

CHAPTER 55 EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

Chapter 55 Hangar - Mason Jewett Field

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Climb and Maintain Flight Level 55

Well, Oshkosh has come and gone. Renee and I arrived very early Monday morning. We set up camp went to bed and when we got up, we were surrounded by a city of tents and campers. The weather was very warm just the way I like it and then on Monday night (I think) we got the usual Oshkosh storms. Having an insight to the weather gave me an advantage over most folks there, so we battened down the hatches and double staked the tent, put all things that could get wet in the car and went to bed. We fared better than most with only a little water blowing in thru the zipper. Outside, the wind was howling and the rain came down in buckets, porta potties were blown over (sure hope no one was in there)!

We left on Wednesday and took the trip across the upper peninsula, got robbed twice by the Indians (stopped at two casino's) then we proceeded to Lake Huron and spent the rest of the week on our boat which we keep docked on Saginaw bay. After that it was back to reality.

The event is coming up on the 20 and 21 of August -- it's a big one don't miss it!!

Mike Arntz
President

AUGUST SCHEDULE

Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Chapter 55 Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2005

8 – 9 Breakfast / 9:30 Chapter Meeting

BREAKFAST W/CHAPTER 55



July Cooks: Mary, Connie and Phil

August Team

Lloyd Brown
Ray Fink
George Haley
Leo Holmes
Ted Lakin
Gary Nesbitt
Mary Schwaderer

September Team

Lynn Brown
Don Frank
Max Hall
Steve Houghton
Bob Noelp
Tom Sheehan, Jr.
Roy Thelen
Richard Wilke



*Don McAlister and Deanna McCreary are getting married **August 13**. The reception will be in the Spartan Wings Hangar. All are invited. Please sign Guest List in the board by the door.*

EAA CHAPTER 55 MASON AVIATION DAYS AUG 20TH & AUG 21ST

By The EMAD Planning Committee

The Planning Committee is finishing final details for the event. As of the August 3 Planning Committee meeting, the 8" x 20" banner arrived and was approved. **It is great!! Watch for it near the Mason Meijer Store.**

EAA Chapter 55 Business Meeting

Newspaper advertising began July 24, 2005 in many local papers, as well as the Lansing State Journal and will continue weekly right up to the event. Hangar notifications were posted on every hangar 7/31/05. We've received numerous calls regarding flights on the B-17. There's already a list of people wanting rides.

Food/concessions, vehicle parking, aircraft parking/flight line security & safety, people transportation, sanitation & trash, public address system/announcers, pilot registration, raffle ticket sales/drawings, equipment needs and confirmation for the B-17 Yankee Lady, C-47 and the New Standard Bi-plane have all been addressed. **This going to be a great event!!** Let's all pray for good weather.

We still need Chapter 55 members to sign-up for work details. The sign-up grid is in the EAA membership meeting room. Please sign-up at the August 13th meeting or contact one of the following Committee members:

Tom Botsford, Gregg Cornell, Dave Groh, Debbie Groh, Doug Koons, Connie Kowalk, Gary Long, Deanna McCreary, Bill Purosky, Bob Smith, Jack Toman, Ken Vandenberg and Vickie Vandenberg.

Special thanks to EAA 55 members who are donating their time, artistic skills and/or services to produce items for Mason Aviation Days:

Chuck Hacker - pedal planes
Carl Dalrymple - posting easels
Greg Hover - fans
Doug Green - public address system

Come out August 20 and 21--have fun--help EAA Chapter 55.

EAA Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting – July 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM → Attendees: Mike Arntz, Tom Botsford, Jack Toman, Gary Long, Doug Koons, Deanna McCreary, Bill Purosky, Drew Seguin, Dave Groh, Debbie Groh, Ken Vandenberg, Vickie Vandenberg, Renee Arntz → Secretary's report was approved. → Mason Aviation Days: Forms are filed, flyers mailed, etc. Next Planning meeting is 7/19. We need more volunteers to sign up. → Roof Leaks. Ridge vents are now available at 21" wide as opposed to ours which are 12". Doug Koons will follow up. → The restroom fan needs to be replaced. Drew Seguin volunteered to do so. → There will be a Young Eagles Rally on July 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed → The Yankee Air Force is producing a video of the Thunder over Michigan event on August 6-7. There are order forms available at the Hangar → Bill Purosky will purchase two additional propane tanks for the cooking units. Price \$80.00 → The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Membership Meeting – July 9, 2005

Meeting called to order at 9:30 → There were 46 members and guests present → The Secretary's report was approved → The Treasurer's report was tabled. → Mason Aviation Day: The next planning meeting will be on July 19. We need signups, especially cooks. Doug Koons asked that we give Young Eagle rides to Scout volunteers Saturday evening. → Last month's fly-in event served almost 200 meals and netted nearly \$700 for the chapter. → There will be a Young Eagle event today after the meeting. We have flown 124 rides as of last month. → Thanks to Greg Hover for working on the mold issue in the restroom. → There will be a hangar cleanup session next month after the meeting in preparation for MAD. → Meeting was adjourned at 10:07

Tidbits

By Vickie Vandenberg

EAA AIRVENTURE:

What a great time !! Everything at Airventure was impressive!! My personal highlights were seeing the P-38 Glacier Girl fly and White Knight/SpaceShipOne!! Our group camp was overflowing!! We were very bummed that campfires were prohibited but after the storms came thru Monday night (and the equipment was hung up to dry & the tent repairs were done Tuesday morning), the ban was lifted and we were able to enjoy a quiet evening with a fire and campfire popcorn!! It was a large group with Dick & Barb Bacon, Chuck & Sharron Hacker, Gilbert McKessy, Jim Cushing, Greg & Karen Hover (with two nephews and a niece), Dave & Debbie Groh, Leo Holmes, Dave Cook, Warren Miller and Dick Riisberg along with Ken Vandenberg & myself.

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS FOR THE BOY SCOUTS:

We could use anyone's assistance to provide flights to the scouts (about 20-25) who have volunteered to work at EMAD. Plan to fly them about 7:00 to 9:00 Saturday evening; August 20th.

EMAD (EAA 55 MASON AVIATION DAYS)

AUG 20TH & AUG 21ST:

This is going to be a truly GREAT EVENT and tons of fun for us all !! Pick up some flyers... post them at work ... pass them out to friends & family

DOOR PRIZES FOR MASON AVIATION DAYS:

We are still taking donations of items for prizes for our public Raffle Ticket drawings and for our pilot door prize drawings.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR MASON AVIATION DAYS:

- We have a number of **TENT CANOPIES** lined up for use but could always use some more.
- Could use a **WAGON** to pull a cooler of water around to all the workers (in case we don't golf carts)
- Need an extra **FOOD CHAFER**.
- Need more **FLIP-TOP COOLERS**.
- **GOLF CARTS** are always useful.
- **HOUSEHOLD 30" BOX FANS** to help beat the heat.

We want to make sure that your stuff gets back to you -
PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS ON

EVERYTHING YOU BRING. If you forget, look me up as I will have pens & masking tape for your use.

MERFI (EAA MID-EASTERN REGIONAL FLY-IN):

The event is on the schedule for August 26th to 28th, 2005 at the Marion Municipal Airport; Marion, OH (MNN). I spoke with the MERFI chairperson at Oshkosh he indicated that EAA was given the contact info to put on the national website, but I see it is not there yet. They are definitely looking for more chapters to get involved. If you are interested, keep a watch on the “Major & Regional Fly-In” section of the EAA National website.

Young Eagles

By Renee Arntz

Last month at our July 9th Young Eagles Rally we did not have as good turnout as hoped. We had public service announcements sent to radios, television and the papers. Some of the papers had printed it. This is one aspect of the public service announcements you never know what they will publicize. We did get TV coverage again on two TV stations. We were on once for Channel 10 and Channel 47. We had lots of pilots this time but only 29 kids were flown. Some of the kids that were there were the ones that couldn't fly because they were rained out for our June event. I also went to Mason Elementary day care and talked and passed out the goodies to a group of over twenty kids two days prior.

To date we have 1,807 Young Eagles flown by our chapter. Since 2001, Mike and I have had 1,224 Young Eagles of those in the last five years. June was another record breaker (125) only to have July, 2003 of 231 flown in one day.

I want to thank all the pilots and ground crew for all their help as always.

Many of us have given hundreds of hours of our time both before, during and afterwards. It is not just flying the kids on that day but making all the preparations to make each rally a success. I hope through all of our efforts that we have a few of those Young Eagles become a pilot or a career in the aviation field.

Notes from Cape Juby

By Terry L. Lutz, Chapter 55 Flight Advisor

Not available at this time.