



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2009.

- **SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.**
- **MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.**
- **AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**
- **Darrell Bolduc from Bolduc Aviation Specialized Services, Inc. will speak about the care, operation, and maintenance of piston aircraft engines.**

Chapter Member offers a ride!

By Jeff Hove

Editors Note: With the start of our Young Eagles program next month I thought I would put this very nice story in the newsletter about how a chapter member offers a ride to a former flier.

Perfect Strangers and a Perfect Day!



Last Saturday after an early morning flight to take care of my BFR requirement, I hung around the clubhouse and watched the tail end of the great operation that the EAA's Young Eagles volunteers put on. They flew around 25 kids that morning in an impressively smooth series of circuits.

The next morning I had a mission to take some aerial photographs of a property my realtor wife is listing. I took a drive around the airport hoping to find someone to go with me to operate the camera while I flew, but the field was almost empty. Not finding anyone I took off solo and just did the best I could at trying to hold a steady turn-around-a-point while looking through the view-finder and got a few marginally acceptable photos. But then what? I pattered around a while longer watching boats on the river, then came back and made a few more landings but got kind of bored and returned to tinker in the hangar for awhile. The last task on my list was to dump some used oil over by the MAC building, then head back home for some yard work. A productive morning, but it was still early and I wasn't really ready to leave.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY DALE SEITZER

Spring brings longer days and warmer weather. There are more opportunities for flying and it makes working on projects in your hangar or garage easier. Please tell the other members about your projects you are working on by sending a note to Tom Gibbons, the Newsletter Editor. You will likely find an expert in the club or at least some suggestions on where to go for answers. The club's collective knowledge can satisfy just about anyone's questions.

The Oshkosh Work Party Dates are set. The sign up sheets and release forms are in the club house on the front table. Paul Hove is helping organize the event—talk to him if you have questions.

We are getting many offers to help at our first expansion construction day April 25. The first day will be framing – there are plans for the 3 walls and they can be worked on at once in 3 teams. Then we can lift them into place. Bring your tools and help out as much as you can – people of every skill and ability can contribute. We will have name tags so everyone can get to know each other.

Our Annual banquet is coming next month May 11, 2009 at the Lake Elmo Inn Banquet Center. Bettie Seitzer is organizing the event and we will have a fun time with some aviation activities, award presentations, fine food choices and an entertaining and educational speaker. Please make checks out to Chapter 54.

Young Eagles Events also start in April – volunteers will be needed. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Becker our Young Eagle Coordinator, Leif Erickson our Publicity Coordinator and Paul Leidl our web Editor, we have been signing up Young Eagles and have a busy summer scheduled. Please help out when you are able – this is a very effective and popular program that is also a lot of fun.

The ground school is humming along too – it is great to see the club members volunteering and assisting the instructors. I stopped in for part of the weather presentation – learned several things about weather I did not know!

I hope to see you at our regular meeting April 13, 2009. Bolduc Aviation will talk about aircraft engines – a valuable topic to everyone.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT
BY PAUL RANKIN



March 2009 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$8,249.46
Cash on hand	\$40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$7,294.58</u>
Total	\$15,584.04

Income

Donations	\$30.00
Pop Sales	\$122.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total	\$452.00

Expenses

Newsletter & Mailing	\$43.31
<u>Utilities - Electricity & Gas</u>	<u>\$168.78</u>
Total	\$212.09

Net Cash Flow \$239.91

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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
21D AWOS: 120.075
TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
 14-32 (2850' x 75')



After properly disposing of the oil, I noticed a man with a bicycle standing next to the fence staring out at the runways. There weren't any planes for the last few minutes but he didn't seem to be in any hurry. He wasn't so much looking as remembering something. Normally I'm fairly shy about meeting people but for some reason I felt compelled to walk up and talk to this gentleman who seemed so contemplative.

I asked if he was a pilot, and he answered, no but he had flown a lot as a passenger and had often thought of learning to fly but never really had the chance. We chatted about planes and the airport and the state of general aviation and I eventually learned that his passenger experience was 20 years ago as the "back seater" navigator and radar operator on F-4 Phantoms and F-101 VooDoo's. When I asked if he had seen the F-101 we have at the Air Guard Museum at MSP his reply startled me: while in the Air Guard he had flown that particular airplane just before it had been transferred to the Canadian Air Force, who had later donated it to our museum.

We had an interesting conversation for about 20 minutes, then as I was about to leave and resume my earlier plan, on a whim I instead turned and asked if he would like to get back into the air and take a flight in my Cessna 150. He was rather surprised at the offer but accepted without hesitation. We didn't even know each others names.

Over at my hangar we took out the 150, preflight complete I got him strapped in and briefed on the operation of the door, seatbelts, etc. I asked him again if he was comfortable about going up after not being in the air for 20 years and doing so in a very small plane with a pilot he just met. His answer was that he has flown with many pilots and had learned to size them up pretty quickly. From watching the way I did my preflight on the plane he had decided he could trust me. With that kind of confidence in me I resolved to be sure to not let him down.

Our flight together can only be described as great. As we flew along the St. Croix and over the lakes to the north of the field he repeated how wonderful it was to be back in the air after so many years and how he couldn't believe how his day had unfolded. Then we found his house. A few circles with the camera aimed out the open window provided the proof that he was able to share with his surprised family later that evening.

After we landed I taxied over to Valters for fuel and brought Tom in to meet the flight school's owner, Gatis, and learn the process for signing up for flight lessons.

It really felt good to see how much this experience had affected this person that I had just met an hour earlier. I hope that Tom goes on to finally fly "front seat", but even if he never does, this flight between perfect strangers will be remembered by each of us as one of our most fun and worthwhile.

The Young Eagles is an excellent program and in that spirit, let's also think of the Older Eagles. So the next time you see someone at the fence staring out at the planes, go up and talk with them and, if you hit it off, go up for a ride. You'll both be glad you did.

Blue Skies,

Jeff Hove, EAA 0591433, Chapter 54

Editors Note: Jeff is a very good and gracious pilot. He has offered me a ride in his C-150 a couple of times and we have had a great time. He also took me up in his Dad's RV-7A one time. We all should appreciate the efforts of people like Jeff and all who offer their time and aircraft for rides like this. Thanks Jeff!



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2009

By Bettie Seitzer

Called to order at 7:37 by President Dale Seitzer

Visitors: Paul Anderich visited again, planning to join. Tom Marsen has been absent for a while, but is planning to start coming again regularly.

Treasurer's report approved as published in the newsletter

Secretary's report approved as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Building weekend is April 25th. The following weekend will be the rain date for that event. Members are asked to volunteer and bring along saw horses, tools, ladders. We also need volunteers to help with the potluck lunch. Food and beverages will be provided.

We have a property inventory notebook set up in the clubhouse. This notebook will be used to keep track of the tools and materials that the club owns. We want to inventory tools, artifacts, documents that are owned by the club.

We have models donated by Jack Portlance, we want to make sure to document those items that are donated or loaned to the club.

The membership welcoming committee is still working on developing ideas for making visitors and new members feel welcome.

New Business:

Banquet will be held on May 11th. There will be a contest, awards presentation, and a lot of fun. This year we will hold the event at the Lake Elmo Inn Conference Center. Invitations will be sent and a notice will be included in the newsletter and on the website.

Looking for the remote control for the television, it may have been put away. We need to change the programming on the TV and that can only be done with the remote control.

Young Eagles (Dave Becker): Starting in April – second Saturday of the month. There will be a preparation meeting before the first session. Let Dave Becker know if you are interested in volunteering for this season.

Flying Start and Education (Art Edhlund): We have 11 students, the course has just started. A snow day was called and caused the cancellation of one class; this has required that the schedule be adjusted to include a make-

up day. We have four instructors and lots of volunteers but always need more volunteers.

Housing (Dave Fiebiger): No report

Membership (John Renwick) Current member numbers were published last month, John will continue publishing "get acquainted" information about the new members.

We can also include information about members on the website. Interests, hobbies and aviation experience are all interesting – especially any experience that might be useful for members building planes or solving problems!

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): A good newsletter is made up of good articles – don't be shy, step up and write about your plane, your adventures and your dreams! We all love flying stories so share yours.

Newsletter@eaa54.org

Publicity (Leif Erickson): Our fly in will be Sunday, August 16th, it has been added to the lists that MnDOT publishes and on other publicity lists so that we can get our date out to the flying public. We will begin the early planning sessions for the event. Leif will be attending the leadership training program at OshKosh this spring. We look forward to his report when he returns.

Meeting adjourned. At 7:59 p.m.

Program Speaker: Mark Ness who has a hangar on the field and Dick Weisner who are both from the Minnesota Air Guard Museum. Dick was a fighter pilot in WWII

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer

Secretary

EAA Chapter 54

Pilots Lounge

Richard Menz has been a member of our chapter for a couple years. You may remember that he was taking lessons in the Rans S-12 Experimental last summer at Lake Elmo. He came down to Florida in October and took Sport Pilot Lessons from US Sport Aircraft at Charlotte County. He trained in a Gobosh AT4-LSA and passed his check ride on Friday the 13th of March. He liked the plane so much that he bought it and may have one available to rent or train for Sport Pilot at Lake Elmo. If any one is interested in training for Sport Pilot or rental of the Gobosh please give him a call at 612-919-1409 and indicate your desires. If there is enough interest there is a good chance we can get a sport pilot program initiated at Lake Elmo.



The people in the picture from left to right are Richard Menz (Myself) Wayne Ovellette (Check ride examiner) Jim Crone (instructor).



A little about the Sport Pilot Certificate. First of all it's an easy way to get into flying. The requirements for the beginner are listed below,

1. Requires only 20 hours total flight time as apposed to 40 hours for private.
2. Maximum gross weight of airplane is 1320 lbs.
3. Maximum stall speed of 45 Knots
4. Maximum speed of 120 Knots.
5. Fixed landing gear and fixed pitch propeller.
6. Allowed to take 1 passenger.
7. Can not fly at night,
8. Can not fly above 10,000 Ft.
9. Must pass the FAA Pilot Knowledge Test.
10. Must pass the FAA Practical Test.
11. There are some misc. requirements like speak, read and write English.

For the already certificated pilot as most of our EAA members are, it is easier.

1. Can fly immediately off Drivers license medical Std. Just get checked out in the plane.
2. Unfortunately, Pilots that have been previously denied flying privileges by loosing medical are not approved for sport pilot. If you have not lost your medical you are good to go.

The cost for the Gobosh is \$94.00 per hour wet. You must sign a rental agreement.

I am 64 yrs old, retired and always wanted to get up there and fly. True it's a little harder the older you get but it's a fun challenge and keeps the mind alert. I have noticed my reflexes are sharper, I realized a very noticeable increase in learning and retention capability and financially no prepayment is required, its pay as you go.

It's been a win, win for me all the way.

Dick



Hanger Talk

Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor

EAA CHAPTER 54 Spring Banquet

Spouses, Family and Friends are welcome!

Monday May 11, 2008

Social Hour 5:00 (cash bar) Dinner at 6:15

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

3712 Layton Avenue North

Lake Elmo

\$34.00 per person



Speaker:

James J. Anderson

Honoring Aviation Artist Don Carlson

Entree Choices

1. Beef Kabobs
2. Chicken Rondele
3. Sunfish
4. Portabella Wellington (vegetarian)

Salad, side dishes, rolls and dessert are included. Please contact Bettie regarding any special dietary needs

For more information or to see photos from previous banquets, please visit the Chapter 54 website at eaa54.org and click on "Banquet".

Questions – call Bettie 651-285-3052

Please fill in the form, detach this portion and mail with payment to:

Bettie Seitzer
1451 Englewood Avenue
St. Paul, MN, 5510

Your Name or Name of Guest:	Menu choice:
Total Enclosed:	

Cost is \$34.00 per person

make checks payable to EAA Chapter 54

Speaker Notes:

March 9, 2009

By Bettie Seitzer

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Moving the Minnesota Air Guard Museum

There is an opportunity to move the museum off the field onto property that is adjacent to the runway but off the field. The guard base is on the north side of the airport with the guard base right in the middle of that area. The old guard base was in what was Ft. Snelling at that time. It was a race track at first but pilots started landing and taking off from that racetrack. It has become the 12th busiest airport in the United States. As the airport grew, it encroached onto the old Fort Snelling property. Preservationists wanted to hold onto the historic fort property and so tried to control growth of the airport. There is even an old golf course on the property which will be discontinued next year. This creates the opportunity to move the base onto what was the golf course.

A long time ago this was Indian property and there are treaties in place that would require returning the land to the Indians if the government were ever to vacate the property. Therefore they want to keep it in government ownership and control. The air guard museum has pieces in their collection that are not helped by any other museum in the country. Minnesota also has a tremendous aviation history that is captured by the museum. The Guard, Northwest Airlines, Mayo clinic built the first pressure suits – all a significant part of aviation history and of Minnesota history. The first flying wing airplane ever built was built here in Minnesota by a World War One pilot. It belongs to the Smithsonian, but is on loan to the University of Minnesota who does not even have it on display.

The guard is dedicated to aviation education, teaching the history of aviation, the theory of flight, the elements of aviation, flight planning, aviation and business. They are hoping to build a training center that will allow people to learn about general aviation and careers in aviation related businesses.

The boy scouts bought the armory building and are planning to start a scouting program in that facility. One of the things they will be doing is acquiring equipment and establishing a partnership with the museum for the purpose of teaching the aviation merit badge as well as other aviation related subjects.

The group has a nice video depicting their vision and goals; they are working to generate public support, raise funds and move forward with their plans to build a new museum and partnerships with other aviation groups.

Since November there have been meetings with a task force to develop a land use plan to forge solutions to the problems presented by such an undertaking. This will be a Minnesota aviation museum and learning center to include all of the groups and educational associations that have a stake in aviation history and education in the state. The designs will include an observation desk and lounge area where the public can watch the activity at MSP – since 9/11 this has not been possible due to changing rules and restrictions to access. There are some strong supporters working to promote the development of the museum.

There are some other groups that are interested in getting control of the property. The piece that the air guard wants is not the land that other groups are interested in. There is currently no viable competition for the land. The location of the museum would be the only one of its kind in the country due to its placement right next to the airport. In addition the location will be easily accessible by the light rail from either the Mall of America, Minneapolis downtown or even from the airport itself. Travelers might have the option of visiting the museum while on a layover traveling through.

Fundraising is a challenge, they are investigating whether stimulus money might be available.

The planned hanger would not be big enough to house all of the aircraft that the museum owns – they would have some planes on display outside or perhaps traveling exhibits.

A good article was published in the Highland Villager Newspaper; several copies of that edition are available in the clubhouse – turn to page 4. The area where this museum will be located is currently pretty run down, a turn around can happen with investment and development.

Local Flying Events

Compiled by Paul Hove and pulled from the Website

April

April 11 2009, 8:00 to 12:00, **Ames IA Annual Flight Breakfast**, , Ames Municipal Airport,(KAMW), Hosted by: ISU Flying Cyclones & Hap's Air Service, Christa Holden, 515-232-4310, cholden@hapsair.com

April 18 2009, 10:00 to 16:00, **Commemorative Air Force, MN Wing Hangar/Garage Sale**, www.cafmn.org, Fleming Field Airport,(KSGS), Join the CAF for a Hangar/Garage sale. We will have many items for sale from airplane parts to household items to computer stuff! Don't miss your chance to great a deal on just about everything! All proceeds from the sale go towards the CAF (a local 501c3). Come and enjoy some food while you shop! , Amy or Roby , 651-455-6942, info@cafmn.org

April 25 2009, 9:00 to 15:00, **Pancakes & Planes Breakfast Sponsored by Wings of the North**, www.wotn.org, Flying Cloud Airport,(KFCM), Next to ASI Jet Center. (Warbird displays and Warbird rides available weather permitting) Free Parking. Aircraft parking space & aircraft fuel available , , ,

April 25 2009, 11:00 to 15:00, **Annual Spring Chili Feed Fly-in/Drive-in**, www.eaa996.org, Chisholm-Hibbing Airport,(KHIB), Hosted by EAA 996, , ,

April 25 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, **Second Annual FVTZ Pancake Breakfast Fly-In**, www.fvtc.edu/public/content.aspx?ID=1578&PID=11, Wittman Regional Airport ,(KOSH), Join us for our second annual fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast. We will be hosting an open house and safety seminar. Come for the food...Stay for the fun! Safety Seminar. Using WSI Pilotbrief Online Weather System. 10AM to 11AM. Room 104A, Jared Huss, 920-232-6024, huss@fvtc.edu

May

May 1 2009, to , **Minnesota Seaplane Fly-In Cragun's 5/1-5/3**, www.seaplanes.org, East Gull Lake,(Y92), Cragun's Lodge on East Gull Lake, Minnesota (9Y2) The 2009 Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Safety Seminar will be held at Cragun's Lodge on East Gull Lake, Minnesota starting Friday May 1st and ending Sunday May 3rd. Details about the lodge can be seen on their website: www.craguns.com. There is plenty of sand beach and a grass strip (East Gull Lake) walking distance away or the lodge will pick you up in their van., Kevin Rebman, 612-940-0971, kr01@cybercrafts.org

May 2 2009, 10:00 to 16:00, **100th Anniversary of the 1909 Gnome Omega rotary engine**, , Anoka County Airport,(KANE), Witness the running of a 100 year old 1909 Gnome Omega 7 cylinder 50 HP rotary engine. There will be 3 runs each day at 11 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM. You will also see the original One-Of-A-Kind 1911 Steco aircraft that this engine was used on, along with the 1909-12 Steco Cyclecar. , , ,

May 16 2009, 7:00 to 16:00, **Blaine Aviation Weekend**, www.DiscoverAviationDays.org, Anoka Airport,(KANE), May 16h & 17th. The 29th annual Pancake Breakfast and Lunch is sponsored by EAA Chapter 237. Homebuilt, Vintage, Warbird and many other aircraft on display. Helicopter & Open Cockpit Plane rides available. Model airplane demonstrations, Aviation Exhibitors and much more! 7am to 4pm each day., Kevin Rebman , 612-940-0971, krebman@eaachapter237.org

May 30 2009, 20:00 to 0:00, **Spring Swing Big Band Hangar Dance**, www.cafmn.org, Fleming Field Airport,(KSGS), Free Dance Lessons 7pm. Dance begins 8 to Midnight. \$10.00 donation per person Music by the Roseville Big Band. Free Dance lesson from TC Swing & The Swing Cats, Dance lesson at 7, Dance starts at 8 goes till Midnight Music, Dancing, Food, Prize Drawing, Prizes for best WWII era dress and more. , , 651-455-6942,

May 30 2009, 8:00 to 11:00, **White Bear MN EAA Chapter 745 Pancake Breakfast**, , Benson Airport,(6MN9), Pancake Fly-In , Enjoy some great food and friendship with a Vintage Airplane atmosphere., Kim

Faber, 763-503-0161,

June

June 7 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, **Algona IA Pilots Association Flight Breakfast**, , Algona Municipal Airport,(KAXA), Pilots in Command & Co-Pilots FREE , Dean Telford, 515-332-4012,

June 14 2009, 8:00 to 14:00, **EAA Chapter 688 Pancake Breakfast Camp; Fly-in**, , Montevideo Chippewa Co Airport,(KMVE), Chapter 688 Pancake Breakfast. Fly-in and Young Eagles Rides. Antique and Classic Car Show, 70 cars, Don Reuther, 320-269-4829,

June 20 2009, 8:00 to 18:00, **Davenport IA Quad City Airshow 2009**, www.quadcityairshow.com, Davenport Municipal Airport,(KDVN), Theme 'From Props to Jets see it all on the line in 2009' . Performers US Army Golden Knights John Mohr Barnstorming Bob Carlton Jet Sailplane , , ,

June 21 2009, to , **La Crosse Deke Slayton Airfest**, , La Crosse Municipal,(KLSE), , , ,

June 21 2009, to , **Duluth Annual Int'l Cessna 170 Assn**, , Duluth Sky Harbor Airport,(KDYT), 41st Annual International Cessna 170 Association, , ,

June 21 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, **Dodge Center MN EAA Chapter 100 Pancake Breakfast / Fly In**, www.eaa100.org, Dodge Center,(KTOB), Father's Day Pancake Breakfast / Fly-In., Tom Hall, 507-282-9682,

June 27 2009, 8:00 to 13:00, **Annual Mines & Pines Fly-in/Drive In Breakfast**, www.eaa996.org, Chisholm-Hibbing Airport,(KHIB), Hosted by EAA 996, , ,

June 28 2009, 7:00 to 11:00, **Fairmont Minnesota Lions Fly-in Breakfast**, , Fairmont Municipal Airport ,(KFRM), Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs. Pilots eat free , , ,

June 28 2009, to , **Caledonia Houston County Airport Fly-In**, , Houston County Airport,(KCHU), Free to PIC, , 507-450-2095,

July

July 12 2009, 7:30 to 11:30, **Winona Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast and Free Airshow**, , Winona Municipal Airport,(KONA), Great family Event! Free Airshow at 1030 AM. 26th year. Wonderful catered breakfast meal., Steve Buswell , 507-452-2220, funnsky@hbc.com

July 18 2009, 9:00 to 17:00, **Eden Prairie Air Expo 2009**, www.wont.org, Flying Cloud Airport,(KFCM), Pancake breakfast, aviation displays, over 35 aircraft including a B-17G, over 40 aviation VIPs including Doolittle Raiders, Black Sheep, Tuskegee Airmen, River Rats, Marine Corsair pilots, WWII bomber crews, and aces from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam., , ,

July 19 2009, 7:00 to 12:30, **Preston MN Country Fly-In Breakfast**, , Fillmore County Airport,(KFKA), Build your own omelets served with donuts and beverages by the Fillmore County Pork Producers., Kent Dornink, 507-765-2582, kjdhills@yahoo.com

July 26 2009, 8:00 to 12:00, **Center City Flyers Pancake Breakfast**, , Marshfield Muni Airport,(KMFI), Pancake breakfast with many airplanes to view and to admire. Many are on their way to Oshkosh for the Fly-in there. \$6.00 for all you can eat, Great meal with all the trimmings, David Le Voy, 715-676-2282,

July 27 2009, to , **Oshkosh EAA AirVenture 2009**, www.airventure.org, Wittman Regional Airport ,(KOSH), For seven days, the aviation world descends on Oshkosh to create the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration. Nearly every aspect of flight is represented in one way or another -- from ultralights to the heavy iron of the Warbirds, AirVenture has it all., EAA, 920-426-4800,



Young Eagles Report by Dave Becker

We have two thirteen-year old boys selected for sponsorship to the EAA Air Academy camps this summer. They are both very excited to be going to a camp in June.

Our 2009 Young Eagles program is gaining steam as spring and our first scheduled event gets closer. The sign-up web page has been getting a lot of activity. Our May 9th event is already filled up and some of the other scheduled dates have been getting sign-ups. Below is a list of various Young Eagle volunteer job descriptions for your review. We can always use your help in whatever job you would like to do.

Young Eagle Volunteer Duties

Greeter:

The greeter welcomes parents and guests as they arrive and directs them to the registration table in the clubhouse. If the greeter is not available, any chapter member seeing guests arrive should greet them and direct them to the registration table.

Registration:

The registrar will give parents the registration form to complete and confirm that both sides of the form are completed and signed. Write the registration time on the upper right corner of the registration form and log the child's name and time on the separate log form. The Manifester will pick up the completed forms throughout the event. Check off names on a pre-registration form if you are given one.

Manifester:

Pick up completed registration forms from the registrar throughout the event and call out for the next child in line for a flight. The Manifester will monitor the planes as they land and assign a pilot to the next child in their order of sign up. Write the assigned pilot's name on the log form and on the registration form. Call for the child and give the child and the completed registration form to an escort.

Escorts:

Pick up an escort green folder from the clubhouse. The Escort will be given the registration form and the child from the Manifester. Take the child into the clubhouse to get the Young Eagle Certificate printed from the certificate printer. Then escort parents and child out to the waiting plane where they will have the pilot sign the registration form and give the pilot the printed Young Eagles Certificate. Pilots must NOT take the registration form on the plane with them. The escort will then escort the child who just finished their flight back to the clubhouse and present the new Young Eagle with a "Fly Free" bracelet. (No non-chapter person should be north of the road in the flight line area, unescorted.) At the end of the

day's event, the escorts will bring the green folder with all completed registration forms to the clubhouse.

Certificate Printer:

The Certificatory prints the Young Eagles Certificate for the Escort to bring to the pilot along with the registration form. (NOTE: If printing the certificate before the flight did not happen, we will print the certificates after the child gets back from the flight. The pilot simply signs a certificate, leaving the other fields blank, and the child brings it back to the clubhouse for printing.)

Pilots:

The pilot picks up a yellow flight folder from the clubhouse and gets any last minute briefing information pertinent to the day's flights. When a child is brought to the plane, the pilot will be handed the registration form from the escort. The pilot must sign the release form and give it back to the escort. He need not fill out anything else on the form as we have labels for the pilot's information. The pilot will then do a preflight briefing with the child and answer any questions, etc. The pilot will then provide a safe enjoyable flight for the Young Eagle. Let the child take the controls under your supervision. Upon landing, the pilot will present the pre-printed Young Eagles Certificate to the child. (See Certificate Printer: description above.)

Ground Safety:

Monitor flight line for adherence to rule that "No non-chapter person should be north of the road in the flight line area, unescorted" and monitoring general safety in the area. (Safety is also everyone's responsibility. If you see an un-safe act, speak up and take action.)

Photographer:

Take photos of Young Eagle event. Suggestions include: Child and pilot before boarding, child and pilot in the plane, pilot presenting the certificate after the flight.

Fill the frame with the subject matter. Use flash on all photos.

Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of each month from May through October starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents should pre-register their children for an event ahead of time by going to www.eaa54.org and clicking on the Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight. To view the many Young Eagle photos, go to:
<http://www.eaa54.org/YEPhotoGallery/YEGallery.html>

If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the second Saturday of the month and see what Young Eagles is all about. You can also indicate on your yearly chapter renewal form that you want to be involved with our Young Eagles program.



TAXI TALK
{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY EASTER to all!!!

Ah.....it's spring time, ok not quite as far as temps go but it is that time of the year to get ready for the flying season here in Minnesota, summer! Time to pull those projects out of storage and start back to work on them and time to brush up on your flying too!

Lots of things to look forward to and plan for to help out YOUR chapter. We have the Weekend Work Party coming up next month. Dave Becker will be starting up the Young Eagles program in May with an event every second Saturday of the month. Our yearly Banquet is next month taking place of our normal meeting. Club house expansion work will start this month on the 25th. And our yearly Breakfast/Fly-in will be in August. Please help out when you can with these great events happening at the chapter.

Anniversary

May 5 will be my 25th anniversary of when I was hired at American Airlines. Although my job of baggage handling is not the most glorious nor at times, the easiest, I still enjoy it. Of all the jobs I do, I still really enjoy directing the big airliners into their parking spot. Of course with the economy the way it is airlines are all starting to cut costs. Locally, at MSP, American will be shutting down the air cargo operation and the five people will be coming over to the ramp. Two of them are ahead of me as far as seniority so I will have to see what happens. Last year I managed

to get Saturdays off and it was nice to be able to help Dave Becker with the Young Eagles operation. It will be interesting to see what happens in the next month. All I can say is I am lucky to have a job that I like and to be able to enjoy aviation everyday.

Miscellaneous Items

Last Saturday I headed to the clubhouse around 11AM to see what was happening. Bill Shanks was there helping member Lynn Riggs rib stitch one of his horizontal stabilizers for his Bearhawk homebuilt aircraft. It was interesting to watch all the techniques used to do this. We stayed there till well after the normal noon closing after most members headed out for lunch. It is very fascinating to see how this was done.

While we were there, a couple of gentlemen knocked on the door and came in to introduce themselves. They were John and his dad, Jack who have a C-180 on the field. They were interested about the chapter and EAA and I told them all the information about when we meet and when the clubhouse is open. I also gave them all the necessary paperwork to join EAA and our club so hopefully we will see them again!

REMEMBER!!! The clubhouse is open on Saturdays from around 9AM to Noon for some fun chit/chat and all around airplane talk so swing on by and have some fun. It is a great time for potential members to find out what we all do and you can help with that.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Oh, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away,
and be at rest.**

—Psalms 55:6