



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rick Laub

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I got to AirVenture again, and the EAA chapter in Bolivar, Missouri was gracious in letting me set my tent up in their reserved area in Camp Scholler. Maybe the best weather yet and always a great show and learning opportunity as well as a chance to network with other Sling folks. Left on Friday morning, so I regretfully missed seeing the Snowbirds perform. I got to compare notes on our respective EAA chapters and we hold up well. When reflecting on our activities, I am grateful of the dedication and involvement of so many of our members in our Young Eagles events as well as things like Dawn Patrol and MAD. And speaking of MAD, it is coming up soon on August 17th – we start serving breakfast at 7:30am and finish up mid-afternoon after serving lunch. So - lots of opportunities to get involved. As with Dawn Patrol, I signed up to be in charge of the weather – looking to go two for two. Our final Young Eagles is on August 10th – many thanks to all those who make these a success – especially Margie and all of the folks donating their aircraft and time flying the kids. Huge thanks to Doug for managing and working on our new roof coating.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST:

Young Eagle Rally

SEPTEMBER:

Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (tent)

OCTOBER:

TBD

CONTACT PAT SALOW WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS

**“THANK YOU”
JULY BREAKFAST TEAM**

UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

AUGUST

Mike Franzago

Cal Hayslette

Tim Allen

Andrew Brown

CHAPTER 55

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm; July 10th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat. July 12th

with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am



**EAA CHAPTER 55 BOARD OF
DIRECTORS MEETING,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by President Rick Laub. In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, Jeff Shaud, Gary Nicola, Bob Clark, Drew Seguin, Warren Miller, Greg Hover, and Ken Drewyor. Absent were John Kuchar, Dave James, Michael Rosencrans, and Gabe Blosser. Non board members present were Doug Koons and Margie Clark. * The Secretary's Report was noted. Drew made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Greg Hover. The motion carried. * The Treasurer's Report was briefly summarized by Treasurer Drew Seguin. Gilda made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Greg Hover. The motion carried. * Discussion ensued about Dawn Patrol. It was agreed that the recent Dawn Patrol event was a great success. Warren Miller suggested that it might be wise to lessen the work involved in setting up the event. He also brought up that there was a bit of confusion over parking incoming planes. It was decided that Ken Drewyor, who heads up the parking, would tighten up the training/instruction to those in charge of directing planes where to park. * Discussion also centered around the glut of work-heavy events in June, July, and August. A suggestion was made by Gilda Tucker to consider moving Dawn Patrol to either May or September. No decisions were made. * Doug gave an update on the roof issue. Stan Chubb (who owns a hanger next to Doug's) has a friend in the commercial roofing business. This friend, Tom Riley, offered to do our roof repair job on Thursday and Friday, July 11 th and 12 th , for a total cost of \$4,500. Gilda Tucker made a motion to accept this offer and was seconded by Ken Drewyor. Discussion ensued over this, then the motion carried. * The same gentleman, Tom Riley, offered to paint the outdoor walls of the member and builder's hanger with the same color blue, or any color at the price of \$5,500. He agreed to remove and reset the signs on the building as part of the same cost. Gilda made a motion to accept this offer and was seconded by Greg Hover. Discussion ensued. The motion failed. * Jeff Shaud gave the Youth Report. The last

meeting was on Sunday June 23 rd . There were new people there, who joined the group. At the meeting, Navigation and Pilotage were discussed. (Pilotage is flying with using ground references.) Jeff thanked those who donated old airport directories. They were very useful in helping the members learn how to plot their flight plans.) The Youth also worked on a chapter service project involving the "kitty airplanes" used to entertain young children at outdoor events. They tightened the screws and cables on the planes. The next Youth meeting is Sunday, July 14 th from 2 to 5pm. Dead Reconning will be discussed. (Dead Reconning is flying using time, speed, and distance calculations.) Most of our youth are members also of C.A.P. (Civil Air Patrol). On Tuesday, July 2 nd , Jeff visited the Civil Air Patrol. They meet in the Armory in Howell. There are two groups that meet, youths and adults. Youths meet and work on projects without adult supervision. They have their own cadet leaders and commander. Near the end of the meeting time, youths and adults come together. Jeff said the youth meeting was orderly and well run, even without adult supervision. * About this time Margie reminded us that the group we've been referring to as "the Youth Group" actually has the name "Young Aviators". Rick made a motion that the group hereafter be referred to as the Young Aviators. Gilda seconded and the motion carried. * Lawn mowing was the next topic of discussion. Gary noted that the lawn mowing tractor is not working properly – shutting itself off after a short time. Doug mentioned that Bruce Thorburn volunteered to mow, using his equipment, apparently until the tractor issue is resolved. Bruce mowed the lawn in the last day or so. Gabe had intended to mow but was rained out. * Room close-out for July is being handled by Ken Drewyor. Gilda Tucker is taking the responsibility in August. * Young Eagles are flying Saturday immediately after the member meeting. Coolers are still needed! * Margie noted that members need to be reminded that the builder's hanger is used by multiple people at different times. All who use the hanger need to be considerate of others and keep their tools put away when not in use. There isn't room in the hanger for storage of personal items. She also mentioned that out of the same consideration, tables should be left clean. * Gilda mentioned that John Kuchar, our Vice President, is still

recovering at home from injuries that were initially sustained in February. * M.A.D. (Mason Aviation Day) planning is headed up by Greg Hover. A call will go out at the member meeting Saturday for volunteers. The Boy Scouts will again be working with us helping out where needed. Margie reminded food handlers NOT to throw away the food tickets people give them for obtaining food. The used tickets are our way of counting food items sold. A M.A.D. sign will be displayed at the Steam Tractor Show in the Mason/Leslie area July 25 th and picked up on July 28 th . * LCC Operations at the Aviation Technology Facility will host an open house at M.A.D.. In years past a golf cart shuttle conveyed people from the member hanger to the A.T.F. and back. * The cost of food at M.A.D. is projected to remain the same as last year. The menu also remains unchanged. * The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary



EAA CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:32am by President Rick Laub. After singing the National Anthem, Rick thanked the breakfast team, Karen Hover, Bruce Thorburn, and Ivan Bradley. Next month's breakfast team is Mike Franzago, Cal Hayslette, Tim Allen, and Andrew Brown. There were thirty-six present, including guests. Gilda Tucker has been installed as the official photographer of the breakfast team. * The Secretary's Report was noted. Margie Clark made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Jeff Shaud. The motion carried. * The Treasurer's Report was briefly discussed by Treasurer Drew Seguin. Jeff Shaud made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Terry Lutz. The motion carried. * Dave Trojan moved to keep the AeroMart, which he founded, going. All agreed by verbal affirmation. * Jeff Shaud, director of the Young Aviators asked for a volunteer(s) to teach Dead Reconning at the upcoming Young Aviators Meeting. The meeting is Sunday, July 14 th from 2 to 5pm. The June 23 rd

meeting included several new people who became members. Navigation and Pilotage were discussed. Jeff thanked those who donated old airport directories to the club. They have been very helpful. The group tightened screws and cables on the "kitty airplanes" as a chapter service project. (Note: It was decided at the board meeting that the group would hitherto be referred to by its correct name: Young Aviators.) * Margie indicated that the Young Eagles events are going well, but more ground crew volunteers would be helpful. * Doug, who heads up the roof project, mentioned that a commercial roofer offered to do our roofing job for \$4,500 complete. The board approved acceptance of this and work has already begun and will be completed this weekend. The man is a friend of EAA member Stan Chubb. * Greg Hover, who is in charge of preparations for Mason Aviation Day (M.A.D.) still needs volunteers. M.A.D. is August 17 th . Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the member hanger. * Lawn mowing was discussed at length at the board meeting. The outcome is that Gabe Blosser, Gary Nicola, and Bruce Thorburn will share responsibility for this task. * We could use a few more ice chests for upcoming events. * Dave Trojan, as mentioned earlier, heads up the AeroMart and reports it is an increasingly successful venture. He thanked everyone for their donations and purchases. * Gilda Tucker mentioned Thunder Over Michigan at the former Yankee Air Museum in Willow Run takes place July 20th and 21 st . * Gilda also reminded members to take a few minutes to fill out their Member Spotlight form and email it back to her. Member Coordinator Vickie Vandenbelt recently sent each member a form via email. * Young Eagles flights follow immediately after the member meeting. * The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am. * Respectfully submitted by Gilda Tucker, Sectary



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandenbelt
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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Sue Carter, along with returning members Chuck & Sharron Hacker. We also welcome new Student Member Kytalynn Gilpin.

2024 YOUNG EAGLE TOTALS TO DATE:

May @ 34

June @ 59

July @ 82

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: I know we all want to get rid of more magazines and don't want to acquire more (plus EAA55 is having trouble giving them away) ... That said, I did want to tell you that the owner of Timeless Treasures on Cedar Street has a pile of boxes of aircraft magazines dating from the 1960s-1980s. Pictures are just a sampling. I told him I would let all of you know ...

MAGAZINES: We now have a great supply of aviation magazines. Now we need some one to put them out at our events and make our patrons aware that they are FREE for the taking ...

AMBASSADORS: We are all ambassadors for aviation when we are with the patrons who come to our events. When folks ask questions - Be sure to let know that our Chapter offers a six-month free trial memberships to EAA National, along with free Student Memberships – as well as memberships to EAA Chapter 55.

KLONDIKE BARS: Don't panic – we are not giving them up. But they may need to be temporarily relocated to the supply room refrig/freezer to make room for MAD supplies.

AERO MART SALE: Dave Trojan initiated our first ever AeroMart at our Dawn Patrol. It was well received !! We are still collecting donations of items for the "sales table" to do again for Mason Aviation Day. Items wanted include anything aviation related - especially looking for airplane toys, aviation pictures and art, DVDs, books, and small aircraft parts. Look around your hangars and homes for what you want to get rid of. Dave will price the items and your donated items will be accepted right up until the day of MAD.

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 Vickie in the past.)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to CHAPTER 55

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

WE NEED YOUR INFO HERE !!



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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No news this month. Hope you can assist with our July & August Young Eagle Rallies.



YOUTH GROUP
By Jeff Shaud
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See the minutes for information.

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

FROM THE EDITOR

No news this month.

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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FREE RADIUM INSTRUMENT TESTING AND TRAINING

By Dave Trojan

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Many instruments made up until 1960s had the luminous paint, needed to read them at night, based on Radium. Radium is one of the most radioactive chemical elements and is 1000 times more radioactive than Uranium. It has a half-life of 1602 years and decays into radon gas. This means 70 years old instruments are still active and will be for the next thousands years. Are you worried or just want to be extra safe around gauges that may contain radium? I can check any and all your gauges, instruments and anything else that you may suspect of containing radium free of charge. I have been trained by the U.S. Air Force to identify and test for radium. I can also provide training to you on how to identify radium gauges. Testing is FREE of charge using my portable Geiger counter testing device. I can also safely dispose of any Radium gauges that you may have. For more information on this subject: <https://theaviationist.com/special-reports/radioactive-materials-in-flight-instruments/>

If interested in testing and or training on this issue, please contact Dave Trojan at dtrojan60@gmail.com or cell 808-386-0609



EXPENSIVE HAMBURGERS

By Bill Purosky & Doug Koons

No news this month.



NOTES FROM CAPE JUBY

By Terry Lutz

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No news this month.

Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Julianna Buning (juliannabuning@gmail.com)

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

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CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: FLY MICHIGAN decals. Available in red, blue or white. \$5.00 each. Hope to have available at July/August events or contact vickie7463@gmail.com



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)

FREEBIE: Top quality, nearly supersonic 55 gallon drum, used once, very gently. May have enough residual airshow smoke oil inside to keep your aerobatic R/C airplane smoking for a long time! Will help you haul it, no problem!!



WANTED: Your old Gauges, Instruments, cockpit parts. Looking for non-airworthy gauges, the older the better, for use in static display instrument panels. While not all damage can be fixed, broken parts from two or more identical indicators can often be salvaged to create a single, functional whole. I'm especially looking for Clocks, Altimeters, Gyros, Fuel gauges, and Airspeed indicators. I'm also looking for toggle switches, warning lights, and old control boxes. I don't mind getting my hands' dirty digging through hangars looking for stuff. One pilot's junk is another's treasure! Contact Dave Trojan at dtrojan60@gmail.com or cell 808-386-0609

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.

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

John Caron; Cessna 172

Stan Chubb; Beechcraft 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); Mooney M20C
Albert Esser II; Piper Arrow
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II
Donald Frank; BE35P
Mike Franzago; Starduster II project
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza;
Travelaire; PT-17 & AT-6 restorations
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B
Gordon Hempstone; Cobra A Ultralight & Avid
Magnum project
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)
Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 proj
Allen Jencks; Fisher Horizon 2
Robert Kerr; hot air balloons
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701 & RV210 project
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
Lee Paquette; Sonex
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Mason Samson; Aeronca Chief & Piper Tripacer
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 206
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project
David VanderMolen; Zenith 750
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750
Michael Weck; Cessna 150
John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

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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/eea/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 TENENTS & USER
MEETINGS:**

First Wednesday of the second month of each
quarter. The 2024 meetings will be held on
February 7th; May 1st; August 7th; and November 6th
at 5:30pm in a classroom at the
LCC Aviation Technology facility.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday of each 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: Julianna Buning, Newsletter Editor.