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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 Rick Laub (eaa55.president@gmail.com)

There have been a spate of glorious flying days this month – hopefully a harbinger of things to come! About twelve folks showed up for the Warbirds Museum tour at the New Hudson Airport and the very, very cool work they are doing restoring the Sandbar Mitchell B-25 including a demonstration of both the top and rear turret guns – something I have never seen. Their work is first-rate and they encourage youths to come and help with the real work of bringing this to fruition. Definitely worth the visit – they have an open house fundraiser at the end of March – hopefully I will have more details in time for our meeting.

Rosie Day at Lansing Airport is on March 21st from 3:00-6:30pm. We have a table highlighting our Young Aviators and Young Eagles program – we are sponsoring the photo booth.

And another reminder, we have moved the day for Dawn Patrol back to the Sunday after our Saturday June meeting day/First Young Eagles day – Sunday – Father's Day - June 15th. Busy weekend – please plan on volunteering.

See you on Saturday!

CHAPTER 55

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat. March 8th with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

<u>MARCH</u>: Terry Lutz – Wright Brothers Video & Talk

> <u>APRIL</u>: John Hanley – Sextant Navigation

> > MAY TBD

CONTACT JON IVERSON WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS: 517-980-3011 or jon.h.iversen55@gmail.com

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE LADIES!

Chapter 55 "Ladies Coffee Break" on the third Friday of each month! Our Member Coordinator, Vickie Vandenbelt is inviting all ladies – members, members wives, & guests pilots - to an informal monthly gathering. Come whenever you can. (Gentlemen-please tell your significant other.) If you would like to receive a reminder, send email to <u>vickie7463@gmail.com</u> See you at BookSellers on the town square in downtown Mason; 9:00am; on Friday, March 15th!

"THANK YOU" BREAKFAST TEAM!

February Chefs Dave Groh, Jim & Carol Spry, and Tom Schroeder

(Sorry, picture unavailable but will try to add in the April WingTips)

UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

MARCH	APRIL
John Schwartz	Don McAlister
Doug MacKenzie	Ken Vandenbelt
Mark Jacob	Dave Trojan
Robert Kerr	Paul Creger
Denise Bolen	Julianna Bunning



EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, February 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Rick Laub. →In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, Drew Seguin, John Kuchar, Doug Koons, Jeff Shaud, Gabe Blosser, Gary Nicola, Ken Drewyor and Jon Iversen. Absent were Greg Hover and Warren Miller. Non-Board members present were Margie Clark and Frank Garcia. →Regarding the Secretary's Report, it was stated that Lansing Community College and not Capital City Airport was approached as a place to house the Tri-Motor, scheduled to come to our area in May. Drew Seguin made a motion to accept the report as amended; Jeff Shaud seconded; motion carried. →Treasurer's Report was summarized by Drew Seguin. After much discussion, John Kuchar made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Gabe Blosser; motion carried. →Jeff Shaud gave the Young Aviators (Y.A.) Report. Two meetings were held since the last Board meeting. Prior to the second meeting, Jeff was approached by Terry Lutz for a possible project for the Y.A. Capital City Airport houses a plaque containing the names of seventy Air Force Reservists who were involved in the U.S. Military during WWII. They were part of Squadrons 9510 and 9622. Their mission was to decontaminate personnel and aircraft during the '50s and '60s from possible atomic contamination. Ernie Lutz, Terry's father, was one of the Reservists. Ernie placed a silver star on the plaque next to the names of those who have passed on. Since Ernie's passing, the plaque has not been updated. Terry asked if the Y.A. could research the names for any who are since deceased. The Y.A. agreed. Jeff Shaud has asked Livingston Country Civil Air Patrol, Composite Squadron, if they will participate by providing ceremonial duties during a future planned ceremony. Jeff was asked how the Y.A.

intend to be involved with the Rosie the Riveter event. Jeff said they intend to bring examples of their activities. John Kuchar stated that CRAA needs to cover liability insurance on the Y.A. as off-site events are not covered by EAA National. The next Y.A. meeting is Sunday, February 9th. Before finishing his report, Jeff mentioned that at one of the last meetings, Bruce Boardman, LCC Robots Instructor and EAA55 member brought and donated to the Y.A. solar robots. He also mentioned that Bruce is retiring from being a member of EAA, Chapter 55. Gabe Blosser said he would like to make his hangar available for a Y.A, meeting to show and demonstrate his machinery used for aircraft builds. \rightarrow Regarding the Ray Scholarship, Doug Koons has no news. →Gabe Blosser gave an update on preparations for the Rosie the Riveter event. His contact person is Cindy Kangas. We are being promoted (because of our sponsorship) on social media (unspecified), Channel 6, and on their website. He also said they need our sponsorship funds. →Regarding the May Tri-Motor event, Bob Clark stated that EAA National canceled the event in our region due to "lack of interest." Apparently, only a small fraction of the chapters contacted in our region agreed to host the event. \rightarrow Close-out for this month is the responsibility of Jon Iversen. One more name has been added to the close-out list; Greg Hover will be responsible for June. \rightarrow Jon Iversen made mention that a podium is needed in the member hangar for program presenters. Jeff Shaud said he has one he will donate. It doesn't have a base. Margie mentioned that Y.A. has a suitable cart that can be used as a base. \rightarrow Doug Koons has put up new dark curtains for use during presentations. The curtains and rods are of top quality and look very nice. Margie admonished members to not raise the blinds as they are difficult to bring down. \rightarrow Doug mentioned that the Chapter hangar fire extinguishers need to be recharged. Gabe agreed to attend to this. The cost is around \$150. \rightarrow Drew proposed that the Chapter President be given \$100/month (or any fraction thereof) as discretionary spending money for chapter use; Gilda seconded; motion carried. \rightarrow Jeff Shaud made mention of a Y.A., Daniel Adams, who as a direct result of Y.A. and Chapter 55, has decided to go into aviation. Daniel has been accepted in the aviation program at Western Michigan University. \rightarrow Jeff asked for an update on Johnny George, our maintenance man. Gilda said she would contact Mark Bathurst for an update. →Drew Seguin asked about the simulator sitting in the member hangar.

Does it work? If not, is it worth fixing? Jeff said it is not in working order. It was stated that it is worth trying to fix. There are several members who have the expertise to try to bring it up to working order. →Margie mentioned that the Hangar Tenant List needs updating. →It was mentioned that Yankee Air Museum has a Douglas C-47 that is available to come to our Chapter for rides. →Frank Garcia is our Coordinator for D.P. and M.A.D. Planning meetings will be set up later. →The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm. →Respectfully submitted by Gilda Tucker, Secretary

(ASST. EDITORS NOTE: Capital City Airport should be Capital Region International Airport. Also, Yankee Air Museum is no more; it is now Michigan Flight Museum and they have the B-25; C-47 and Huey that provide flight experiences.)



EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting, Saturday, February 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Rick Laub. → After singing the National Anthem, Rick thanked the breakfast team: Dave Groh, Jim & Carol Spry, and Tom Schroeder. Next month's breakfast team consists of: John Schwartz, Doug MacKenzie, Mark Jacob, Robert Kerr, and Denise Bolen. → There were twenty-nine present including three guests. One guest is past member JuliAnne Miller who is today renewing her membership. Julinne is a past winner of the Newberry Scholarship. She completed mechanics training at LCC and worked as an aviation mechanic and supervisor for American Airlines. She went on to obtain a B.S. degree in Aviation Science and Management. Welcome back JuliAnne! The other two guests were mother and son, Shandra and Jace French. Jace is fourteen and very interested in becoming a Young Aviator. Welcome Shandra and Jace! → Secretary's Report was noted. Margie made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Joe Madziar; motion carried. {Editor's Note: Later the Secretary discovered an error in the report. The report states that the meeting was called to order at 9:00am. It was in fact called to order at 9:30am.} →Treasurer Drew Seguin gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report. John Kuchar made a motion to accept the report; was seconded by Jeff Shaud; motion carried. →Jeff Shaud gave the Young Aviators (Y.A.) Report. (See board meeting minutes for details.) Jeff thanked Doug Koons for donating a

voke to use with the chapter simulator. Terry Lutz gave the location of the plaque (mentioned in Jeff's report) at CRAA. It is near a column to the left of the security area. Jeff needs someone to join him as a leader at tomorrow's Y.A. meeting. John Kuchar volunteered. →Margie gave the Young Eagles (Y.E.) Report. She encouraged everyone to fill out the Child Protection Form available on our and the EAA website. (Our website has a link.) All who work with Y.E. or Y.A. are required by the Chapter to have completed a form and have it on file. The form is valid for three years. {Editor's Note: On some occasions, such as today, leaders are needed at a moments notice. Having a form filled out, even if one has never volunteered for Y.A. or Y.E. gives one the option to assist Jeff or Margie in a pinch, and is a good opportunity to "see what it is all about".} Volunteers needed for Y.E. events include pilots, ground crew, and registration. Two Certificates of Appreciation from last year were given by Margie to Bill Purosky and Bill Bezdek. (Neither were available last year when awards were given.) At future Y.E. events, a plane will be on static display near the hanger. The plane will be used to show preflight procedures in the walk around and run up process. Volunteers are needed to do the procedures. Margie will be unavailable at the June Y.E. event. Connie Bobcik will be in charge. \rightarrow President Rick Laub gave a Chapter Service Award Certificate (from last year) to Bill Purosky. Bill arrives before the crack of dawn on meeting and event days to get the kitchen ready for the breakfast team. (Bill was not available in December as noted earlier.) \rightarrow In Gabe Blosser's absence, Rick Laub gave a brief summary of our involvement in the Rosie the Riveter event. (See Board Meeting Minutes for details.) →John Kuchar thanked Terry Lutz for the very enjoyable Open Hanger event that Terry hosted Saturday, February 1st, at his hanger. It was the 7th annual hanger event. → The Ford Tri Motor event has been cancelled by EAA National. (See Board Meeting Minutes for details.) \rightarrow Yankee Air Museum and Port Clinton both have Tri Motors. The one at Port Clinton has been restored. \rightarrow On Thursday, February 6th several of our members visited the War Birds of Glory Museum at New Hudson. They are rebuilding a WWII B25. The museum will be hosting another open house in March. Visitors may observe the restoration process every Saturday. The museum is in need to volunteers to help with the restoration and also of finances. They will have a booth at EAA Air

Venture in Oshkosh. →Gilda gave an update on Johnny George. Johnny is on a different medication that is less harsh on his body. →Ivan Bradley thanked those in the Chapter who led him to technical counselors. Gordon Hempstone and another man not from our Chapter were of great help. →The meeting adjourned at 10:08am. Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SUE CARTER

I have been a member of Chapter 55 since last year. I am a pilot, but don't own a plane. I enjoy flying, aviation history and just hanging around pilots and airplanes. Career-wise I am a professor and a priest. I am also a Coast Guard Chaplain and a Ski Patrol. Perhaps the best thing to say is that the only limitations - with the exception of age and wellbeing - are the ones I place on myself. Honestly, there are things I presently do or have done recently, that I'd like more of. They include flying, scuba diving, spending time with family in New York, volunteering more with the Coast Guard and the National Ski Patrol, and finishing this latest graduate program. But my days are full and my life with friends, spouse, and ministering at various churches, is rewarding. When it's time to check in at the Pearly Gates, I'll tell St. Pete, "Dude, I left it all on the floor." I will be shipboard on the USCGC EAGLE the end of June and the first week of July, serving as an Auxiliary Chaplain. There are so many blessings in this life!



EDITORS CORRECTION: In the program notes for the Wings of Mercy presentation by Jon Iversen it was incorrectly stated that Jon flew mercy missions. He did not. He oversaw mercy flights.



THE SR-71 BLACKBIRD By Gilda Tucker (cwtucker1@comcast.net)

February's program was entitled "The X Hunter" and was given by Dave Trojan. The talk was about the SR-71 Blackbird. For myself, with fairly limited knowledge of aviation, trying to take in all the information was like the proverbial "drinking water from a firehose". There is so much than can be said about the Blackbird, that I will simply scratch the surface of what I find most interesting about this my favorite aircraft. It is the world's fastest and highest flying (non-spaceship) aircraft. Dave's presentation centered around a specific Blackbird that crashed in the Nevada desert. Dave went to the site and brought back several pieces of the plane which he displayed during the presentation. Fifty of these birds were built for use as spy planes during the Cold War. The purpose was to fly high enough to be undetected by enemy radar and out of range of enemy fire. Commissioned in the late 1960's they were decommissioned by 1990, except for a very short recommissioning in the late 1990's. Thirty are on static display at various locations. There were six models. Dave gave the story of the pilots who flew the crashed plane he visited. Ejecting at 30,000 feet Pilot Roy St.Martin and Reconnaissance Systems Officer John Carnochan lived to tell the story. The crashed plane made a crater 60' across and 11' deep. Although many of these planes crashed, very few pilots were lost and none were shot down. What fascinates me most about these planes is the speed (Mach 3), the altitude at which they fly (85,000'), but mostly the extreme conditions that these planes experience in flight. Extreme heat generated in flight coupled with extreme cold in the upper atmosphere. Titanium and quartz are among some of the materials used to withstand such harsh conditions. The pilots who flew these birds described the experience as trying to ride a wild stallion. Three days after the program, I and a few friends went to the Air Zoo to see the Blackbird as we heard from Dave that the cockpit is open this month. At the Air Zoo, I studied the engine of the SR-71 that was on display by itself. I found the areas where most of the

artifacts Dave had on display seemed to fit. The cockpit is surprisingly small, considering that the pilot and engineer wear what essentially is a space suit. If I had another lifetime or two, and could go back in time, I might possibly attempt to become a pilot of the world's fastest and highest flying airplane.



YOUNG AVIATORS By Jeff Shaud (jlshaud@wowway.com)

See you at the hangar.



FROM THE EDITOR By Gilda Tucker (cwtucker1@comcast.net)

Per your requests, here is Johnny George's address: 735 W. Fulton Street; Canton, MS 39046. Johnny very much appreciates cards and correspondence as he fights to overcome cancer.

There has been a lot of aviation related activity taking place this past month. In addition to the Warbirds Museum tour, highlighted in Rick's column, there was a visit to the Air Zoo to see the open cockpit of the SR-71 Blackbird. Some of us have flown commercial on trips to escape the cold dreary Michigan winter. See you at the airport!



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR by Margie Clark (margieclark172@gmail.com)

See you at the airport!



MEMBERSHIP by Vickie Vandenbelt (EAA55.mems@gmail.com)

NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes back member JuliAnne Miller. JuliAnne is an A&P and former recipient of our Newberry Aviation Scholarship. We also welcome new student member, Tyler Oberlin. Tyler plans to be active in our Young Aviators Group. And, we welcome new member Shandra French and her son, student member Jace French. Jace also plans to be active in our Young Aviators Group.

<u>**CONDOLENCES</u>**: to Mason & Janet Samson on the recent loss of his mother.</u>

<u>**CONDOLENCES</u>**: to the family and friends of Raymond Fink. Those of us who have been around for many years will remember Ray. Doing research on past members, I discovered Ray passed away a year ago; January 11, 2024. He had a very interesting life and you can read his obit at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/willia mston-mi/raymond-fink-11623754</u>

<u>HANGAR DOORS</u>: many years ago, when we started renting a hangar, I remember being told to never sit in your chair or park your plane (or other equipment) directly under a hangar door. Cables can give way without any notice. Here is a picture of what could happen ...



MASON INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS:

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Ingham Co. Fair Foundation, Mason Firefighter Assn; City of Mason and Mason Area Chamber of Commerce – the Independence Day Fireworks will once again be held at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. Several fundraisers (spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, purse bingo, glow bingo to name a few) are already in the works and could use your support to fund the event. (BUT NOTE: both the fireworks and the Independence Day Parade will be held the afternoon/evening of Thursday, July 3rd.) Our TEW offers an excellent view of the fireworks and easy exit by going south on Eden to avoid all the traffic. Maybe someone will coordinate a chapter potluck that evening ??

WHY SIGN THE AIRPORT REGISTER-

Wherever you go & even at your base airport:

- -Document where itinerant users come from
- -Estimate annual operations

-Assist in locating the pilot of a parked aircraft should it be necessary

-Assist in locating aircraft reported missing

<u>ATTENTION PILOTS</u>: 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 !!



RELAY FOR LIFE team Heartwood Glad Rags by Karen Meirndorf (krmdorf@yahoo.com)

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will keep us American Cancer Society Relayer's from our ultimate goal in eradicating cancer from harming any more of our family or friends.

EAA Chapter 55 is fundraising at our next chapter meeting to place our name on a fact sign placed around our Relay walking track. To help meet our goal is to purchase 50/50 tickets during this month's pancake breakfast. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

Your donation will enable us to continue our life saving work, and we're thankful for your support. We've joined Relay For Life to remember people who we lost and offer up support to anyone in our community who is afflicted by cancer. With your help, I hope to continue making a difference for our family and friends to enjoy more birthdays. Please join in our 50/50 fundraiser by purchasing tickets during breakfast at our next chapter meeting starting in March. Thank you for your continuing support of the American Cancer Society's research and services.

THE EAA MISSION:

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

HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Brown Family; 517-528-5090 Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532 Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020 EAA55; Common Storage or Building hangar space; Rick Laub; 616-755-6255 (waiting list)

MASON JEWETT FIELD FBO:

Great Lakes Air Repair 517-525-3673 Maintenance - Painting - Upholstery – Engines

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mar 21 – Rosie the Riveter Day Apr 1-6 – Sun N Fun Jun 15 – EAA55 Dawn Patrol (DP) Jun 14 – EAA55 Young Eagles Jul 12 – EAA55 Young Eagles Jul 21-27 – AirVenture Oshkosh Aug 9 – EAA55 Young Eagles Aug 16 – EAA55 Mason Aviation Day (MAD)

FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS POSTED IN TEW TERMINAL

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

www.eaa.org/eaa/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 FIELD TENANTS & <u>USER MEETINGS</u>:

First Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. The 2025 meeting dates are: February 5th; May 7th; August 6th; and November 5th at 5:30pm in a classroom at the LCC Aviation Technology facility.

NATIONAL ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY



NOTE: EVENT START TIME IS 3:00PM

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 Claus Buchholz: Citabria John Caron; Cessna 172

Stan Chubb; Beechcraft F33A 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); V35 Bonanza Albert Esser II; Piper Arrow Richard Floyd; Cessna 310 Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II Donald Frank; BE35P Mike Franzago; RV-8 Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft A36 Bonanza; Travelaire; PT-17 & AT-6 restorations Ward Harris; Cessna 177Bravo Gordon Hempstone; Cobra A Ultralight & Avid Magnum project Steve Houghton: RV-7A (Builder) (Sold) Greg Hover; RV-6A (Builder) (w/Dave Cook) Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, Cessna C-34 Airmaster project Allen Jencks; Fisher Horizon 2 Robert Kerr; hot air balloons Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)(Builders) Rick Laub; Sling 4 project (Builder) Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8 (Builder) Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701 & RV-10 project Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A, RV-9 project (Builder) Don & Deanna McAlister: Cessna 172 Chuck Moore; RV-12 Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza Grumman Traveler restoration Jim Palmer; Glasair III (Builder) Lee Paquette; Sonex (Builder) Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)(Builders) Pat Salow; Zenith 701 (Builder) Mason Samson; Aeronca Chief & Piper Tripacer Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3 project (Builder) Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project (Builder) Tom Sheehan; C-170 & Funk B85C; Lincoln-Page 1928 Rockwood Shepard; RV-9A (Builder) Jim Spry; RV-8 (Builder) (Sold) Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango Bruce Thorburn; Cessna 172 Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project David & JohnVanderMolen; Zenith 750 (Builders) Michael Weck: Cessna 150 John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

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