

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

JULY 2022

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Margie Clark

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Where has the time gone? Here we are already into July and it seems as if summer just began! I hope you are all enjoying this great weather we have been having and have been able to get out and fly to your hearts content.

July is a fairly quiet month at the hangar with our only busy event being that of the Young Eagle Rally on the 9th following our Chapter breakfast and meeting. Please consider giving some of your time to help out that day. We can always find a task that needs a volunteer to complete it. Our next rally will be on August 13.

Remember our potlucks on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:00pm. Lots of food and comradery...what a great match up!

I am late in giving out a big thank you to the McAlisters and the Thorburns for the donations of 2 high chairs. They are getting good use and well appreciated on the nights of our potlucks and Saturday breakfasts.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20. The 19th we will be setting up the hangar for Mason Aviation Days. We start about 10:00 and can of course use lots of hands. Then our second fundraiser is the following day and it's a longer day than Dawn Patrol. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the meeting room. Please consider signing up for a shift or two or more. Many

of us will be there the entire day and would appreciate the extra help.

Safe flying everyone!
Margie

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting June 2022

Not available at time of publishing.

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting June 2022

Not available at time of publishing.

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

BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Karen Hover	Jim Palmer
Greg Hover	Cal Hayslette
Bruce Thorburn	Jeff Hall
Ivan Bradley	Clark Radcliffe
Jann Angell	Clark Borgeson
Newton Kingsbury	Gary Nicola

Thank YOU June team for breakfast, sorry no picture available.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

JULY:
Young Eagles Program
CONTACT DAVE COUREY or MARGIE CLARK WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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Thank you to all the PILOTS and VOLUNTEERS that helped with our first Young Eagle Rally. Without you we would not have been able to have 74 youngsters experience the opportunity of flying! You are very much appreciated for all that you do! Please consider coming back again for the July 9 rally as I'm fairly certain there will be even more potential flyers that day. I have again been fielding calls and emails inquiring about the flights and it looks to be a busy day. If you haven't worked a rally but are interested in helping out there are sign-up sheets at the hangar for both July and August. If you aren't sure of what to sign up for just give me a shout and I'll get you placed. Remember, TEAMWORK is what helps to get things done.
Young Eagle Coordinator,
Margie ☺

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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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Derrick Knox, Jr. And, we welcome back Edward Maturuk.

CHAPTER EVENTS: We continue to work to get the word out about our July & August Young Eagles and Mason Aviation Day. Copies of our flyers are attached with this newsletter email. Please email your family and friends. Please post at work, church and any public bulletin boards you know about. Copies of our flyers will also be at the Chapter for you to pass out. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

WEBSITE PICTURES, PICTURES PICTURES: Have you been checking our website?? Do we have a current profile picture of you for the member roster?? How about your past or present project and/or aircraft??

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 517-483-3692 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.)

ATTENTION PILOTS: Please sign the **Airport Register** each time you make a flight whether it is to another airport or just local practice at your own airport. It is important for airport funding but also serves several other purposes. An Airport Register is located in the Mason Jewett Terminal Building and another is located in our chapter meeting room for your convenience. So, please take a minute to record your flight activity wherever you go flying – even if it's just to poke a couple of holes in the sky !!

WHY SIGN THE AIRPORT REGISTER:

- Document where itinerant users come from
- Estimate annual operations
- Assist in locating the pilot of a parked aircraft
- Assist in locating aircraft reported missing

Karen Meirndorf
team Heartwood Glad Rags

The American Cancer Society is attacking cancer in many ways. From funding breakthrough research for new treatments, ways to prevent cancer, to providing patient programs and service, to advocating for policy change that saves lives and more. We're doing everything in our power to create a world without cancer.

Thanks everybody who participating in our Chapters 'Fact Sign' 50/50 drawings this spring. We raised over \$232.00 to help make our Relay goal of \$75,000. There's still plenty of time to purchase a luminary for family or friends before the Relay at 6pm on September 23. Pick up a form on the leadership table in the Chapters clubhouse.

Thanks again for making it possible for our community cancer survivors to celebrate more birthdays.

Karen



YOUTH GROUP

By Jeff Shaud

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July 2022 EAA55 Young Aviators Youth Group Activity – By Jeff Shaud

Greetings EAA 55 members,

July Meeting Schedule

Our next Young Aviators youth group meeting will take place on **Sunday July 10, 2022** from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the chapter hangar at Mason Jewett airport. Please enter through Gate #1. I hope to see you there and, bring a friend!

Youth Group Lab Activities Moving to Main Hangar

The youth group has moved from the builders' hangar to make room for a new chapter tenant. We would like to thank EAA Chapter 55 for allowing the youth group use of the builders' hangar for our internal combustion engine projects. Our new location will be along the south wall of the chapter

main hangar. A small group of youth members, under the leadership of mentor Bruce Boardman, completed the move in a short amount of time. Thank you Bruce, for your leadership and great ideas for the new youth group space. Thank you to those youth group members who came out to help with the move.

YG ISO (In Search Of) Lockable "Worksite" Tool Box

We are in need of a lockable worksite toolbox (similar to the one shown in the picture) to store the youth group toolsets. The toolbox does not have to be new or made of steel. Wood construction would work just fine. We just need a secure place to store our tools while in the main hangar. If you have something to donate, please contact Jeff Shaud at (517) 712-6482.

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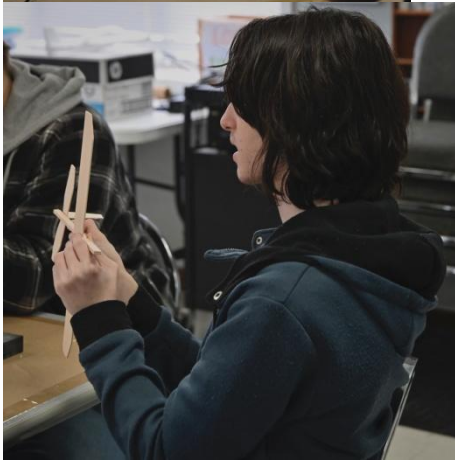


Youth Group at Dawn Patrol

The youth group (YG) had very good volunteer attendance at the EAA Chapter 55 Dawn Patrol Fly-In Breakfast. Five YG members showed up to lend a hand cooking pancakes and bussing tables. Thank you to those youth group members who volunteered for this very worthy fundraising event.

YG Glider Launch

After our move into the main hangar on Sunday June 26th, some of the youth group had a chance to "launch" their EAA AeroEducate gliders. Although the winds were gusting to 25 knots, we were still able to have quite a few successful flights. We will try again on a day when the winds are calmer.



to rave reviews. Anna is a senior and is homeschooled. She has previously played parts in the Children’s Community Theater rendition of King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table, Doctor Doolittle, and the Hobbit. Anna’s favorite part is being on stage and feeling everyone is a team and has your back. Best of luck Anna. ”Break a leg”.

The Children’s Community Theater (CCT) of Shiawassee County exists to encourage children to reach their full potential by using their God-given gifts to enrich our community through the arts. At CCT, children will develop skills in the stage presence, voice projection, believability, improvisation, as well as the importance of teamwork and encouragement.



EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Dateline: Thursday June 30, 2022

For immediate release to the youth group article in the July 2022 edition of EAA Chapter 55 Wingtips newsletter.

EAA Chapter 55 Young Aviator youth group member Anna F. cast as Spritely in the Children’s Community Theater rendition of Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs.

Perry, Mi. - Our own youth group member, Anna F. has been cast in the Children’s Community theater play: Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. The play performed on Wednesday June 29th and Thursday June 30th at the Perry (Mi.) High School Auditorium

TRIVIA:

Q: For what vehicle is every forward transmission gear overdrive?



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS

By Mark Bathurst
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For our students graduating early in August, the employment opportunities continue to improve. Unlike in 2020, when few employers were

interviewing our students, this year is a repeat of the pre-pandemic era when multiple job offers were the norm even before graduation. The industry concern remains that the supply of qualified aircraft technicians is not growing fast enough to meet demand. While this is a concern for major airlines, manufacturers and service and repair companies around the world, it creates a remarkable opportunity for people interested in entering and working in this exciting and rewarding field.

Early retirements, financially advantageous buyouts and wide-spread layoffs all contributed to the current shortfall of qualified aviation maintenance technicians, and the industry is scrambling to find enough new aircraft mechanics to meet their needs. Demand for air travel is now ahead of the pre-pandemic levels, and reports of significant aircraft orders in the commercial and corporate markets will only aggravate the problem. Boeing is forecasting that 769,000 new technicians will be needed around the world by 2038, including 193,000 new mechanic positions in North America alone.

In addition to the economic turnaround, the increase in demand for qualified technicians can also be traced to technological changes in aircraft manufacturing. Newer aircraft require different skills to maintain them compared to older ones, but both are still in widespread use. Increasingly, new aircraft orders are to accommodate growth rather than fleet upgrades and aircraft replacements. This means tomorrow's fleets are going to be composed of a mixture of cutting-edge aircraft and much older machines. Therefore, there is a need for aviation maintenance technicians who can repair older aircraft but who are also familiar with things like composite materials, digital systems, and additive manufacturing (3D printing). The industry needs new technicians with the latest training, and it needs them now. That's where programs like LCC's come in.

Increased demand for skilled mechanics (and pilots) yields a competitive employment environment. We have seen more employers coming to talk to our students than in the history of the program. The net affect for our students is that the numerous jobs available have starting salaries approaching \$55,000 per year. Students have the choice of airlines, large and small repair facilities and manufacturing operations that weren't looking for new employees two years ago. Students can choose to work in any

part of the United States, and employers are offering enhanced relocation allowances, sign-on bonuses and benefit improvements unlike in any period before. It's good to see the industry growing and creating employment opportunities for our students when they graduate.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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See you at the airport!

BY: Jeff Stetson

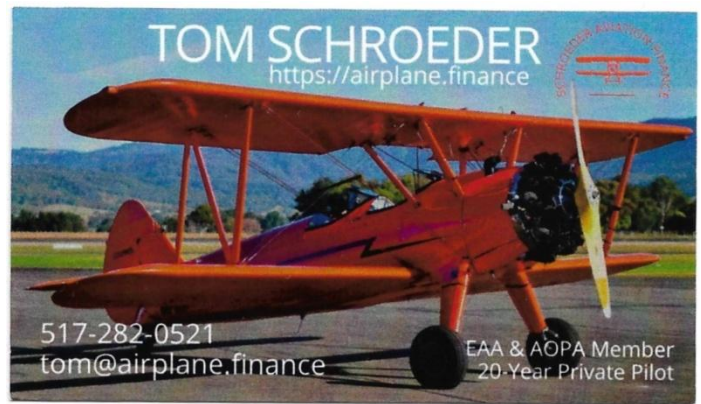
June 9-12th I attended 4 days of official Rotax 912 series engine training and am now iRMT "Service" and "Maintenance" certified. While I'm definitely not an A&P, if I can be of help to Chapter Rotax owners, please give me a call. Too, supposedly I can order parts at a discount, if you wish to save a few bucks.



And, for fun, I attended a Vintage Sailplane Association meet at my old soaring club in Lawrenceville, IL (KLWV), where I was invited to give my talk on (Motor)soaring for Power Pilots. The star of the event was a gorgeous restored 1940

Minimoa, complete with translucent wings. Averaged about 30 mpg for the flight there and back.

Jeff



Email Notice:

The best way to do a broadcast email to Chapter 55 membership is to “reply all” to your latest newsletter email. Just change/delete the subject and content. This will insure you get the most up-to-date membership roster

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

Deadline: 1st of each month.

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

**CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS
FOR SALE:**

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

HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020
Tim Martinson; common hangar; best for low wing; 517-803-0462; tmartins1575@yahoo.com
EAA55; Common Storage or Building hangar space;

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:

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
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310
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
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)
Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 project
Dawn Koepplinger; Cessna 172; Aeronca Sedan
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)

Rick Laub; Sling 4 project
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8
Edward Manturuk; Lancair ES
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A project
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172
Chuck Moore; RV-12
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman
Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3
project
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project
Tom Sheehan; C-170 & Aerosport & Funk B85C;
Lincoln-Page 1928
Rockwood Shepard; RV-9A
Jim Spry; RV-8
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750
John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P
argie Clark; 517-853-1418 (waiting list)

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions
and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister
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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)**

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

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

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

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

July 25-31 2022 AirVenture
August 20, 2022 MAD Mason Aviation Day

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