



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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## APRIL 2007

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY APRIL 9, 2007

- SOCIAL HOUR AT 7 P.M.
- MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING,
- DARRIN SMITH CFII/MEI AND MEMBER OF THE FAA SAFETY TEAM, WILL BE TALKING ABOUT RECENT TRENDS IN GA ACCIDENTS.

## Fit for Flying at the Chapter *Reported by Bettie Seitzer*



When Boris M. Beckert; FAA Examiner (AME) was in high school (28 years ago) he visited the airport and flew with friends who had gotten their license here on this field. When he was in fifth grade he subscribed to flying magazine!

In FAA examiner training you have to go to Oklahoma City for a week and learn plenty about safety. Anyone who dies in a plane crash receives a more detailed autopsy than he ever realized!

An AME is designated by the FAA to be able to certify airmen for fitness to operate aircraft. Most AME do this because of an interest in aviation. AME training begins with a week-long training; a lot of it is classroom training. You must sign in when you get there and when you leave, attendance is mandatory. Potential AMEs also tour the testing facility and learn about the rigorous testing that includes structural testing and safety testing and simulators. They also had the opportunity to go in the altitude chamber to experience hypoxia. This gave him great insight into what his personal reaction to hypoxia is, everyone will react differently. His three first symptoms were chest pain, pounding heart rate and intense anxiety.

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## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

We are planning to begin construction on the chapter house addition and the public picnic area as soon as the ground dries out and we can get the materials together. We plan on doing the picnic area at the same time to defray concrete delivery charges. We will need volunteers for this project so we will be sending out emails later this spring asking for help.



The annual Weekend Work Party to Oshkosh will be on the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup>. The work varies each year but can include any of the following tasks: carpentry, grass cutting, painting, general maintenance, cleaning, gardening, etc. EAA provides accommodations in the bunkhouse for the weekend as well as meals in the volunteer kitchen. I need to send in a confirmation and a list of members that will be in the work party soon so get in touch with me if you can make the trip.

The Young Eagles program provides young people ages 8-17 in more than 90 countries around the world with free plane rides to introduce them to the world of aviation. 91,079 Young Eagles were flown in 2006. The April issue of Sport Aviation, the National EAA magazine honored the Young Eagles pilots that have donated their time and aircraft to fly at least 10 Young Eagles during 2006. Our chapter was well represented with 10 of our members listed in print. The qualifying members were:

Dave Becker (Chapter Coordinator)  
 Dan Bergstrom  
 Barry Dayton  
 Eric Hynek  
 Alan Kupferschmidt

Paul Liedl  
 John Renwick  
 Robert Waldron  
 Jon Cumpton  
 Craig Young

Col. Spook Johns of the CAF, a former Naval Aviator who flew AD Skyraiders off of the carriers in Viet Nam and former Sun Country pilot, has arranged several one-day charters to various air museums around the country. The trip to the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola was so successful that he has arranged a return trip to the museum. The trip date is April 28<sup>th</sup>, the round trip cost is only \$198, and it even includes the rare in-flight meal. The way to reserve your seat is to call Sun Country reservations and buy a ticket for flight 145. If you have any questions feel free to call Spook at 952-935-3650. These flights typically fill so please call soon to reserve your spot. My son and I attended the trip to the Airforce Museum in Dayton, Ohio earlier this year. It was a fantastic experience to travel to see these historic aircraft in an airplane full of fellow pilots. I highly recommend the trip!

The Minnesota Wing of Van's Airforce is planning a mass RV flight to Dayton, Ohio to visit the USAF Museum and also attend EAA Chapter 48's Funday Sunday Fly-in at Moraine Airpark. Our plan is to fly to Moraine on Friday, May 4, tour the Museum on Saturday, and enjoy the fly-in Sunday morning, May 6. At last count we had 16 RVs lined up (and one Bonanza)! If any other RVs would like to join us, send me an email at [dcw@mnwing.org](mailto:dcw@mnwing.org).

The MAC "Town Hall" Meeting scheduled for this month at Valters Aviation has been **cancelled**.

The Chapter Banquet will replace the monthly meeting on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

See you on Monday at the April 9<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting!!

## EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

### BY PAUL RANKIN

#### March 2007 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$	8,470.36
Cash on hand	\$	40.00
Investments	\$	6,364.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,875.22</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	\$	35.00
Calendar Sales	\$	20.00
Memberships - New	\$	75.00
Membership Renewals	\$	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>205.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Ground School Expenses	\$	7.58
Newsletter & Mailing	\$	45.13
Utilities - Electricity	\$	27.77
Utilities - Gas	\$	220.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>300.50</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-\$95.50</b>

### EAA Chapter 54 Spring Banquet

This year the EAA Chapter 54 executive committee has voted to hold the annual chapter banquet at the new Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. This beautiful facility is located at 3712 Layton Avenue North (Hwy 5/Stillwater Blvd) in Lake Elmo. Not only does this give us the opportunity to patronize a local business, but it guarantees that the food will be delicious, the atmosphere will be elegant and the evening will be enjoyable for all!

Our speaker will be giving us a history of the DC 10. He was at Northwest Airlines when the first DC 10 was commissioned and he was there for the decommissioning of the last DC10. He has an excellent program including pictures and stories; this will be very informative and interesting!

If you have ever eaten at the Lake Elmo Inn, you know that they are famous for their delicious food that is expertly prepared and served in grand style. You will receive an invitation in the mail – but here is a peak at the menu for the evening: *Festival Salad, Freshly Baked Rolls, Choice of Entrée: Chicken Rondele, Sunfish, Sirloin Kabob, Portabella Mushroom Wellington,*

*The entrée will be served with Wild Rice or Baby Potatoes and the Fresh Vegetable Medley*

*Dessert: White Mousse with Berries*

The cost for dinner is \$33.00 per person and includes the items listed above plus coffee, tea or milk. There will be a cash bar serving wine, beer and mixed drinks for those who would like to have a cocktail.

If you would like further information or if you do not receive your invitation in the mail, please contact Bettie Seitzer at 651-285-3052 or email her at [bjseitzer@landolakes.com](mailto:bjseitzer@landolakes.com)



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Chapter member meet on the second Monday of every month at the Chapter House, Entrance B at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The House is at the base of the airport beacon. The newsletter is printed on the first Monday of every month. Parts of the newsletter may be reprinted with appropriate credit.

21D RCO 118.625  
21D Unicom: 122.8  
TPA: 1932'  
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')  
14-32 (2850' x 75')

## HANGER TALK

COMPILED BY THE EDITOR

### Boy Scout Outing at 21D

Boy Scout Troop 434 from White Beak Lake is planning a weekend camping outing at 21D from Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, 2007. The troop selected the Lake Elmo Airport to give the scouts an opportunity to fulfill several requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge. Troop 434 expects that up to 40 boy scouts will participate in the event.

As part of their weekend events, Dave Becker will schedule a special Young Eagles Day on Saturday morning. This will give each scout an opportunity to fulfill merit badge requirement "2.a. Take a flight in an aircraft". In addition, I am looking for volunteers to open their hangars for a hangar tour on Saturday afternoon. I believe visiting several hangars will satisfy requirement "2.f. Visit an aircraft maintenance shop". The scouts will also visit Valter's Aviation. Gatis is willing to make his facility available for tours but asked that Chapter 54 provide a tour guide to show the scouts around his facility. I need a volunteer for this. Finally, I would like to give the scouts an opportunity to fulfill requirement "3.d. Under supervision, perform a preflight inspection of a light airplane". Would any chapter member/s be willing to take this task?

The troop is organized in six patrols of about 10 scouts per patrol. I envision the tour groups to be organized by patrol. That would mean no more than six groups, each spending 10 – 15 minutes at your hangar. The patrols will be supervised by an adult leader.

If any Chapter members are willing to help out with the hangar tours and/or the preflight inspections, please contact Leif Erickson at 651-439-5040 or [lericks@pressenter.com](mailto:lericks@pressenter.com). Again, the date is Saturday, May 5.

### To 21D Westside Hangar occupants:

Jill Wall of Farnsworth Aerospace Elementary school in St.Paul asked if we could repeat the so successful hangar tours at 21D in May of 2007. In May 2006 we accommodated about 90 seven year old students in a two hour event at 10:00am and another at 1:00pm.

The kids were divided into groups of six to seven, each with a teacher escort. Each group visit was timed at 15 minutes and 10 minutes was allowed to travel to the next assigned hangar site. In 2006 event we limited the sites to the north side hangars. I thought we might do the west side in 2007. The event will be on a weekday because it is a public school event and school busses are involved.

We are looking for half a dozen west side volunteer hosts who are willing to show off their hangar activity to these amazingly bright and eager to learn second graders. Lets show them what General Aviation is all about. A variety of activities would show them.

Adhering to a tight schedule went surprisingly well last year. I was advised by one of the teachers that they operate that way every day. The weather for the 2006 tour

Was awful-cold, windy and wet. The tourists didn't notice! I would specially appreciate any suggestions to improve on our first event. More than 50 of last year's students Wrote thank you cards. Email me at [aedhlund@hotmail.com](mailto:aedhlund@hotmail.com). Or call me at 651-439-5912.

Art Edhlund

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ety; another candidate's reaction was completely different. Vision is very sensitive to oxygen, when suffering from hypoxia color differentiation is reduced or lost. Another test was navigating through a smoke filled chamber – it was surprising how long it took for people to get through. The space between seats in the escape rows was designed based on tests to determine what space would lead to a single file line going through the escape door. Being an AME also requires continuing education and certification.

Resources: [www.flightphysical.com](http://www.flightphysical.com) (a free site that includes ads and referrals) [www.leftseat.com](http://www.leftseat.com) (left seat is a for-profit site that will help you get through getting your physical back) [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)

### **How to Prepare:**

\*Have your ducks in a row

\*Take care of your health problems before you go in for your physical

\*Have your paperwork ready. Anything that you have had to do related to your medical. There is a list on flight physical. Com that will help you understand what conditions might be disqualifying but the information can be challenging to find. Consider looking at the AOPA website.

\*The FAA does not encourage the AMEs to deny; rather they encourage the AMEs to work with the pilot. The bottom line is to make sure that the pilot is safe. The FAA is not interested in increasing their workload.

\*The FAA has guidelines that are condition specific. The AME is able to go to a website when there is a condition to find out exactly what the FAA will require for certifying an airman with that condition.

\*Also, remember that any pilot who knows they have a medical condition which would make it unsafe for them to operate an airplane, they are obligated to self-report

\*Bring anything you need (like glasses, hearing aids.)

\*Avoid over-the-counter medications that might raise your blood pressure

\*Avoid high sugar content foods that day, it could lead to elevated sugar in your urine – that can lead to

\*Blood pressure cutoff is 155 – 95

\*Give yourself plenty of time to get to your appointment, don't rush - that can elevate your blood pressure artificially

\*If you are sick, postpone

An expired medical does not affect your license.

### **What can the AME do?**

1. Deny the medical, but FAA would prefer that the AME not deny because this begins a huge paperwork process

2. Defer the medical: Oklahoma City will then review the denial and consider what might be needed for a review. The processing time has gone down in the past year. Issue the ticket. If the health history is clear it is easy; if there are issues he can refer to guidelines to determine whether he can issue

### **What can cause a deferral?**

1. Certain medical conditions

a. Diabetes requiring hypoglycemic meds

b. Angina

c. Coronary heart disease

d. Myocardial infarction

e. Cardiac valve replacement

f. Pacemaker

g. Heart replacement

h. Psychosis

i. Bipolar disorder

j. Severe personality disorder

k. Epilepsy

l. Disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory explanation

m. Nervous system dysfunction

n. Medications that would disqualify you

o. Medications for seizures. Some of these are also used for pain control (like neurontin) and taking them for pain control would disqualify a candidate

p. Anti-depressant medication

q. Anti-psychotics

Narcotics, sedatives, tranquilizers

### **What happens if you get a deferral?**

3. The FAA will send a letter to the airman outlining what needs to be done

Most deferrals ultimately get approved

### **Q & A:**

Should you make sure that your AME is in a different group than your regular doctor? If things are going well, it can expedite the physical, but if there are problems it can work against you.

Prostate Cancer does not rule out a candidate, the medications and any residual effects would be the concern. The first time after treatment there is a deferral and FAA must do the first approval, after that the AME can handle the renewals.

Blood pressure medication does not rule out a candidate, if the patient's blood pressure is under control, the AME can approve. A pilot who has high blood pressure should go to their own doctor and get it under control before they go in for their medical.

If the physical reveals a slight problem, the AME can hold the application for a period of time in order to re-test the candidate.

What if the AME is not sure what to do? There is a regional office that the AME can call for guidance.

In the case of cancer, is there a certain period of "cancer-free" time that must elapse before you can get your medical back? This is disease specific but it usually requires a letter from the treating physician stating that the patient is cancer free.

Is there a minimum number of candidates that an AME has to do every year? Yes, but it is a low number.

Once a condition has been reported you can use the phrase "previously reported, no change" on the form so that you do not have to provide the same information over and over every time you have a medical.

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Diabetes: if you are taking oral medication you will need to prove that you are not having adverse effects.

Vision: if you had a requirement for glasses and then have Lasik surgery, you can have the glasses requirement removed from your license and it is simply a matter of passing your vision test.

Post heart attack patients should contact an AME or get a list of the required tests. The disease protocols will cover this. Then the patient can go in to their treating physician, have the tests done and take the results with them to the AME for their medical.

On the form you are asked if you have gone to the doctor – should you report your regular doctor visits? Yes, simply state that you went in for your regular visit, the AME will acknowledge it.

Hearing is not a big issue; the test is very informal – especially for the class three.

Glaucoma: Oklahoma city is requiring that information be sent 4 months in advance of the medical. You must put down cataract removal.



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EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN. The Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc. proudly announces that **ANTHONY REBERG** of **WOODBURY, MN** has been accepted to attend the EAA Basic Air Academy 2007 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The EAA Air Academy offers young people the opportunity to meet and work with aviation professionals, while living and learning the arts, sciences, and lore of aviation in both classroom and workshop settings.

They join many other young people, ages 14-15, in this aviation program. Participants in the EAA Air Academy come from around the United States and several foreign countries.

Academy activities will include flight experience, workshops, and classroom study. EAA's Director of Museum & Resident Education, Bob Campbell, says, "The EAA Air Academy teaches young people new skills and instills a pride of craftsmanship. More importantly, it develops their leadership potential and broadens their understanding of both aviation and themselves. The EAA Air Academy is a benchmark of personal experience . . . and an aviation experience that will last a lifetime."

Campbell added that "those who are interested in attending any of EAA's Air Academy Programs, should write to: Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc., Resident Education Office, PO Box 3086, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-3086. Applicants need not be EAA members. The prime consideration is an interest and enthusiasm for aviation."

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Compiled by EAA Chapter 54

The event dates and locations listed here come from a variety of sources. There may be changes or cancellations. Please call ahead to verify that the event is taking place as scheduled.

### April

**April 15, 2007**, University of Dubuque Flight Team Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. **Dubuque Regional Airport DBQ** - Dubuque, IA. The University of Dubuque Flight Team is hosting their annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast. The Pilot-In-Command eats free! Come and see what the University of Dubuque's flight program is all about. Mike Glynn 563-589-3277

**April 21, 2007**, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Club Cherokee Open House. **Crystal Airport (MIC)**, Crystal, Minnesota 'East Side' - Gate 'D'. Always a great turnout. Hot grills, good food, and the finest company! For more information see: [www.clubcherokee.com](http://www.clubcherokee.com) or call 763-536-5991.

**April 28, 2007**, LSC Student's Wheel & Float Plane Fly-In **Sky Harbor airport (DYT)** Duluth, MN. We will have Buffalo burgers and beans from 9 A.M. until the food and pilots are gone. Young Eagle rides and things for the kids. For more information contact: Julius Salinas at Lake Superior College 1-800-432-2884 ext. 4880 or [j.salinas@lsc.edu](mailto:j.salinas@lsc.edu)

### May

**May 4-6, 2007**, Minnesota Seaplane Pilot's Safety Seminar The Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association (MSPA) is having its annual safety seminar and fly-in at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, MN. Seaplanes can land on East Gull Lake, others can land at **East Gull Lake Airport (9Y2)**, which is a short walk to the resort. FAA wings seminar Friday night, safety seminars on Saturday, banquet Saturday night, and other activities including emergency egress dunk tank sessions on Friday. See [www.mnseaplanes.org](http://www.mnseaplanes.org) for more info and registration form.

**May 5, 2007**, Flight breakfast and airport open house 7am to 10a. **Pella Municipal Airport (PEA)** Pella, IA. Shuttle available for fly-ins to Tulip Festival May 3, 4, and 5. Shane Vande Voort 641-628-9393 <http://www.pellatuliptime.com>.

**May 19-20, 2007**, Armed Forces/Airport Days Fly-In & Airshow. **Alexandria Municipal Airport (AXN)** Alexandria, Minnesota. Sponsored by American Legion Post 87. Military Displays, Aircraft Manufacturers, Model Airplanes. Jerry Jensen 320-762-1333.

**May 19-20, 2007**, EAA Chapter 237 Famous Pancake Breakfast, 7:00am, Lunch-Noon. **Anoka County Airport - Janes Field (ANE) - Blaine, MN.** WWII, Homebuilt and many other aircraft on display. Helicopter/Airplane rides, Model Airplane displays and demonstrations. Evening Hangar Dance Saturday, 8pm to 12am. 2 Museums

on site - American Wings Air Museum and Golden Wings Museum. Lyle Perterson 651-653-2063 [lyleap@comcast.net](mailto:lyleap@comcast.net), <http://www.discoveraviationdays.org>

**May 20, 2007**, Eau Claire, WI. EAA Chapter 509 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle flights. **Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (KEAU)**. 7:00a-12:00p. Mike Pope 715-723-6678.

**May 19-20, 2007**, La Crosse, WI. **La Crosse Municipal Airport (KLSE)**..Deke Slayton Airfest. Featuring the Blue Angels. Tess Larsen [tesstorg@yahoo.com](mailto:tesstorg@yahoo.com) 608-779-9994. [www.airfest.com](http://www.airfest.com)

### June

**June 9, 2007** Clear Lake MN EAA Chapter 551 Fly-In. Brats and beans served from 10:00a-2:00p **Leaders Airport (8Y6)**. Rain Date June 10. Spot Landing contest for free lunch. Mark Prigmeier 320-229-8563 [Mark.prigmeier@mn.compucredit.com](mailto:Mark.prigmeier@mn.compucredit.com) .

**June 17, 2007**, Grand Rapids, MN. Fathers Day Fly In Pancake Breakfast. **Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport-Gordon Newstrom Field (GPZ)**. This annual event is a major fundraiser for our CAP branch. It's a pancake breakfast fly-in that always brings in a good batch of planes. There are other displays and information available including military vehicles and aircraft, homebuilt, model planes, flying books and their authors and many other related displays. Held Fathers Day every year. Note that the Grand Rapids airport also has a lake for landing float-planes! <http://ironrangecap.com> .

**June 17, 2007**, Cambridge, MN. Fly-in Breakfast. **Cambridge Municipal Airport (KCBG)**. PIC eats free (fly-in only) Discounted 100LL Avgas.

**June 17, 2007**, Hutchinson, MN. CAP's Fly-In or Drive-In Pancake Breakfast 8:00 to Noon and Pork Chop Dinner 4:00 to 7:00 PM. **Hutchinson Airport (KHCD)**, **Ken Butler Field**. Capt. Karl Heisel 507-647-2631.

**June 17, 2007**, Crystal, MN. Crystal Airport Father's Day Open house & Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. **Crystal Airport (KMIC)** \$6 per person PIC free. 7:30a-5:00p Warbirds, GA, Aviation Equipment, Airplane & Helicopter rides.763-745-7888.

**June 24, 2007**, New Richmond, WI, Air Show 2007, **New Richmond Municipal Airport (KRNH)**, 7:00am Air Show at 2:00p. Military static displays, aerobatic performances, rides, hangar dance. Pat Anderson [pla757@fronteirnet.net](mailto:pla757@fronteirnet.net)

**June 24, 2007**, Aitkin, MN. EAA Chapter 965 Annual Fly-in/Classic Car Show. **Aitkin Municipal Airport (AIT)**. Wildrice pancake breakfast, brat/burger lunch. 218-297-4104 [miknjake@aitkin.com](mailto:miknjake@aitkin.com) [www.aitkinaviation.com](http://www.aitkinaviation.com)

**June 24, 2007**, Fairmont, MN, Lion's Fly-in Breakfast, **Fairmont Municipal Airport (KFRM)**, 8am-12pm. Pancakes, Sausage and Eggs.

## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2007

*By Bettie Seitzer*

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President.  
3 guests were in attendance

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

Revised by-laws have been written and are being reviewed by an attorney. Approval requires 60% of the members in good standing to vote. The proposed revision will be mailed to members, they will vote by return mail. More information will be provided; the vote is expected to take place in June.

The club is planning to do its annual work weekend at Osh Kosh. Our club is usually the first one in. The group is given accommodations in a bunk house and they are well fed by volunteers at the weekend. The group leaves Friday afternoon and returns on Sunday. The projects are quite varied and usually very interesting.

The club has 4 calendars left if you haven't already gotten yours, pick one up. \$10.00 each

The banquet will be held this year at the new Lake Elmo Inn Event Center. Invitations will be sent to all members, friends and supporters of Chapter 54.

### **New Business:**

The reliever airport committee has offered proposals; there is a 30 day comment period during which interested parties can comment on the proposed changes. There will be a meeting here at Lake Elmo Airport on April 11 at 7:00 to provide information to pilots, hangar owners and interested parties. These changes will be upgrades to the airport.

Mark Smith (a local high school student) is interested in a career as an aeronautical engineer, Paul is mentoring him and also looking for others who might be willing to show Mark their projects

### CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

#### **Flying Start and Education (Art Edhlund):**

Ground school is almost half done; eleven students doing very well!

#### **Young Eagles (Dave Becker):**

We have flown our first young eagle in 2007! The first young eagle day will be April 14<sup>th</sup> and begins the sea-

son that extends through November. We have a standing young Eagle day on the second Saturday of every month. Volunteers are needed to fly the youth as well as to help out in the clubhouse and on the ground

#### **Housing (Dave Fiebiger):**

We will be adding an addition onto the clubhouse. Dave Fiebiger will organize a committee and is looking for volunteers to work on the project.

#### **Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons):**

Everyone has been helping out with info and articles – keep it coming!

Please share articles of interest and reports before the first of the month.

[TomisFlyingby@comcast.net](mailto:TomisFlyingby@comcast.net)

#### **Publicity (Leif Erickson):**

There is a troop of boy scouts coming to the airport the first weekend in May (May 5<sup>th</sup>) to work on their aviation merit badge. The boys will camp on the airport property and is working on getting approvals through MAC. They will get a young eagles flight. The boys need to tour an aviation maintenance facility, and Gatis Valters has agreed to loan his facility -- but we must provide the escort and supervision. We need a volunteer to do that. The boys also need instruction and a pre-flight demo, a volunteer is needed for that as well. We need several hangars for small groups of boys to tour. Any interested members should contact Leif.

Planning for our annual pancake breakfast will begin soon. We will start by setting a date.

Meeting adjourned.

Next months speaker will discuss trends in Aviation Accidents

At the banquet our speaker will be providing a history of the DC 10

Program Speaker: Boris Beckert.

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer  
Secretary  
EAA Chapter 54



## Ground School – Hats off to the Class of '07

The class is nearing successful completion. Most of the subjects have been covered and several sample tests will reinforce the knowledge gained. The first few lessons baffled the students by the amount of knowledge required to safely enjoy the privileges of "Pilot". After a few sessions they became a team seeking the same victory. Questions flourished between students and instructors, and each other, lubricated by laughter. Meteorology was demonstrated by the cancellation of one session because of blizzard conditions. Some of the students have already begun their flight training. Chapter 54 can be proud to have helped this Team to the ranks of aviators.

Art Edlund

## Young Eagles Report by Dave Becker

Saturday, 14 April marks the start of our 2007 regularly scheduled Young Eagles events.

An additional Young Eagles event has been scheduled for Saturday, 5 May to accommodate a Boy Scout troop working on their Aviation Merit Badge. If you are not already involved in our Young Eagles program, you are invited to get involved. Your support is always welcome and you will benefit from the personal rewards gained by the goodwill we are providing the youth in our communities. The volunteers who actively support our Young Eagles program, both pilots and ground support, can attest to the fact that it feels so good to see the look on the Young Eagles faces, hear their comments after their flight, and to know they have made a positive difference in that child's life.

Below is a list and brief description of various volunteer duties for your information.

**Pilot:** Pick up a flight packet from the clubhouse and get any last minute briefing information pertinent to the day's flights. Collect the registration form from the child and provide a safe and enjoyable flight for them. After the flight, present a Flight Certificate to the new Young Eagle.

**Greeter:** Welcome parents, kids, and guests as they arrive and direct them to the registration table in the clubhouse.

**Registration:** Give parents the registration form to complete and log their time in on a separate form to be used by the manifester. Give the registration form to the child to be used as his ticket to get on the plane.

**Manifester:** Monitor airplane flow and when planes are ready for a flight. Using the registration log, call for the kids in order of sign up, and introduce them to one of the escorts.

**Escorts:** Escort parents and kids out to the waiting plane and introduce them to their

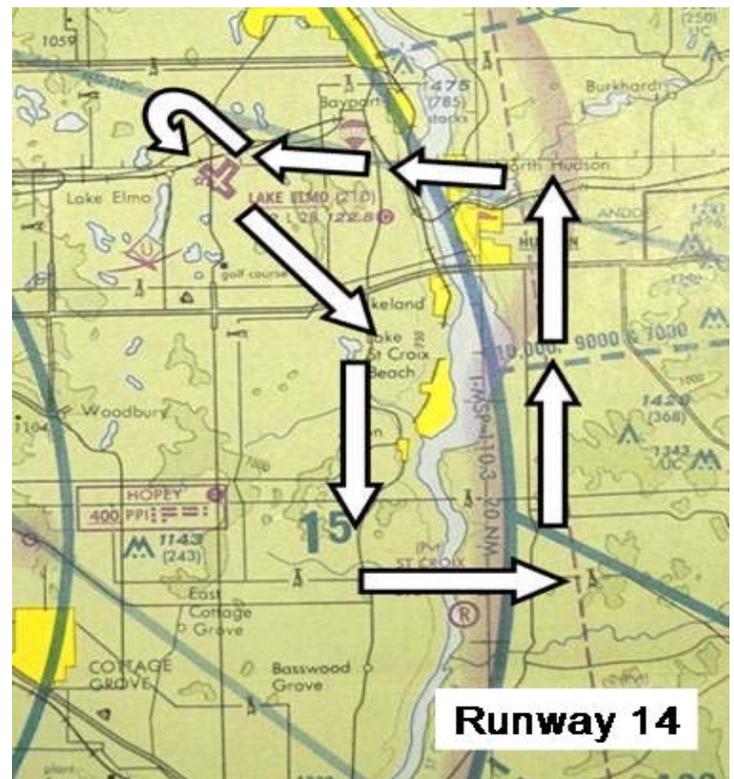
lot. Then escort parents and children who just finishing their flight back to the clubhouse. (No non-chapter person should be north of the road in the flight line area unescorted.)

**Ground Safety:** Monitor flight line for adherence to "No non-chapter person should be north of the road in the flight line area unescorted" and monitoring general safety in the area.

Please consider becoming a Young Eagle volunteer in any of the various volunteer duties. Contact Dave Becker for more information. [dave-becker@comcast.net](mailto:dave-becker@comcast.net)

To date, we have flown one Young Eagle this year. Our Chapter 54 now has three youths fully registered to attend the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh this summer.

Below is an example of the flight plan using runway 14 for a Young Eagles flight. Each runway has its own flight plan for pilots to follow.



## TAXI TALK

*{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}*

### Happy Easter to all!!!

It is spring time and time to **GET** busy!

- Get** going on those homebuilt projects
  - Get** that medical over with.
  - Get** that biannual done.
  - Get** those inspections done on the plane
  - Get** those hangers in order!
- Most of all,

--**Get** involved with your chapter programs and events that are coming up and need your help. Some examples are mentioned below.

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### Chapter Weekend Work Party

I have been informed that it is the weekend of May 5. Starts out on that Friday and returning Sunday. Check out the below links to past newsletter issues on this subject and please think about joining us this year.

<http://www.eaa54.org/Newsletters/54NewsletterMarch2003.pdf>

<http://www.eaa54.org/Newsletters/54NewsletterJune06.pdf>

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### Young Eagles Program

Visit Dave Becker's column elsewhere in this newsletter to find out how you can help out

with all the Young Eagles events that happen. Really a great program they have going there and they need help all the time, especially if you can take some young one up in your plane.

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### Construction Projects

Plans are underway to expand the clubhouse so stay tuned for this and offer your help if you can. Also, there was plans on putting in a neat viewing area over by the MAC building so the public can watch the airplanes. A picnic table, concrete base and trees are planned.

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### Other Upcoming Events

- Next month's meeting will be our Banquet, no normal meeting, so plan to attend.
- Planning for Pancake Fly-in Breakfast in August is in the works and they need volunteers to plan and work this major event for the chapter,

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### At the last Meeting.....

--A total of 38 people attended last month, including two new people and the speaker. This was the most I have seen in a long time. You just do not know what you might miss at the next meeting!!

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 tank, motor mount, nose bowl and spars and  
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 Contact Ross Sublett  
 Phone # 651-407-6449  
 e-mail [rosssublett@hotmail.com](mailto:rosssublett@hotmail.com)

**Real flight and dreams of flight  
 go together.**

**Both are part of the same move-  
 ment.**

**Not A before B, but together.**

— *Thomas Pynchon, Gravity's Rainbow*

**For Sale:**

Hartzell Prop HC-C2YK-1B-72"  
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