

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

JUNE 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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This Friday we will be setting up the hangar for Young Eagles and Dawn Patrol. I had set the start time at 10:30 for those that like to go to breakfast but I will be at the airport at 9:00 am to get a head start. Anyone able to come early?

Saturday is of course our breakfast and general meeting followed by our first Young Eagle Rally for 2022. If at all possible we need pilots to fly the youth and volunteers to handle the rest. I'm not able to be here so I'm counting on the rest of the team of members to rally and keep our program rolling. I've been fielding phone calls all week from interested parents wanting their youth to fly.

Last but not least we have our first fund raiser on Sunday the 12th, that being DAWN PATROL! We are still in need of cooks and ground crew so please consider signing up to help. Many hands will make light work for all.

Thank you for your membership and for what you do to keep this Chapter going.

Don't forget the Tuesday night potlucks at 6:00pm. Good food and great conversation! A good time to come out and see folks you haven't seen for a while and to meet some new members as well.

Margie

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting May 14, 2022

→ Meeting called to order at 9:30am by President Margie Clark with 33 members and 3 guests present. → Following the National Anthem, President Margie Clark thanked breakfast team of Ralph Gregus, Anna Folger, Pat Salow, and Chloe Miner. The breakfast team for June will be Bill Bezdek, Denise Cook, David Cook, Randy Collier, and Anthony Banks.

→ There were three guests attending, Pat Ryan and Don Brown from the FAA at Willow Run Airport, Chris Glaeser from EAA Chapter 878 at Maple Lakes, Minnesota and the director of safety from Cirrus Aircraft, and Dave Thorpe and Wayne Balminken from Pontiac, Michigan.

→ The Secretary's report of April 6, 2022 was submitted, Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept, Rick Laub seconded; the report was approved.

The Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2022 from Drew Seguin was submitted. Rick Laub made a motion to accept, Mike Lutz seconded; the report was approved. The chapter received \$4,000 from the Ray Scholarship Fund to fund Daniels flight training. At last count we have 53 individual members plus 10 family members giving a total of 77 to 80 total individuals. David Alexander passed away December 20th from complications of the corona virus. Tom Sheehan's wife Barbara also passed away in December while they were in Florida.

→Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary
EAA Chapter 55

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting May11, 2022

→ The meeting was called to order by President Margie Clark at 7:47pm.

→Present: Margie Clark, Drew Seguin, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Jeff Shaud, Ken Drewyor, Doug Koons, Rick Laub, and Bob Clark.
Absent: Scott Basel, Warren Miller, and Gabe Blosser.

□Margie Clark announced the resignation of Scott Basel from the board due to family commitments.

→The Secretary's Report April 6, 2022; Doug Koons made a motion to accept; Joe Madziar supported; the motion carried.

→The Treasurer's Report April 30, 2022 by Drew Seguin; Joe Madziar made a motion to accept; Rick Laub supported; the motion carried.

□The Ray Scholarship report from Jeff Shaud. He talked to Anna our 2021 scholarship awardee about continuing her ground school using Sporty's online and writing her test. She indicated she wanted to continue with her training. Doug Koons reported that our 2022 scholarship awardee Daniel Thomas set up his account with Crosswinds and EAA Headquarters issued a check for Daniel's training to Chapter 55. Drew wrote a check to Crosswinds to fund his training. He will start his training next week with 3 sessions scheduled and plans to do 2 or 3 lessons per week. The end of August or beginning of September looks to be his goal to complete his training.

□The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud is that the group lost a good supporter with the passing of David Alexander December 20th from complications due to Covid. Jeff will be absent from this months meeting. Last month they put together the bottom end of two of the small engines. They will be putting together the heads at the next meeting. Jeff is looking for someone to do a presentation on marshaling aircraft,

→There will be a special presentation at the member's meeting this Saturday by the FAA to Terry

Lutz. Chris Glaeser from Cirrus Aircraft nominated Terry for the award.

→Rick Laub bought two packages pf fatigue mats for use at the grills.

□There is an open position on the board for the Vice President due to Scott's resignation.

□Margie would like to fill out the meeting close out assignment for the rest of the year. Gabe Blosser is the close out person for this month. Jeff Shaud will do June.

□Rick Laub's son has been hired by Endeavor Aviation and has been given his wings and has started simulator training.

□Chapter 55 has earned gold chapter status this year after earning silver last year..

□A motion was made by Joe Madziar to spend \$40 to support the American Legion's flag program and was seconded by Bob Clark, the motion was passed.

→There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

→Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary
EAA Chapter55.

BOARD MEETING: 7:00pm: Wed: June 8th
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9:30am; Sat; June 11th
with Breakfast served from 8:00am to 9:00am

June

Bill Bezdek
Denise Cook
David Cook
Randy Collier
Anthony Banks

July

Karen & Greg Hover
Bruce Thornburn
Ivan Bradly
Newton Kingsberry

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



MAY team was Chloe Miner, Anna Folger, Ralph Gregus and Pat Salow.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

JUNE:
Young Eagles Program
CONTACT DAVE COUREY or MARGIE CLARK WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
by Margie Clark
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This Saturday is our first Young Eagle Rally for this year. Please consider helping out either as a pilot or ground crew.

This is the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. Join us in offering youth ages 8-17 the opportunity to experience The Spirit of Aviation. These are our future pilots!



MEMBERSHIP
by Vickie Vandenberg
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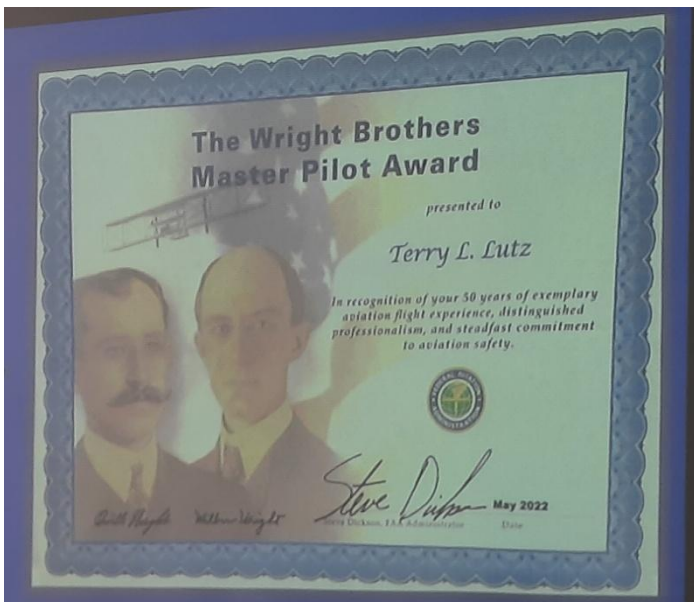
CONDOLENCES: to Warren & Bonnie Miller on the loss of their son, David.

CHAPTER EVENTS: Keep spreading the word... Advertising is expensive and we rely heavily on word of mouth, putting up flyers, and sharing on Facebook. Please share the news.

EAA NATIONAL "FREE TRIAL" MEMBERSHIP and "FREE" STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS: As we kick off our summer events, we will be having a lot of visitors at the Chapter. As you network with adults and young people, keep in mind that we have material available in the meeting room about the chapter, "free" six-month trial memberships with EAA National and "free" student memberships – and, of course, applications to join Chapter 55 !!

MICHIGAN AIRPORT DIRECTORY: You should now have received your 2022 edition. If you have an extra 2022 or are ready to get rid of your 2021 – I would like them. You can leave them for me at the meeting room. My thanks in advance.

DO YOU HAVE ANY MEMBER NEWS OR INFO TO SHARE?? Our newsletter is a great way for us all to stay in touch. If you have pictures, stories, travel ideas, interesting links you have found while trolling the internet, a great book you read, joke, cartoons – anything and everything may be of interest to others in the chapter. Deanna would welcome any of your contributions. And, we are also looking for historical info and photo memorabilia for our website.



EAA Chapters Gold Designation. Congratulations, members. You made it possible !!



WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER PILOT AWARD:

At our May 14th membership meeting, FAA representative Patrick Ryan (left) presented Terry Lutz (right) with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. This award is presented to recognize distinguished pilots with fifty years of aviation experience. Congratulation to Terry and his family.



In 2019, EAA National awarded Chapter 55 with a Silver Designation. This year we were awarded the



YOUTH GROUP
By Jeff Shaud
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See you at the airport!



LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS
By Mark Bathurst
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Not often known for its willingness to change, the FAA is about to embark on one of the most significant changes to 14 CFR 147 (Aviation Maintenance Technician Schools) requirements in the last 30 years. In late May, the FAA announced that as of September 21 this year, there will be significant changes to the subjects we must teach and the method by which we students' ensure subject mastery of the course material.

To quote the FAA, "These changes would modernize and reorganize the required curriculum subjects... The changes are necessary because the existing curriculums are outdated, do not meet current

industry needs.... The FAA has made no curriculum changes since 1992. Based on recent studies and reports... the FAA has determined that the current school curriculums are dated and do not provide students with the skills necessary for maintaining modern aircraft.”

All Part 147 schools (there are 187 in the United States) must teach the same curriculum to complete the required subjects. Currently, all schools must provide at least 1900 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction, with the allocation being divided into three major areas: General, Airframe and Powerplant. Currently, General subjects require at least 400 hours of instruction, Airframe subjects require 750 hours, and Powerplant 750 hours. In their announcement, the FAA has eliminated classroom hours requirements and is transitioning the Part 147 curriculum to competency-based training. General subjects will still include Human Factors, Foreign Object Elimination and Alerts, Cautions and Warning Indications. Changes to Airframe subjects include adding Rotorcraft Fundamentals and Water and Waste Systems. The Powerplant changes include combining several engine types into one category and reducing focus on other subjects.

Testing will still be the three-part process (written, oral and practical) for the General, Airframe and Powerplant portions of the program. The FAA is transitioning to Airmen Certification Standards (ACS) testing like they have already done for the pilot ratings, and the Part 147 schools will be evaluated by the FAA based on student performances on the tests they take with Designated Maintenance Examiners.

Industry trade associations have been working with the FAA for a number of years to update the subject areas taught, eliminate hour requirements for the subjects and revise FAA testing standards once a student graduates from a program like LCC's and seeks licensure as an A&P mechanic. Moving into the 21st century is definitely needed. We're looking forward to the opportunities the changes will bring our students and our program.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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See you at the airport!

By Karen Meirndorf
Team Heartwood Glad Rags

Relay For Life of Greater Lansing will be held this year on Friday September 23 6pm till Saturday 10am at the Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason. EEA Chapter 55 is sponsoring an ACS "fact sign", with our chapter name, that is placed along the walking track. Please help a great cause and community event with the purchase of a 50/50 ticket during our pancake breakfast. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the meeting. Your support enables us to continue ACS lifesaving work and making sure our Survivors enjoy more birthdays. Thank you for your generosity.



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The best way to do a broadcast email to Chapter 55 membership is to “reply all” to your latest newsletter email. Just change/delete the subject and content. This will insure you get the most up-to-date membership roster

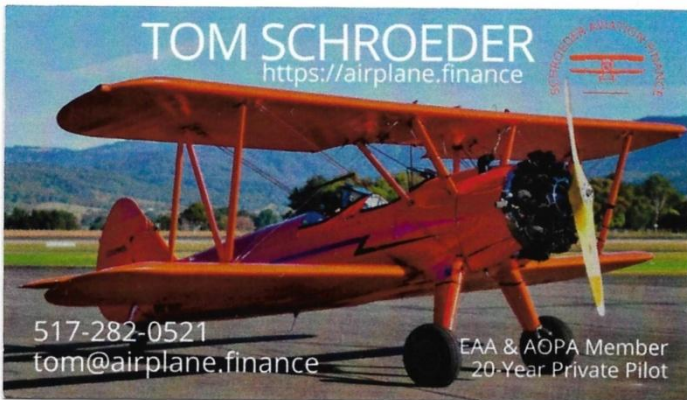
Contributions, corrections and additions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister (zirconmoons@gmail.com)

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:**

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; common hangar; best for low wing;
517-803-0462; tmartins1575@yahoo.com
EAA55; Common Storage or Building hangar space;
Margie Clark; 517-853-1418 (waiting list)

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 and 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 Collier; 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 Koepplinger; Cessna 172; Aeronca Sedan
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Puroskey)
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 Puroskey; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Dan Schiffer; Bell Helicopter
Tom Schroder; Cessna 172
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2 & Carbon Cub EX3
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

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Great Lakes Air Repair
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<http://www.michigan.gov/aero/>

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

June 12, 2022 EAA 55 Dawn Patrol
July 25-31 2022 AirVenture
August 20, 2022 MAD Mason Aviation Day

WEB EVENT CALENDARS:

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