

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

AUGUST 2020

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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Notice:

M.A.D. Cancelled

Well, at least the weather has cooled off a bit. It makes it nicer for working on airplane projects. And nicer for flying too. There's been some lovely evening flying going on around here.

It sure has been a while since we had any fun Chapter 55 activities, save for the couple of small get togethers outside the hangar. I can't believe it's August! What happened to July? And June? Oshkosh has been a fixture in my summers for so many years that without it my summer is all mixed up. Well, there's always next year.

I was thinking it would be nice to have an informal get together at the EAA Hangar this Saturday in lieu of a Chapter meeting. Outside. Bring your own food and beverage. No program. Keep a social distance. It will be nice just to catch up a bit.

I want to give thanks to Jim Spry, Pat Salow for taking the Gulf Hawk up to its new owner in Charlevoix. And again, thanks to everyone who helped with that whole effort. The plane, the rummage sale and so forth. It's odd to recall that cold day when we picked up all that stuff in Marshall. We're so fortunate to have the money generated now

that we've had to cancel all of our fundraising activities for the year.

Oh by the way, last time I checked LL100 Avgas is cheaper than Recreational gas. Guess what I'm running in the lawn mower?

Stay Safe and make good choices. I hope to see you at the airport.

Drew

And be careful when Hand Propping ...



July 8 Board Meeting minutes:

Attendees: D. Seguin, D. Koons, M. Bathurst, G. Blosser, J. Bobchik, W. Miller, B. Purosky, J. Shaud
Absent: B. Clark, A. Spalding, J. Kuchar, J. Madziar, K. Vandenbelt

- Called to Order at 7:00PM
- Secretary’s report available for June Board meeting was not available
- Treasurer’s report; Motion to accept by G. Blosser, Second by D. Koons. Unanimous support.
- Drew relayed letter from CRAA raising land rental from \$618.22/year to \$970.68 per lease terms. That’s \$80.89 per month up from \$51.52. J. Shaud raised the question of whether we need to raise rent on hangar space. Tabled for August meeting.
- MAD Cancelled
- July 11 Chapter meeting cancelled. W. Miller has indicated he and possible others will be at KTEW on Saturday to socialize. Note that this is not an EAA 55 event. No food service and no program will take place.
- Interested parties may also come to KTEW on August 8 to socialize. Again, this is not an EAA 55 event and no food service or program will



take place.

- Discussion on policy for use of Chapter 55 facilities under the Covid-19 Pandemic. Drew will prepare an addendum to the use policy with guidelines for sanitizing after use. J. Shaud will contact CAP regarding this.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting Minutes:

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting February 8, 2020: The minutes reflected in the March newsletter as January 11 should be corrected to show they are for February 8, 2020

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting March 14, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.



EAA Chapter 55 Board Meeting April 8, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting April 11, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

EAA Chapter 55 Board Meeting May 13, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting May 16, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

EAA Chapter 55 Board Meeting June 10, 2020: Minutes TBD

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting June 13, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

EAA Chapter 55 Board Meeting July 8, 2020: Minutes TBD

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting July 11, 2020: Meeting cancelled; no minutes.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed; Aug. 5th
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

~~~ **OUTDOOR GATHERING TOMORROW**  
**AUG 8TH BYOS (sustenance)~~~!!!!!!!!!!!!**



**YOUNG EAGLES**  
 by Margie Clark  
 ([margie@eaa55.org](mailto:margie@eaa55.org))

See you at the airport!

family? Please contact me at 517-589-5051 or [vickie7463@gmail.com](mailto:vickie7463@gmail.com) so that the Chapter can send a card. (With my sincere thanks to those who have alerted me in the past.)

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

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



**YOUTH GROUP**  
 By Jeff Shaud  
 ([jlshaud@wowway.com](mailto:jlshaud@wowway.com))

Temporary suspended meetings.



**MEMBERSHIP**  
 by Vickie Vandenberg  
 ([EAA55.mems@gmail.com](mailto:EAA55.mems@gmail.com))

**SNACK SALES:** Thank you for the support of our sales. But I would like to request that you please put pop cans in the proper bin NOT the garbage. Costs have gone up and having the 10 can deposit returned to EAA55 is factored into keeping member cost at 50 cents. You can also put plastic bottles in the same bin as we separate those for recycling.



**LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS**  
 By Mark Bathurst  
 ([bathursm@star.lcc.edu](mailto:bathursm@star.lcc.edu))

See you at the airport!

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Please note that most of our chapter officers and coordinators now have new Chapter 55 email addresses. Also, please take a moment to verify that your email address in the Chapter 55 website membership list is correct.



**EDITORS PROLIX**  
 By Deanna McAlister  
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Fly into Stockbridge, (in or on your land vehicle) visit Plane Food Market. We are on search of Junk!!! If you happen to have any scrap/ junk airplane parts, we would love to have them for decoration. The market theme is Plane food sourced locally and we want customers to have the feel of walking into a hangar and getting their produce, meat, dairy, bake goods, honey, syrup, etc etc .....

**LIBRARY-MISSING ITEMS:** I've completed the inventory of our DVD collection of both movies and documentaries. These are all available for member use on and off premises. However, a few items have come up missing. If you have borrowed DVDs, could you please check at home and see if you have our EAA55 copy of:  
 Hints for Home Builders  
 MacArthur  
 Wings of Glory - Part 1  
 Wings of Glory - Part 2

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))

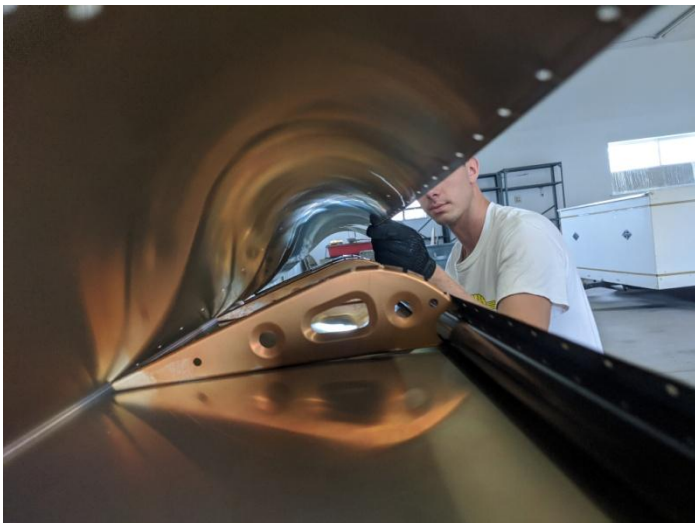
**CARDS & MEMORIALS:** Do you know of a member who is ill? Or, who has had a death in the

It was move in day for **Gabe Blosser**, pictured below.



**By: RICK LAUB**

When my son Thomas has been home, we have been working our way through the empennage parts of the Sling TSi quickbuild kit. There are always setbacks along the way, but we are working through them as creatively and safely as possible. Sometimes we need to pause to get confirmation on items, and sometimes we need to wait for some parts to arrive. We always appreciate the help and camaraderie of other chapter members who stop by, or helping us out with lending a tool or the voice of experience.



Thank you EAA55 for your ongoing support!

**By Terry Lutz**

DUSTOFF 438

The stories we hear of heroes in combat often involve courage and self-sacrifice under intense enemy fire.

Then there are the unsung heroes who are an essential part of combat operations. They do their job, in good and bad conditions, and if we were to meet them and hear their stories, we would do anything we could to lift the intense burden they carry.

The Order of Daedalians was formed in March 1934 by veteran pilots of WWI to promote patriotism and love of country. An article appeared in the Spring 2020 Daedalus Flyer where the devotion to duty of those unsung heroes really hit home. The article was written by Captain Janel McNair, an Army helicopter pilot that began her flying career 10 days after the World Trade Center was attacked on 9-11-01. Like all most us, she dreamed of becoming a pilot and never really considered anything else. She grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania, and joined Army ROTC when she was a student at Virginia Tech.

After helicopter training at Ft. Rucker, everyone in her class knew that they would be headed for combat operations of some sort. While assigned to a unit in Germany, she was deployed to the Balkans and could see the aftermath of war. Then she was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 and could see the ugliness of war first-hand. As a MEDEVAC pilot, she knew that lives depended on getting the combat wounded, many just clinging to life, to front line medical units. War was very real, as she witnessed severely wounded American soldiers being loaded in her helicopter.



Then came the night of April 22, 2004, when the call "Dustoff, Dustoff, Dustoff you have a 9-line". The 9-line was code for a region close to the boarder with Pakistan. As number 2 in a two ship, they headed for a canyon surrounded by high terrain. Captain

McNair hovered nearby as the lead helo descended and picked up two wounded soldiers. Once clear, she descended nearly vertically to the LZ in a dry creek bed. Expecting to pick up two remaining casualties, her crew was met by a group of distressed Army Rangers carrying two black body bags. It was a very quiet flight back their base.

The next morning, she learned the news that Pat Tillman had been killed the previous day during a fire-fight on the Afghan-Pakistan border. If you remember, he was an NFL player who willingly turned down his contract to serve his country. A combat hero brought home by an unsung combat hero.



Captain McNair served her country for 9 years, then left to pursue another dream. She is married and the mother of an 11-year old son and 8-year old daughter. The pictures you see are from a combat hospital where she visited a child who was casualty of war, and the second of Captain McNair in front of her helicopter, Dustoff 438.

## **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 Vandenbelt; vickie@eaa55.org

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

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.

**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



### **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)

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](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/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  
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**FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS  
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thanks to Mark Bathurst)**

**WEB EVENT CALENDARS:**

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

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

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



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