



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

OCTOBER 2019

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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Welcome to Fall in Michigan! The weather has certainly turned. They say the fall colors are running a week or two behind due to warm weather and rain and we've had a good bit of both. I think that's in the past now. I flew on Sunday and the leaves are turning in the cool fall air. Some of the most beautiful flying Michigan has to offer.

It's been a tough couple of week for aviation. Draco destroyed after Reno. The good news on that one is that nobody was hurt. Not so with the Collins Foundation B-17 that went down in Connecticut. That was a tragedy on many fronts. I'm sure it will also have repercussions in how the FAA looks at, and regulates, rides on warbirds in the future.

I had a setback on my plane project and it turned into a good learning opportunity. It took one long day to get everything apart, fix the problem, and put it all back together but now I know it's right.

- 1) If you don't go back and fix it to specs you'll always be wondering if it's OK.
- 2) These things usually take a lot less time to correct than you think because you're not actually re-doing everything like the first time.
- 3) If you bite the bullet and make it right you can forget about it and move on.
- 4) When in doubt, get qualified advice.

But other than that, things are coming along nicely...



We will be holding a First Responders training event for Mason Fire department on Friday evening, November 1st. We're still working out the details but it would be nice to have some aircraft examples for show and tell.

Chapter 55 Officer elections will take place at the November Chapter meeting. We have a couple of good candidates, but we still need candidates for President and Secretary. The work isn't that hard, the recognition and satisfaction is nice, and you'll be helping to keep a great organization moving along. Oh, and did I mention the great pay and benefits package?

Seriously though, please give it some consideration.

Meanwhile, have fun out there and I'll look forward to seeing you Saturday.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Fri; Oct. 11th
 MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; Oct. 12th
 with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

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.



September Breakfast Crew: Mike Lutz, Terry Lutz,
 Connie Bobcik, Ron Goodnoe and
 Mike Franzago (not pictured)

**EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting
 September 11, 2019** → Meeting called to order by
 Vice President Margie Clark at 7:03pm. → Present:
 Margie Clark, Vickie Vandenberg, Mark Bathurst,
 John Bobcik, Bob Clark, Doug Koons, Joe Madziar,
 Warren Miller, Jeff Shaud (attending late) and Ken
 Vandenberg. Absent: Bill Puroskey, Drew Seguin, Al
 Spalding. → Secretary's Report 8/7/19; Mark Bathurst
 made a motion to accept; John Bobcik supported;
 motion carried. → Treasurer's Report 8/31/19 read by
 Vickie Vandenberg; Joe Madziar made a motion to
 accept; Bob Clark supported; motion carried. → Carol
 Spry did a presentation of her 2020 Chapter 55
 calendar draft; Mark Bathurst made a motion to order
 50 copies for best price Carol can get; Doug Koons
 supported; motion carried. → Programs; Vickie
 Vandenberg reported Dave Courey has all set until
 January 2020. → T-Shirts; Vickie Vandenberg
 reported the revised t-shirt order is in and ready for
 distribution and sale; Vickie Vandenberg made a
 motion to pass the misprinted t-shirts to Jeff Shaud
 for distribution to Youth Group members; Doug
 Koons supported; motion carried. → Nominating
 Committee; Drew Seguin and Jeff Shaud will seek
 nominees on Saturday. → Newberry Aviation
 Scholarship Committee; Joe Madziar volunteered and
 will seek other volunteers; Mark Bathurst to release
 applications to LCC students; October 15th will be
 the due date for applications. → Tuesday Cook Outs;
 Doug Koons reported Schiffer's will host 9/24 and he
 will seek host for the 17th and later dates. → Meeting
 Room; Doug Koons reported \$2,500-\$3,000 required
 for materials and finishing; Mark Bathurst made a
 motion to approve up to \$3,000 for the remodeling
 project of the meeting room and hangar kitchen
 facilities; Jeff Shaud supported; motion carried.
 → Mason Aviation Day debrief; Vickie Vandenberg
 passed around a "Thank You" card for the Boy
 Scouts; Vickie reported request to buy new "security
 tape" for the field next year, along with a suggestion
 submitted that the increased price for Pork BBQ and
 Brats include a scoop of coleslaw. Vickie requested
 that the tower be painted to eliminate name on side
 and also proposed we put a "Save the Date" flyer on
 our webpage with 2020 event dates. Bob Clark
 reported that we will be keeping transport trailer here;

BREAKFAST TEAMS:

OCTOBER

Lynn Brown
 Fred Honhart
 John Karlen

NOVEMBER

John Bidle
 Dave Courey
 Pete Hensler
 John Vandermolen
 Bruce VanFarowe

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

OCTOBER:

Tracy Tillman; "Gremlins"

NOVEMBER:

Todd Cotter; Aircraft Records

DECEMBER:

EAA55 Membership Awards

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

he replaced three tires; Gabe Blosser says we can keep trailer in the Builders Hangar until second tenant comes in; Gabe will work on building framework for a cover. Warren Miller asked why we had Breakfast Tickets; cooks had no way to track these and if we do this again we need a ticket taker. →Website overhaul; still pending. →Youth Group; Jeff Shaud reported that a Civil Air Patrol group is looking for a place to meet; discussed offering our meeting room; Doug Koons recommended one be a member of EAA55; Jeff will research with EAA National. Jeff is also submitting an article to AviNation magazine. →Doug Koons reported Terry Lutz donated the stone around the well pump and Bill Purosky and he did the improvements. →Doug Koons reported Fire Department interest in doing a First Responders Training Seminar but Doug has not contacted CRAA or set specific date and itinerary. →Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm. →Respectfully Submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting September 14, 2019

→Meeting called to order at 9:30am by President Drew Seguin with 36 members and 2 guests present. →Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin thanked breakfast team and announced the October. →Guests/new members were introduced. →Secretary's report of 8/10/19 approved. →Treasurer's report 8/31/19 approved. →Young Eagles; Margie Clark reported that 13 kids were flown at the Howell rally; pilots can continue to fly and turn in 2019 forms; looking for freebie stuff for the YE bags; EAA55 received our \$1,250 credit reimbursement from EAA National to purchase stuff for 2020. →Youth Group; Jeff Shaud reported they have an official name "Young Aviators"; they have been working on RC build project; he is submitting article to AviNation Magazine; charitable donations can be made to the EAA55 Youth Group Fund. →Jeff Shaud reported EAA55 will apply to Ray Scholarship soon to allow EAA55 to submit candidates for the scholarship awards; and EAA National also has scholarships available for anyone interested in flying or securing additional pilot ratings. →Vickie Vandenbelt reported replacement EAA55 t-shirts are available for pickup. →Tuesday Cook Outs continue; Doug Koons coordinating; all are welcome and let Doug know if you are interesting in hosting. →Our Chapter recycles plastics, cans, cardboard and Styrofoam. →Meeting Room/ Hangar remodel; Doug Koons will head committee; drawing up schematics for review. →Nominations

Committee; Drew Seguin & John Shaud seeking nominations for officers. →Doug Koons extended thanks to Terry Lutz for providing stone around building foundation and well faucet along with work by Terry, Doug and Bill Purosky. →Programs; set to January 2020 and Dave Courey seeks suggestions. →2020 EAA Calendars are in process of being ordered. →Civil Air Patrol group is seeking a new meeting facility and EAA55 is checking into details for them to use our facility; Dan Schiffer made a motion that EAA Chapter 55 members agree to allowing Civil Air Patrol use of our facility for their meetings as long as they agree to our yet to be developed usage agreement. →Newberry Aviation Scholarship applications are now being accepted for review by our EAA55 Scholarship Committee; applications must be received by October 15, 2019. →First Responders Training Seminar is being discussed; details pending. →Gabe Blosser provided info about the Indiana Seaplane Flyin in late September. →Tom Sheehan provided info on the Antique Car Tour coming to Skyway Estates late September. →Jeff Shaud reported Doug MacKenzie has received his airworthiness certificate on his Zenith 701 project. →Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm. →Our program speaker was Wayne Sieloff, President & CEO, Capital Region Airport Authority, who presented information about Capital City Airport and Mason Jewett Field. →Respectfully Submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary



YOUNG EAGLES
by Margie Clark
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See you at the airport.

From EAA National; Chapter Gram; Sept. 2019
EAA Young Eagles Credits Program Expands
EAA announced at AirVenture 2019 that the pilot requirement of achieving 10 Young Eagles flights before earning any Young Eagles credits has been removed. Starting with flights in 2019, all Young Eagles flights earn Young Eagles credits for the pilot's chapter of record.

The standard amount of \$5 per credit will remain. This means that any pilot who, for example, flies eight Young Eagles will earn eight credits (\$40 worth) for his or her local EAA chapter.

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



TIDBITS
by Vickie Vandebelt
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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes returning members John & Mary Jane Schwartz. They have a Cessna 172 based here at TEW. We also welcome new student members Lee & Thomas Roach.

EAA NATIONAL "FREE TRIAL

MEMBERSHIP": If you know anyone who is interested in aviation but not a member of EAA national, we can sign them up for a FREE six-month trial membership. Applications are in the brochure rack or see me. Also, we encourage parents of youngsters interested in aviation to sign up for a membership to gain knowledge to share with their kids.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: Chapter 55, along with EAA National, has been very active in the encouragement of young people in aviation. Chapter 55 welcomes any youngster who wishes to become active in our chapter as student member - free of charge. An application for student membership is available at the hangar. Perhaps you have a young person in mind that you might want to mentor, transport to meetings or events, etc ??

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 and future purchases. 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 Vickie know.

FRIDAY COFFEE: A group from EAA55 and Mason Jewett plus others - meets every Friday morning at about 9:00am for coffee/breakfast at A&W Restaurant; 628 N. Cedar; Mason, MI. Coffee,

good food and great conversation can't be beat. We hang out until at least 10:00am. Stop and join us if you are in the area.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS: CRAA personnel are available 24/7. If you encounter anything amiss at our airport - please call 517-321-8525

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



YOUTH GROUP
by Jeff Shaud
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Our next youth group meeting will be on Wednesday October 9, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the EAA Chapter 55 hangar in Mason. Sure hope you can make it! We are going to the LCC Aviation Maintenance Training Facility.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
by Mark Bathurst
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LCC's Aviation Maintenance Technology program follows the college's semester schedule. As such, we start a new class every August, and our students graduate two years later, also in August. Our program has grown to the point that we have both a day and evening session, each with about 45 students enrolled. We are virtually at capacity based on classroom size, hangar space and teaching asset utilization.

One of the paradigm shifts we have experienced over the past few years is the strong demand for graduates from all facets of the aviation maintenance industry. Previously, graduates would have to seek out employers. Employers are now coming to us in significant numbers to talk to our students, all encouraging our graduates to work for them. Over the course of the two years our students are with us, over 20 employers will be here making presentations to our students and encouraging them to apply for a position as an A&P mechanic. Companies come from as far as San Francisco and as close as Battle

Creek. Every employer has the same message: Come work for us as soon as you graduate. Employers typically are from three major career fields. Airlines (both regional and major), MRO facilities (maintenance, repair and overhaul) and engine or aircraft manufacturers represent the majority of employment opportunities. FBOs at major airports have increasingly shown interest in hiring our students, and we are seeing interest from diverse companies such as helicopter operators and drone operators.

Of the class that graduated in August this year, 10% are working for engine manufacturers. 35% chose to work for MRO facilities, and 35% went to airlines. One graduate is working for a helicopter operator. The remaining graduates are finishing their FAA A&P licensure process or have chosen to finish either their Associates' or Bachelors' degrees before entering the workforce.

Of obvious interest to our students is the salary and benefit packages employers offer. Starting salaries range from approximately \$45,000 to \$60,000 per year, and this is before overtime, profit sharing, bonuses and shift differentials. Employers are now offering relocation allowances, customized complete tool boxes, tuition reimbursement and a full package of benefits including health insurance, 401K match and the like.

When we talk to prospective students, we ask them what brought them to consider aviation maintenance as a career. To a person, they indicate that this is where well-paying jobs are, and the opportunities for advancement, both professionally and financially, have never been better. We expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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See you at the airport.

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 Vandenberg; vickie@ea55.org

1965 Beechcraft Debonair; 35-C-33; 4,480 TT; IO-470N; 225 hp; 35 hours on new 2-blade McCauley prop; 1000+ hours on overhaul; 200+ hours since new chrome cylinders; new JPI; October annual; throw-over yoke & 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 carry 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.

Maple Syrup; Pints, Quarts, and Half Gallons; John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; jbobcik@gmail.com

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!

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

HANGARS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Jacque Carlson; 517-881-6174
Dave Paul; 517-525-5010

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

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

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
 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/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 project
 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
 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

<p>Mason Jewett Field FBO: Great Lakes Air Repair 517-525-3673 Maintenance - Painting - Upholstery - Engines</p>

POCKET CALENDAR:

Dec 8 = Christmas Party

2020:

Jun 13 = Young Eagles

Jun 14 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol

Jul 11 = Young Eagles

Aug 8 = Young Eagles

Aug 15 = Mason Aviation Day

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ON FACEBOOK !!

**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/>

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)



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