



## EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

**APRIL 2020**

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Drew Seguin

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### **Notice:**

**April 11 Chapter meeting is cancelled** (*duh*)

Let's hope we can do it in May

**Meanwhile, this hasn't been much fun...**

I'm sure everyone reading this is tired of the Social Distancing and masks and gloves. I'm thinking I'm rather fortunate. First for not having The Disease, at least so far, and second for having a project to work on.



I even built a rotator for my fuselage. A little 2-day project that only took a week.



I'm noticing the guys building/modifying airplanes at the airport are around a lot. I was talking to Stein Air. They make instrument panels for experimental

aircraft. They just had their biggest week ever for orders and are booked up into October.

When I step out of my hangar from time to time the eerie quiet reminds me of 9/11. Long time members will remember the fly-in we had the following weekend. No flying. We just brought out the planes based at Mason-Jewett and made the best of it. But the quiet is what I remember most of all. The good news is that we can take a plane ride and practice Social Distancing all at the same time.

Jim Spry brokered a deal to sell the Hawk donation. It's still in Mason but the plan is for it to end up in Northern Michigan. Between the Hawk and our rummage sales we've managed to raise over \$7000 for Chapter 55. Thanks to Jim and the members who helped for your efforts. With our usual fundraising events in question this year it simply could not have come at a better time.

**And thanks again to Jack Martin for the donation!**



(Terry, I remembered it wrong 😊)

I hope to see you in May.

Drew Seguin



UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

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**BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm:  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: CANCELED**

**SCHEDULED PROGRAMS**

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

**EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2020** → Meeting called to order by  
President Drew Seguin at 7:00pm.

→ Present: Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, Al Spalding, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, John Bobcik, Bob Clark, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Bill Purosky, Jeff Schaud, and Ken Vandenbelt. Absent was Gabe Blosser. Margie Clark, our Young Eagles coordinator was present as a guest. → Secretary's Report for March 11, 2020; John Bobcik made a motion to accept; Mark Bathurst supported; the motion carried. → Treasurer's Report for February 29, 2020: John Kuchar made a motion to accept, Bill Purosky supported; the motion carried. → Youth Group report from Jeff Schaud. The group needed to finish the

wings, the polyhedral was almost done. The plane is nearly ready to fly. The RC group could provide flight training for the group. Plans are to paint and decorate the plane next. Chapter members are welcome to help the group. → John Bobcik suggested that the EAA 55 email addresses for club offices be on gmail with the option to forward that mail to a personal account. The old website has 100's of links and many of them are not valid. A member's profile on the member's list would be good and he asked for someone to take charge of getting that together. The new website is about ready to go live. → Drew Seguin reported that there was a possible sale of the Hawk and that the tool sale brought in a good amount of money to the treasury. A free to all of the remaining items will be after the next members meeting. → Programs are still needed for future meetings. → Doug Koons asked to buy steel for racks for the grill area and was given the okay to go ahead. There were some monies left from the meeting room expansion that will go toward the purchases → Margie Clark reported that she is ready to order stickers for the Young Eagles flights to put in their swag bags. → This years Christmas Party is still in discussion. → The Youth Groups direction is to have the kids take over the running of the group. Since the kids are chapter members they will be working the breakfast crew as all members now do. → Finally, the Civil Air Patrol has agree to pay once a month for their use of the chapter meeting room.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary



**YOUNG EAGLES  
by Margie Clark  
([margie@eaa55.org](mailto:margie@eaa55.org))**

Summer is coming soon although we don't know for sure how it's going to work out for our rallies. Although June may not be doable we can only hope that things are better by July and/or August. Time will tell.

Please don't let that stop you from filling out the application for the child protection policy. If it's completed now you know you'll be all set for whenever we can start up again.  
Please stay safe and healthy and we'll see you soon.  
Margie

**CARDS & MEMORIALS:** Do you know of a member who is ill? Or, who has had a death in the family? Please contact me at 517-589-5051 or [mems@gmail.com](mailto:mems@gmail.com) so that the Chapter can send a card. (With my sincere thanks to those who have alerted me in the past.)

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



**MEMBERSHIP**  
by Vickie Vandenberg  
([mems@gmail.com](mailto:mems@gmail.com))

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Please note that most of our chapter officers and coordinators now have new chapter email addresses. Our newly updated website includes links with these new addresses.

**NEW CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:** Our Membership Roster has been migrated to a new program. The new format offers great options for listing, searching and printing. And, the list has now been updated to reflect info for everyone that has paid their 2020 dues. Please check it out and verify that your information is correct. If you have corrections; want to send a new or replacement photo for the roster; please email to [vickie7463@gmail.com](mailto:vickie7463@gmail.com)

**PICTURES, PICTURES PICTURES:** In addition to your profile picture, Webmaster John is looking for pictures of your past & present projects and current aircraft for the Photo Gallery.

**LIBRARY-MISSING ITEMS:** I've completed the inventory of our DVD collection of both movies and documentaries. These are all available for member use on and off premises. However, a few items have come up missing. If you have borrowed DVDs, could you please check at home and see if you have our EAA55 copy of:

Hints for Home Builders  
MacArthur  
Wings of Glory - Part 1  
Wings of Glory - Part 2

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

**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](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com)

**HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:**

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619  
KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171  
(waiting list)  
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532  
Jacque Moss; (Carson Hangar) 517-575-0259

**HANGARS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:**

Jacque Moss; 517-575-0259 (Carson Hangar)  
Dave Paul; 517-525-5010

**OTHER:**

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder of Eaton Federal Savings Bank;  
[tschroeder@eatonfed.com](mailto:tschroeder@eatonfed.com)

**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. If you care assist, we would love to hear from you!

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



### **YOUTH GROUP**

**By Jeff Shaud**

[jlshaud@wowway.com](mailto:jlshaud@wowway.com)

See you at the airport



### **LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS**

**By Mark Bathurst**

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For this month's article I want to address how we are dealing with LCC's transition from an in-person college to one exclusively teaching online. Needless to say, both our students and our faculty have had to make a significant adjustment.

Our program normally presents material to our students in two separate but related methods. The first is the traditional classroom setting where the instructor lectures and the students take notes, ask questions and develop an understanding of the subject material. The second method is the hands-on portion of the program, which is conducted in the hangar. Students take the material covered in the classroom and apply it to practical exercises designed to reinforce subject mastery and comprehension of specific items. Over time, we have developed laboratory assignments designed to not only ensure student knowledge and skills achievement, but also to meet FAA requirements regarding levels of proficiency they have established for all our required leaning outcomes.

Up to now, this dual track teaching methodology has worked very well. Today, however, we have the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" environment in which we currently find ourselves. Due to the nature of our program, we have not taught online courses

previously. To their credit, the FAA at the national level recognized that aviation maintenance schools all over the country (176 in total) needed to move to online training to the maximum extent possible, and in mid-March published guidance for schools and their inspectors to use in developing an online training protocol so we didn't have to shut down completely.

Based on the FAA's guidance, we proposed a set of rules to follow so as to allow our instructors to teach as much of the course material as possible in an online format. Each school in the U.S. is assigned to FAA inspectors in the appropriate geographical region's FSDO office (ours are in Ypsilanti.) Our inspectors did a herculean job in reviewing and approving our proposal in basically 24 hours from time of submission, and we were pleased to announce to our students that as of Thursday, March 19 we were able to provide instruction online.

Our instructors have spent a great deal of time in recent days developing lessons students can take online. We are conducting online chats, video lectures and using other electronic content delivery methods. Obviously, hands-on laboratory exercises cannot be taught online, and those are reserved for when we return to in-person teaching. With the ability to teach online, we have significantly reduced time we need to spend in the classroom to prepare for the hands-on work, and our students are credited for the time they spend online reviewing each course's material.

Uncharted events have presented unique and difficult challenges. Student and faculty safety is paramount, and we all look forward to the time when we can return to our "normal" lives. What we are doing now in our program sets our students up for success when that day occurs.



### **EDITORS PROLIX**

**By Deanna McAlister**

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See you from a far at the airport.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

I still plan on participating in our Relay For Life fund raising event supporting our area cancer survivors. This year Relay will be held on June 19 until noon June 20 at the Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason. Although I am 5 counties away from you, I will be spending most all of May and June in Mason working on collecting for and making luminaries. In these uncertain times, I'm of the mind, we will soon be back to a normal routine and look forward to seeing friends again. Stay well and stay safe.

**Karen Meirndorf**

Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister (zirconmoons@gmail.com)

**Deadline: 1st of each month.**

Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams" (madziars@msn.com) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" (dcmi@reagan.com)

## **CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE:**

One David Clark model H10-40 noise attenuating headset. 24 db attenuation with m-4 electret microphone, 5 foot straight cord with one M643/5 and one M642/4 plug. In excellent condition with ear cushions in like new shape and little sign of wear. In the original box with all papers. It's former home was in a Saratoga. Asking \$150.00 firm. Contact John Kuchar at 517-325-3059 or see me at the members meeting.

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 Vandebelt; vickie@eaa55.org

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](mailto:glnicola@att.net) or 517-898-6387.

Maple Syrup; Pints, Quarts, and Half Gallons; John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; [jbobcik@gmail.com](mailto:jbobcik@gmail.com); they will soon be working on their 2019 supply!!

**FREE STUFF:** There is a tub of magazines on the table, free to whoever might want them.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** Fuel/oil bowser. Has wheels and holds 28 gallons. You'll need to provide the pump. Has been used recently for smoke oil. No bowwowers included in the deal.



**FOR SALE:** Library overstock copies of hardbacks and softbacks; prices from \$.50 to \$3.00. In box.

## **FOR RENT:**

Space for rent in common hangar; best for low wing but might accommodate high wing aircraft. Tim Martinson; 517-803-0462; tmartins1575@yahoo.com

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister [zirconmoons@gmail.com](mailto:zirconmoons@gmail.com)

## **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; RV14A project  
Warren Miller; Fisher 303 ultralight  
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 ; EX3 project  
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:**

Jun 13 = Young Eagles  
Jun 14 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol  
Jul 11 = Young Eagles  
Jul 20- Jul 26 = AirVenture  
Aug 8 = Young Eagles  
Aug 15 = Mason Aviation Day

**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/>



Richard Heade ► Taildragger Pilots United

Thursday at 10:57 AM · 🌐

With no FAA around because of corona virus I can finally take to the skies in my Caterpillar A420F





This Beech 18 project was stored in a hangar at Mason Jewett for years. A few years ago it was sold, loaded up on a trailer for transport and moved to an airport in California for restoration.

BE SURE TO LIKE "EAA CHAPTER 55"  
ON FACEBOOK !

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHAPTER 55 ...

Chapter 55 was formed in 1959 and this year marked our 60th Anniversary. We are still trying to find out how many of the first 54 chapters formed prior to ours are still in operation.

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