



## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

**JUNE 2019**

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

**EAA Chapter 55 Hangar; Mason Jewett Airport; 643 Aviation Drive, PO Box 443, Mason, MI 48854**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Drew Seguin

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Jeez, will the rain ever stop?

Well, if it does, we're well into flying season. And activity seems to be up at Mason Jewett field between storms. I've been working out of town so my data is incomplete though.

I see that the Stratolaunch project is in danger of not going forward. Things have scaled back since the passing of Paul Allen. It's been an ambitious project. I hope they can find a new owner with the resources and passion to keep it going.

Meanwhile, this coming weekend is our first Young Eagles event for 2019 (Saturday) followed by our Dawn Patrol on Sunday. We can always use all the help we can get so I hope you'll join us and let's all hope for good weather.

### **WEEKLY COOKOUTS EVERY TUESDAY**

at 6:00pm (rain or shine). Chapter 55 will provide the meat and cooking. Informal, if you want to bring something, that's great. If not, that's okay, too.



### **May Breakfast Crew:**

Tim Martinson and Gordon Hempstone.

**BOARD MEETING:** 7:00pm: Wed; June 5th  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 9:30am; Sat; June 8th  
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

**EVENT PLANNING MEETINGS:** Anyone interested in participating in the planning for our 2019 Dawn Patrol and Mason Aviation Day is invited to join the Board on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00pm. (The Board Meeting will then be at the conclusion of Event Planning Meeting.) All members are welcome and encouraged to come and take part.

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<b>June:</b> Bill Bezdek Randy Coller Dave & Denise Cook Hana Harshbarger Mike Marhanka Chloe Miner Tom Sheehan	<b>July:</b> Greg Harris Greg & Karen Hover Dave James Heather Lambka (student) Mackenzie Lambka (student) Bruce Thorburn
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## SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

### JUNE - JULY - AUGUST:

Young Eagle Rallies

### SEPTEMBER:

CRAA Board Member

### OCT-NOV-DEC:

Tentative: Todd Cotter, Tracy Tillman & FAAst Wings Program

**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS**

### **EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 8, 2019** → Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Drew Seguin. → Present: Drew Seguin, Margie Clark, Al Spalding, Vickie Vandenbelt, Mark Bathurst, John Bobcik, Bob Clark, Doug Koons, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Bill Purosky Jeff Shaud and Ken Vandenbelt. → Guests: Ron Gorsline, Steve Aupperle. → Secretary's Report 4/19/19; Doug Koons made a motion to accept; Joe Madziar supported; motion carried. → Treasurer's Report 4/30/19; Bill Purosky made a motion to accept; Mark Bathurst supported; motion carried. → Audio/Visual Equipment installed and will be tested prior to Saturday meeting. → Events Planning: Vickie Vandenbelt has DP advertising in place; Ken Vandenbelt getting Banners updated; Drew Seguin applied for MAD Vevay permit. Drew Seguin working on EAA National Insurance. Doug Koons has scouts coming to DP & MAD and CAP coming to MAD. Bob Clark has arranged for MAD people transport trailer; Doug Koons assisting with trailer transport. Jeff Shaud checking on two golf carts. Mark Bathurst/John Bobcik to post flyers around town. Ron Gorsline & Steve Aupperle proposed a Zenith Fly-In in conjunction with MAD. Allow

camping under wings; designated airplane parking area; and Zenith might set up rudder workshop for kids to build. → EAA Chapter 55 is now officially a 501(c)3 per letter dated 4/18/19 indicating our application was approved. → Programs for the remainder of 2019 are just about set. → Youth Group; Jeff Shaud will coordinate meetings the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings each month at 5-ish pm; will be run by youth with advisors; first meeting is 5/22/19; hope to start with 4-6 and build; target the 13-17 age group. → EAA55 now has three specific categories for raising funds; Newberry Aviation Scholarship; Young Eagles and Youth Group; Al Spalding will work on setting up specifics in our General Ledger Accounts. → Wilson Talent Center has closed their Aviation Academy. → New Kitchen Grill Exhaust System has been installed thanks to Joe Madziar and his supervisor, Ken Vandenbelt. → Discussed the expansion of the meeting room and changing the grill area in the hangar; Doug Koons to update the construction costs and advise; contemplate for a fall project after summer events. → Discussed purchase of a new small portable gas grill for cookouts; Joe Madziar made a motion to approve up to \$400 to purchase; Mark Bathurst supported; all approved. → Weekly cookouts will start Tuesday at 6:00pm. → YE Day; Joe Madziar volunteered to cook the lunch meats. → Mark Bathurst is coordinating with Julie Liberti of Crosswinds Aviation; they have asked EAA55 to assist with YE flights for Aviation Academy students from Howell and Flint area; would like to do it at the Howell/Livingston County Airport; possibly schedule for a weekend prior to start of fall academy; Doug Koons will query pilots and ground crew Saturday for interest. → Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm. → Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary

### **EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting May 11, 2019**

→ Meeting called to order at 9:30am by President Drew Seguin with 31 members and 6 guests present. → Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin thanked breakfast team and announced the June team. → Guests and visitors were introduced. → Secretary's report of 4/13/19 approved. → Treasurer's report 4/30/19 approved. → Young Eagles; Doug Koons provided info about flying YE at Howell for their Aviation Academy students later this summer; our pilots and ground crew with some assistance from Howell. → Youth Group; Jeff Shaud updated progress; first meeting 5/22/19 starting at 5pm; STEM activities; hands on; youth run with

mentors and advisors; contact Jeff if you wish to be involved. →Thanks to Doug Koons on installation of our Audio/Visual upgrades. →Thanks to Joe Madziar & Ken Vandenbelt on installation of the new kitchen grill exhaust system with protection from nesting Starlings. →Thanks to Bill Purosky for his diligence in securing the 501(c)3 designation for EAA55. →Dawn Patrol & Mason Aviation Day fast approaching; please volunteer. →50/50 Drawing in support of Relay for Life was won by Mike Lutz. →Martin Gostell (son of Howard Gostell) made a quick visit and donated stacks of magazines from the 1970s and prior. →Weekly Cookouts will start Tuesday at 6:00pm (rain or shine). →Advised expansion of meeting room is again being considered; fall project. →Tracy Tillman advised members about Cloud 9 training planes and programs; offering high performance and complex ratings; tail dragger endorsements; and they are dealers for the tail beacon avionics for ADS-B. →Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm. →Michael Lutz and William Millard presented a great program about investing and estate planning for owners of aircraft or hangars. →Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary

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



**TIDBITS**  
by Vickie Vandenbelt ([vickie@eaa55.org](mailto:vickie@eaa55.org))

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Chloe Miner on the "Breaking Traditions Excellence Award" received from the State of Michigan.



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

Wow, it's that time of year already...Young Eagle Rally time! Praying for good weather, lots of volunteers, pilots and Youth. No one has signed up for a static display yet. If anyone is willing to put their plane on display and explain (several times) the preflight checklist - it would be greatly appreciated. This is an important part of the flying that all need to know. Unlike driving a car, we don't just jump in our plane and take off. It also saves time for the pilots when they are loading up. All hands on deck...if you're not sure what you want to volunteer for we will find something for you to help with.

Following flying we will be setting up the hangar for Dawn Patrol. As always, many hands make light work. Please plan on helping with this. This is one of our two fundraisers for the year. Please help Your chapter and join us.

**SNACK SALES:** Visiting the airport for any reason?? Don't forget to stop by the EAA for your pop, water, munchies and the ever popular Klondike Bar !! And, a very big "THANK YOU" to all our members who partake. While our mark up is very small, your purchases do support our chapter. Payment is on the honorary system. Do you have a favorite chip, cookie or candy bar that you would like us to keep in stock? Just let me know.

**PHOTOs - EAA55 2020 CALENDAR:** Keep snapping those shots !! Looking to fill our calendar with photos of you and your plane or project !!





## LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS

By Mark Bathurst

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You've read a lot about the pilot and maintenance technician shortage not only in the U.S. but throughout the world. In the maintenance realm, airlines, manufactures, MRO facilities, corporate flight departments and all other aviation maintenance operations are scrambling to find enough qualified, competent technicians to meet their demand. Boeing forecasts a worldwide requirement for 754,000 new technicians in the next 20 years. In the U.S. alone there will be a demand for 189,000 new technicians. Filling that demand is everyone's focus—employers, schools and now even congress.

As part of the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act passed by congress and signed into law, the bill authorizes the appropriation of \$5,000,000 in the 2019-2023 fiscal years to fund various test programs of \$500,000 each. These test programs would be an amalgam of an employer (airline, MRO, manufacturer, etc.), a state or local government entity and a school that teaches an approved FAA maintenance technician program under 14 CFR 147 (there are 177 FAA-approved schools in the U.S. that teach aircraft maintenance.)

The test programs would be funded for the following opportunities:

- (1) To establish new educational programs that teach technical skills used in aviation maintenance, including purchasing equipment, or to improve existing such programs;
- (2) To establish scholarships or apprenticeships for individuals pursuing employment in the aviation maintenance industry, including obtaining airframe and powerplant mechanic certificates;
- (3) To support outreach about careers in the aviation maintenance industry in
  - (a) Primary, secondary, and post-secondary school students; or
  - (b) Communities underrepresented in the industry;
- (4) To support educational opportunities related to aviation maintenance in economically disadvantaged geographic areas;
- (5) To support transition to careers in aviation maintenance, including for members of the Armed Forces; or

(6) To otherwise enhance aviation maintenance technical education or the aviation maintenance industry workforce, as determined by a unanimous vote of an FAA designated committee established to review applications. This part of the FAA Reauthorization Act is designed to increase opportunities for individuals interested in aircraft maintenance careers and also generally create awareness of the need for skilled technicians. Obviously schools like LCC are very supportive of the direction congress took and are extremely interested in participating in the test programs when made available by the FAA.



## EDITORS PROLIX

By Deanna McAlister

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Our 2017 Young Eagle of the year, Chloe Miner who received the "Breaking Traditions Excellence Award" from the State of Michigan had a few chapter members see her receive this award.

Chloe is a 2019 graduate of Stockbridge High School. I could not help but share a photo of her Cap. (photo below) Congratulations Chloe The Sky is not the limit!!!



Photo: Jeff Shaud, Pat Salow, **Chloe Miner**, Deanna McAlister.

Contributions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister ([zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com))  
**Deadline: 1st of each month.**  
Jeff Shaud "Breakfast Teams" ([jlshaud@wowway.com](mailto:jlshaud@wowway.com)) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" ([dcmi@reagan.com](mailto:dcmi@reagan.com))

## CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR RENT:** One space available in our three place storage hangar; \$70.00 per month. Contact Drew Seguin 517-333-4531 or [president@eaa55.org](mailto:president@eaa55.org)

### **FOR SALE:**

EAA55; 2019 Calendars for sale; \$8.00 each.

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

Garmin 696 \$650.00 includes ext. ant.; AC wall charger; DC charger; panel/yoke mount; battery; Dave Courey; 517-331-7097; [dcmi@reagan.com](mailto:dcmi@reagan.com)

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.

Cloud 9 West (46MI) private airport, house, hangar, ranch/farm for sale just east of TEW. On the charts and in Jeppesen/Garmin databases. Info at <https://trophyclassrealestate.com/property/11088-w-coon-lake-road-webberville-mi-48892-72-acres/>

Maple Syrup; Pints, Quarts, and Half Gallons; John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; [jbobcik@gmail.com](mailto:jbobcik@gmail.com); they will soon be working on their 2019 supply!!

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder of Eaton Federal Savings Bank; [tschroeder@eatonfed.com](mailto:tschroeder@eatonfed.com)

**Do you have anything you want to sell?? Contact Deanna or Vickie to place your ad here!**

## EAA55 = CHAPTER BUILDERS

Who is working on or completed homebuilts or restorations ... your input for changes or corrections would be appreciated...

David Alexander; Aventura II  
Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib  
John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox  
Ivan Bradley; Zenith CH650B  
Dave Cook/Greg Hover; RV-6A  
Ken Drewyor; Kitfox  
Mike Franzago; Starduster project  
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 project  
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12 project  
Chuck Moore; REVO Lt Sport Evolution  
George Moore; KIS Pulsar 150  
Gary Nicola; Grumman Tiger restoration  
Jim Palmer; Glasair III  
Bill Puroskey w/DKoons; Glastar  
Pat Salow; Zenith 701  
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2  
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

### **FLY-OUTS:**

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

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### **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:**

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KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171  
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532  
Jacque Carlson; 517-881-6174

### **POCKET CALENDAR:**

Jun 9 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol  
Jul 22-28 = AirVenture  
Aug 3-4 = Thunder O Michigan  
Aug 17 = Mason Aviation Day  
Dec 8 = Christmas Party



Chloe Miner

**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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