

CHAPTER 55 EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2009



Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month

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Climb and Maintain Flight Level 55

The membership survey yielded many good ideas, and we'll be working on implementing them in the future. The general feeling I gained from reading them is that most of all we enjoy each other's fellowship, and like gathering to talk about airplanes and flying. In that regard Doug Koons is organizing a fly / drive out to Chapter 113's chili cook out this month. Because 113 is located two miles from my daughter's house we will certainly be joining our group. If the weather allows Doug will organize a fly-out. If not it will be a drive-out.

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2009, 7:00 pm
Chapter Membership Meeting
February 14, 2009
Breakfast 8-9 Meeting 9:30 am**

Please keep your eyes out for any event you feel would be fun or interesting to our members. If you are going think about taking other chapter members with you, and maybe in multiple airplanes or cars. Have we ever had a poker run organized with other chapters? How about an airmanship contest, with prizes for the most accurate spot landing, the shortest takeoff (hear that Chuck Hacker?), or other outstanding feat of airmanship.

One of the most mentioned activities on the wish list were tours of members' projects. That means you have to sweep the floor in your shop and empty the wastebaskets, and be ready for many questions. Let us know when you would be able to host such an outing. We all love to look at airplanes, particularly those incorporating innovative ideas.

We received many responses saying they would like to keep our present annual schedule for Dawn Patrol and Mason Aviation Day. One day. Many said they would help in some capacity. We've been doing them for twenty years now and the community has embraced them. Our grilled steak is becoming legendary. Mark your calendars to come help out again this year.

And don't forget to attend Airventure this year, and camp with the chapter as many days as you can. We have so much fun with a large group, with communal evening meals and sharing what we saw during the day. With so many eyes on the forums and events it helps each of us plan what we want to see the next day.

And for you snowbirds, the weather this week is warming. We are losing all of our snow cover and the polar bears are retreating northward. Its safe to go outdoors again. We look forward to seeing your smiling, rested, suntanned faces soon.

Bill Bezdek, President

Breakfast Teams

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Rick Farrell	Bartley Dixon
Joe Madziar	Ray Fink
Joe Pirch	Ralph Gregus
Tom Schroeder	Dave Groh
Brian Sheffield	Leo Holmes
Bart Smith	Ted Lakin
Bob Smith	Gary Riddell
Phil Tartalone	Mark Stanton
Leah Voelker	



January Cooks: Del Johnson, Steve Kent, Lloyd Brown and Ken Drewyor

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Board of Directors Meeting, January 7, 2009

BOD members present: President Bill Bezdek, V Pres Bill Purosky, Vickie Vandenberg, Doug Koons, Rick Dallas, Al Spalding. Members in absentia: David James and Sharron Hacker (represented by proxy), Pres Bill Bezdek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's report: Vickie Vandenberg moved that the minutes of the December 2008 meeting be accepted as written, seconded by Bill Purosky, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Doug Koons presented Sharron's report for consideration. Doug Koons moved that the December Treasurer's report be accepted as written, seconded by Rick Dallas, carried unanimously.

Membership report. One new member, Cliff Hale. Dues must be paid by February 15 to continue as a member. Unpaid members will be deleted from our membership list on March 1. As of this date approximately 62 members have renewed.

Young Eagles report: Doug will be renewing his Chapter Y.E. Coordinator position with Oshkosh this week. Will be contacting Mason, Leslie and Dansville public schools with schedules of our regular Y.E. rally dates. Will contact Mason middle schools as last year to publicize our Y.E. program and rally dates.

Christmas Party committee report: Julie Spalding volunteered to chair the Christmas party again for 2009. Attendance has been steadily declining for the past three years. Ideas to increase attendance were to reduce the cost to members from the present \$15. Methods to reduce costs could include members' supplying food, as in a pot luck dinner. Vickie Vandenberg made a motion, seconded by Bill Purosky, to reserve the Vevay Township hall for the 2009 Christmas party, at a cost not to exceed \$150.

Old Business: Doug Koons reported that the last four EAA calendars have been sold. Doug Koons presented the compiled results of the Chapter member survey. Summary will be published on our web site. Hangar lease forms are almost ready for use. Copies will be published on our web site. Can we obtain pedal plane from Chuck Hacker and complete it in time for auction at 2009 MAD. Vickie is looking for a volunteer to make something from our airplane print fabric. We are still trying to contact our "Young Eagle of the Year". Phil Tartalone has provided four applicants for our Newberry scholarships for our committee to consider.

New Business: The financial records are ready for Joe Pirch to audit, and were left in the club meeting room for him to pick up. Bezdek submitted printing expenses for advertising fliers for MAD, Pancake breakfast, and Young Eagles events in 2008. Vickie Vandenberg expressed concern that our chapter door is sometimes unlocked, and suggested someone be assigned to check building security. 2009 budget tabled for a future meeting. Vickie Vandenberg

made a motion to approve \$1,000 for printing and postage costs for 2009 MAD, Dawn Patrol, and Young Eagles promotions. Bill Purosky seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bill Purosky will bring GLIAC volunteer assignment sheet again on Saturday. Event dates are 30 and 31 January. Bill is the featured speaker at Chapter 1056 meeting Thursday night in Howell. He will speak on how to start and manage a flying club. Al Spalding was given an aviation library collection from the estate of Lucien Ruest for Chapter 55's library. Bill Purosky made a motion to approve the purchase of a used bookcase to match our existing one, at a cost not to exceed \$100. Rick Dallas seconded. Unanimously approved.

Bill Purosky moved we adjourn, Doug Koons seconded, Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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General Membership Meeting, January 10, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Bezdek at 9:30am.

Other Directors present were Bill Purosky, Vickie Vandenberg (acting Secretary), Doug Koons, and Koons as proxy for Sharron Hacker. ~ 25 members in attendance. ~ Warm thanks given to the breakfast team following the national anthem. ~ December Secretary's report was reviewed as published in the newsletter; motion made to approve, second and approved unanimously. ~ Doug Koons presented the Treasurers report as submitted by Sharron Hacker; motion made to approve, second and approved unanimously. ~

Bill Bezdek reminded members that dues need to be paid by 2/15/09 if not done so. ~

Doug Koons announced that the Young Eagle rallies would be planned for the second Saturday of June-July-August again this year. Pilots and volunteers always needed and welcome. ~ Bart Dixon has brought some RC model airplanes for Al St. George to use to teach kids about construction. ~

Member survey results have been tabulated. Results indicated interest in potlucks, trips, flyouts, YE, DP, MAD along with suggestions for workshops, letter to the editor section in our newsletter, build a plane at the Ingham Co Fair. Craig Tucker advised that the results summary will be published in the "Members Only" section of our website when he receives them from Bill Bezdek. ~

Vickie Vandenberg reported that the first DP/MAD 2009 planning meeting will be held on Monday, 1/12/09 at 7:00pm in the terminal building ~

Bill Purosky & Phil Tartalone reported on the Great Lakes International Aviation Conference to be held at Novi Rock Financial Center. Chapter 55 will host an exhibitor's booth staffed by Chapter 55 members in conjunction with EAA National. Great seminars are planned. ~ No program as the speaker was not able to attend. ~ Meeting adjourned at 10:01am.

TIDBITS ~ December 2008

By Vickie Vandenbelt

Welcome New Members: Our Chapter is pleased to have two Student Members. David Mellon joined in 2008 and Lauren Pierce has joined subsequent to being chosen chapter YE of the year. And, Karen Merindorf has converted her honorary membership to general membership.

Dawn Patrol & Mason Aviation Day Planning: Planning meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from now until August (more frequently as we near MAD). Our next meeting will be February 25th at 7pm in the airport terminal building. Come join the fun.

Dawn Patrol: Our Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, June 14th from 7am until noon.

Mason Aviation Day: We decided to do something a little different for MAD this year. We have scheduled MAD to be Saturday, August 15th - with Sunday as our "Rain Date". The day of events will start with our Pancake Breakfast at 7:30am and end with our Steak Dinner from noon until 6:00pm. We have reserved the Yankee Air Force Gull-Wing Stinson to be here recruiting members and giving flights. Hopefully, Saturday will be a great day. But, if not, we will hold the event on Sunday.

Canton/Mettetal Fly-Drive Out: Saturday Feb 21st EAA #113 is hosting a chili, hotdog, & brat Frost Bite Fly-in from 11am-3pm. Doug Koons is coordinating and has a sign up sheet.

Potluck Turkey Fry & Movie Night: Joe & Cecile Pirch will host a chapter "Turkey Fry" Potluck on Saturday, 2/28/09, at the chapter hanger. Bring a dish to pass (or donate to the food fund). Dinner at 6:00pm and movie at 7:30/8:00pm. RSVP to Joe Pirch 517-349-7173 or pirch@msu.edu

Great Lakes Internatl. Aviation Conference: EAA was well represented with booths hosted by Chapters 55 (Mason), 113 (Canton/Mettetal), 384 (Brighton), and 1056 (Howell/Livingston Co). National headquarters had supplied us with Sport Aviation, Sport Pilot, Warbird, Aerobatic, and Vintage magazines along with brochures about EAA, Young Eagles and more. It was a great opportunity to talk to pilots and mechanics from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and beyond. We also shared info about EAA with the many students who stopped by our booth. One was from Ecuador! Even many of the other exhibitors stopped by and were amazed at what EAA has to offer. And, it was also a great opportunity for members of our chapter to get to know members of the other chapters represented. We shared information on how we each run our chapters and what activities we each have going on. The conference offered great seminars on a variety of aviation topics over the course of the two-day event. In conclusion, it was an excellent opportunity to learn and to network with other aviation enthusiasts.

Books Added To Library: Chapter 55 has sent a thank you card to the family of Lucian Ruest. The family donated four boxes of books, old periodicals, and kit plans to the chapter.

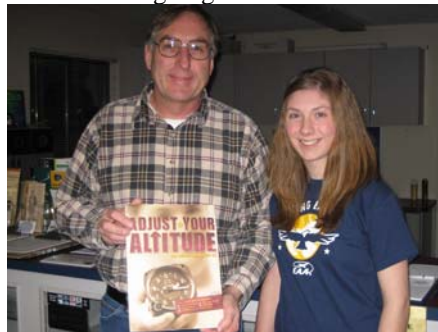
Young Eagles

By Doug Koons

Hi Everyone, I hope you are having a nice winter. The dates for Young Eagles this year are set for June 13, (9-3); July 11, (10-2); and Aug. 8, (10-2). Please put these dates on your calendars if you would like to help with the kids this year. Thank you for your help.

And now for more news

Young Eagle of the Year



Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55 has named **Lauren Pierce** of Mason to be their "2008 Young Eagle of the Year". She is shown here with Young Eagles Coordinator Doug Koons, who presented her with a student membership in the Experimental Aircraft Association. Lauren was one of the 208 local "Young Eagles" who received their first airplane flight in 2008. Local pilots of Chapter 55 have flown a total of 2153 young people for free since the program was launched in 1992. For more information visit www.eaa55.org or www.young eagles.org

Notes from Cape Juby

By Terry L. Lutz, Chapter 55 Flight Advisor

Many incredible events have been recorded in the 106 years since the airplane turned our collective imagination toward the sky. The first transatlantic flight by Charles Lindberg to capture the Orteig Prize, the first landing on the moon by Neil Armstrong, the man-powered Gossamer Albatross designed by Paul Macready and flown by Brian Allen to capture the Kremer Prize, the first non-stop around the world flight by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, the first landing of the space shuttle Columbia by John Young and Bob Crippen, and the Burt Rutan designed SpaceShip One flown into space by Mike Melville to capture the Ansari X-prize. When you see these things happen, you want to stand up on a park bench and cheer!

On January 15, 2009 a new flight was written into the record of aviation history. The flawless ditching in the Hudson River by Captain Chesley Sullenberger III will now be forever etched in aviation history. Some will say that Captain Sullenberger wasn't really a hero, he was just doing his job. But on that day, for those 150 passengers and his

crew of 5, he was in fact a hero. And, it is far more important to say that he rekindled our national spirit at a time when our spirits are pretty low. I think we all stood up and cheered!

Captain Sullenberger showed us that leadership brings people through the storm of impossibility. He showed us that patience and skill are the virtues that matter most in time of crisis. And he showed us that the airline Captain, whose job demands the highest of standards, and in the past decade has been given the minimum of respect, does in fact assume the mantle of those four stripes and embrace responsibility for the lives of the people on board his or her airplane.

Last month, I mentioned that airline pilots had flown carefully through some of the worst weather the US has seen in a winter flying season. And that was just for December! January weather was just as bad, and it was colder by a large margin. But for Captain Sullenberger, the double bird strike and double engine failure came on a nearly perfect day on the east coast. Winds were light from the north, the sky was clear, and wave action on the Hudson River was at a minimum.

Climbing through 3000' the A320 he was flying passed through a flock of birds, and some were ingested in both engines. Having just retracted the flaps from the takeoff configuration, they were just above 200 knots when both engines lost power. Taking control and easing the nose over to maintain a constant glide speed, Captain Sullenberger maintained aircraft control, calmly assessed the situation, then took the course of action that had the highest probability of a successful outcome.

When you think about it, if power is lost in both engines on a twin-engine commercial aircraft, the probability of catastrophe is almost 100%. If an airport is nearby, it will require flawless execution to make the runway, and even then the electrical and hydraulic systems may be only partially powered. If no runway is available, or if the weather is poor, the airplane will land off airport, on a piece of land that isn't flat and isn't long.

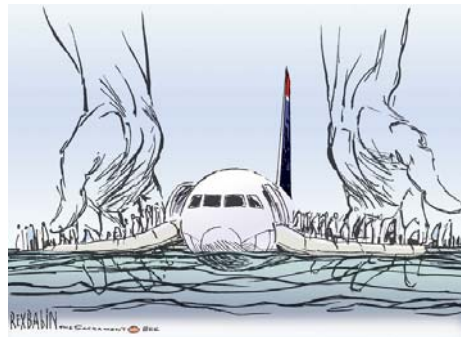
In the situation that faced Captain Sullenberger, no airport was in gliding distance, and his electrical and hydraulic systems were likely degraded. The island of Manhattan and the surrounding countryside is heavily populated, which left the Hudson River as the only flat, obstacle-free touchdown zone available. His touchdown in the water was flawlessly wings level, at the right speed, and at the right pitch attitude. So when everything finally came together, the glide speed, the checklist accomplishment, selection of the ditching site, and finally the perfect water entry, the best possibility of survival was assured.

Working with a very experienced cabin crew, the forward and over-wing slides were deployed as ferries and tugboats quickly arrived to take the passengers on board. I will say this about the marine professionals working the water around New York: when things get tough, they get going

and make things happen! Having never worked an emergency with an airplane before, they put that heavy equipment right up to the fuselage, kept it in position with the current on the Hudson and made the rescue look almost easy.

OK, now hold on a minute. What are the probabilities here? What is the probability that birds would fail both engines? And what is the probability it would happen on a day when the weather was ideal? Now, what is the probability that all of this occurred in winter when the river was free of pleasure boats that would have been obstacles? Then, what is the probability that the airplane would enter the water and

be immediately surrounded by rescue boats? And finally, what is the probability that this would happen with perhaps the most experienced cockpit and cabin crew at US Airways? To answer that question, I have one picture of the airplane in the water that some of you may not have seen. This truly was a Miracle on the Hudson.



On another subject, we recently learned that our friend and fellow chapter member Dick Wilkie, in Florida for the winter, is suffering from lung cancer. He is undergoing chemotherapy, and has a tough battle ahead to recover. We sincerely hope he will be back in Michigan for the nice Spring weather, and once again have the opportunity to fly the beautiful Rans S-6S he completed nearly 3 years ago. If you want to send Dick a note or a card, his Florida address is: 2212 79th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209-5216. Please keep Dick in your thoughts and prayers.

On a final note, January marked the passing of Nancy Bird-Walton. No, she wasn't the great grandmother of Luke Walton, from the TV show "The Waltons". Nancy Bird-Walton was a pioneer aviatrix in Australia. Born Nancy Bird in October 1915, she developed a keen interest in aviation, and took her first flying lesson at age 13 in a Gypsy Moth.

Saving money for flying lessons, at age 19 she began flying as a student with Sir Charles Kingsford Smith (the first person to fly across the Pacific). She found a fourth hand Gypsy Moth that had been wrecked, rebuilt it, then barnstormed and flew air races with the airplane. In 1936, she came in second in a race from Adelaide to Brisbane. The winner was Reg Ansett, who used the 500 AuD to start Ansett Airlines.

At the time, she was living in the outback and flying air ambulance missions for the Far West Children's Health Scheme. It was beyond the reach of the now famous Royal Flying Doctor Service. Nancy Bird always flew wearing a skirt, because wearing pants would have been considered "un lady-like". Aeronautical charts were non-existent, and navigation was frequently with road maps and a description of the location explained over the phone. In all her years as an active pilot, she never had an accident, an amazing accomplishment in the early days of aviation, and the harsh environment of the Australian outback.

In 1939, she married an Englishman, Charles Walton, and became Nancy Bird-Walton. She was Australian Commandant of the Women's Air Training Corps during WW II, and in 1950 founded the Australian Women Pilots' Association. She was so much loved in Australia, that when the first Airbus A380 was delivered to Qantas in November 2008, the airplane was named "Nancy Bird-Walton" in her honor. She was 93 when she passed away in January.

I know it has been cold, and I know there has been a lot of snow. But I also know it will melt, and everyone will be itching to get out and fly. But, be careful. It is easy to be raring to go and overlook some tiny but important detail. Work slowly. Take care with everything you do, and when things don't seem exactly right – they aren't! And please look after you fellow pilot and lend a hand when you can. This time of year, someone will need a small, but important helping hand.

From the Flight Surgeon

By Gregory Pinnell, Senior AME
Senior Flight Surgeon

This time of year we frequently need to "self-treat" symptoms with over the counter (OTC) medications due to colds, flu or allergies. Most of us know that these medications can cause drowsiness. But it is often forgotten that the effects of the drugs can last 12-24 hours depending on type. It is always best to wait till all the symptoms are gone and you have been off the OTC's for at least 24 hours before flying. Fly safe!

Sebring Expo

By Warren Miller

Being in Florida for the winter and with nothing else to do on a perfectly sunny day, I pulled on my shorts and a plane tee shirt, jumped on my Harley and headed down south US 27 about 40 miles to Sebring Airport where the Light Sport Aircraft Expo was underway which ran on Jan 24th and 25. There were approximately 100 vendors displaying their avionics, equipment and many planes. Most of the plane vendors were providing demo rides to prospective buyers. Some companies were demonstrating short field take offs and landings and how powerful and quite their planes were. I photographed several makes as follows.

This is the Legend Cub LSA. It can be fitted with the 100 hp Continental or the 120 hp Jabiru. Top speed is 115 mph. Price is \$90,000



This is one is the Hilander, built by JUST Aircraft. A very nice tail dragger with tundra tires. It has a Stratomaster panel and the engine is a 912 Rotax. Price as seen is \$92,000.



The EUROFOX is another nice tail dragger. It is fitted with the 100 hp 912 Rotax and costs \$63,000



The next day I hear there was a plane crash at the Expo which was the Remos GX and later learned that my neighbors here in Frost proof were the pilots uncle and aunt.

I spoke to them about the incident. They said their nephew Michael, took off early Sunday morning with a photographer aboard to rendezvous with another Remos for a photo shoot and apparently the door had been removed from the plane for this purpose. While climbing out, the pilot noticed that the photographer, made a sideways move and apparently put his foot and part of his body outside of the plane, then there was a huge gust of wind in the cabin and the plane went into a right turn which the pilot could not correct. Michael was a military pilot and had hundreds of hours and has worked for Remos flying for about a year, but everything he did, he couldn't keep the plane flying.



The REMOS GX was the premiere LSA on display with its folding wings. Its equipped with a glass cockpit in addition to a very nice standard panel. Everyone would like to own this one. Check it out at www.REMOS.com

Upon impact, the photographer was killed. Michael suffered 2 broken legs, 5 broken ribs, his arms are incapacitated from some other damage, he has severe head and farcical injuries and he has received 5 surgeries to date with more to come and of course will be hospitalized for some time to come.



The Titan T-51, a 3/4 scale plane with a V-6 Suzuki engine was a big crowd pleaser. A new Honda engine rated at 245 hp will be installed sometime this year.



The Electra Flyer is in testing. Check the web listed on the wing.

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FOR SALE

Deluxe travel/camper van. 1996 Road trek 210. 74K, \$17,500. Fully equipped & ready to go. Contact Ted Lakin 517 676-5873.

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Wicks one inch seat cushions, blue, with front map pocket. Set of 2, like new. \$120.00. Contact Patrick Salow 517-565-3178

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New surplus hardware. Save 30%-50% on hose clamps, Dzus, continental rocker hose clamps, spark plugs, prop clamp bolts, and much, much more. Contact Dave Groh 517-676-4416 or www.yesteryearaviation.com

FOR SALE: Avon Products & Natural Beauty Soaps. For a copy of the latest brochure, contact Deanna McAlister 517-596-2506 or visit www.naturalbeautysoaps.net/deanna

FOUND: Vivitar camera w/case; left at Oshkosh. Contact VickieV 517-589-5051

FOUND: Notebook Portfolio & brochures. It left in Dave James plane Oshkosh. Contact VickieV 517-589-5051

WANTED: A copy of Flying Magazine - February 2006 issue. Contact Fred Honhart as he needs this issue to complete a set to donate to the library.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Sporty's Electronic E6B Flight Computer; like new. Retail value \$90.00. Contact VickieV 517-589-5051

FREE: EAA Sport Aviation magazine collection; complete 1959 thru 2000. Organized in boxes by years w/some indexes by Bergeron. One condition—entire collection must go. Contact Bart Smith 517-676-2146

WILLING TO LOAN: Jigs & Fixtures for a Zenith 701. Contact Chuck Hacker 517-740-9222

PLACE YOUR AD HERE! Contact Warren or Vickie for the next edition!

Humor Section

The three worst things to hear in the cockpit:

The second officer says, "Oh shit!"

The first officer says, "I have an idea!"

The captain say, "Hey, watch this!"

— anon

2009 POCKET CALENDAR:

Saturday Feb 21 st	EAA 113 Frost Bite Chili Fly In	Mettetal-Canton; 11am-3pm
Saturday Feb 28 th	EAA 55 – Turkey Fry Potluck	6:00 dinner/ abt 7:30 movie
April 21 st to April 26 th	Sun N Fun	Lakeland, FL
Monday, May 25 th	YAF Memorial Day Open House	Willow Run, MI
Sunday, June 7 th	EAA 304 Dawn Patrol Breakfast	Jackson, MI; 7:00am-Noon
Saturday, June 13 th	Young Eagles	Mason; 9:00am-3:00pm
Sunday, June 14 th	EAA 55 Dawn Patrol Breakfast	Mason; 7:00am-Noon
Sat July 4 th & Sun July 5 th	Battle Creek Airshow Featuring the UASF Thunderbirds	Battle Creek
Thur July 9 th to Sun July 12 th	IAC Aerobatics Competition	Jackson, MI
Saturday, July 11 th	Young Eagles	Mason; 10:00am-2:00pm
Sat July 11 th & Sun July 12 th	USN Blue Angels	Detroit Gold Cup
Sat Jul 18 & Sun July 19 th	YAF Thunder Over Michigan Featuring the USN Blue Angels	Willow Run, MI
Fri July 17 th to Sun July 19 th	Hot Air Jubilee & Show	Jackson, MI
July 27 th to August 2 nd	EAA Airventure	Osh Kosh, WI
Saturday, August 8 th	Young Eagles	Mason; 10:00am-2:00pm
Saturday, August 15 th (rain date Sunday, August 16 th)	Mason Aviation Day	Mason; 7:30am to 6:00pm
Fri Aug 22 th to Sun Aug 24 th	Gratiot Community Fly In	Alma, MI
Fri Aug 22 nd & Sat Aug 23 rd	Selfridge Air Show Featuring USAF Thunderbirds	Selfridge Air Base, MI
September 2 nd to September 7 th	Antique Aircraft Assn. Convention	Blakesburg, IA
Tues Sept 8 th to Sun Sept 13 th	Stearman Restorers Assn. Fly In	Galesburg, IL
Fri Sept 11 th to Sun Sept 13 th	Michigan Air Tour	Oakland Co. to Lansing
Sat Sept 12 th & Sun Sept 13 th	EAA Mid-Eastern Regional Fly In	Grimes Field, Urbana, OH
Saturday, September 26 nd	Lee Bottom Flying Field Fly In	Hanover, IN
Sunday, December 6 th	Stearman Christmas Party	TBD
Saturday, December 12 th	Chapter 55 Christmas Party	Vevay Township Hall

For additional listings see www.eaa.org and www.mdot.state.mi.us and www.flyins.com