

# CHAPTER 55 EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2007



## Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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## Climb and Maintain Flight Level 55

Happy New Year to all of the members and friends of Chapter 55. We have survived another year and are thankful for that. I hope that there will be many more of those years for all of us.

We had a great Christmas Party for the Chapter in early December and I think I can speak for all who attended when I say that we had a great time. The decorations, chaired by Deanna McAlister, were very well done and put us in a festive mood as soon as we entered the room. The event was co-chaired by Sharron Hacker and Julie Spaulding and ran like a fine Swiss watch. Hors d'oeuvres were ravenously consumed and enjoyed by all. The blessing was given by Bill Bezdek prior to the main meal. After the superb meal, we enjoyed a period of "white elephant" gift opening with our own set of unique rules. As I said, a great time was had by all. Thanks to, not only the Chairpersons involved, but to all the members and spouses of members that helped put this event into our "winner" category. I am already looking forward to next year's party.

The next notable event coming up that we are involved in is the Great Lakes International Aviation Conference (GLIAC) that is being held for the first time in Novi, MI. on February 2 and 3, 2007. This event gets bigger and better each year and has outgrown the Lansing Center where it has been held for the past 5 years. As in the past, Chapter 55 will represent the National EAA Organization with a booth paid for by Headquarters and staffed and run by Chapter 55. I need about six people each day to help staff the booth. In addition, I need about 15 volunteers to man a pancake breakfast on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:45 am until 8:15 am. For all volunteers, a free pass (a \$70 value) to the event is given as a token of our appreciation for your services to a very good cause. Please call me at (517) 214-2729 to secure a spot on the roster for each or both of these jobs or see me at the January meeting. The slots are limited and will be apportioned on a first come first served basis. This is an event that you don't want to miss. It has great exhibits and meaningful breakout sessions. To see the agenda for the event, go to the website, [www.GreatLakesAviationConference.com](http://www.GreatLakesAviationConference.com).

**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 10, 2007 7:30 pm  
Chapter Membership Meeting  
January 13, 2007  
Breakfast 8-9 Meeting 9:30 am**

The next event that is planned for the Chapter is our visit by bus to the Air force Museum in Dayton, Ohio in March. See the article later in this newsletter for the details. Bill Bezdek is chairing this event and can answer any questions you may have after reading his article. Several other chapters in our immediate area have been invited to attend with us.

Last, we have been having unseasonable but great weather to fly. So take advantage and get some sky time. Remember, keep the dirty side down. See you at the meeting!

Bill Purosky, President

## Work Party on

The Chapter is planning to refurbish our meeting room. We need some volunteers after our general members meeting on Saturday to stay and help us prepare the room for some cosmetic changes. We need to remove the items hanging on the walls, take the tables and chairs into the hangar, remove the trim tape from the walls where they meet the ceiling, drop the lights on wire for ceiling painting with acoustic paint, wash walls near the grill to remove grease, etc. We could use about twelve people or more with a couple hours to spare to get these jobs done. We can't have too many so don't hesitate to volunteer. See you there.

Bill

## DUES for 2007

By Doug Koons

I am covering for Sharron Hacker again this winter. I will be at the Membership Meetings or you can mail me your checks at 909 Hagadorn, Mason, MI. 48854. Thank you, Doug Koons

**BREAKFAST W/CHAPTER 55**

<p><b><u>January Team</u></b>          Kyle Bradford          Lloyd Brown          Ken Drewyor          Gordon Hempstone          Donald Keith          Steve Kent          George Moore          Jim Sawyer</p>	<p><b><u>February Team</u></b>          Rick Farrell          Russ Hilding          Joe Pirch          Tom Schroeder          Bob Smith          Connie Stewart          Phil Tartalone          Leah Voelker</p>
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December Cooks: Kirk Curtiss and Pat Salow



Member of the Year Award presented to Ken Vandenbelt by last year's Member of the Year, Deb Groh

## **EAA Chapter 55**

**Board of Directors Meeting, December 6, 2006**

## **EAA Chapter 55**

**Business Meeting, December 9, 2006**

## **TIDBITS, JANUARY 2007**

**By Vickie Vandenbelt**

Breakfast Teams for 2007:-

I have set up the breakfast cooking teams for 2007. If possible, Warren will include a copy of the listing with this newsletter. There will also be a copy posted on the front bulletin board in the chapter meeting room. I will also send a copy to Craig Tucker to post on our website. We will also continue to post the names for each month's team in the newsletter.

If you are unable to make your assigned month, please arrange to "trade" with another member and mark your exchange on the Breakfast Team sheet that's posted on the bulletin board. We have enough members that it is only necessary for each of us to serve at one meeting per year – that way the burden is shared and not carried by a few.

It works well to have two members show up early (before 7am) to get all the equipment, food prep and set up going. Then about three members handle all the cooking work; and the final two members to do all the clean up.

### 2007 Schedule of Events:

The calendar is already filling up !! We have three Young Eagle Rallies scheduled for the summer months. Our Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast will be 6/10/07 and we will host Mason Aviation Days on August 18<sup>th</sup> & August 19<sup>th</sup>. Another calendar note, Thunder Over Michigan has moved their date up a month - July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this year – and will headline the USAF Blue Angels and "Mitchell Madness".

### Thunder Over Michigan 2006:

Last year's theme was "Planes from the Battle of Britain". The DVD of the 2006 show is now available and includes more ground & aerial footage of the aircraft and flyby sounds. "On board" camera footage is fantastic! You can order a copy at the YAF website <http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow/>

### First Flights:

We will be on the lookout for more members to have planes take to the air this year. We recently saw the rudder for the RV of Greg Hover & Dave Cook. Pat Salow was doing taxi testing on his Zenith 701. Jack Toman is nearing completion of his Kitfox.

### New Members:

We are very fortunate to have such an active chapter with over 100 wonderful members. In 2006, we welcomed (or welcomed back) several new faces – Bob Beck; Kirk Curtiss, Donald Keith, Doug Keith, Chris Myers, Al & Julie Spalding, Gilda Tucker, Leah Voelker. Already this year, we welcome new members Warren Davis; Bartley Dixon; Jennifer Huldin; and Gary Riddell.

Please wear your name tags so all these new people can figure out who you are !!

### Library News:

Our library has really grown and we now have a great collection of reference books and VHS tapes. Remember - the books are for your use and enjoyment, so feel free to browse and "check" them out. We also now have three (3) DVD's. "One Six Right" is available by special request (see me); "Flight of the Phoenix" (1965 with Jimmy Stewart); and our most recent purchase "Battle of Britain" (1969).

A couple of members have indicated they have some great books that they are not quite ready to part with but they are willing to loan them out to interested members. I will stick a

sheet on the end of the bookcase and if you would like to list what you have to loan out, you can.

## Young Eagles

By Doug Koons

We have set three dates for young eagles fly-ins this year. They are 6/9 from 9 to 3 -- 7/14 from 10 to 4 -- and 8/11 from 10 to 2.

These will all be after our Saturday meetings. Please put these dates on your calendars. We will need pilots, planes, and our ground crews. Thank you!

## Notes from Cape July

By Terry L. Lutz, Chapter 55

Flight Advisor

To be sent separate or included next month.

## EAA Chapter 55 trip to Air Force Museum Wright Patterson AFB

Dayton, Ohio

By Bill Bezdek

EAA Chapter 55 is planning a motor coach trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. About fifteen years ago we carpooled and made this trip over two days, staying overnight in Dayton. At a recent Chapter meeting the general membership overwhelmingly wished to make this visit in one day.

This time we will hire Dean Transportation to carry us in a luxury motor coach. We can relax, sleep or watch movies while making the 4½-hour trip. It will be a long day, however.

Date: Saturday, 17 March 2006

Meet at Chapter 55 Mason Airport Hanger at 03:45 **(THAT'S A.M. FOLKS)**

Bus leaves promptly at 04:00.

Bring neck pillow and lap blanket to sleep on motor coach.

06:30 stop at Findlay, Ohio for breakfast. In order to speed up service half of group will eat at Bob Evans, other half at Cracker Barrel, across the street. Breakfast at your own expense.

Arrive Air Force Museum at 09:00. We are on an Air Force Base. Rules about weapons (no pocket knives, Leatherman tools, etc. apply). No large camera bags or backpacks allowed.

Board Air Force guide and take our coach to the President's Hangar. View past Air Force One aircraft, XB-70 supersonic bomber, etc. Government issue I.D. photo I.D. required. (Michigan driver's license)

Return from President's Hangar to main museum building. Admission free. Tour like mad dog. Lunch on your own in the museum cafeteria.

Plan your tour ahead of time. Visit USAF Museum web site for museum information.

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/visit/> Museum is too large to see everything in one day. An IMAX theater is on premises if you wish to rest your legs, for an admission fee.

17:00 Board our coach for the return trip.

20:00 stop for dinner at Bowling Green, Ohio Cracker Barrel. Dinner at your own expense.

23:00 (approximately) arrive Mason Airport.

Cost: \$40 per person. Spouses, friends, relatives welcome.

**Reservations and payment must be received by 17 February 2007** in order to secure the coach. Make check payable to EAA Chapter 55. Mail to William Bezdek, 2861 Hagadorn Road, Mason, Michigan 48854-9457. We will need the names and addresses of all persons on our tour. We must submit this list to the Museum in advance for security purposes. Shades of 9/11.

Three-hour tours of the restoration hangar are conducted every Friday, and are not available on our tour. If you simply must see this area, it would be wise to arrange your own trip to the Museum another time.

## **CLASSIFIEDS:**

**FOR SALE** – Chapter 55 Hats, \$15.00 each, see Sharron Hacker

**FOR SALE** – Zodiac inflatable boat 10'2" limited edition. Wood floor, 1100 lb. Capacity, up to 10 hp outboard motor. Excellent condition. \$800.00 Contact Tom Botsford 517-256-4381

**FOR SALE** – Franchi 12 gauge semi-auto shotgun in new condition. Contact Tom Botsford 517-256-4381

**FOR SALE** – removed avionics (Olds Forge Flyers 172 and Archer), two Bendix/King K170B radios (one with VOR, other with VOR-G/S). Also included is a power converter unit. Units removed due to upgrade. Excellent equipment for an experimental aircraft, units operational when removed. Sold as/is \$200.00. Contact Fred Honhart 517-675-7694 or [honhart@msu.edu](mailto:honhart@msu.edu)

**FOR SALE** – 1989 Dodge hi-top camper van. Has logged many happy-camper hours with many more left. Take it camping, Oshkosh, SunNFun – a great second vehicle. Good maintenance record. Only \$4900.00. Contact Ted Lakin 517-256-2322

**FOR SALE** – Avon Products & Natural Beauty Soaps. For a copy of the latest brochure, contact Deanna (McCreery)

**WILLING TO LOAN** – Jigs & Fixtures for a Zenith 701.  
Contact Chuck Hacker 517-623-6476

WE COULD HAVE INSERTED YOUR AD HERE! If you have a FOR SALE or TRADE or WANT TO BUY or NEED TO BORROW or FREE TO GOOD HOME, etc. – we have space in our newsletter. Contact Warren or Vickie for the next edition!

## **EAA Chapter 55** **2007 Breakfast Teams**

### **1/4/07**

#### **January**

Kyle Bradford  
Lloyd Brown  
Ken Drewyor  
Gordon Hempstone  
Donald Keith  
Steve Kent  
George Moore  
Jim Sawyer

#### **February**

Rick Farrell  
Russ Hilding  
Joe Pirch  
Tom Schroeder  
Bob Smith  
Connie Stewart  
Phil Tartalone  
Leah Voelker

#### **March**

Ray Fink  
Leo Holmes  
Doug Koons  
Ted Lakin  
Mary Schwaderer  
Jim Schwaderer  
Mark Stanton  
Ken Vandenbelt

#### **April**

Dennis Hall  
Robert Harter  
Richard Houghton  
Deanna McAllister  
Don McAllister  
Gary Nesbitt  
Dan Schiffer  
George Spencer

#### **May**

James Andrews  
Jim Cushing  
Andy Hartsuff  
Gilbert McKessy  
Chris Myers  
Robert (Bob) Noelp  
Jim Spry  
Al St. George

#### **June**

Lynn Brown  
David Cook  
Denise Cook  
Gregg Cornell  
Peter Greenfield  
Jack Toman  
Greg Hover  
Tim Martinson

#### **July**

Don Chubb  
Mary Gowans  
Doug Green  
Warren Miller  
David Paul  
Tom Scheean  
Robert (Bob) Veltman  
Richard Wilke

#### **August**

Bob Beck  
Richard (Dick) Hass  
Gary Long  
John Kennedy  
Jim Palmer  
Rocky Stone  
Roy Thelen  
Craig Tucker  
Gilda Tucker

#### **September**

Dick Bacon  
Barb Bacon  
Dale Buttermore  
Carl Dalrymple  
John Kingsbury  
Ed Search  
Al Spalding  
Julie Spalding

#### **October**

Pete Chestnut  
Dave Groh  
Fred Honhart  
Ernie Lutz  
Terry Lutz  
Drew Sequin  
Doug Simons  
Bart Smith

#### **November**

Frank Balluff  
Rick Dallas  
Randy Echtenaw  
J. Morris Hickman  
Steve Houghton  
Doug Keith  
Rick Riisberg  
Tony Schepis

#### **December**

Kirk Curtiss  
Carl Dalrymple  
Don Frank  
Max Hall  
Pat Salow  
Ralph Taggart  
Jon Wiesinger  
Steve Meyer

POCKET CALENDAR:

1/17/07 MAD Planning Meeting

2/2/07 & 2/3/07 Great Lakes International Aviation Conference; Novi, MI

4/17/07 to 4/23/07 Sun-N-Fun; Lakeland, FL

6/9/07 EAA Chapter 55 Young Eagles Rally; 9am to 3pm

6/10/07 EAA Chapter 55 Dawn Patrol Pancake Breakfast

7/7/07 & 7/8/07 Yankee Air Force Thunder Over Michigan

7/14/07 EAA Chapter 55 Young Eagles Rally; 10am to 2pm

7/23/07 to 7/29/07 AirVenture; OshKosh, WI

8/11/07 EAA Chapter 55 Young Eagles Rally; 10am to 2pm

8/18/07 & 8/19/07 EAA Chapter 55 Mason Aviation Days

8/25/07 & 8/26/07 Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In; Marion, OH

additional listings available at

[www.mdot.state.mi.us](http://www.mdot.state.mi.us) Events Calendar and [www.flyins.com](http://www.flyins.com)