



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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And Winter is upon us!

As I'm writing this they're forecasting plenty of snow and frigid temperatures this weekend. I should have taken advantage of the weather and gone for a ride today. Oh well.

But I did make some nice progress on the plane project this week. Fitted the cowl and got it painted. This means I'm pretty much done with both painting and carbon fiber. Yay! I can say from experience that carbon fiber is amazing stuff but nasty to work with. But I'm done!



And we had a fly-in at Mason! It was back in December. The weather was so bad the ducks (actually geese) were staying on the ground. So they did just that but on the runway. I'm glad no humans were flying. It may not have ended well. A word to the wise...

Kalamazoo Air Zoo Event!!

Check this out. The Air Zoo's airplanes have their clothes off for the entire month of February! Sounds like a great diversion from the Winter/Covid blues.



Meanwhile...

The State of Michigan, Public Health Guidance limits indoor gatherings is:

“Up to 10 people from two households are allowed and masks are required.”

It's too cold to gather outdoors so once again we won't have a regular meeting this month. I suppose we could flood the ramp and have a hockey tournament. Nah.

The good news is people are getting vaccinated and it won't be too long 'til we can gather outdoors. Here's looking forward to that.

Keep Calm and Fly on.

Drew Seguin

Winter and aviation... It's not for wimps



EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting January 6 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:05pm via a Zoom online meeting.

Present were Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, Al Spalding, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Jeff Shaud, Clarke Borgeson, Ken Drewyor, Rick Laub, and Chloe Miner. Absent was Gabe Blosser. →The Secretaries Report for December 9, 2020 was submitted as printed in the Wing Tips newsletter, Clarke Borgeson moved to accept and was seconded by Rick Laub, the motion was accepted. →Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2020 from Al Spalding noted that Margie Clark had submitted purchases for the Young Eagles program were paid and that the Chapter 55 renewal

bill were paid. Paid membership is around 80% to date. The Treasurer's report was submitted, Joe Madziar made a motion to accept and and was seconded by Clarke Borgeson, the motion was accepted.

→The member's meeting for 2021 are canceled for the near future. →The Ray Scholarship report from Jeff Shaud was given. He attended an informational meeting on the status of the program for last year. There were 128 applicants approved with one chapter dropping out due to Corona Virus issues. There will be 100 scholarships available for chapters to apply for in 2021 with a deadline of October 31st for the candidates to apply.

→The Youth Group report from Jeff Schaud. There has been little activity due to the Corona Virus. CARDS has requested a release form for photos to be used in Model Aviation magazine.

→Chapter 55 flew 18 Young Eagle flights during the year despite the lock down with the Corona Virus. →Sport Aviation reported that Chapter 634 in Louisiana may be forced to close due to damage from the hurricanes. Rick Laub made a request to consider Chapter 55 to make a donation to help them out in repairing the damages to their facility. Rick will call the chapter to get more information and pass the information to the Board and to the members for feedback. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 9, 2020

→Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: Feb. 10th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; TBA
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

**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 Vandenberg
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GOODBYE TO SPARTAN WINGS: The only thing certain these days is change. But, still, it is sad to say goodbye to the Spartan Wings Flying Club. Spartan Wings has been a fixture at Mason Jewett for many, many years and they will be missed.

MEAD & HUNT SURVEY: Everyone should have received the letter from CRAA or the email from me regarding the update of the Mason Jewett Field Master Plan and the Mead & Hunt Survey requesting input. Your completion of the survey is important to the planning for the future of our airport.

AUTO MUSEUM IN JACKSON: Some of you may remember Ted O'Dell, who is a member of the Central Michigan T's (Model T Group). He has been our contact for bringing the group to some of our past events. Ted has also been working to establish an auto museum in Jackson, MI. The link to find a recent article about his project is

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/category/automotive-history/>

Jackson has a long and rich history in the automotive industry. Many early autos were manufactured here. Later, many more businesses were involved in the manufacturing of auto parts. Jackson still has some

parts manufacturers, but not like the heyday. I know Mr. O'Dell has been working on this for years. I also have hopes that the museum will highlight not only the autos, but the entire manufacturing history and Jackson's contributions to the war effort in WWII.

SPRING IS COMING: The woodchuck says six more weeks of winter. I say only six more weeks til Spring !!

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
Cloud 9; see Classifieds

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



YOUTH GROUP
By Jeff Shaud
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Meeting was canceled, see you next time at the airport.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
By Mark Bathurst
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My past articles have focused on our aviation technology program and the requirements our students must satisfy to become successful, highly skilled and technically competent aircraft maintenance technicians. Since our students are well into their spring semester studies, I thought this month I'd explain how our program fits in the larger LCC picture, and also offer a few facts about LCC itself.

The aviation technology program is part of the LCC's Technical Career's Division. The division offices and other division programs are located in LCC's facility on Mt. Hope Road, just east of Crytes Road. Lansing Community College is one of the largest community college in Michigan, and the community colleges larger than LCC are in the Detroit area.

Students attend LCC in statuses that include full time, part time, on-line and continuing education. Funds for LCC come primarily from state allocations, student tuition and property taxes from the 15 communities contiguous to LCC. Tuition for students who live in the school districts surrounding LCC (Bath, Dansville, DeWitt, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt/Dimondale, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville, and Williamston) is \$111 per credit hour. Compare that to MSU, WMU, EMU, etc. and the value proposition is clearly in LCC's favor.

LCC has five campuses to conveniently serve students. The main campus is downtown, just northeast of the Capitol building. There are also satellite campuses in East Lansing and Howell. As I indicated, the Technical Careers campus is in West Lansing, and Aviation is at the Mason airport. Making classes convenient in location allows more students to attend and is in keeping with the mission of community colleges.

A large number of programs offered by LCC transfer to four-year universities. Completing the first two years (or for some programs three years) at LCC represents a significant financial savings, and LCC works with a large number of four year universities in Michigan to ensure LCC graduates' courses of study are accepted in full. As an example, LCC aviation students who complete all FAA-required courses and five additional general education core courses are awarded two Associates' degrees, and can complete their Bachelor's degree at either Western Michigan or Sienna Heights University in two years or less. When one thinks about community colleges, the concepts of value, location, transferability, individualized instruction and an education that leads to immediate employment in areas currently in demand should be obvious. If someone you know is thinking about where to start their post-secondary education, have them look at LCC. The education opportunities are significant, the value is real and employment prospects are immediate.

Here's to a better 2021.



EDITORS PROLIX

By Deanna McAlister

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Love is in the air. Cold winter weather is in the air in mid-Michigan, but winter flying can be lovely as long

as you are dressed for it. Having good window and door seals helps, if not a good roll of tape can dull the draft and of course heat. Love is in the air, so get up there!!

Ray Aviation Scholarship

What is the Ray Scholarship?

The Ray Aviation Scholarship is a program funded and supported by the Ray Foundation, managed by the EAA, and administered by the local EAA Chapter. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA will provide up to \$10,000 to deserving youths for their training expenses. The flight training scholarship will award up to:

- \$5,000 for Glider pilot training
- \$7,500 for Sport pilot training
- \$10,000 for Private pilot training

The following are eligibility and expectations for a Ray Scholarship Candidate.

Complete two or more hours of volunteer service per month, such as: Young Eagle volunteering, Pancake breakfast/fly-in volunteering, and Chapter gathering participation.

- Be age 16-19 for sport pilot, Private pilot, and age 15 for glider pilot
- Posses a student pilot certificate (private pilot students)
- Posses an FAA medical certificate
- Be able to begin flight training within 60 days of receiving the award.

If you know of any youth who meets or will meet these qualifications, the first step is to fill out an application. The Chapter 55 Scholarship committee will review all applications. The committee can only recommend one candidate to the EAA for full scholarship so the candidate must be very committed to starting and completing their training. If a candidate is selected by the committee, the recommended candidates name and qualifications will be forwarded to the Ray Scholarship Fund Committee for their consideration.

Applications are being accepted until March 30, 2021. You can find the application on our Chapter 55 website under Scholarships. Completed applications

should be mailed to the Scholarship Committee, 645 Aviation Dr, Mason MI, 48854

More information about the Scholarship can be found on the national EAA website, EAA.org

Only youth who have a genuine interest in becoming a glider, sport, or private pilot should apply.

If you have any questions, please contact **Joe Madziar** at madziars@msn.com.



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:**

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 We can deliver to EAA hangar for pick-up.

For sale!!!! 16 acres, 4 bedroom 3 bath, hangar, horse barn, runway, forest, pond, hunting, 2 big hills Haslett Schools Williamston township, 865 Barry Rd Haslett \$478,000 \$450,000 if no realtor contact Gabe Blosser 517- 896-0020

TOM SCHROEDER
<https://airplane.finance>

517-282-0521
tom@airplane.finance

EAA & AOPA Member
20-Year Private Pilot

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

Excutive/corporate heated hangar space available. Includes pilot lounge, kitchen, bathroom/shower, conference room, TV. Cloud9 248-921-0092

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister 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/BPurosky; 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 Purosky 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

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/>

Who invented the first airplane that couldn't fly?

The wrong brothers of course.
(Pun brought to you this month by Chloe)

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