

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

SEPTEMBER 2019

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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I'm concerned about the future of Chapter 55

Chapter 55 Officer's elections are coming up and we need candidates. I sent out a call for nominations a week or so ago and didn't get a single response. Not good. So let's take a look at this.

Chapter 55 is one of the oldest chapters in existence. We've got a great group of people and we do some great things for our community and for aviation. Young Eagles. Mason Aviation Day. The up and coming Aviation Youth Group. Chapter presentations. And we have fun doing these events and socializing around our aviation interest.

But like so many volunteer organizations, too much of the load is carried by a handful of people. In my estimation it's come to a turning point. I've been President for two years but my personal situation is making it infeasible to continue in the current configuration. I was secretary for six years a while back. Vickie is stepping down as Secretary after serving in several roles since 2003. Al Spalding has been Treasurer for a dozen years. Vice President Margie Clark has been filling in for me in missed Board meetings but she has a full plate with Young Eagles.

So we need a full slate of officers for this upcoming election. I haven't checked the By-Laws but I'm concerned that if we can't fill the officer slots Chapter 55 will have to close. I really don't want to see that happen and I guess our membership would agree.

I'm sure all of the past and present leaders will be a willing resource to any new officers. The jobs are not too demanding. We also may need to cut back on the number and scope of activities we have. But we can't just let Chapter 55 fade away.

Please take some time to consider these positions and how you can give back to Chapter 55. If you know of a member who would be suited give them a call. Sometimes a little encouragement is all it takes. Let me know, and thanks.

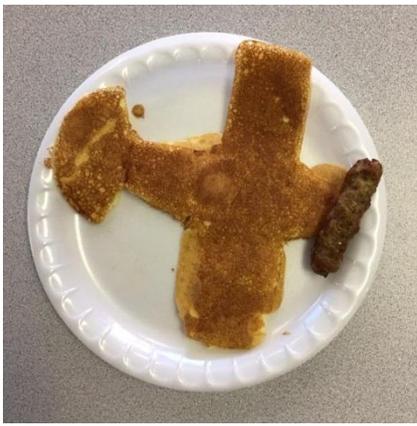
Let's keep Chapter 55 Great.

Drew

WEEKLY COOKOUTS EVERY TUESDAY

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

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed; Sept. 11th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; Sept. 14th
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am



August Breakfast Crew: Steve Houghton, Pat Salow and Cal Hayslette, sorry no picture!

BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<p><u>September</u> Dillon Blair Connie Bobcik Mike Franzago Ron Goodnoe Mike Lutz Ron Pearce</p>	<p><u>October</u> Lynn Brown Fred Honhart John Karlen Terry Lutz Chuck Moore</p>
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SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

SEPTEMBER:

Wayne Sieloff, President & CEO,
 Capital Region Airport Authority

OCTOBER:

Tracy Tillman; "Gremlins"

NOVEMBER:

Todd Cotter; Aircraft Records

DECEMBER:

Membership Awards

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

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting August 7th, 2019 → Meeting called to order by Vice President Margie Clark at 7:00pm. → Present: Margie Clark, Al Spalding, Vickie Vandenbelt, Bob Clark, Doug Koon's, Joe Madziar, Bill Purosky, Jeff Shaud and Ken Vandenbelt. Absent: Mark Bathurst, John Bobcik, Warren Miller, Drew Seguin. → Secretary's Report 7/10/19; Al Spalding made a motion to accept; Joe Madziar supported; motion

carried. → Treasurer's Report 7/31/19; Joe Madziar made a motion to accept; Vickie Vandenbelt supported; motion carried. → MAD Event Planning; - Vickie Vandenbelt mentioned recommendation from a member to use the pancake mix that Chesaning used (Sam's Club Members Mark Buttermilk Pancake Mix; just add water). Vickie Vandenbelt will stock chips, cookies, candies and pop. Al Spalding will stock water. Bob & Margie doing rest of food and supply order and will deliver on Friday, 8/16. Al Spalding will use "Breakfast Tickets" to alleviate customers from skipping the payment line. Cooks at grill will need to make sure customers (including our members) have a ticket showing they paid. Customers can come back to Cashier/Al for a new ticket if they want refill on pancakes. → Vickie Vandenbelt passed a card for Cheryl & Paul Barbour thanking them for the donation of the vintage EAA55 sweatshirts. → Programs; no new news. → Nominating Committee; elections at November meeting for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary; need volunteers for committee. → Youth Group; Jeff Shaud reported 8-9 members now; they have been in training to park planes; they have one RC aircraft and Jeff plans to buy more for about \$225+/- from the Youth Group fund account. Youth Group also need a couple stand up metal cabinets for supplies. Jeff Shaud plans to research grants for funding in the future. → Member of the Year 2018 should be at Saturday's meeting. → Young Eagle Credits; we have now made our expenditures and Al Spalding will submit for your YE Credit Reimbursement from EAA National. → Breakfast Team Coordinator; Joe Madziar has volunteered to take over from Jeff Shaud effective 1/1/20. → Website; still considering best way to overhaul and update. → Membership; Vickie Vandenbelt made a motion to provide Adam & Dawn Fogg with an Honorary Chapter 55 membership for five years in recognition of their donation to our Newberry Aviation Scholarship Fund; Al Spalding supported; motion carried. → Meeting adjourned 8:01pm. → Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting August 10, 2019 → Meeting called to order at 9:22am by President Drew Seguin with 32 members and no guests present. → Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin thanked breakfast team and announced the September team. → No guests or new members to be introduced. → Secretary's report of 7/13/19

approved. →Treasurer's report 7/31/19 approved.
 →2018 Member of the Year was announced; Ed Crouse. Ed built and flew his Rans aircraft over 1200 hours, including several trips back and forth to Florida. He was part owner of Waco Lansing. He is a Air Force Veteran, where he flew the T34. He spent years around airplanes and has over 11,000 hours as a private pilot. Each summer he volunteers to mow the EAA55 area each week.
 →Congratulations to John Bobcik for his AirVenture Grand Champion Light Sport Award (last year he received the Amateur Built Award). →Youth Eagles; Margie Clark reported ready to go with August Rally. Plus date is set to go to Livingston County, Howell, on August 24th to fly 60-80 students going into their Aviation Academy. →Youth Group; Jeff Shaud reported on meetings and activities; 6-8 members; working on an RC airplane as part of the curriculum and would like to eventually have six; simple aircraft to build and fly; also looking for someone to help with writing grants. →MAD Volunteers; it's event time. →Tuesday Cookouts; Doug Koons is coordinating; we will keep going until we run out of hosts. →Recycling; EAA55 tries to do as much as we can; please participate; info in newsletter. →Dave Courey reported on upcoming programs; still needs to fill out October & 2020 and is trying to set up another Wings/FAAst program. →EAA55 2020 Calendar; submit your photos due by 8/20/19. →Breakfast Coordinator; Joe Madziar will be taking over from Jeff Shaud as of 1/1/20. →Nominating Committee; officer elections will be in November; Drew Seguin and Jeff Shaud volunteered to head committee. →August Newsletter; interesting historical info from Gordon Hempstone, Lynn Towns & Vickie Vandenbelt. →Bill Bezdek reported on great book "The Ravens" about the secret war in Laos run by the CIA. →T-Shirts & Sweatshirts for sale. →Don Nolte complimented members who wear their name tags; makes it so much easier for new members and guests. →Meeting adjourned at 9:52am. →Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary



YOUNG EAGLES
 by Margie Clark
 (margie@eaa55.org)

Thank you to all the volunteers and pilots that helped with our Young Eagle Rallies this summer. It was a good summer and without all of you we would not have been able to fly all of

the youth that we did. An extra thanks to those that went to Howell to help out with flying students there. Your efforts and giving of your time and talents is what makes this program work. Without all of you we could not make this work.

If you continue to fly more youth throughout the remainder of the year, please let us know the numbers so we may keep track of them.

If you have contacts with any businesses that give out promotional items such as lanyards, pens, pencils, keychains, hand sanitizers, arm bands and such, please ask for donations that we can put in our goodie bags. These are the bags that we give to each youth at the end of their flight along with their logbook and certificate for flying.

Again, I can't say thank you enough to all of these great pilots and volunteers that are part of our chapter! You rock!!! We flew 92 kids at our August Rally and our total for 2019 so far is 251.

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)

NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Edward Manturuk, along with returning member Kirk Curtiss. We also welcome new Student Members Anna Fulger, Ocean Austin, Venicio and Jesus Arriaga. We have also added Honorary Memberships for Adam & Dawn Fogg, Adam was a Newberry Aviation Scholarship recipient back in 2001. He told me he remembers going to a luncheon with Bill Hannah and a couple other chapter members. He was in the LCC flight program at that time. The money helped greatly with costs and he was able to get his commercial/instrument and CFI-I ratings (noting that back then the flight program was a lot cheaper, so the money carried a little more). The events of 9/11 and the economy deterred him

away from the commercial path but he still dreams of running his own airline like the Hackett Brothers in Wings. Adam had a Cessna based here at KTEW up until a few years ago and continues to watch for a possible plane to fit the family. He does hope to get more involved physically with EAA55 in the future. But for now, he hopes to pay forward that benefit he received and hopefully help give someone else a shot at their aviation dream.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Ed Crouse, our EAA55 2018 Member of the Year. We had a small complication making this award since Ed spends his winters in Florida and it was a while before we could catch him at a meeting.



Photo: Drew Seguin & Ed Crouse

THANK YOU: to Greg Hover for fixing and painting all our Aircraft Parking & Security paddles. They were sorely in need of some TLC.

AIRPORT POWER OUTAGE THANK YOU: to Ken Vandenbelt for monitoring the power outage at the airport for over 10 hours on Saturday (and avoiding all his chores at home!!). And to Gabe Blosser, Stan Chubb, Al Spalding, Greg Hover and Greg Harris for coming to the rescue when Ken found out we had an electrical problem. Special thanks to Greg Harris for getting his generator so we could hook it up to save our food supplies. And, thanks to

Vickie for relaying requests and updates. The power problem was a transformer across Eden Road. Electricity was low voltage prior to Consumers shutting off all power to the airport and Consumers did indicate that could cause problems with appliances and devices now or down the road.

THANK YOU: Doug Koons for redoing the eaves and area surrounding our water pump. Looks so much better.



MASON AVIATION DAY WRAP UP: MAD 2019 is in the books and it turned out to be a bang up day after the fog cleared out. Waldo Wright and Great Lakes Air Ventures and LCC were all busy, plus the Fire Department looked like they were having a great time showing off their truck. We sold 437 breakfasts, 211 lunches and 64 pilots signed the airport register. We didn't set any records but it was a good, solid day and a lot of our visitors stayed right up to 2:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our Mason Aviation Day - Pilot Prize Winners: Tim Fino, Mike Lombardi, Leon Blandina, Reid Baldwin and Tyler Hartmann. And, a big "Thank You" to our door prize sponsors: AOPA, Aircraft Tool Supply Company, Airparts Inc, Avemco Insurance Co, Eaton Federal Savings Bank and Dart Container Corp.

EAA55 T-SHIRTS: Our "revised" replacement t-shirts should be here soon and will be available for those who made prior purchases. We will also have extras that will be for sale to members at \$15.00 each.

FREE STUFF: variety of giveaway items on the table with the Snack Sales.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS: Chapter 55 is seeking nominations for the office of President, Vice

President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of Directors. It is the duty of the Chapter 55 Board to conduct and control the business and property of the chapter. Meetings of the Board are scheduled for 7:00pm the evening of the Wednesday immediately preceding the second Saturday of each month.

Meetings generally last one to two hours depending upon the amount of business. The nominations will be presented to the membership at the October meeting and posted on the bulletin board. Elections will take place at the November meeting. All newly elected officers shall assume their responsibilities at the December Chapter membership meeting. If there is a member that you feel would be a good candidate for this position, please encourage him/her to allow you to make a nomination. Additionally, if you would be interested in serving your Chapter in this capacity, please contact Drew Seguin or any current officer.

KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO: SR-71 Spy-Posium special event October 4, 5 & 6: Details on the Air Zoo web site www.airzoo.org

EAA RECYCLES: Our chapter works to reduce our carbon footprint by recycling any materials that we can. The following people at the chapter take care of certain "recyclable" products. You can assist by directing recyclable waste in the right direction. Plus, if you care to jump in and help with returns, we would love to hear from you!

RETURNABLE BOTTLE/CANS-Al Spalding ...
PLASTIC-Vickie Vandenberg ... METAL-Vickie Vandenberg ...
GLASS-Vickie Vandenberg & Al Spalding ...
CARDBOARD-Al Spalding ...
STYROFOAM-Jeff Shaud ... EGG SHELLS-Vickie Vandenberg

CONTRIBUTIONS TO WINGTIPS: Our newsletter is information from members to members. Without submissions from our members, we couldn't fill a page one. Do you have news to share? Perhaps an interesting Internet link to website or video? Did you read a great book you could recommend with a brief review? Have you visited a museum or saw an interesting plane? How about a great joke or cartoon to share? Articles should be submitted in an unformatted Microsoft Word Document, left justified. Formatting to avoid is tabbing, justifying, indenting, use of bullets or multilevel lists, or any other print layout features. Email info to Deanna (zirconmoon@hotmail.com)

AWARD NOMINATIONS: The Charles Taylor Award is presented to mechanics of 50+ service years and the Wright Brothers Award is presented to pilots of 50+ years flying. If you know of any candidates, please send your nominations to your local FAA office.

FLY-OUTS:

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

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:

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619
KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Jacque Carlson; 517-881-6174

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



EAA55 Youth Group Kickoff
By Jeff Shaud 517-712-6482

Our next youth group meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the EAA Chapter 55 hangar in Mason. Sure hope you can make it!



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
By Mark Bathurst
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Our fall semester is underway. Once again we are seeing new student enrolment numbers higher than in previous years. We are approaching the point where we will be at capacity our next enrollment cycle. Clearly the word is out about the opportunities a career in aviation maintenance offers.

If one does an on-line search for aviation maintenance technician positions, thousands of openings appear, both in the U.S. and overseas. Employers other than the typical three (airlines, manufacturers and major repair facilities) are hiring in increasing numbers. These include flight schools, general aviation FBOs, corporate operators, colleges like LCC who need instructors and overseas flight operators requiring FAA-certificated A&P maintenance technicians or their equivalent. One of the compounding problems of internal company expansion requiring more aviation maintenance technicians is an aging workforce. There are more than 286,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) mechanics, and 27 percent of the workforce is 64 and above and will be retiring in the near future. This creates additional demand beyond solely normal growth.

What is remarkable about the opportunities is not just the sheer number of openings, but the starting salary and benefits package offered to entice applicants. In the past, \$40,000 plus benefits was considered a good starting package. The new norm is \$50,000 and up plus benefits, and overseas positions are paying at least twice that amount to attract qualified technicians. Employers who are hiring our graduates are also paying sign-on bonuses, providing tool allowances and covering relocation expenses. Boeing's annual industry forecast points to an increasing demand that is going to be harder to meet. All FAA-certified Part 147 schools (177 schools in the U.S.) like LCC's produce about 4,800-5,500 graduates per year. Over the next 20 years, it is estimated that there will be over 193,000 new positions in North America., and about 769,000 worldwide. It is clear there is a definite shortage that is only going to accelerate. Parenthetically, the pilot shortage about which we all have read is equally noteworthy. Over the next 20 years, there will a worldwide demand for over 804,000 pilots, and North America's share is 212,000.

Highly skilled, technically competent workers can earn a substantial starting salary without a four year college degree and have significant advancement opportunities over the course of their career. Aviation maintenance is clearly at the forefront of that trend.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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Fall sure is my favorite season to fly. Cool temps, corn maze searching, clean windscreen after flights due to less bugs. Cool air for an air cooled engine, and pretty colors of pumpkins in a field and trees painting the landscape. Get out and get up!!!!

Contributions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister (zirconmoons@gmail.com)
Deadline: 1st of each month.
Jeff Shaud "Breakfast Teams" (jlshaud@wowway.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.

Bluebird/Songbird Houses; \$20.00 each; proceeds benefit the Mason Sycamore Creek Youth Garden Club; Vickie Vandenbelt; vickie@eaa55.org

1965 Beechcraft Debonair; 35-C-33; 4,480 TT; IO-470N; 225 hp; 35 hours on new 2-blade McCauley prop; 1000 plus hours on overhaul; 200 plus hours since new chrome cylinders; new JPI; October annual; throw-over yoke and dual yoke; Mitchell radios- flip-flop; built in Garmin 396 GPS; based at TEW; \$50,000 firm; Stan Chubb 517-204-1920

Used David Clark headset; model #DC ONE X ENC; used 25 hours; includes manual, carry case, in original packaging. Cost new \$895; asking \$675 obo. Clarke Borgeson 734-516-4363

Used American optical aviation sunglasses; non-polarized, two (2) pairs, one gold and one silver frame color, original packaging with care case. Paid \$67; asking \$48 obo. Clarke Borgeson 734-516-4363

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

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 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; they will soon be working on their 2019 supply!!

OTHER:

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder of Eaton Federal Savings Bank; tschroeder@eatonfed.com

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

EAA55 = CHAPTER BUILDERS

The following are working on or completed homebuilts or restorations ... (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
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/BPurosoky; 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 Purosoky 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

POCKET CALENDAR:

Dec 8 = Christmas Party

**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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