

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

JANUARY 2022

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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→ Flight Advisor : Terry Lutz → Adult Eagles : TBD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Margie Clark

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Welcome to 2022! I want to thank you for allowing me to lead our Chapter for the next 2 years and hopefully I will fulfill your expectations. There are a lot of large shoes to fill from the past but TOGETHER we can accomplish our goals. Yes, I said TOGETHER! It takes more than a figure head to plan, prepare and pull off the events that we do as a chapter. It is a TEAM effort that gets things done and I am hoping that our TEAM will be comprised of all of the membership of this chapter. The officers job is to maintain the running of the meetings, keep the finances in check, bring new ideas to the table and work along with the board of directors to bring new ideas and programs to help build OUR chapter as well as maintaining OUR facility. An old saying I heard often growing up is "Many hands make light work". Having grown up on a farm that saying meant a lot, especially in harvest season.

We have many hands in "55" and I am in hopes that we will have light work shared by all. We have 2 main events as fund raisers each year, Dawn Patrol in June and Mason Aviation Days in August. In addition we do 3 Young Eagle Rallies in June, July and August. That is a combination of only 4 weekends out of the summer. (Yes my math is correct as 2 events are on the same weekend.) That leaves 48 more weekends to choose from to plan an event. It doesn't have to be monumental, it could be as simple as a potluck on a Saturday and then have willing pilots fly members that don't have a plane. How

about a corn hole tournament with snacks? Just some ideas to get the juices rolling!

I would like to hear from the TEAM what other events you may like to see us doing. Perhaps you could send me your ideas and I can then take them to the board for discussion. Or even better yet, put a plan together and present it to the board and take "Ownership" for the activity. (Hum, where have I heard that term before?).

Just a reminder...the furnace isn't kept on daily in the building during the winter months. Please be sure to keep the Bathroom Door closed tightly to keep the pipes from freezing (it's the only place that has heat). Also the door to the storage room needs to be kept closed tightly.

Looking forward to a fun, eventful year!

Stay safe,
Margie

EAA Chapter 55 Membership

Meeting December 11, 2021

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by President Drew Seguin with 30+ members attending.
- Visitors were Mike Lawrence and his flight instructor Dave, Anthony Banks, and Newton Kingsley.
- New members were David Thomas and Jann Angel.

- Drew thanked the breakfast team of Margie Clark, Bob Clark, and Stan Chubb. The breakfast team for January will be Lloyd Brown, John Carron, Mike Rosencrans, Judith Pierzynowski, David Alexander, and Neila Powers.
- The Secretary's report for November was presented. Bill Purosky made a motion to accept, Joe Madziar seconded; the motion passed.
- The Treasurer's report November 30th was presented by Drew Seguin; Gary Nicola made a motion to accept, Dave Corey seconded the motion; the report was approved.
- The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud was 7 or 8 members plus some of their parents helped to decorate the Chapter 55 Mason Christmas Parade float. The parade was a great success. The work on learning precision measurements was placed on hold to work on the float.
- The Chapter 55 Newberry Scholarship awarded two scholarships this year. One in the amount of \$1,500 to Anthony Banks and one in the amount of \$1,000 to Newton Kingsley, both students at LCC's Aviation Technology School.
- Margie Clark reported The Young Eagles program flew 291 Young Eagles this year. Certificates and pins were awarded to a number of pilots who flew Young Eagles and many Chapter 55 members who worked as the flight line crew.
- Bill Purosky was given the Member of the Year award. Bill has been a member of Chapter 55 for many years.
- The Mason Christmas Parade was a great success with many positive comments on the float and the lighting of the tug and float. The Chapter was invited to be in the Stockbridge Christmas Parade but getting the float there was a difficult operation so the Chapter had to pass on the offer.
- Officer elections were Margie Clark as President, Scott Basel as Vice President, John Kuchar as Secretary, and Drew Seguin as Treasurer..
- The Chapter needs someone to be the Ray Scholarship Coordinator. Jeff Shaud is overloaded with his Youth Group management duties.

- Programs and presentations are need for member meeting beginning this January. See Dave Corey if you can make a presentation or know of someone who may be interested in giving a program presentation.
- Anna Fulger is proceeding right on track with her flight training according to her flight instructor at Crosswinds Aviation.
- Clark Borgeson made \$125 donation to the Chapter 55 Newberry Scholarship Program.
- Terry Lutz is working with EAA National on a small electronics program involving the turn back maneuver.
- There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM..

Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary EAA Chapter 55

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting December 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:08PM

Present were Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, Al Spalding, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Jeff Shaud, Gabe Blosser, Ken Drewyor and Rick Laub. Absent was Chloe Miner.

→ The Secretary's Report for November was presented, Joe Madziar made a motion to accept, Rick Laub seconded; the report was accepted. □ The Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2021 was introduced; Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept, Rick Laub seconded the motion; the motion was approved. □ The Ray Scholarship report is Anna Fulger has completed 9 lessons and will continue with her flight lessons. She has received a good report on her learning ability. Jeff Shaud made a motion for Chapter 55 to pay Crosswinds Aviation the

sum of \$172.87 for materials and supplies they require that are not covered by the Ray Scholarship grant, Gabe Blosser seconded the motion; the motion was approved. Ray Scholarship nominations for this year are still open until December 31st. →The Newberry Scholarship Committee will award two scholarships, one \$1,500 and one \$1,000. Rick Laub made a motion to grant the two scholarships in the amount requested, Jeff Shaud seconded the motion; the motion was approved. The official name of the Ray Scholarship is the Chapter 55 Ray Scholarship and donation canisters and printed materials will use the official designation in the future, →The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud is the group helped with the lights and decorating of the Chapter 55 float for the Mason Christmas Parade, The next meeting for the group will be this Sunday December 12th and will continue with making precision measurements. □Close out volunteers are needed for the membership meetings. Gabe Blosser volunteered for January and Joe Madziar volunteered for February. →The membership meeting presentation for December will be by Dan Brown from the FAA who will do a presentation on the Transition and Operation of Experimental, Home Built, and Light Sport Aircraft and Patrick Ryan of the FAA on the Wings Pilot Proficiency Program, □Chapter officers are encouraged to use the Gmail accounts for their officer e-mail correspondence..

→.Drew Seguin introduced a motion to add the incoming Chapter 55 President Margie Clark and remove Al Spalding from the approved officers on the Chapter checking account, Joe Madziar seconded the motion; the motion was approved. □A motion was made by Rick Laub to reimburse Doug Koons \$69.37 for his purchase of banners for the Mason Christmas Parade float, Gabe Blosser seconded the motion; the motion was approved. □John Kuchar made a motion to thank Margie Clark for putting together the Chapter 55 Christmas Dinner, Drew Seguin seconded the motion; the motion was approved. □No further business was discussed.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

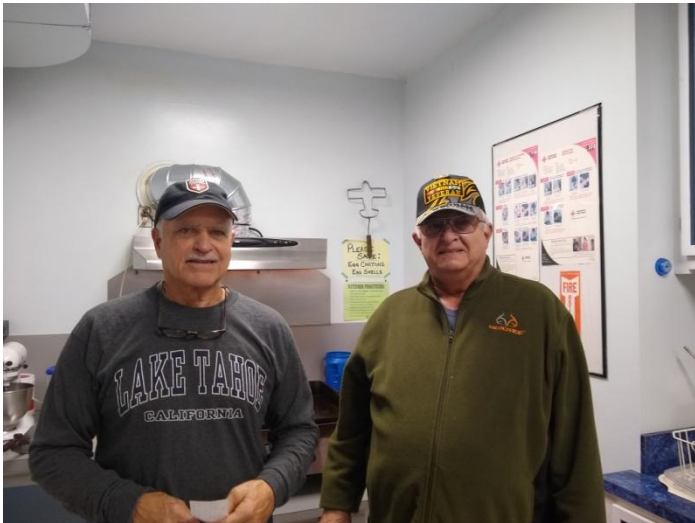
Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary EAA Chapter 55

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: Jan. 5th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; Jan. 8
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

Thank you, December Breakfast Team:



Guess Who????



Stan Chubb and Bob Clark and not pictured Bill Purosky.

January Breakfast Team

- Lloyd Brown
- John Carron
- Mike Rosencrans
- Judith Pierzynowski
- David Alexander
- Neila Powers

February Breakfast Team

- Gregg Harris
- Dave Groh
- Tom Schroeder
- Carol Spry
- Jim Spry
- David James



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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Happy 2022!
We finished out 2021 with 296 YE flights. Thank you again to the pilots and volunteers.

If you are considering being a YE pilot this year please go to the EAA site and click on the Youth Protection Policy.
Take the test and you should receive your certificate of acceptance back in a few days. This is a national requirement for ALL pilots as well as belonging to the National EAA. Without this completion your flights made will not count for the Chapter.
It is encouraged that volunteers do the same. This protects our Chapter as well as the individual and youth.

A reminder to all pilots, there are new registration forms that have to be used going forward this year. If you still have old forms laying around please recycle them. The new forms are single page and have revised 06/21 in the top right corner.

Safe Flying,
Margie

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

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:
Dave Trojan has an interesting program to share this Saturday January 8th 2022
CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUN WITH YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandebelt
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NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new members Martin Pfenninger and Michael Lawrence. We also welcome our Newberry Aviation Scholarship recipients Anthony Banks and Newton Kingsbury as 2022 Honorary Members.

NEWBERRY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

RECIPIENTS: The Experimental Aircraft Association-Chapter 55 of Mason has named two students as recipients of their Newberry Aviation Scholarship for 2021.

Anthony Banks was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 and Newton Kingsbury was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Both Anthony and Newton are students at Lansing Community College School of Aviation Technology located at Mason Jewett Field, Mason, MI.

EAA Chapter 55 has a longstanding commitment to support educational opportunities for students seeking aviation careers. These students were chosen based on a combination of academic achievement and defined goals for the future. The Chapter raises funds to support the scholarship program by hosting a pancake breakfast in June and Mason Aviation Day in August.



Pictured above (L-R)
Joe Madziar (Scholarship Committee Member);
Anthony Banks, Newton Kingsbury

NEWS FROM CRAA: Experience planes taking off and landing up close at the new Capital Region International Airport's new viewing area! This public viewing area, accessible on Caravan Drive off of Port Lansing Road, opened to the public in mid-December! From dawn to dusk daily (weather permitting), come enjoy the wonders of aviation for free. Find more information at FlyLansing.com/Viewport

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

In order to remain a member in good standing, your Chapter 55 dues for the new year must be paid by February 15th. Prompt payment assures your delivery of the EAA55 monthly newsletter, along with notification of any EAA55 and/or airport news. Dues can be paid by mail, at a meeting or left in the folder for the Treasurer (for everyone's protection, please do not leave cash.) We ask that you complete the renewal form even when paying in person so that we can assure that the information on our website is accurate and up to date. The online Membership Roster will be updated after the February 15th deadline.



YOUTH GROUP

By Jeff Shaud

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EAA 55 Youth Group Director wishing you and yours a very happy 2022! See you at the airport.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS

By Mark Bathurst

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January marks the beginning of LCC's 16 week spring semester. 84 students are enrolled in the program, evenly split between first and second year students attending either day or evening classes. The Aviation Technology program's first year students are starting their second semester, and our second year students are in their fifth semester. Our program requires six semesters of study, and we start a new class every August. It takes two years to complete the program.

Our first year students will be studying aircraft electrical systems in great detail, both AC and DC. Additionally, they will begin work on various aircraft structures, including wood, fabric, fiberglass and sheet metal to include riveting and forming. They also have classes on fuel systems, hydraulics, landing gear and brakes. One of the highlights of the program, and a real student favorite, is aircraft

welding, which is taught at our state-of-the-art welding laboratory at the West Campus facility. In 16 weeks students become proficient in performing various welds on all types of metals typically encountered in aviation maintenance. The second year students will continue reciprocating engine teardown and rebuild which includes cooling and exhaust systems, ignition and magneto systems and fuel systems. Additionally, they will spend extensive time on propeller maintenance, including balancing and installation of both fixed and variable pitch props. The culmination of the reciprocating engine courses occurs when the students take the engines they have rebuilt and run them out on the ramp. If you see a series of white or blue engine test stands out in front of our hangar, you'll know its engine run time.

One of the hallmarks of any highly accredited education program is continual update of teaching materials and instructor education. To that end, we continue to add a number of training aids to enhance student mastery of various aircraft systems. For student training, we recently accepted a donated **Slipstream Revelation with a Rotax engine**. Our instructors continue to attend specialized aircraft maintenance courses, and from those courses they bring back to our students up-to-date industry best practices. When our students enter the workforce, they can assimilate easily into the position for which they were hired based on the industry-current training they receive. It is important to note that entry level starting salaries continue to rise. \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year starting salary is now the norm. Our students are experiencing multiple job offers at or even prior to graduation. The aviation maintenance technology field is clearly a great career to consider.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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Happy New Year 2022!!! Get out the long johns and scarves, no excuse not to fly in wonderful winter. While you are up take some breathtaking white ground photos and contribute them to this news letter. Lets share the "warmth".

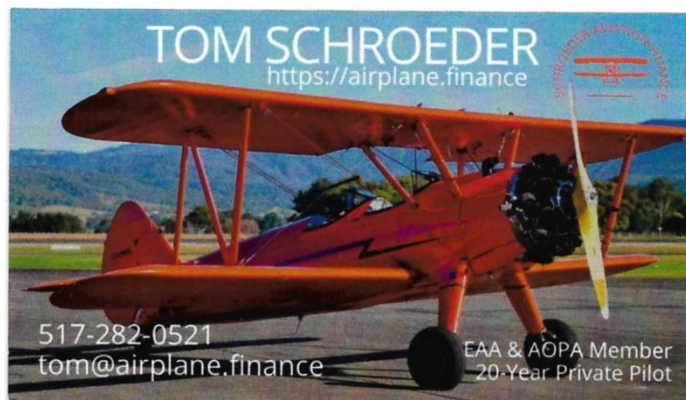
Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister (zirconmoons@gmail.com) **Deadline: 1st of each month.** Joe Madziar "Breakfast Teams" (madziars@msn.com) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" (dcmi@reagan.com)

WANTED:

Donation request...for our younger attendees. Wanting to encourage the younger families to keep coming out. Looking for a donation of a high chair in good condition for the chapter room.

CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS
FOR SALE:

Pure Michigan Maple Syrup John & Connie Bobcik 517-543-8238; jbobcik@gmail.com We can deliver to EAA hangar for pick-up.



HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

Lloyd Brown; 517-589-8619
 Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
 Gabe Blosser; 517-896-0020
 Tim Martinson; 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

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:

David Alexander; Aventura II
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 Debonaire
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
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II
Donald Frank; BE35P
Mike Franzago; Stearman; Starduster project
Ralph Gregus; Zenith CH750
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza; and Travelaire; PT-17; AT-6 restorations
Chuck Hacker; Zenith 701
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)
John Karlen; Cessna 340
Dawn Koeplinger; Cessna 172; Aeronca Sedan
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-12; RV14A project
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172A
Warren Miller; Fisher303 Ultralight

Chuck Moore; REVO Lt Sport Evolution & RV12
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Dan Schiffer; Bell Helicopter
Tom Schroder; Cessna 172
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3 project
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project
Tom Sheehan; Cessna 170 & Aerosport
Jim Spry; RV-8
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna 206
Ken Vandenbelt; Cessna 172; Cessna 170; 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

**FLYERS FROM OTHER AIRPORTS
POSTED IN TEW TERMINAL (with
thanks to Mark Bathurst)**

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

<http://www.eaa.org/en/eea/events>

<http://www.fly-ins.com/>

<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

April 5-10 2022 SUN-N-FUN

July 25-31 2022 AirVenture

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