seguin, LT-1, 747 @ Mojave Airport*



<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
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BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed;  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; with  
Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**  
  
**JUNE, JULY, AUGUST**  
Young Eagles  
  
**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN  
WITH YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS**



**YOUNG EAGLES**  
by Margie Clark  
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See you at the airport!

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



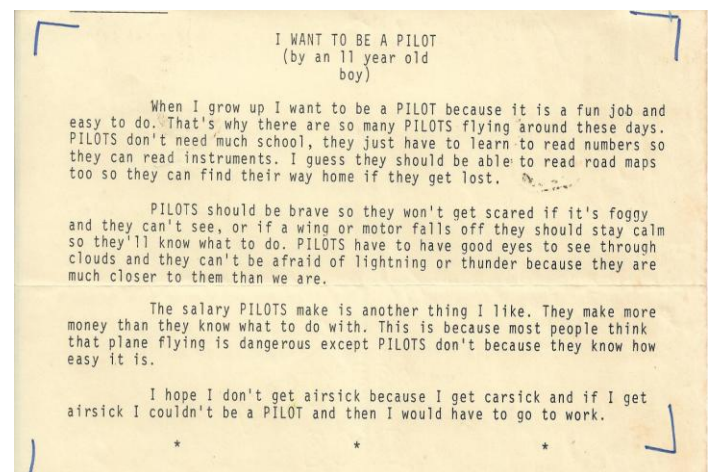
**MEMBERSHIP**  
by Vickie Vandenbelt  
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**NO NEWS:** Normally no news means good news. But in these uncertain and unusual times, it's just no news. If you have any interesting stories, articles, historical info, photo memrobilia or aviation jokes you are willing to share, send them off to Deanna and/or me. We are always looking for stuff to publish and to put on the EAA55 facebook page.

**WEBSITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND MORE:** Website, Webmaster John Bobcik has done an excellent job migrating our information into the new format. Our updated Membership Roster, newsletter history, photo albums and much more are available for your viewing pleasure. I am assisting John with supplemental information and reference material as I find it in our archives.

**WEBSITE PICTURES, PICTURES PICTURES:** Speaking of our website, I am working with John to secure updated profile pictures, along with pictures of your past and present projects and aircraft. I will be contacting some of you for assistance with the missing material.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Please note that most of our chapter officers and coordinators now have new chapter email addresses. Our newly updated website includes links in the CONTACT US section.



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



**AIRPORT OPERATIONS:** CRAA personnel are available 24/7. If you encounter anything amiss at our airport - please call 517-321-8525

**FLY-OUTS:**

Big Rapids - Soup Lunch; 11am-1:00pm; ea. Sat.  
Brighton - Breakfast; 9am; each Saturday  
Hillsdale - Breakfast; 8am-11am; 3rd Sat. ea. month

**FLIGHT TRAINING AT TEW:**

Great Lakes Air Ventures; Dale Foerschler;  
<http://greatlakesairventures.com/>  
Cloud 9 Flight Training; Tracy Tillman;  
<http://cloud9flighttraining.com/2017/09/20/web-site-up/>  
Spartan Wings Flying Club;  
<http://www.spartanwings.com/>  
Deanna McAlister; zirconmoons@gmail.com

**HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:**

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619  
KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171  
(waiting list)  
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532  
Jacque Moss; (Carson Hangar) 517-575-0259

**HANGARS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:**

Jacque Moss; 517-575-0259 (Carson Hangar)  
Dave Paul; 517-525-5010

**OTHER:**

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder (517)282-0521 tsds7534@gmail.com

**EAA RECYCLES:** Our chapter works to reduce our carbon footprint by recycling any materials we can. The following people have volunteered their time to take care of certain "recyclable" products. If you care assist, we would love to hear from you!

RETURNABLE BOTTLE/CANS - Al Spalding  
PLASTIC - Vickie Vandenbelt  
METAL - Vickie Vandenbelt  
GLASS - Al Spalding & VickieV  
CARDBOARD - Al Spalding  
STYROFOAM - Jeff Shaud  
EGG SHELLS - Vickie Vandenbelt

**YOUTH GROUP**

By Jeff Shaud

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Temporary suspended meetings.

RELAY FOR LIFE

**Karen Meirndorf**

co Captain Heartwood Glad Rags



This years Relay For Life has been rescheduled for a date TBD hopefully sometime in August. We still hope to be at the Corrigan Speedway depending on availability and will be at a shortened time. Our goal is to raise funds to support the American Cancer Society research and patient programs. I will be collecting for luminary's and looking for Sponsors that have donated in the past with the knowledge that checks will be held longer than normal for deposit. A big thank you to the Board Members and Chapter 55 for your support and understanding in these uncertain times and hope for better times in 2020. Stay well. Stay safe.

Karen Meirndorf  
co Captain Heartwood Glad Rags



### **LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS**

By Mark Bathurst  
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Along with some of our instructors, I recently attended the annual Aviation Safety Forum in Ypsilanti sponsored by the Eastern Michigan Flight Standards District Office FAASTeam. They conduct a Maintenance and Pilot program concurrently. You can switch between sessions depending on what subject interests you. The Maintenance program serves as the annual Inspection Authorization (IA) renewal course, and the Pilot program awards Wings credits as administered through FAA AC 61-91J. Well over 200 IA and A&P maintenance technicians were in attendance for the Maintenance program. As you may recall, the first step in an aircraft maintenance technician's career is attainment of the A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) certificate. LCC provides the necessary training and certification to allow our graduates to test for the A&P license. After three years' experience as an A&P, certificated maintenance technicians can test for the Inspection Authorization from the FAA. The Inspection Authorization (IA) allows A&P mechanics to (1) Inspect and approve for return to service any aircraft or related part after a major repair or major alteration to it in accordance with Part 43 of the Federal Air Regulations, if the work was done in accordance with approved technical data; (2) Perform an annual, or perform or supervise a progressive inspection according to Part 43.

Obviously a maintenance technician who has the Inspection Authorization has the greatest marketability to employers. Several of our instructors have the Inspection Authorization, and use that knowledge and expertise in teaching our students. The Maintenance program included presentations on aircraft battery airworthiness, a discussion by EAA Chapter 55's Tracy Tillman on maintenance errors, a Lycoming engine update, magneto maintenance, and vintage aircraft accessories. The Pilot program covered topics including aerodynamics, aeromedical issues, emergency water survival, DTW TRACON procedures and aircraft performance. Both sessions were well received and very well attended. I highly encourage you to consider attending next year's event, which is scheduled for February 20, 2021, again in Ypsilanti.

At our March 14 meeting, as the after-breakfast speaker, I will be discussing LCC's aviation maintenance program and the FAA's requirements for our school under 14 CFR 147. After my presentation, if anyone is interested, I will have our hangar available for a tour. I hope to see you then.



### **EDITORS PROLIX**

By Deanna McAlister  
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The FAA issued a [special federal aviation regulation](#) (SFAR) that provides blanket extensions of medical certificates and airman knowledge tests that would have expired between March 1 and May 31 to all pilots regardless of the type of their flying. The SFAR also provides flight review and instrument currency extensions under very limited circumstances to get pilots back in the air to support the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. Flight instructor certificates that would have expired between March 31 and May 31 will have a blanket certificate extension until June 30, 2020.

Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister  
([zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com))

**Deadline: 1st of each month.**

Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams"  
([madziars@msn.com](mailto:madziars@msn.com)) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" ([dcmi@reagan.com](mailto:dcmi@reagan.com))

## **CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS**

### **FOR SALE:**

One David Clark model H10-40 noise attenuating headset. 24 db attenuation with m-4 electret microphone, 5 foot straight cord with one M643/5 and one M642/4 plug. In excellent condition with ear cushions in like new shape and little sign of wear. In the original box with all papers. It's former home was in a Saratoga. Asking \$150.00 firm. Contact John Kuchar at 517-325-3059 or see me at the members meeting.

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.

Bluebird/Songbird Houses; \$20.00 each; proceeds benefit the Mason Sycamore Creek Youth Garden Club; Vickie Vandenberg; vickie@eaa55.org

Used American optical aviation sunglasses; non-polarized, two (2) pairs, one gold and one silver frame color, original packaging with care case. Paid \$67; asking \$48 obo. Clarke Borgeson 734-516-4363

Pietenpol Sky Scout; single seat; Lycoming O-145; 65HP; good compression check; all new plugs; runs good and lots of fun ! \$5,500.00. Margaret Bradford; 517-663-3083

Aircraft tire bead breaker; \$5.00; George Moore; 517-536-1034

Nine pieces- 1/8" 3-ply, Mahogany faces w/Popular inner plies, MIL P6070, \$15 ea; One piece-1/4" 5-ply Birch faces w/Popular inner plies, MIL P6070, \$30 ea; .040, 2024-T3, 2'x4', \$15 ea; upholstery fabric; abt 2 yds; Voltage Regulator, Cessna PN C6110010201, \$100; Telex 100TRA Hand Mic \$50; Graco Series 700, HVLP paint sprayer w/several nozzles & accessories & 3M respirator; make offer. Prices negotiable. Gary Nicola; [glnicola@att.net](mailto:glnicola@att.net) or 517-898-6387.

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.

**FREE STUFF:** There is a tub of magazines on the table, free to whoever might want them.

**FOR SALE:** Library overstock copies of hardbacks and softbacks; prices from \$.50 to \$3.00. In box.

### **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)**

## **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 Puroskey 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



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

**POCKET CALENDAR:**

Jun 13 = Young Eagles  
Jun 14 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol  
Jul 11 = Young Eagles  
Aug 8 = Young Eagles  
Aug 15 = Mason Aviation Day

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

**WEB EVENT CALENDARS:**

<http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/events>  
<http://www.fly-ins.com/>  
<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

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ON FACEBOOK !!



Baby Ace. Built by Eddie Dunn of Bay Shore N. Y. Span 25 ft. 9 in., a 65-hp Continental.



Warwick Tiny Champ. Builder, Bill Warwick of Torrance, Calif. Span 20 ft., 65-hp Continental.



Joan Trefethen of Los Angeles, Calif. flew over in the Stits Playboy which she built.



M1 Cougar. Fast cabin monoplane, built by R. Benckendorf of Streator, Ill.; 108-hp Lycoming.



Sweet Patootie. Built by Ed Hoffman, Tarpon Springs, Fla. Span 19 ft., 65-hp Continental.



Thunderbird. A neat biplane by Leon Pope of Roseville, Mich.; 100-hp Lycoming, span 18 ft.



Midget Mustang. Sport-racer built by Robert Busby, Dalton, Ill.; has 90-hp Continental.



Aeroflyte DSH-1. Benson Gyrocopter, built by Aeroflyte, Inc., Marion, Ill.; 70-hp McCulloch.



Lowery-Roakes KT-140 Knight Twister, powered by a 140-hp Continental, has Cessna-type gear.



DH Tiger Moth, owned by Rev. John MacGillivray, RCAF chaplain from Prince Edward Isl.

## EXPERIMENTAL



Clipped wing, aerobatic Taylorcraft flown by stunt pilot Duane Cole, 65-hp Continental.



Salvay-Stark Skyhopper, owned by J. McCann of Orlando, Fla.; 25-ft. span, 65-hp Continental.

TO THE MEMBERS of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the annual Fly-in is an occasion for a showing of the products of their handiwork, to demonstrate the workmanship and performance, to discuss design and construction details with experts in the field, and to meet old friends. This year, the event took place at Rockford, Ill., attracted 97 home-built airplanes, plus 25 antiques, from every cor-



A rare bird. Midget Flying Flea, built by Frank Easton, Salem, O.; 40-hp Continental engine.



Curtis Junior of 1930 vintage. Owned by Henry Kasper, Dixon, Ill.; 40-hp Continental engine.



Smith Miniplane. Exceedingly popular with homebuilders, has 125-hp Lycoming engine.



Stits Flut-R-Bug. Builder, Orel Yarger of Edgerton, O. Two-place, 65-hp Continental engine.

ner of the U. S., with one entry from Canada. More than 1,000 members attended. On the fourth and last day, Rockford tower handled 1,796 operations, 90 per cent of them without radio. Heading the Fly-in was E.A.A.'s president, Paul Poberezny, whose untiring work for the cause of homebuilders made it one of the most significant achievements in private aviation. The association has 9,000 members.



Tindall JT-1 has dummy machine guns. Tip-plated wings span 26 ft.; 65-hp Continental.



Modified for aerobatics by stunt pilot Harold Kreier, the Great Lakes has a 185-hp Warner.



Wittman Tailwind, built by Ed Todd of Madison, Wis. Powerplant is a 150-hp Lycoming.



Baby Ace equipped with tricycle gear. Builders, J. Rogers and C. Grow, Swansea, Mass.



Chuparosa, unusual biplane built by Raymond Hagy of Marfa, Tex.; a 65-hp Continental.



Half-scale Curtiss Jenny, powered by Model A Ford, took first place in Fly-in's static display.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHAPTER 55 ...

Chapter 55 was formed in 1959 and this year marked our 60th Anniversary. We are still trying to find out how many of the first 54 chapters formed prior to ours are still in operation.

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS** is the last Saturday of the month. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submitted material. Photos, sketches or artwork sent by email must be in JPEG or BMP format. Text must be in a Word format or copyable from the email. Submissions may be sent by regular mail and must be accompanied by prepaid postage if you want them returned. Submissions should be sent to: Deanna McAlister, Newsletter Editor.

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