

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

DECEMBER 2020

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 Drew Seguin

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Welcome the New Chapter 55 Board of Directors

The election is over. We've recounted the votes. All legal challenges have been dismissed, and claims of massive voter fraud have been debunked.

Your new Board of Directors for 2021 and 2022 is:

- Mark Bathurst
- Gabe Blosser
- Clarke Borgeson
- Ken Drewyor
- Rick Laub
- Joe Madziar
- Warren Miller
- Chloe Miner
- Jeff Shaud

I would also like to thank the following Board members who are stepping down. Your service has been greatly appreciated:

- John Bobcik
- Bob Clark
- Bill Purosky
- Ken Vandebelt

John Bobcik will continue as Webmaster.

With the pandemic situation and State of Michigan guidelines we will not be holding our regular monthly

meeting in December. I know, this is getting old, but it is what it is.

Winter is definitely upon us. I finally finished my condition inspection just in time to take a flight and see that *All the leaves are brown, And the sky is grey.* There's airport activity but it feels like the slow summer has just morphed into winter. Doug Koons is organizing fly-outs from time to time so if you're interested let him know and he'll put you on the list.

My Carbon Cub project is moving along. Technical Counselor Carl Franz was looking over my progress to date and said "When it starts to look like an airplane, you're probably about half-way done". Well, with the boot cowl and the tail feathers on mine is starting to look like an airplane so I guess I'm half-way there.

By the way, the EAA Technical Counselor programs is quite an asset. It's so nice to have someone who's been there, done that, to take a look at your work and answer questions along the way. I've had several visits with Carl over my two projects and I've learned something every time.

EAA also has a flight advisor program which connects you with someone to help with first flight and flight test. Our own Terry Lutz is one. Again, I highly recommend taking advantage of these resources.

Keep Calm and Fly on.

Drew Seguin



His and Hers?

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✂ The meeting was called to order by President Drew Seguin at 7:00pm using a Zoom online meeting. Present were Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, John Bobcik, Joe Madziar, Al Spalding, Gabe Blosser, Warren Miller and Ken Vandenberg. Absent were Bill Purosky and Jeff Schaud. ✂ The Secretaries Report for October 7 2020 was submitted as printed in the Wing Tips newsletter, Doug Koons moved to accept and was seconded by Warren Miller, the motion was accepted. ✂ Treasurer's Report for October, 2020 from Al Spalding was submitted, Joe Madziar made a motion to accept and was seconded by Doug Koons, the motion accepted. ✂ The member's meetings for 2020 were canceled. ✂ The Board of Directors elections are to be held by an online vote. Drew will send an email to the members and those who respond will elect the new Board members. John Kuchar will back up the verification of the membership vote. ✂ There was no Youth Group report from Jeff Schaud. ✂ The Ray Scholarship committee has to review the three interested candidates. One is a Youth Group member and two are non Chapter 55 members. Dan Schiffer, Joe Madziar, Al Spalding and Doug Koons will conduct the interviews of the applicants and make the decision as to who might be selected as the nominee. ✂ Margie Clark will spend the Young Eagle monies earned still remaining by the end of the year. ✂ Hangar rental rates are \$75 for the storage hangar and \$115 for the builder's hangar. The Chapter 55 rental from the CRAA is \$187 per month. The decision for the hangar rates increase was tabled until the December Board meeting.

✂ The Chapter 55 contribution to the Mason Chamber of Commerce will a one hour flight from Doug Koons to the winning bidder. Doug has the necessary forms that are required for doing this. The Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.
Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

**EAA CHAPTER 55 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2020**

→ Meeting cancelled; no minutes.



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

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:
**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN
WITH YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS**



YOUNG EAGLES
by Margie Clark
(margie@eaa55.org)

See you at the airport!

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



MEMBERSHIP
 by Vickie Vandenberg
 (EAA55.mems@gmail.com)

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES: A big thank you to all the members who have submitted their 2021 dues. This is a big help to Treasurer Al. For others, I have again attached a renewal form for your use - since it's not looking good to be able to pay at a meeting. Treasurer Al's address is provided on the form. You could also leave your form & check in Treasurer Al's folder in the meeting room (for everyone's protection, please do not leave cash).

CONDOLENCES: to Doug Koons on the recent loss of his father.

TEW SNOW REMOVAL: CRAA has published the 2020-2021 snow removal policy and sent a copy out via email. If you did not receive a copy, contact Bonnie Wohlfert at bwohlfert@craa.com to request the bulletin and ask to be put on the list for future communications.

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

GOOSE POLLUTION: We recently had a large contingency of Canada Geese that decided to take their siesta on the runway. If you arrive back at your hangar with a lot of mud on your tires - it might not be mud.

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL: Don't forget - if you have any interesting stories, articles, historical info, photo memorabilia or aviation jokes and cartoons you are willing to share, please send them off to Deanna. We are always looking for stuff to publish each month. And, we are also looking for historical info for our website.

WEBSITE PICTURES, PICTURES PICTURES: Have you been checking our website?? Do we have a current profile picture of you ?? How about your past or present project and/or aircraft??

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



YOUTH GROUP
 By Jeff Shaud
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Meeting was canceled, see you next time at the airport.



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
 By Mark Bathurst
 (bathursm@star.lcc.edu)

Back to online learning. See you next year.



EDITORS PROLIX
 By Deanna McAlister
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Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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:

For sale 2021 calendars from EAA
 If anyone would like some please let Doug Koons know before November 15th. Price will be \$7.00 each plus shipping and handling. 517-676-5001

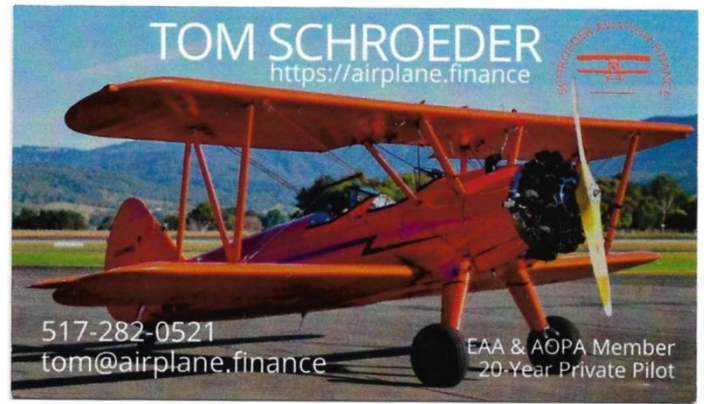
Chapter 55 T-Shirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each for chapter members. Vintage Chapter 55 Sweatshirts; size L or XL; only \$15.00 each.

Bluebird/Songbird Houses; \$20.00 each; proceeds benefit the Mason Sycamore Creek Youth Garden Club; Vickie Vandenberg; vickie@eaa55.org

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

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

For sale!!!! 16 acres, 4 bedroom 3 bath, hangar, horse barn, runway, forest, pond, hunting, 2 big hills Haslett Schools Williamston township, 865 Barry Rd Haslett \$478,000 \$450,000 if no realtor contact Gabe Blosser 517- 896-0020



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

Excutive/corporate heated hangar space available. Includes pilot lounge, kitchen, bathroom/shower, conference room, TV. Cloud9 248-921-0092

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Additions and corrections, contact Deanna McAlister 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
- 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/BPuroskey; 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



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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/ea/events>

<http://www.fly-ins.com/>
<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

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