



**Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of each Month at the Hangar,
Mason Jewett Field, Breakfast at 0800, Meeting at 0930.**

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Climb and Maintain Flight Level 55

This job is one of many moods some of joy and some of great sadness especially when I have to tell you of the loss of Bill Hanna. I have tried to come up with some words to describe Bill and how valuable he was to the Chapter and the aviation community in general and all the lives he touched in the short time he was on this earth.

Having known Bill for only a couple of years I came to realize what a great guy he was. There was a picture of him at the funeral that pretty much showed the Bill we all have come to know. It was the one of him sticking out his blue colored tongue while making a funny face. Those of you who attended will know the one I am talking about. I for one will certainly miss him. He leaves a large void in the Chapter that will be difficult to fill.

Bill was as always there for the breakfast helping cooking and finding items for the rally on May 11th, three days before his heart attack. As always, Bill was one of the last to leave because he was helping clean and put things away. He was the one who was cooking the hot dogs and would go to Meijers to buy supplies and the food if we ran short. He was always full of jokes, encouraged us to volunteer, involved in every aspect of the Chapter. He was trying to make my transition as smooth as possible. There is so much that he did that I don't think we will really realize it until now.

The National Young Eagles Rally will be this Saturday, from 9:30 until 5:00. It was to start at 9:00 am. but we are having a fly by for Bill in his honor. We are hoping to have as many pilots as we did at our last one. There were ten pilots who flew sixty two kids. We would like to see as

many or more for this one and make it extra special. Bill and Renee were planning some extras even though there will be no meeting we hope to see many of you. Chris Bayley and Renee have ordered more airplanes, posters, certificates and brochures for the kids. A banner for the Young Eagles was also ordered and we should have it for the National Rally. The public service announcements have been faxed three weeks ago. Ted Lakin has flown 197 Young Eagles as of May 11th.

Last months team really got things together Richard Bacon done a fine job as team leader even with all the motor home problems. The program was very interesting. Dave Groh said he wasn't a very good speaker. He did a fine job with the help of his wife. Thanks to the team you all did fine work.

I received a note from Mark Jacob he is working on the web site and from what I have seen it is going to be a very interesting site. Mark has also donated the domain name to us. He plans to have it up and running around June 8th, so start getting your pictures and stories together Terry Lutz and Ken Drewyor are helping mark with the page too.

Board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday night.

Teams for 2002

JUNE TEAM #5

Thomas Bancroft
Robert Fox
Ron Mudge
Jim Spry

Ken Distler
Bill Landucci
Steve Ramey

JULY TEAM #6

George Benson	Jim Doerr
Don Frank	Max Hall
David James	Terry Lutz
Gary Nesbitt	Arthur Sundeen

AUGUST TEAM #7

Willam Bezdek	James Downer
Hugh Fuller	Jim Sawyer
Dennis Swan	Bill Hanna
Delbert Johnson	Tim Martinson

SEPTEMBER TEAM #8

Tom Botsford	Ken Drewyor
Ken Gerow	Gordon Hempstone
Deanna Kennedy	Morgan McCalla
Gary Nicola	Thomas Schroeder

OCTOBER TEAM #9

Glenn Trommater	Jack Toman Jr.
Mary Nestell	Ivan Rowell
Richard Wilke	Joe Whitesides
David James	

NOVEMBER TEAM #10

Robert Smith	Thomas Sheehan Jr.
Bob Noelp	Bart Smith
Jennifer Wells	Ed Zdybel
Mark Jacob	

EAA Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting – May 8, 2002

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved → Treasurer's report was approved. → There is a Young Eagles rally scheduled for Saturday, following the regular Chapter 55 meeting. LCC will not be able to provide a plane this time due to insurance concerns, etc. All the media have been notified and calls are coming in. We expect a good turnout and need volunteers. → Jim Palmer's Technical Advisor status has lapsed but he expects to be re-instated in October. Deanna McCreary has indicated interest in becoming a Tech Advisor as well. → On recommendation from Mark Jacob, the motion was made and approved to spend \$25.00 per month for web hosting for a Chapter 55 Home page. This will be put before the general membership on May 11. Greg Cornell made motion and it carried to reimburse Mark for the money he spent to reserve a domain name for Chapter 55. → Dave Groh will be the guest speaker on Saturday. He will speak on the restoration of his Stearman. → Great Lakes Fly-In is fast approaching. There will be 6 homebuilt workshops and 10 other topics presented on Saturday and Sunday. Ten chapters are involved. Each

chapter is asked to offer up at least one volunteer for duty at each of the five meal slots in the program. Volunteers are needed. See Bill Purosky. → Mini-Max. The board agreed there will be no raffle and no group has come forward to buy it. Joe Pirch will put it on E-Bay with a reserve of \$4,950. → There were no applications completed for the Newberry Scholarship. The decision was made to hold further contributions at least until Greg Cornell can meet with the LCC people on the program and it's future. → Hangar insurance is up for review. The chapter has the EAA policy with \$1 Million liability and the structure covered. Mike A. and Bill H. will get with Don Frank to determine whether we are adequately covered in consideration of current and planned usage. → A space is available in the builder's hangar is as Jim Palmer has vacated. →

EAA Chapter 55 Business Meeting

General Membership Meeting – April 13, 2002

There were 38 people in attendance, including members and guests. → Meeting minutes of April were approved → The Treasurer's Report was presented by Drew Seguin and approved. → Renee Arntz updated us all on the status of Young Eagles. → Bill Purosky gave an update on the Ercoupe fly-in which is fast approaching on June 20 to 23. We still need volunteers, especially on Thursday and Friday. See the sign-up board. Bill asked for members who have contacts in the Media in order to get coverage. → Mark Jacob discussed plans for the Chapter 55 Web Page. He stressed that he is the editor, not the author. He will need authors to provide content in order for the project to be successful. → EAA is having their annual book sale. See Mike Arntz for details and discounts from EAA headquarters. → We received notice of plans for expansion of the Chippewa MOA in upper Michigan. This includes lowering the floor from 7000 feet to 5000 feet. This will affect all of us who fly up North from time to time. A letter writing campaign would be useful. → There will be an informal picnic at the airport on July 4. Come and bring a dish to pass and enjoy the Mason fireworks. → Dave Groh gave a presentation on the ground up restoration of his Stearman. → There was a Young Eagles rally after the meeting.

Notes from Cape Juby

By Terry L. Lutz, Chapter 55 Flight Advisor

A Letter to Bill:

By the time you receive this, St. Peter will have welcomed you through the pearly gates, and escorted you to your new digs. The memorial service to celebrate your life was very special. We heard from family and friends about how you had influenced their lives, in a way that only you and Mary

I want to tell everyone who participated in last month's Young Eagle effort that they performed in a truly outstanding manner. From the flying, to the way our chapter members greeted and worked with the kids and their families, it was an impressive effort. We must continue this outstanding effort to operate as safely as possible. And remember to lend a hand to your fellow pilot when they need it.

May cook crew: Greg Hover, Richard Bacon, Adam Fogg



Young Eagles with pilots, Ted Lakin and Gary Long



Dave Groh and his Stearman on take off roll.

