

## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

**MAY 2024**

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

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**by Rick Laub**

**([ea55.president@gmail.com](mailto:ea55.president@gmail.com))**

Spring is here! Time to get out and fly. We have some big events coming up. On May 18, we are doing a Young Eagles day over at Owosso airport. Looks like we have a number of folks signed up to volunteer – we could always use some more pilots – they have quite the number of folks signed up already to take some rides. On June 8, we have our first Young Eagles event at Mason and then on the following weekend – June 15 is our Dawn Patrol chapter fundraiser. As usual, we need folks not only for the events but for set-up the day before. We not only need folks to staff the events, but a team of folks help organize the volunteers. If you can help, please do. Also, the folks at the Capitol Region Airport Authority along with the Rieth-Riley paving folks have been busy getting our taxi-lanes repaved in record time. See you at the meeting!



Thank you to our April breakfast team:  
Don McAlister, Paul Creger and Dave Trojan

### **SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**

#### **MAY:**

Dave Trojan – topic TBD

#### **JUNE-JULY-AUGUST:**

Young Eagle Rally

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (tent)

**CONTACT PAT SALOW WITH YOUR  
SUGGESTIONS**

### **CHAPTER 55**

**BOARD MEETING:** 7:00pm; May 8th

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 9:30am; Sat. May 11th  
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

## UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
Ralph Gregus	Bill Bezdek
Tim Martinson	Don Frank
Pat Salow	Dave Cook
Chloe Miner	Lisa Fredline
Frank Garcia	Lee Paquette

### **EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

→meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Rick Laub. In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, Drew Seguin, Jeff Shaud, Gabe Blosser, Ken Drewyor, Greg Hover, and Gary Nicola. Absent were, John Kuchar, Warren Miller, Michael Rosencrans, Dave James, and Bob Clark. Non board member present was Doug Koons. →Secretary's Report for March; Greg Hover made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Gary Nicola; motion carried. →Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Treasurer Drew Seguin. Specifics of various portions were discussed and explained. Part of the report reflects member dues. Drew noted that there has been a drop in renewal dues received, a few each year since 2022. Discussion ensued over this and what to do to reverse the trend. Nothing definite was decided. Drew is using a new computer format (to compile the report) which is less expensive than the old one, yet accomplishes the same purpose. Gilda made a motion to accept; seconded by Greg Hover; motion carried. →Doug Koons gave the Ray Scholarship report. Our most recent winner, Cal Hayslette, has yet to complete his final check flight – due to weather. Part of the problem is that only one flight date can be scheduled at a time. If that date doesn't work out, (mainly a weather issue) there is a two week wait for another flight date. The next flight date for Cal is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. →Jeff Shaud mentioned that the last youth meeting was upstaged by a concurrent meeting of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Most of the youth are members of CAP. The next youth meeting is scheduled for this Sunday in the builder's hanger. April 28<sup>th</sup> is Drone Safety Day, an event of Lansing Community College. Our youth group will have an EAA55 table set up there on the West Campus. →C.A.R.D.S., (a local chapter of Model Aeronautics, a national organization) will be invited to present a program for our chapter member meeting in September. →The issue of the roof leak in the chapter hanger was

brought up by Doug Koons. Insurance is the hurdle that must be resolved. EAA doesn't cover maintenance insurance on the buildings. Drew Seguin will check into this issue. The roof needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Board members will have an email meeting upon resolution of the insurance issue, so that we can move forward hopefully before the next board meeting. →Drew Seguin is responsible for meeting closeout this month. →Advertising for Dawn Patrol was discussed. Rick mentioned that Facebook is a very effective advertising venue and plans to take out a Facebook Ad. →Gilda Tucker mentioned that the April Leadership Conference at EAA National is next weekend. She is registered and plans to attend. John Kuchar had planned to attend but is still in rehab at Sparrow Hospital. →Two recent member donations were made to the Newberry Scholarship Fund. One by Terry Lutz and one by Clark Borgess. →Repairing taxi lanes at Mason Jewett Airport begins Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Rob Bernstein from Capital Regional Airport in Lansing will be attending the member meeting Saturday to explain what to expect. →meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm. →Respectfully submitted by Gilda Tucker, Secretary.

### **EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 13, 2024**

→meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Rick Laub. →After the National Anthem was sung, Rick thanked the breakfast team: Paul Creger, Don McAlister, and Dave Trojan. The breakfast team for next month includes Ralph Gregus, Tim Martinson, Pat Salow, Chloe Miner, and Frank Garcia. →Today's guests include Robert Miller, Claus Buchholz, James Weber, Steve Morena, Rob Bernstein, and Pat Ryan. →There is a correction in the Secretary's Report for March. It was stated that Karen Meirndorf sold 50/50 raffle tickets for \$5.00 each. Actually, the tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Joe Mazadar made a motion to accept the report; Mark Bathhurst seconded; motion carried. (Note: Karen approached Secretary, Gilda Tucker prior to the meeting regarding the correction.) →Treasurer's Report was noted. Gabe Blosser made a motion to accept the report; Greg Hover seconded; motion carried. →Rob Bernstein, Chief Operating Officer at Capital City Airport in Lansing gave a report on the repairing of the taxi lanes at Mason Jewett Airport. The project has been held up over what exactly was to be done; a reconstruction, or a rehabilitation. The

FAA has different guidelines for each. Capital City Airport and the FAA finally came to an agreement on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Funding for the project comes from a five-year grant from the FAA, paid out in \$150,000 annual installments. Each annual installment has a deadline. This year's deadline is in May; thus construction must begin immediately. Work will begin Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete, with a few extra days for touch-up – grass seeding and line painting on the taxi ways. During construction taxi ways #3 and #5 will have continuous access to the runway. All other taxi ways will be closed. Other projects forthcoming include: terminal ramp rehabilitation beginning the summer of 2025, fuel farm gas tank replacement to begin June 2024, and tree removal as an ongoing project. Rob concluded by saying that core samples of the taxi ways will take place Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and may partially block taxi ways temporarily. → Youth Leader Jeff Shaud is absent so there is no youth report. → Doug Koons announced that April 19<sup>th</sup> is the next date set for Cal to take his final check ride. Cal is our Ray Scholarship recipient who has been trying to complete requirements for obtaining his private license since last fall. → Margie Clark is absent but Rick Laub announced that several pilots are lined up to give rides to Young Eagles in Owosso on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Additional pilots are welcome if they have completed the Child Protection Form available on the EAA website. → Roof resurfacing is a “must do” project. If we use available manpower from within our own ranks, the project will cost approximately \$5,000. If we hire it done professionally the cost jumps to around \$22,000. Effort is being made to accomplish the task through use of our own manpower. The first step is to power wash the roof. Afterward, new water proof paint can be rolled onto the roof. Doug Koons has taken the lead in this project. He will be available until June. → Gilda Tucker reminded members to fill out and return by email or in person “member profile” forms to her. Each month two members are featured in the Member Spotlight of the newsletter. → Two of our members, Terry Lutz, and Clark Borgess made generous contributions to the Newberry Scholarship Fund. Thank you Terry and Clark! → Relay for Life is coming up soon. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the start date ending the following day. This is a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. Proceeds from the sale of 50/50 tickets also go to the American Cancer Society. Karen Merindorf is also selling luminaries

for the relay. Contact her in advance to make your purchase [krmdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:krmdorf@yahoo.com). Frank Garcia was this month's 50/50 raffle ticket winner. → Dave Trojan suggested a way to add funds to our coffers. At the upcoming Dawn Patrol breakfast, we could hold a sale of Aviation memorabilia, parts, etc. → Members can bring in whatever they have on hand that they no longer want or use to put into the sale. Proceeds go to our chapter treasury. → This month's program speaker is FAA Aviation Safety Inspector Pat Ryan. He will be speaking on “Helicopter Wake Turbulence”. → meeting was adjourned at 10:06am. → Respectfully submitted by Gilda Tucker, Secretary.



**MEMBERSHIP**  
by Vickie Vandebelt  
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**NEW MEMBERS:** Chapter 55 welcomes new member Meg Schartzter. Meg is the current Civil Air Patrol leader for our area.

**CHAPTER EVENTS:** Keep spreading the word to “push” the information about our upcoming events. Word of mouth, Facebook, emails and posting flyers are the best and cheapest forms of advertising !!

**MAGAZINES WANTED:** We are looking for a supply of relatively current (past couple years) supply of aviation magazines. There is a specific tub in the meeting room for your contributions. We plan to put these out for our patrons at our events this summer.



**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:**  
**Terry Lutz**

I joined EAA 55 in 1996. I am a pilot current in RV-8, Luscombe 8A, Cirrus, OFI, CF11, and several large jet type ratings. I own an RV-8 and a Luscombe 8A. I enjoy everything to do with aviation, including aircraft testing, development, and certification. My career was in aviation as an aerospace engineer, and flight tester. When not involved in aviation, I enjoy being outdoors amidst trees and wildflowers. Of course, I also have a heart for dalmatian dogs! If there were no



limitations, I would buy the Mason Jewett Airport and turn it into a real airport. I would create an endowment so it could operation perpetually as a place for training, building, and flying.



**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:**  
**John Kuchar**

I joined EAA 55 around 2015. I am not a pilot and I don't own an airplane, but I enjoy flying, building, airplanes in general and aviation history. I am a mechanical engineer by profession. When not at the airport I can be found involved in Ham Radio (extra class), computers, or at my church. I also enjoy big band and classical music. If there were no limitations, I would own and fly a beach bonanza. I would build a velocity XLRG and I would home base in southwest Florida.



**YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR**  
**by Margie Clark**  
**([margieclark172@gmail.com](mailto:margieclark172@gmail.com))**

I would like to ask our members to complete the Child Protection Policy on line so that you are covered to help with this program as ambassadors of aviation. It only takes about 15 minutes to do on line and you will receive a certificate back from National. Have your EAA member number available to start. To find the policy - go to Young Eagle Flights.com, click on Chapter and Volunteer Pilot Resources, go to Youth Protection Policy and continue to follow their directions. Once you have completed the program, please print a copy of your certificate and place it in the file folder on the directors table labeled Young Eagles.

I have placed the sign-up sheets for our YE Rallies on the front table in the meeting room. Please consider signing up to help at the rallies. As always, the three main rallies are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June, July and August.

In addition we have been asked to hold a rally at the Owosso airport on May 18. They do not have an EAA chapter there so some of us have committed to showing them what EAA 55 is all about. If you are able to volunteer for this event, there is a separate sign-up sheet on a clipboard next to the other three.

There is a great restaurant next door to the terminal that will be open until noon. They will be supplying lunch for our volunteers. Please consider coming to Owosso to help. Happy Flying everyone.



**YOUTH GROUP**  
**By Jeff Shaud**  
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See the minutes for information.



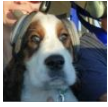
**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**team Heartwood Glad Rags**  
**by Karen Meirndorf**  
**([krmdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:krmdorf@yahoo.com))**

Relay is coming to a community near you. Please join us for an evening of great importance and fact-finding experience, and fun things to see and do, on June 14 5pm till 10am Saturday. Chapter 55 is fundraising to support the American Cancer Society's patient programs and research grants with our airport's name on top of a track fact sign. A great way to help us with 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.



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



**EDITORS PROLIX**  
By Deanna McAlister  
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See you at THE airport!!! Or see ya at another airport!!! Tailwinds to you.

## APRIL 2024 AVIATION STORIES

By Jeff Stetson  
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### PEAK AVIATION, APRIL 8TH ECLIPSE MISSION:

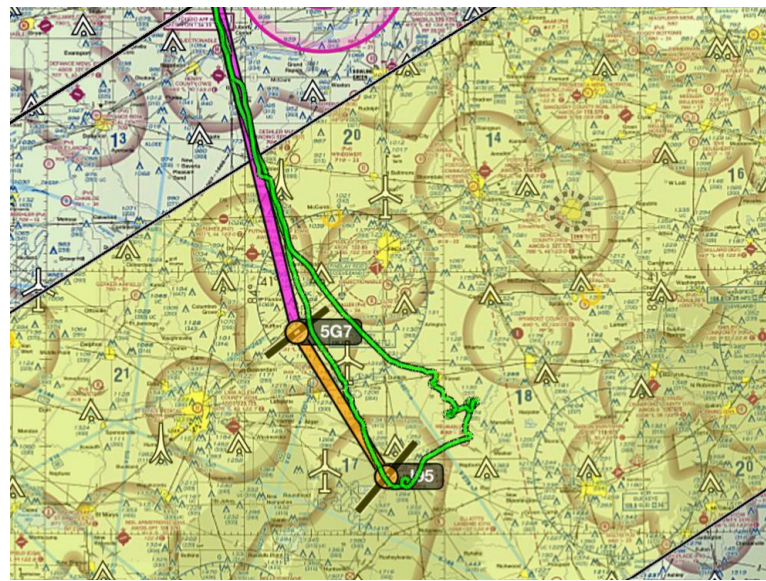
3.5 hours in the air. Motor 120 miles to I95, near Findley & Lima, Ohio, into the center of the zone. Loiter. The disk of darkness approaches. Shut off the engine. Glide silently in dead, cold air. A line of dark races in from the southwest. Blackness envelopes. But from 6,000 feet, a distant horizon shows through as a circle of twilight. Above me, the Sun's crown glows in companionship with Jupiter and Venus. After three, both long and short minutes, the black disk moves on and life returns to the Earth. An experience beyond words, beyond worlds.



This picture is from a video. Unfortunately, the GoPro wasn't running when I thought it was, so the disk of totality was caught only as it moved away to the northeast at 1,500 mph. But you can get the gist of what it was like if you care to watch:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wA\\_IF19g7dKnR7Nwno5c5JycJZILzgIT/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wA_IF19g7dKnR7Nwno5c5JycJZILzgIT/view?usp=sharing)

The zone of totality is shaded in yellow:



### MONDAY APRIL 22ND DOWNWIND DASH:

The soaring forecast (from skysight.io) wasn't that great, but I decided to try a distance soaring flight regardless, a downwind dash with strong gusty SW winds. An AIRMET for turbulence was in effect. The air was very dry, 20% relative humidity, hence cumulus clouds to mark lift were lacking until pretty late. So, I waited until 2 pm for more puffs to form. It was a too-exciting start, being that the first takeoff attempt was aborted when a badly timed southerly gust almost put me into the weeds. The reported 240 deg 12G18 was just a guess. But the lift was strong and I shut down the engine about 7 minutes after the second (successful) takeoff run.

My in-air average cross-country speed of ~30 mph was mediocre but a 15-20 kt tailwind gave ~109 miles in 1.9 hours. The good lift band was 6,000 - 7,500' with excursions to 4,000 and 8,300' (OAT was -8C degrees up there, and there's zero cabin heat!). Threading the gap between Flint Class C and Detroit Class B airspace was a bit of a challenge, but eventually, NE progress was blocked by the Lake Huron. There was plenty of height and lift remaining to make Bad Ax, but Cu's were disappearing. And I was tired. Turning back from Sandusky City at ~4 pm, I restarted the engine. It took almost as much time to motor back to Mason as to glide up there. The ride at 95 kt was extremely rough, tolerable at 80, but that gave a 60 kt groundspeed. Still, at least three hard negative G jolts were noted upon various parts of my aged body. Worth every moment ...





The Capitol Region Airport Authority along with the Rieth-Riley paving folks have been busy getting our taxi-lanes repaved in record time. Photos courtesy of Vickie Vandenbelt.



Tear Out



Chapter Taxi Lane

If you wish to nerd out, here's a link to a quite powerful interactive glider flight analysis program using data recorded on my glide computer. The flight can be replayed like a video, or by clicking the time line, or dragging the blue line to different positions. Shown parameters can be selected on the pull-down menus. "Engine noise" tells when the engine is running. The red line segments on the starting map shows when the computer thinks it's off. Select "3D" and "play" and the flight is re-lived with an outside view of the glider shown over a Google Earth satellite map. It's fun.

<https://seeyou.cloud/flight/public/6j-BZVc7NY1364obli5gVF?u=i>



Almost Done





Canola fields are in bloom. This one is between 127 and Tuttle Road. Directly west of TEW.

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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### **LCC DRONE WORKSHOP:**

At least five EAA 55 members including Jeff Shaud, Ken Drewyor, Gary Nicola, Bill Bezdek and Rick Laub were present for most of the informative day at LCC regarding Drones, training, certification, safety and even a bit of fun. Five folks from FAA including both FSDOs in Michigan showed up and gave presentations. We had two tables, one for the youth and one for the chapter. Quite a bit of interest in Young Eagles flights from several groups. Fantastic job by LCC in putting on this event!



Ken Drewyor & Jeff Shaud on duty.

### **SUGGESTION BY DAVE TROJAN:**

Aviation sale at Pancake Breakfast ...

Currently collecting aviation related items to be used for sale at upcoming pancake breakfast. Items include aviation art, decor, aviation books, aviation decor, airplane toys, aircraft parts, and anything aviation related that customers can easily carry and buy at the pancake breakfast. Especially looking for items for children. This is also a good opportunity to clean out your hangars if you have something to donate. There will be a table available for customers to view and purchase the items while they are waiting in line to pay during the breakfast. All proceeds go towards EAA Chapter. Just drop off the items at the EAA hangar along with suggested price.

(Editors Note: There will be some books available at the Chapter May meeting so that our members get first pick. And, we are taking contributions of recent aviation magazines to have available for free at summer events.)



Sample of suggested items



## **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\*\*](mailto:dtrojan60@gmail.com) or cell 808-386-0609



## **EXPENSIVE HAMBURGERS**

**By Bill Purosky & Doug Koons**

April 8<sup>th</sup>, Doug and I had planned to go back to Seneca County Airport (16G) in Ohio to see the eclipse since that was in the band of total coverage of the sun by the moon. The early morning didn't look too promising, and some cloud cover had developed over night. Doug had broadcast to a number of other flyers that we would be going but only John and Connie had replied in the affirmative. John had mentioned that they would fly into Coldwater (OEB) for lunch about 11:30 am and if the cloud cover was getting less, fly on to Seneca County. This sounded to us to be a great plan, so we joined them. As reported last month, the restaurant there had changed hands and the lunch provided by the new proprietors was quite good. After lunch, we checked the oil and did a preflight and headed east southeast to Seneca. We arrived there about 1 pm with no problem getting in the uncontrolled field. We taxied up to the fuel pumps and topped off since the fuel there was about \$1.00 cheaper per gallon than Mason. They pump it for you even at the cheaper rate. They then put us on line parallel to the runway. John and Connie parked right next to us so we could watch the eclipse together. We had packed chairs and a cooler with snacks and pop to see us through the event. Doug had packed the cooler so all I had to do was eat and drink! By the time we got settled, we counted about 40 aircraft at the airport. The nice part about owning a high wing is that we could sit in the shade but easily lean back and view the sun by looking just past the leading edge of the wing. Perfect! What amazed me most was how bright the daylight was when only a small sliver of sun was visible and then how dark it got when that little sliver was finally covered. Of course, the temperature dropped about 10 degrees and the clouds dissipated. The birds and the insects became totally quiet and I'm sure if the proverbial pin was dropped, we would have heard it. The wind which was reported at 8 knots by their AWOS suddenly died and all was calm. Quite an experience! About a half hour after the total eclipse, Doug and I packed up the furniture and the cooler. We bid John and Connie goodbye and wished them a good flight back and headed home. We had about a one-hour trip and for the first



half the air was smooth. By the second half, the winds remembered to start blowing again and we bounced along in a mild turbulence. The flight back is almost a straight line but we needed to bend it a little to get around the Toledo and Detroit airspace to stay legal. A good time was had by all!



## **NOTES FROM CAPE JUBY**

**By Terry Lutz**

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John “Jack” Sheehan, the 102-year-old WWII B-26 pilot I wrote about last month, passed away on April 17<sup>th</sup>, one month shy of his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He suffered a fall, resulting in several difficult bone fractures. Jack elected to enter Hospice care and died peacefully with his daughter Lori by his side.

Jack was an amazing man and as sharp as could be right up until he suffered the fall. Imagine getting email messages from someone 102 years old! He was an avid reader, and loved keeping up with corporate news, Boeing in particular. Jack loved the Detroit Tigers and was already enjoying the games so far this year.

Kurt Gubert and I attended his memorial service, which was held at Village at the Oaks in Muskegon, where he had been living for the last several years. Many of the residents spoke about Jack, about his wit, and about his friendly nature. His daughter spoke and said that Jack told her three things that led to his long life:

1. Keep moving.
2. Make friends with people who are younger than you.
3. Never stop serving others.

The ceremony ended with members of the Muskegon VFW post who held up the American flag for everyone to see. Then they precisely folded it in 13 perfect triangles. Then with steel grey eyes, the tallest veteran in the group looked directly at Lori and said these words:

On behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Air Force, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one’s honorable and faithful service.



Jack will serve others for the next three years, as he asked that his body be used for medical science at Michigan State University. After that time, he will be cremated and interred at a family plot in Alabama. RIP Jack.

Contributions, corrections and additions to “WingTips” are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister ([zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com))

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

Joe Madziar “Breakfast Teams” ([madziars@msn.com](mailto:madziars@msn.com)) and Pat Salow “Monthly Programs” ([salow@icloud.com](mailto:salow@icloud.com))

## **CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE:** RV-6 tail kit; miscellaneous 2 x construction lumber 8 to 16ft. Contact: Greg Hover; 517-862-8966.

**WANTED MAGAZINES:** We are looking for a supply of relatively current (past couple years) supply of aviation magazines. There is a specific tub in the meeting room for your contributions. We plan to put these out for our patrons at our events this summer.

**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. I collect and restore old aircraft instrument panels for collectors and museums. I'm a member of the international Aircraft Cockpit & Instrument Panel Collectors Group. I also work with many Aviation Museums to restore their aircraft such as the Selfridge AFB Museum, Wurtsmith Air Museum, and the Yankee Air Museum. I recently restored FG-1D Corsair panel for the Selfridge AFB Museum using old gauges and parts. Old instruments can be used to fill holes in panels and can be used for parts to restore other instruments. 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! If you have old gauges, instruments, and cockpit parts please contact Dave Trojan at [dtrojan60@gmail.com](mailto:dtrojan60@gmail.com) or cell 808-386-0609



### **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)

### **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:

Mark Bathurst; Cessna 172

Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib

John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox 7SS

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

Ken Drewyor; Kitfox (sold); Mooney M20C

Richard Floyd; Cessna 310

Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II

Donald Frank; BE35P

Mike Franzago; RV-8

Ralph Gregus; Zenith CH750

Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza; w/Travelaire; PT-17; AT-6 restorations

Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project

Ward Harris; Cessna 177B

Steve Houghton; RV-7A

Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)

Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 proj

Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)

Rick Laub; Sling 4 project

Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8

Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701

Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-14A; RV-9A project



Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172  
 Chuck Moore; RV-12  
 Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman  
 Traveler restoration  
 Jim Palmer; Glasair III  
 Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)  
 Pat Salow; Zenith 701  
 Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3  
 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  
 Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project  
 John VanderMolen; Zenith 750  
 John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

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### **POCKET CALENDAR:**

June 15th EAA55 Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast

August 17th EAA55 Mason Aviation Day

### **FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS POSTED**

**IN TEW TERMINAL** w/special thanks to Tony 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/eeaa/events](http://www.eaa.org/eeaa/events)

[www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp](http://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp)

[www.michigan.gov/aero/](http://www.michigan.gov/aero/)

### **CRAA BOARD MEETINGS:**

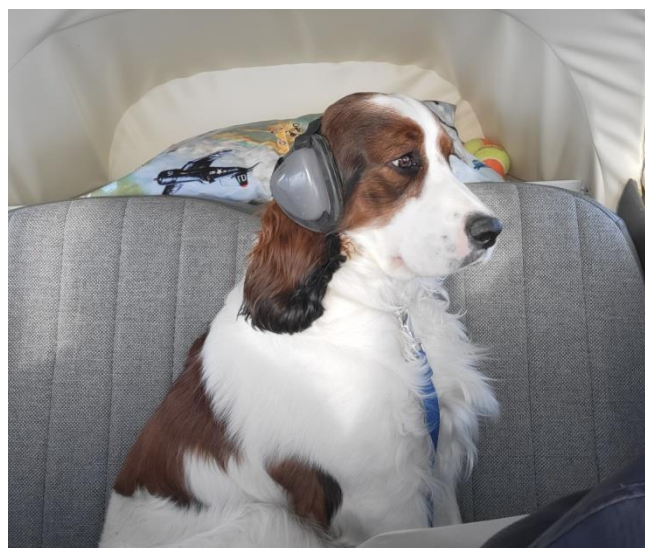
4th Monday of the Month @ 4:30pm

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 7<sup>th</sup>; May 1<sup>st</sup>; August 7<sup>th</sup>; and November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in a classroom at the LCC Aviation Technology facility.



Wilbur Wright says see you up in the skies!!

What doesn't kill you  
makes you stronger..



Except propellers..  
Propellers will kill  
you!



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