

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

July 2024

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rick Laub

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Many thanks to Greg Hover and everyone who made Dawn Patrol a success. Seeing the pictures of all of the planes that flew in is pretty impressive. We served a bit over 250 breakfasts. There are other ways we could raise money to fund our chapter - but this is a great opportunity for everyone to work together, to have fun, to welcome other pilots to our chapter and airport, and to show our local Mason community that we are an integral part of that community.

We have Mason Aviation Day coming up on August 17th and our next two chapter meetings are Young Eagles flying days – lots of opportunity for camaraderie by working together.

And this month, the mothership hosts AirVenture at Oshkosh.

Hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July celebration!

CHAPTER 55

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm; July 10th

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat. July 12th
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

JUNE-JULY-AUGUST:

Young Eagle Rally

SEPTEMBER:

Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (tent)

OCTOBER:

TBD

CONTACT PAT SALOW WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS

“THANK YOU” JUNE BREAKFAST TEAM

Lee Paquette, Bill Bezdek, and Joe Madziar
(unfortunately they were not captured on film)

UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

JULY

Karen Hover
Bruce Thorburn
Ivan Bradley
Albert Esser II

AUGUST

Mike Franzago
Cal Hayslette
Tim Allen
Andrew Brown



EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, June 5, 2024

→ Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Rick Laub. In attendance were Rick Laub, Gilda Tucker, Drew Seguin, Gabe Blosser, Jeff Shaud, Bob Clark, Greg Hover, Gary Nicola, and Ken Drewyor. Absent were John Kuchar, Dave James, Warren Miller, and Mike Rosencrans. Also in attendance were non-board members Doug Koons, Julianna Buning, and Margie Clark. → Secretary's Report was noted. Drew made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Jeff Shaud; motion carried. → Treasurer's Report was noted. After some discussion of the report a motion was made by Gilda to accept the report; seconded by Greg Hover; motion carried. → The roof recoating issue was discussed. Drew has talked with the insurance company and is signing papers to complete the process. Work should begin within the next two weeks, weather permitting. A request is going out for volunteers. → Owosso Young Eagles event went smoothly although there were less than expected people who showed up for rides. The Owosso airport manager was very impressed with the organization and efficiency of our chapter in putting on this event. → Jeff Shaud discussed the upcoming Youth Meeting. Julianna made up several Young Eagle posters to display at upcoming chapter events. Julianna, in addition to being the newsletter editor, is very active with the Young Eagle events at our chapter. → Greg Hover has the Dawn Patrol event well in hand. The event was discussed. → Hauling the large coffee pots out to the adjacent hanger for events is cumbersome and potentially dangerous. To remedy the situation, two carts were purchased for hauling the pots around. → Lawn mowing was discussed. Our current mower isn't working. Gabe offered to repair it. No one has officially been designated to do the mowing. Doug has taken it upon himself to do the job. It was suggested that we need to actively designate people for the job. Gary and Gabe both volunteered. → We need a few large 50 gallon coolers to use for outdoor events. Margie is asking anyone who would like to donate a cooler to please do so. → The member meeting close out person for this month is Gary. → The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. → Respectfully submitted by Gilda Tucker, Secretary



EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 11, 2024

→ Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Rick Laub. → Prior to singing the National Anthem, Terry Lutz announced the passing away yesterday of Apollo 8 Astronaut Bill Anders. The 1968 Apollo 8 was the mission first to circle the moon. The famous Earth-rise photo taken on that mission was taken by Bill Anders. He perished in a plane crash in which he was flying alone. He was 90. → After the National Anthem, Rick thanked the breakfast team, Lee Paquette, Bill Bezdek, and Joe Madziar. Next month's breakfast team consists of, Karen Hover, Bruce Thorburn, Ivan Bradley and Albert Esser. → There were four guests, including a youngster who came for the Young Eagle flight. Including guests there were thirty-three present. → Secretary's Report was noted. Margie made a motion to accept the report; was seconded by Jennifer Jacob; motion carried. → Treasurer's Report was briefly discussed. A motion was made by Dave Trojan to accept the report; seconded by Jeff Shaud; motion carried. → Jeff Shaud mentioned that several of our youth participated in the Owosso event last week. Tomorrow's youth event is postponed until the 4th Sunday of June (23rd) from 2-5pm. → Margie summarized last week's Owosso youth event. There was a small turnout – only thirty-one came for a flight. Due to the small turnout and the extra pilots that showed up, the event was over by noon. The Owosso airport manager was impressed by the efficiency and organization put forth by our chapter and has given us an open invitation to return for a similar event in the future. One who came out for a ride is a promising candidate for joining our youth group. Her mother has volunteered to work at Dawn Patrol. → Mason Samson donated two headsets to our chapter to use with Young Eagle flights. Thank you! → We need a few 50 gallon ice chests if anyone has one they no longer use. The ones we have are wearing out. They are used at outdoor events. → We could also use boat cushions if anyone has some they no longer want. They are used as booster seats for young airplane riders. → Doug Koons presented Cal Hayslette with his awards for successful completion of requirements for his private pilot license. Cal (the Ray Scholarship recipient for 2023) thanked Doug and the chapter for their encouragement and support in helping him achieve his goal. He said the \$11,000 he was awarded paid the majority of his flight

training. Cal has been a volunteer at our chapter for many years prior to receiving the scholarship. →Doug announced that the product to repair the roof has been selected. Drew is finishing the final insurance related issues. A sign-up sheet was drawn up and is on the table for volunteers to indicate the day and time they are available to help do the work. Jon Iversen has two fall harnesses he is lending for the job. →President Rick Laub offered thanks to Julianna Buning who has volunteered to be the Wing Tip Newsletter Editor. She took over recently and put together the June newsletter. →Dawn Patrol Coordinator Greg Hover is requesting workers for that event. →Terry Lutz's contributions were mentioned in an earlier newsletter however he's been out of town. Having returned Rick thanked Terry Lutz for his monetary contribution to the Newberry Scholarship Fund and for donating a computer to the chapter. →Lawn mowing was discussed at the recent board meeting. The decision was made to find people who would assume the responsibility for keeping the lawn mowed. Gary Nicola and Gabe Blosser volunteered. →Gabe has collaborated with Dave Trojan in creating a part of the instrument panel usable on B29 and P51 planes. Dave restores instrument panels. Gabe has a CNC milling machine available for anyone to use in a build project. He also has a shop for rent suitable as a location for a build project. →Warren Miller, a forty-plus year member of the chapter wants to keep up with new members who join. He requests that members please wear their name tags to the member meeting and at events. →Dave Trojan has started "Aero Mart", a collection of aviation related items to sell to raise funds for our chapter. →Items can be brought (with prices on them) to be included in the "hanger sale" at our events. If on the buying end, please give your money to Drew. →Dave (also a member of EAA304 Jackson) was at Jackson's recent breakfast and they donated \$75 worth of left over eggs and food items to our chapter. Thank you, EAA304! →Meeting adjourned at 10:02am. →Respectfully submitted, Gilda Tucker, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandenberg
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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new members James Wieser, Claus Buchholz, Jim Hartman, Tom Tompkins, along with family members Mason & Janet Kinney Samson and Christopher Desjardine & his son Student Member Luke. We also welcome new Student Members Paul Schwartz, Carson Nystrom, Alexandar Graham, Cole Blanken and Zach Moring.

2024 DAWN PATROL STATS:

219 Adults & 37 Kids Breakfasts served = 256 GT
55 Planes Flew in representing 88 pilots & crew
\$172 AeroMart Sales (our first ever public sale!!)
\$60 Newberry Aviation Scholarship Donations
Our competition was Marshall, Lakeview, Empire & West Branch

KLONDIKE BARS: Don't panic – we are not giving them up. But they may need to be temporarily relocated to the supply room refig/freezer to make room for MAD supplies.

AERO MART SALE: Dave Trojan initiated our first ever AeroMart at our Dawn Patrol. It was well received !! We are still collecting donations of items for the table to do another sale at Mason Aviation Day. Items wanted include anything aviation related - especially looking for airplane toys, aviation pictures and art, DVDs, books, and small aircraft parts. Look around your hangars and homes for what you want to get rid of. Dave will price the items and your donated items will be accepted right up until the day of MAD.

OLD AIRPORT DIRECTORIES: The new 2024 Airport Directories are starting to arrive in the mailboxes of registered owners. If you have any older versions of the directories that you wish to "repurpose" – I am collecting them for distribution at our fly-ins.

USE OF THE EAA55 MEETING

ROOM/TABLES/CHAIRS: Our meeting room plus our HANGAR tables & chairs and other equipment of EAA55 are available for use by our members on a "**SIGN OUT**" basis. There is a sign-up sheet clipped to the bulletin board. Fill in the information requested; when you plan to remove the equipment and complete it when you return the equipment. **NOTE:** Our NEW tables & chairs in the meeting room are **NOT** available for loan. Apparently, someone used our room and equipment recently and equipment is missing and some food supplies that were not paid for.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to CHAPTER 55

Chapter 55 was formed in 1959 and
2024 marks our 65th Anniversary

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

WE NEED YOUR INFO HERE !!



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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No news this month. Hope you can assist with our
July & August Young Eagle Rallies.



YOUTH GROUP
By Jeff Shaud
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See the minutes for information.

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

FROM THE EDITOR

By Julianna Buning
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No news this month.

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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**FREE RADIUM INSTRUMENT
TESTING AND TRAINING**
By Dave Trojan
(dtrojan60@gmail.com)

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/](https://theaviationist.com/special-reports/radioactive-materials-in-flight-instruments/)

If interested in testing and or training on this issue,
please contact Dave Trojan
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EXPENSIVE HAMBURGERS
By Bill Purosky & Doug Koons

No news this month.



NOTES FROM CAPE JUBY

By Terry Lutz

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No news this month.

CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: FLY MICHIGAN decals. Available in red, blue or white. \$5.00 each. Hope to have available at July/August events or contact vickie7463@gmail.com

Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Julianna Buning (juliannabuning@gmail.com)
Deadline: Wednesday preceding the 1st Saturday of each month.
Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams" (madziars@msn.com) and Pat Salow "Monthly Programs" (salow@icloud.com)



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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. 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! Contact Dave Trojan at 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:

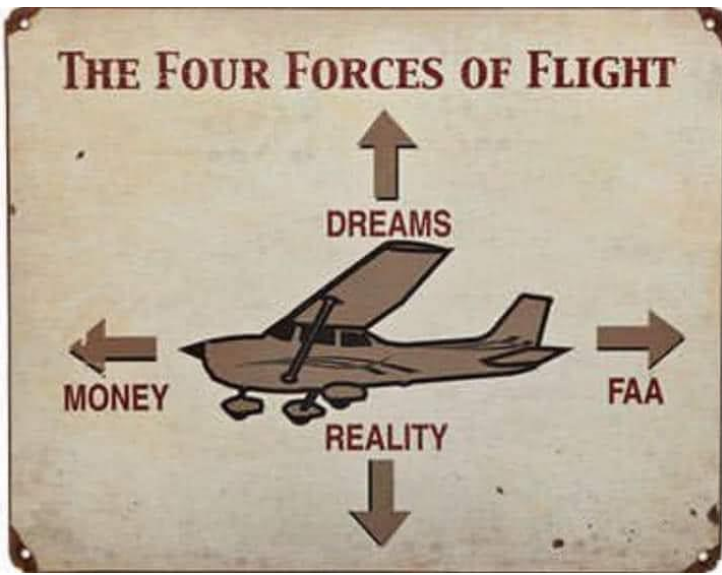
Here is a list of those who are working on homebuilts and/or restorations, as well as pilots and their planes ... Additions, deletions & corrections appreciated:

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
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
Kirk Curtis; Cessna 182
Ken Drewyor; Kitfox (sold); Mooney M20C
Albert Esser II; Piper Arrow
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310

Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II
Donald Frank; BE35P
Mike Franzago; Starduster II project
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza; Travelaire; PT-17 & AT-6 restorations
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B
Gordon Hempstone; Cobra A Ultralight & Avid Magnum project
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)
Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 proj
Allen Jencks; Fisher Horizon 2
Robert Kerr; hot air balloons
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701 & RV210 project
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A project
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172
Chuck Moore; RV-12
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III
Lee Paquette; Sonex
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Mason Samson; Aeronca Chief & Piper Tripacer
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3 project
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 206
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project
David VanderMolen; Zenith 750
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750
Michael Weck; Cessna 150
John Yurkon; J3C-65; PA28-181; C-172P

MASON JEWETT FIELD FBO:

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CRAA BOARD MEETINGS:
 4th Monday of the Month @ 4:30pm
 Marion "Babe" Ruth Community Room
 Terminal Building, Capital Region Int. Airport

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/eaas/events
www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-events.asp
www.michigan.gov/aero/



MASON JEWETT TENENTS & USER MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of the second month of each quarter. The 2024 meetings will be held on February 7th; May 1st; August 7th; and November 6th at 5:30pm in a classroom at the LCC Aviation Technology facility.

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