

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION - CHAPTER 55

OCTOBER 2022

Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Margie Clark

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Greetings fellow members,

Fall has arrived too soon... what happened to our summer? It was a busy summer around the 55 Hangar!

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting June 11, 2022

→ The meeting was called to order at 9:36am by President Margie Clark with 37 members and 1 guest present. → Following the National Anthem, President Margie Clark thanked breakfast team of Bill Bezdek and David Cook. The breakfast team for July will be Karen Hover, Greg Hover, Bruce Thorburn, Ivan Bradley, Jann Angell, and Newton Kingsbury. → One guest, Steve Smith from Lansing who has been interested in aviation most of his life and one past member, Edward Manturuk, who is rejoining. → Secretary's report of May 14, 2022 was submitted, Gary Nicola made a motion to accept, Rick Laub seconded; report approved. → Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2022 from Drew Seguin was submitted. Doug Koons made a motion to accept, Dave James seconded; report approved. The chapter received \$4,000 from the Ray Scholarship Fund that was sent to Crosswinds for Daniel's flight training. → The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - they learned about torque and horsepower and then went into the builders hangar to reassemble the short block and learn about using a torque wrench. The next meeting will be next month where they will work on

reassembling the cylinder heads. Three or four members have volunteered to work at DP on Sunday. → Young Eagles report from Margie Clark - first Young Eagles rally will be today after our meeting. Five pilots have signed up so far & help on the flight line is needed. Margie made a presentation to the Capital Region Airport Authority as to what we do with our Young Eagle flights and the pilots who fly the young ones. She gave Chloe Miner as an example of what comes out of our Young Eagles program. Chloe is working on getting her commercial pilots license. The CRAA was discussing the need for pilots and Margie explained that our program helps with getting youngsters into an aviation career. Margie made a request for CRAA to reduce the price of fuel for our Young Eagle pilots. The CRAA came up with a plan to write a check to Margie to reimburse the cost of fuel to pilots who give flights this year. Pilots will need to submit documentation of their fuel costs for the year to Margie and she will have a check issued for their reimbursement. → Dawn Patrol fly in will be Sunday, June 12th & there is a need for many volunteers. We need help with food preparation as well as making the attendees welcome. This is a fundraiser for our chapter and we need to make this a successful event as it helps fund our EAA55 Newberry Aviation Scholarship. → Keep in mind we host the Tuesday Night Potluck on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We need volunteer to bring the entree for each potluck and for those coming to bring a dish to pass. → Doug Koons stepped up to fill the Vice President position on the Board of Directors, leaving a Director position open until elections and Dave James volunteered to fill the vacancy. Thank you Dave. → Karen Merindorf thanked Chapter 55 members for giving \$252 in the last three months to the Relay for Life 50/50 drawings. There will be a

sponsor sign with Chapter 55 at the event for the people who have been diagnosed this year with cancer or who have died from cancer. Karen also has luminaries for purchase which are displayed around the track in memory or in honor of anyone. She will decorate however you like. → Warren and Bonnie Miller lost their second son, David, due to a heart attack. Keep them in your thoughts. Warren also injured his arm & has his arm in a brace. → Doug Koons reported that our 2022 Ray Scholarship recipient Daniel Thomas already has 7-8 hours of flight training and made his first landing without backup from his instructor. He is on track with his training and expects to make his solo flight in the next week or two. → The Gold Chapter award banner to our chapter from EAA National has been replaced with the correct one with the date of 2021 on it. We now have one for 2022 so we have to meet the requirements to earn it. All that we do with our Young Eagles program, our Youth Group, along with our community involvement like the Dawn Patrol and Mason Aviation Day earns us points for an award. → The Civil Air Patrol has switched their meetings to Mondays at 6-8pm in our meeting room. → Stick around if you can to help with our first Young Eagles flights of this year. → There was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 9:59am. → Respectfully submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting July 6, 2022

→ The meeting was called to order by President Margie Clark at 7:50pm. → Present: Margie Clark, Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Ken Drewyor, Rick Laub & Bob Clark. Absent: Jeff Shaud & Gabe Blosser. → Secretary's Report for June 8, 2022 was presented; a motion to accept was made by Doug Koons; seconded by Rick Laub; motion approved. → Treasurer's Report June 30, 2022 by Drew Seguin was presented, a motion to accept was made by Ken Drewyor; seconded by Rick Laub; motion approved. → Ray Scholarship report from Jeff Shaud submitted by email was that Anna has ended her flight training. The unspent money awarded to her needs to be returned to the Ray Scholarship program. Doug Koons reported that our 2022 scholarship recipient Daniel Thomas has 19 hours flight training. His instructor let him make his first landing without any assistance this morning. He is scheduled to solo by July 31. He is close to taking his written exam and is on schedule to complete his flight lessons. Doug is

looking for a person to take charge of the 2023 Ray Scholarship application. → The Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - was in the newsletter. → The memorial wall is completed. Photos for the wall need to be an 8x10 with a written biography to accompany it. Drew Seguin and Warren Miller will do bios on the early members of the chapter. → Meeting close-out people are needed to be responsible for securing the building after meetings. Mark Bathurst, Ken Drewyor, Drew Seguin, and Joe Madziar volunteered respectively for Sept-Dec meetings. → Dave James has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors until the next election of Directors. Motion to approve the nomination was made by Mark Bathurst; seconded by Joe Madziar; motion approved. → The Christmas Party will be held at the meeting room as it was last year. It will be announced at the membership meeting this Saturday. → Our Tuesday Pot Luck has been averaging 16 to 18 attendees with those attending enjoying the company and conversation. A question was raised as to having someone volunteer to bring the entree or make it a true pot luck. Margie would like input on whether we should make the change. → There was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm. → Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting July 9, 2022

→ The meeting was called to order at 9:23am by President Margie Clark with 33 present. → Following the National Anthem, President Margie Clark thanked breakfast team of Karen & Greg Hover, Bruce Thorburn, Ivan Bradley and Jann Angell. The breakfast team for August will be Jim Palmer, Cal Hayslette, Jeff Hall, Clark Radcliffe, Clark Borgeson & Gary Nicola. → Secretary's report of June 8, 2022 was submitted, Joe Madziar made a motion to accept, Dave James seconded; report approved. → Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2022 from Drew Seguin was submitted; Gary Nicola made a motion to accept, Gabe Blosser seconded; report approved. → Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - they moved into the storage hangar. They worked on making balsa gliders and launched them outside. The next meeting will be tomorrow and they will have a demo on drones. They are in need of a roll around box that they can store their tool boxes in and lock up. → Ray Scholarship report from Doug Koons - Daniel Thomas has 14 hours of flight training and will meet with the chief flight instructor about getting the okay

to do his solo flight. He has been putting in volunteer hours at the chapter. →The Tuesday Night Potluck is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. →The vacant position on the Board of Directors has been filled by Dave James. →Mason Aviation Day is coming up next month & volunteers are needed. See signup boards. Someone is needed to help Bill Purosky at 5am to get grills & food equipment ready for the health inspection. →The Young Eagles report from Margie Clark - Young Eagles flights begin immediately after this meeting. →The Christmas Party will be held again in the meeting room. This is not a pot luck but a sit-down dinner like last year. →Capital Region Airport Authority may be changing the access code on the vehicle gates. Forms can be completed & sent to CRAA to receive email notifications from them. →Terry Lutz has need of some State of Michigan aeronautical charts. →Pat Ryan reports that FAAst team members have not been involved in any incidents. →Terry suggested that a cell repeater like what he installed in his hangar would work for streaming EAA webinars at the chapter. Drew did a test with his laptop and his cell phone as a hotspot and found he could stream videos satisfactory. That is what will be done for our first streaming webinar. →There was no further business; meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

→Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting August 10, 2022

→The meeting was called to order by President Margie Clark at 7:05pm. →Present: Margie Clark, Drew Seguin, Doug Koons, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Warren Miller, Ken Drewyor, Rick Laub, Gabe Blosser and Dave James. Absent: Jeff Shaud. →Secretary's Report for July 9, 2022 was presented; a motion to accept was made by Joe Madziar; seconded by Rick Laub; motion approved. →Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2022 was presented by Drew Seguin, a motion to accept was made by Doug Koons, seconded by Rick Laub; motion approved. →Ray Scholarship report from Jeff Shaud is he needs to get with EAA National about submitting our next candidate. Doug Koons reported that our 2022 scholarship awardee Daniel Thomas has made his solo flight and is on track to complete his flight training. →Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - they continued to work on the cylinder heads. They had a drone demonstration and flew a drone inside the hangar. Jeff will contact CARDS about scheduling

some time at their meeting. →Newberry Scholarship report by Joe Madziar - he is working on a placard for our donation buckets. The Newberry Scholarship will be for LCC students and applications are open. Ken Drewyor and Drew Seguin will be on the selection committee. →The Nomination Committee will be headed by Rick Laub and he will let members know the Board of Directors elections are coming up this fall and members are needed to serve on the board. →The Christmas Dinner will be held at the meeting room again this year. Rick Laub needs people who are attending to let him let him know. He has 20 people already on the list. There is a \$15 charge per person to cover the food and other expenses for the dinner. →MAD is Saturday, August 20th, and volunteers are needed for helping make it a great event. A water test is done beforehand and a health department inspection the morning of the event must be done before we can serve food. Jeff Shaud will bring a golf cart and CRAA will have their emergency vehicle on display. Drew S will be updating menu and price changes. Vickie V will be handling pilot registration. Volunteers needed to do setup starting at 10AM on Friday. →A cell hotspot test by Drew indicated that a cell phone repeater is not necessary. EAA55 would like to host a safety training seminar that gives the chapter Wings Credit. →Drew will check if the CAP has one of its members listed as one of our members. →Doug and Drew have been in touch with personnel in regards to the North/South runway and making sure the proposal is not ignored. The next steps are being considered. →Drew made a motion to spend \$500 to provide materials for the restoration of the pilot area at the terminal building; the area was lost when the terminal was remodeled for Great Lakes Air Ventures; Joe Madziar seconded; motion approved. →There was no further business; meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. →Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting August 13, 2022

→The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Margie Clark with 43 members and 1 guest present. →Following the National Anthem, President Margie Clark thanked breakfast team of Cal Hayslette and Clark Radcliffe. The breakfast team for September will be Connie Bobcik, Ron Goodnoe, Mike Lutz, Chuck Moore, Brodie Stevens, and Amy Scott. →One guest attending, Randy from Grand

Ledge, a friend of Jeff Shaud. →Secretary's report of July 9, 2022 was submitted, Mark Bathurst made a motion to accept, Dave James seconded; report approved. →Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2022 from Drew Seguin was submitted; Bill Purosky made a motion to accept, Joe Madziar seconded; report approved. →Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - their last meeting they continued with the cylinder heads and learned how valves are seated and how to lap valves, then assembled the heads. They had a drone presentation and got to fly a drone in the hangar. They will continue their work on engine reassembly. Dave Trojan has offered to give a program on the T-33 project in Jackson. →Ray Scholarship update from Doug Koons - Daniel Thomas made his solo flight on July 28th and has received his second \$4,000 payment to continue his flight training. He plans on taking his written exam in September. Doug has agreed to be in charge of our 2023 Ray Scholarship program. →Young Eagle flights for today are on hold due to declining weather. Margie thanked the pilots and crew that put their time and effort into the last two Young Eagle events. Margie also reported that there are new procedures for the Youth Protection Program. →A reminder the Tuesday Night Potluck is at 6pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. →Chapter 55 will be participating in the FAA Safety Program that will give pilots Wings credit. We need a volunteer to set up the program and to manage it. The sessions will be hosted at the chapter meeting room on the day and time set up by EAA National. →Mason Aviation Day is August 20th with the breakfast beginning at 7:30am and lunch starting at 11:30am. Volunteers are needed. This is our biggest event for the year to reach out to the public at large. →Drew and Doug have been meeting with officials involved with the North/South grass strip request with there being a long way to go to find a way to make this happen. The CRAA board considers this a closed issue but the aviation interests at KTEW would like this to become a reality. →Directors are up for election this fall with up to nine positions needing to be filled. To put your name on the list for election contact Rick Laub. →Bill Bezdek announced that the SR-71 crew will be at the Kalamazoo Air Museum today to host an event about the SR-71. There is a charge for this event. →Karen Merindorf announced the Relay for Life is still taking donations for luminaries. →There was no further business; meeting adjourned at 10:05am.
→Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Board of Directors Meeting September 7, 2022

→The meeting was called to order by President Margie Clark at 7:10pm. →Present were: Margie Clark, Doug Koons, Drew Seguin, John Kuchar, Mark Bathurst, Joe Madziar, Jeff Shaud, Ken Drewyor, Rick Laub, Gabe Blosser, Bob Clark, and David James. Absent: Warren Miller. →Secretary's Report for August 10, 2022 was presented; a motion to accept was made by Rick Laub; seconded by Joe Madziar; motion approved. →Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2022 by Drew Seguin was presented, a motion to accept was made by Mark Bathurst; seconded by Rick Laub; motion approved. →Ray Scholarship report from Jeff Shaud - he contacted Matt at Crosswinds about the return of the unused money for Anna's flight training. Doug Koons reports Daniel has started to do his cross country flights and is practicing for his solo cross country flight. He is studying for his written exam and has scheduled hours this month for his lessons. Daniel thinks he will need \$2,000 beyond his scholarship to finish training. →Youth Group report from Jeff Shaud - they met at Jackson with Dave Trojan to work on the T-33 trainer plugging holes and crevices that can harbor insects. The group will return to Jackson for a meeting and will meet here at EAA55 for the meeting this month. Jeff is getting with CARDS to see about attending their meeting.
→The Newberry Scholarship for next year is on the web. Applications begin October 1st and end at the end of November. →The Nomination Committee report by Rick Laub - the current members are returning to the board and anyone interested in serving can also enter their name into the election candidates pool. →MAD event is over. Gross receipts were over \$3800 with about 280 adult/about 75 kids breakfasts for \$2800 in receipts for breakfast. About \$1000 was made on the lunches and snacks. Drive in attendees was about the same as in the past but fly ins were down likely due to the iffy weather. \$391 (three \$100 donations were made) was collected for the Newberry Aviation Scholarship Fund. Forty five percent of the people saw our event advertised on Facebook ads. Drew raised the idea of taking credit cards for next years MAD. The issue needs to be looked into for the people who no longer carry cash. Margie needs someone to take charge of web site listings on the various aviation social sites. Gabe Blosser volunteered the use of the side of his two-story building in downtown Mason for a banner.

→Trash removal needs to be done more often. Rick will try to keep on top of getting it done. →The water heater seems to be staying warm even when turned off. Gabe will look into the matter. →Mark Bathurst made a motion to donate an appropriate amount of leftover pop and water from MAD to the Mason Fire Department and Mason Cares; Joe Madziar seconded; motion approved. The chapter webinar will be set up by Drew and will be next Wednesday at 8pm. We will hold the Tuesday Potluck Dinner on Wednesday instead of Tuesday as scheduled. →Johnny George is retiring from CRAA December 15th. Mark Bathurst made a motion that we donate up to \$100 to honor Johnny's retirement; Drew seconded the motion; motion passed. →Drew made a motion to raise member's dues to \$35 and family membership dues to \$50 as of January 1, 2023, David James seconded the motion; motion passed. →Joe Madziar made a motion to raise the common hangar rent to \$100 on January 1, 2023, Mark Bathurst seconded the motion; motion passed. →David James made a motion to raise the builder's hangar rent to \$130 plus half the gas bill on January 1, 2023, Joe Madziar seconded; motion passed. →EAA384 has a fly in and camp in next Friday; 4:00pm and Saturday morning breakfast until noon. →There was no further business; meeting adjourned at 8:43pm. →Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

EAA Chapter 55 Membership Meeting September 10, 2022

→The meeting was called to order at 9:33am by President Margie Clark with 31 members present and 8 guests from Leader Dogs along with 4 dogs in training and Dave Crystal from the EAA chapter in Grand Ledge. →Following the National Anthem, President Margie Clark thanked breakfast team of John Bobcik, Mike Lutz, and Terry Lutz. The breakfast team for October will be John Karlen, Terry Lutz, Chuck Moore, Brodie Stevens, Jeff Stetson, and Shrye Lantrip. Contact Joe Madziar if you can't make your assignment. →Secretary's report of August 10, 2022 as was submitted by email, John Bobcik made a motion to accept, Bill Bezdek seconded; report approved. →The Treasurer's Report of August 31, 2022 from Drew Seguin was submitted. Greg Hover made a motion to accept, Mike Lutz seconded; report approved. →Youth Group report by Dave Trojan for Jeff Shaud - they met with him at Jackson County

Airport to work on the T-33 trainer. This month they will return to help paint the aircraft. Jeff is looking for airplane panels for the group to practice on. →Ray Scholarship update from Doug Koons - Daniel Thomas has started working on his cross country solo flights and hopes to take his ground school exam in mid-October. Doug gave an explanation of the Ray Scholarship program and the requirements of EAA National and our chapter to submit candidates. Application forms are available for download on line at eaa55.org. Doug is our coordinator for 2022 & 2023. Jeff Stetson pointed out that the Soaring Society of America has a similar program with a \$3000 grant. →Young Eagle report from Margie - there are 26 kids who were registered in August but didn't fly because of the weather. A few of those kids will have their flight after today's meeting. Our Young Eagles flown so far this year is at 118 kids. The Young Eagles program nationally has over two million Young Eagle log books recorded so far. Chloe Miner is a great example of one of our Young Eagles who went on to earn her pilots license and now has given Young Eagle flights to kids herself. →Board of Directors nominations update from Rick Laub - he sent out an email message to all members for candidates to let him know if they are willing to be elected to the board. →Chapter 55 will host the EAA webinar ednesday, September 14th at 8pm with our Tuesday Potluck changed to 6pm before the webinar. The topic will be "Crosswind Conundrum – When Winds and Runways Don't Align". This webinar counts for Wings credit with the FAA Safety Program. →EAA304 Jackson had left over pancake mix and coffee from their annual pancake breakfast and Dave Trojan bought the surplus food and has donated it to Chapter 55. →There will be a Dawn Patrol fly in at Maple Grove Airport at Fowlerville. It is a grass runway. →One of our former members passed last month, Craig Tucker, our past webmaster. His wife, Gilda, is a current member of the chapter. →Does anyone know who dropped off a toy airplane rocker for the little kiddos. Thanks to who donated this to the chapter. →Capital Region Airport Authority gave

notice that the gate code will be changed September 21st. →There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 10:04am. Respectfully Submitted, John Kuchar, Secretary

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



YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR
 by Margie Clark
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See you at the airport!!



Thank you, John Bobcik, Mike Lutz and Terry Lutz!!

BREAKFAST TEAMS

October

John Karlen
 Terry Lutz
 Chuck Moore
 Brodie Stevens
 Jeff Stetson
 Shrye Lantrip

November

Kirk Curtiss
 John VanderMolen
 Steve Houghton
 Jennifer Jacobs
 Dawn Koeplinger

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

OCTOBER

C-47 Video and comments, Terry Lutz

NOVEMBER

Presentation by FAA team.

**CONTACT DAVE COUREY or MARGIE CLARK WITH
 YOUR SUGGESTIONS**



MEMBERSHIP
 by Vickie Vandenberg
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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

In accordance with our by-laws, Chapter 55 is seeking nominations for election of a minimum of **three** to a maximum of **nine** members to serve as chapter directors. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to conduct and control the business and property of the chapter. Meetings of the Board are scheduled for 7:00pm the evening of the Wednesday immediately preceding the second Saturday of each month. Meetings generally last about one hour depending upon the amount of business to be conducted. Nominations are open up to the time of election and nominees will be posted at the meeting room on the bulletin board. Elections will take place at the November meeting. Directors will serve a two-year term starting with the December general membership meeting. If there is a member that you feel would be a good candidate for this position, please encourage him/her to allow you to make a nomination. Additionally, if you would be interested in serving your Chapter in this capacity, please contact Rick Laub or any current officer as soon as possible.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: It is scary to think that another year end is approaching!! But for those who like to take care of things early, membership renewal time is rolling around. 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 do ask that you complete the application form when paying that we can assure that your payment is properly documented and that the information on our website is accurate and up to date. The online Membership Roster will be updated after the February 15th dues deadline.

GATE CODE CHANGE FROM CRAA: In the essence of safety and security for Mason-Jewett Field and all tenants, the gate access code was changed on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. CRAA is currently in the process of updating tenant, subtenant, and based aircraft information for the airport as well. In order for you, your tenants, your contractors etc. to have access to the field, all are required to file a User Registration Form with CRAA. Hangar owners are also asked to file their based aircraft info form with CRAA at your earliest convenience. Once CRAA has your user info, you will be on their email communications list and receive any notifications that they need to send. If you have any questions, please contact Blake Roy broy@craa.com.



YOUTH GROUP

By Jeff Shaud

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Greetings EAA 55 members,

October Meeting Schedule

Our next Young Aviators youth group meeting will take place on **Sunday October 9, 2022** from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Jackson County Airport to continue the assistance in refurbishing the static display T-33 trainer jet aircraft.

Update: Youth Group Volunteers Refurbish Jackson County Airport T-33 Trainer

The weather did not cooperated with our plans to continue the refurbishment work on the T-33 fighter trainer at the Jackson County Airport on Sunday September 25, 2022. Forecasted rain prevented the youth group from painting the aircraft. We will try again on Sunday October 9, 2022. EAA 55 Young Aviators youth group would like to thank EAA Chapter 304, Mr. Dave Trojan, and our youth group parents for this opportunity to work on this piece of American aviation history.

Lockable "Worksite" Tool Box Donated to YG

The youth group received a very generous donation of a Ridgid (brand) worksite toolbox from a EAA Chapter 55 member. We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to this donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their generous donation of this beautiful toolbox. We can now rest easy knowing our hand tools and equipment will be safe and organized in one convenient, lockable place.



See you at the hangar!

Jeff Shaud

EAA 55 Youth Group Director

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LCC - MASON JEWETT CAMPUS

By Mark Bathurst

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LCC's Aviation Maintenance Technology program follows the college's semester schedule.

Accordingly, for the fall semester we started a new class this August and our students will graduate two years later, also in August. Our program continues with both a day and evening session, each with about 50 students enrolled. We are at capacity based on classroom size, hangar space and teaching asset utilization.

With the COVID-19 pandemic hopefully behind us, the hiring pipeline is once again very hot. All of our year-after-year employers are coming to our facility to talk with students about employment opportunities. Additionally, new employers who have not been here before are calling to make appointments to talk to our

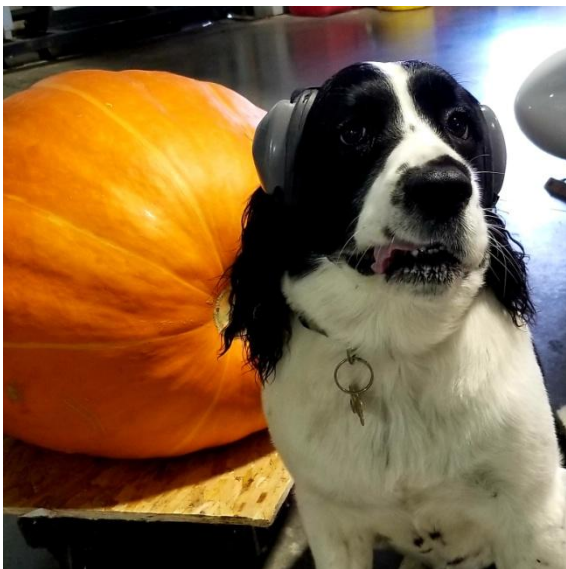
students. The current economic situation has airlines back flying to pre-pandemic levels, and some are now exceeding 2019 schedules. MRO providers are reporting record levels of work, and cargo operators are flying more than ever. Both are hiring our graduates. Manufacturers are also increasing hiring across the board.

The one constant throughout the aviation industry is the still-aging workforce. The premise behind the partnership we have with Delta is that the usual sources of maintenance technicians were drying up and schools like LCC's are important source of new mechanics. That is still the case today. With pandemic-induced early-out incentives, buyouts and the like, the aircraft mechanic shortage persists and has the potential to limit employer expansion for the foreseeable future.

We continue to see strong interest in our program from prospective students. As we talk to them, they realize the significant opportunities the career field offers, and they want to be in position to take advantage of those opportunities. With starting salaries approaching \$60,000 a year, plus sign-on bonuses, relocation allowances, tool allowances and exceptional benefit packages, our students are well positioned to enter a career field where their skills learned at LCC are put to great use.



EDITORS PROLIX
By Deanna McAlister
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Zeke says "Have a Happy Halloween!!!"

Email Notice:

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)

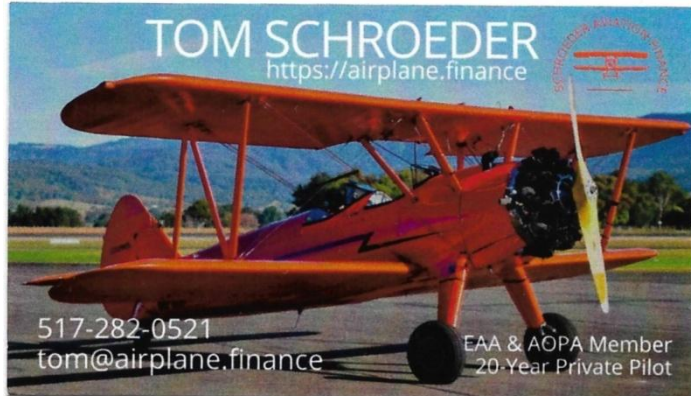
**CHAPTER 55 CLASSIFIEDS
FOR SALE:**

Power Tow Model 40EZ. \$400.00



(previously owned by Spartan Wings)
Contact Ken Drewyor, kdrewyorhd@gmail.com

Financing Needed? Contact:



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 & corrections appreciated:

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; Mooney M20C
Richard Floyd; Cessna 310
Adam Fogg; Piper Warrior II
Donald Frank; BE35P
Mike Franzago; RV-8

Ralph Gregus; Zenith CH750
Dave Groh; Stearman; Citabria; Beechcraft Bonanza; and Travelaire; PT-17; AT-6 restorations
Greg Harris; Zenith 750 project
Ward Harris; Cessna 177B
Steve Houghton; RV-7A
Greg Hover; RV-6A (w/Dave Cook)
Mark & Jennifer Jacob; C-120; Beech 18, C-34 project
Dawn Koepplinger; Cessna 172; Aeronca Sedan
Doug Koons; Glastar (w/Bill Purosky)
Rick Laub; Sling 4 project
Terry Lutz; Luscombe & RV-8
Edward Manturuk; Lancair ES
Doug MacKenzie; Zenith 701
Tim Martinson; RV-6A & RV-12; RV14A project
Don & Deanna McAlister; Cessna 172
Chuck Moore; RV-12
Gary Nicola; Beechcraft Bonanza & Grumman Traveler restoration
Jim Palmer; Glasair III
Bill Purosky; Glastar (w/Doug Koons)
Pat Salow; Zenith 701
Drew Seguin; Carbon Cub EX3
Jeff Shaud; RV-7 project
Tom Sheehan; C-170 & Aerosport & Funk B85C; Lincoln-Page 1928
Rockwood Shepard; RV-9A
Jim Spry; RV-8
Jeff Stetson; Aeromot Ximango
Bruce Thorburn; Cessna
Ken Vandenbelt; C-172; C-170; Stearman project
John VanderMolen; Zenith 750
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