



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

MAY 2019

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Drew Seguin

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“Time to spare, go by air”

Or “Even the best laid plans often go astray”

I’ve been planning to take the new plane to Georgia for a family event this weekend for a couple of months. After watching the weather in dismay all week I left Thursday morning . By car. I think most of us have had the experience where we played conservative and drove instead of flying due to weather only to see a nice day all the way there. How frustrating is that?

Well, that’s what I was feeling all the way to Ann Arbor. Then I got into low IFR from there to Columbus so I felt pretty good about my decision. But it sure was a long drive.

Meanwhile, I see that there’s a group that’s looking to set a new record for the number of pedal planes on parade at Oshkosh this year. I don’t know what my

plans will be but if there’s a member who’s driving and would like to bring along my pedal plane for the cause let me know. I think we can probably set something out. I think it would be fun to include one that’s had a “working life” with all the fancy ones that will surely be there. Of course, there’s the question of whether we want to give Chapter 55 “credit” for the workmanship and condition of the build.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/311922356269636/>

See you on Saturday.

UPCOMING BREAKFAST TEAMS:

<u>May</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
Kurt Crandell	Bill Bezdek
Brian Eakin	Randy Coller
Ralph Gregus	David & Denise Cook
Gordon Hempstone	Clarke Borgeson
Tim Martinson	Hana Harshbarger (student)
Greg Shannon	Mike Marhanka
	Chloe Minor (student)
	Tom Sheehan



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

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

MAY:

Mike Lutz; Investments - Estate Planning & Aircraft/Hangars

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST:

Young Eagle Rallies

SEPTEMBER:

CRAA Board Member

OCT-NOV-DEC:

Tentative: Todd Cotter, Tracy Tillman & FAAst Wings Program

CONTACT DAVE COUREY or DREW SEGUIN WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS

get trailer & Doug Koons has trailer to haul it here. MACC; Vickie Vandenberg will take care of chapter ads in the Thursday Night Live Programs. →Corporate 501c3; revised by-laws published to membership via email; need 1/3 to carry. →Drew Seguin made a motion that any Board member can collect votes by phone or email for approval of the changes to the by-laws as published via email; Mark Bathurst supported; all approved. →Programs; April confirmed; Mike Lutz for May; CRAA tentatively for September; Tracy Tillman maybe October. →Program Equipment; Drew Seguin will secure a USB adaptor for current. Doug Koons will get pricing for a ceiling mounted screen and projector installation; Joe Madziar made a motion to approve up to \$150.00 for purchases; Margie Clark supported; all approved. →Young Eagles; discussed whether we need to do three rallies each year; will look at again for 2020. →Jeff Shaud reported regarding the online registration for YE which has been developed by National and things to think about; he will keep checking on use. →Margie Clark reported that we received \$1,250 YE credits for use this year. →Mark Bathurst reported that Grand Ledge Airport will be closed for about two months this year for runway improvements. →EAA55 T-shirts; discussed sale price and cost will be \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. →2019 Chapter Insurance certificate not yet received; Vicki Vandenberg will follow up on. →Jeff Shaud reported on some of the seminars he attended at SnF, including that Ray Scholarship awards \$1mm a year; he will get more info. →Learn to Fly Day is May 18th. →Jeff Shaud reported on establishing a Youth Group within EAA55, including build projects for a plane or parts. →Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm. →Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenberg, Secretary



April breakfast team:

John Kuchar, Don & Deanna McAlister, Joe Madziar

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2019 →Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Drew Seguin. →Present: Drew Seguin, Margie Clark, Al Spalding, Vickie Vandenberg, Mark Bathurst, John Bobcik, Bob Clark, Doug Koons, Joe Madziar, Jeff Shaud and Ken Vandenberg. →Absent: Warren Miller, Bill Purosky. →Secretary's Report March 6, 2019; Doug Koons made a motion to accept; Joe Madziar supported; motion carried. →Treasurer's Report March 31, 2019; Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept; Bob Clark supported; motion carried. →Events Planning; Exhibitors; Jeff Shaud working on; CAP maybe able to work DP but not MAD. Ride Hopping; Bob Clark has cert from Waldo Wright. Golf Carts; Al Spalding advised not able to secure from Don Burt; Jeff Shaud will check another contact. Transport; Bob Clark can

EAA 55 Chapter 55 Membership Meeting April

10, 2019 →Meeting called to order at 9:30am by President Drew Seguin with 36 members and 26 guests present. →Following the National Anthem, Drew Seguin thanked breakfast team and announced the May team. →Guests and visitors were introduced. →Secretary's report of 3/9/19 approved. →Treasurer's report 3/31/19 approved. →Young Eagles; no report. →By-Laws; Vickie Vandenberg made a motion to amend the by-laws with revisions as published to all members via email, which are required by the IRS to obtain 501c3 designation; supported by Dan Schiffer; motion carried unanimously with 32 "aye" votes; no "nay".

→Programs; Dave Courey advised a CRAA Board member will present at our September meeting; Todd Cotter, Tracy Tillman & FAA Wings programs planned thereafter. →Event Planning; Drew Seguin advised planning discussed at start of BOD meeting; all are welcome to participate; volunteers signup sheets available. →Relay For Life; Karen Meirndorf; 50/50 winner was Dave James. →EAA55 T-shirts; available for purchase; \$15 members; \$20 non-members. →Info from John Maiden; Maiden's Field; cleaning house and has a wide variety of parts; 517-655-2453. →Vintage Magazines; John Bobcik brought in a stack; free to anyone. →Meeting adjourned about 9:55am and Wayne Brazinski of Chapter 461, with youth members Michael & Renee, presented a program about developing a youth program with the chapter. →Respectfully submitted, Vickie Vandenbelt, Secretary



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.



TIDBITS
by Vickie Vandenbelt (vickie@eaa55.org)

NEW MEMBERS: Chapter 55 welcomes new member Doug MacKenzie, who is nearing completion of his Zenith 701. We also welcome new student member Samantha Drew, who is a member of the Stockbridge Aviation Club.

2019 EVENT FLYERS: are ready for distribution to work, church, civic groups, airports and any posting board that you might see !! If you can print, or pick up copies, and post - we appreciate your assistance to help get the word out in your locale.

YOUNG EAGLES FLYERS & BIZ CARDS:
Please be sure that any YE brochures or Biz Cards

you have are amended to reflect reservation times of 10:00am to **NOON** before you pass them out.

FLY-OUTS: Mark Bathurst has again volunteered to print off the flyers that we receive from other chapters and airports hosting fly-in events. He will again post them on the bulletin board in the TEW terminal for locals and transients to see. Thank you so much, Mark!!

RELAY FOR LIFE:

Relay for Life of the Greater Lansing area will be held on June 14 at 6pm for 18 hours at the Corrigan Oil Speedway in Mason MI. Our Chapter is fund raising to place our Chapter 55 name on top of a "fact" sign..



Please help a great cause and community event with your 50/50 ticket purchase or see me for a luminary form to fill out for a \$10.00 donation Thank you for your support.

Karen Meirndorf, Team Heartwood Glad Rags



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

The end of LCC's 16 week spring semester is rapidly approaching. Our students finish the spring semester May 6 and resume June 6. The summer semester is only 8 weeks, and some classes run longer during the day to make up for the reduced number of weeks. Our second year students will graduate at the end of the summer semester on August 1, and are actively focused on employment opportunities.

Shortly, the program's Hawker 125-400A will be rolled out of the hangar and positioned on the fence line for the summer. We use the Hawker for walk-around training, checklist practice, cockpit switch logic, interior layout and, most importantly, engine runs. The FAA-mandated Part 147 requirements for turbine engine instruction include theory of operation, extensive component familiarity, teardown, rebuild and subsequent engine runs.

Our students use the Allison 250 turbine engine found on the Bell Jet Ranger and other helicopters for their engine disassembly and reassembly. The military designation of the Allison is T-63 and T-703, and we have an Army surplus Kiowa OH-58 our students use for the required engine run at the end of the semester. In addition to the Kiowa, the students get to start the Hawker's Garrett TFE-731 engines to gain further experience in the types of engines/aircraft they will encounter in the workplace. Employers in all areas of the aviation maintenance industry commend our program for offering multiple engine/aircraft types for expanded exposure to what our graduates will encounter in the career field.

As previously discussed, industry surveys are forecasting record numbers of both pilot and maintenance technician vacancies in the next 10-20 years. Aircraft maintenance employers have been calling with increased frequency asking three questions: When do your students graduate? How many are graduating? When can we talk to your students?

Our graduates have opportunities to work in any part of the world. The FAA Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license is recognized and accepted throughout the world since employers know what subject material our students study, the level of proficiency our students must demonstrate on all of their required course outcomes and the hours spent on various subjects covered during the two years they are in school. The FAA A&P license truly is the international gold standard for maintenance technicians.

In addition to the program leading to the A&P license, our students can also be awarded two LCC Associates' degrees with the completion of five general education core courses. The core course subject areas include mathematics, science, writing,

communication and global perspectives and diversity, and students have to take one course from each area. The importance of the Associates' degrees relates to management opportunities with employers as well as transferability to Western Michigan University or Sienna Heights University where our students start as college juniors for completion of a bachelor's degree.



EDITORS PROLIX

By Deanna McAlister

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So, why is it called a cockpit?

The word **cockpit** was originally a slang sailing term for the coxswain's station in a Royal Navy ship, and later the location of the ship's rudder controls.

The cockpit is the area where the pilots and crew sit to fly an airplane. ... A race car driver's seat is sometimes also called a cockpit. The original meaning was literally "pit where a cockfight happens,". By the 1700's, "cockpit" was being used as a metaphor for any scene of combat, and was then adopted by pilots in World War I, who applied it to the cramped operating quarters of their fighter planes. Interesting.....

Special Guests:

We had several visitors from the Stockbridge Aviation Club at our April meeting. They have had some great jackets made for the club members.

Here is a photo of the back:



CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: One space available in our three place storage hangar; \$70.00 per month. Contact Drew Seguin 517-333-4531 or president@eaa55.org

FOR SALE:

EAA55; 2019 Calendars for sale; \$8.00 each.

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

Garmin 696 \$650.00 includes ext. ant.; AC wall charger; DC charger; panel/yoke mount; battery; Dave Courey; 517-331-7097; dcmi@reagan.com

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 or 517-898-6387.

Cloud 9 West (46MI) private airport, house, hangar, ranch/farm for sale just east of TEW. On the charts and in Jeppesen/Garmin databases. Info at <https://trophyclassrealestate.com/property/11088-w-coon-lake-road-webberville-mi-48892-72-acres/>

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

Need Financing for a new plane?? Contact Tom Schroeder of Eaton Federal Savings Bank; tschroeder@eatonfed.com

Do you have anything you want to sell?? Contact Deanna or Vickie to place your ad here!

FLY-OUTS:

Big Rapids - Soup Lunch; 11am-1:00pm; ea. Sat.

Brighton - Breakfast; 9am; each Saturday

Hillsdale - Breakfast; 8am-11am; 3rd Sat. ea. month

EAA55 = CHAPTER BUILDERS

Who is working on or completed homebuilts or restorations ... your input for changes or corrections would be appreciated...

David Alexander; Aventura II

Ericc Baker; Mini-Max proj; Bearhawk LSA

Gabe Blosser; Bushmaster SuperCub Amphib

John & Connie Bobcik; Kitfox

Ivan Bradley; Zenith CH650B

Dave Cook/Greg Hover; RV-6A

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/Bill Purosky; Glastar

Rick Laub; Sling 4

Wm. (Bill) Long; Kolb Firefly Ultralight

Terry Lutz; RV-8

Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701 project

Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12 project

Chuck Moore; REVO Lt Sport Evolution

George Moore; KIS Pulsar 150

Gary Nicola; Grumman Tiger restoration

Jim Palmer; Glasair III

Bill Purosky w/Doug Koons; Glastar

Pat Salow; Zenith 701

Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX2

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

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

HANGARS FOR RENT AT TEW:

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KBS Trust; Deanna McAlister; 517-795-8171
Tom Tuttle; 734-216-7532
Jacque Carlson; 517-881-6174

POCKET CALENDAR:

Jun 8 = EAA55 Young Eagles
Jun 9 = EAA55 Dawn Patrol
Jul 13 = EAA55 Young Eagles
Jul 22-28 = AirVenture
Aug 3-4 = Thunder O Michigan
Aug 10 = EAA55 Young Eagles
Aug 17 = Mason Aviation Day
Dec 8 = Christmas Party

**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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Contributions to "WingTips" are welcome and can be made by contacting Deanna McAlister (zirconmoons@gmail.com)
Deadline: 1st of each month.
Jeff Shaud "Breakfast Teams" (jlshaud@wowway.com) and Dave Courey "Monthly Programs" (dcmi@reagan.com)



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