



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY APRIL 9, 2012

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
- Pat Hoyt, a builder from EAA Chapter 25, will be doing a presentation on his Corvair powered Zenith Zenair 601 Zodiac XL. project.



Sun-N-Fun Report from a Chapter Member

By Jim Pearsall

I made my third trip in twenty nine years to Sun N Fun at Lakeland Regional Airport in Lakeland Florida last week to enjoy airplanes and sunshine. I was not disappointed, both were available in abundance.

As I was not traveling with or plans to meet anyone at the event, and to maintain some social contact, I did what many EAA'ers do at events like this to enjoy the camaraderie; I volunteered.

In looking at the volunteer opportunities available several weeks ago, I found one that seemed right up my alley, to assist in the LSA Mall, an area dedicated for Light Sport Aircraft Manufacturers. The liaison group organizing activities in this area is the Light Sport Manufacturers Association, or LAMA. Randee Laskewitz was the contact I worked with in scheduling my time.

The Sun N Fun event runs Tuesday through Sunday. I arrived in the area Saturday, attending a business related event Sunday morning. Arriving on the field in the afternoon I checked in with Randee to confirm my schedule. I then took some time to visit the Florida Air Museum which is on the event grounds.

On Monday I assisted the veteran volunteer at the LSA Mall Ray Bradford, a CFI and Machinist from Memphis in setting up the display area, the balance of my stay through Thursday I spent my time between Forums and walks around the field keeping a constant presence to answer questions people may have about Light Sport Aircraft or Sport Pilot rules.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

A friend shared a great quote with me the other day: “Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.” (Doug Larson). I can definitely agree with that sentiment. Even though we have had an unusually mild winter, we are ready for spring and summer and good flying weather! There is nothing like flying above the beautiful landscapes of Minnesota and Wisconsin as we watch spring burst into full-blown lushness.

Some of us tuck our planes in for the winter and in the spring need to go through everything with a fine-tooth comb. No short-cuts on those pre-flight checks! My very first flight instructor taught me the adage “altitude does not cure any mechanical problems that start on the ground”! As eager as we are to fly, it is critical that the plane be in top condition before taking off. Make sure that your annual inspection is up to date, all of the avionics are in good working order and the engine is running “like a top” before you consider taking the plane up in the air.

Some of us forget that we (as pilots) are the most important moving part in the plane. How’s your health, your mental attitude, your stress level. That was another thing my first flight instructor taught me – before you start the pre-flight of the plane, do a pre-flight on yourself. He would ask me if I was tired or stressed or worried about work. He also knew to ask me if I was overly excited about flying that day – if I was we spent a little time calming down and focusing on the serious business of flying. He reminded me every time that I was not “going for an airplane ride”, I was flying a plane and better be ready for anything and everything. Great advice – I still hear his voice sometimes when I fly!

Did I mention that my first flight instructor was an ultra-light instructor? He was a man of few words; and I think not entirely comfortable with a woman as a student, but he was a great instructor! My private pilot instructor often expressed surprise at how quickly I learned (he didn’t really respect what can be learned by flying simple planes). I review my lesson notes from those instructors every year in the spring to remind myself of what I learned and need to remember as I fly.

Spring and Summer flying are pleasure beyond compare – make sure that your plane, your body, your mind and your skills are in good shape. See you on the runway!



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21D RCO 118.625, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS: 120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

FOR SALE: Best Offer: David Clark H10-30 Headphones

Brand new -- never used
Several years old in original box and plastic bag.

The total proceeds will go to the EAA Chapter 54 coffers for use, maybe, in our Young Eagles Program.

The STORY: The owner was going to learn to fly but was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident in 2008. As a result, the headset sat on a shelf until I visited him last Monday.

Many thanks,

BOB Pittelkow
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EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY

Editors Note: These great pictures/calendars are pulled from the EAA website, www.eaa.org/wallpaper. They can be used for your screen savers!



Jonathan Apfelbaum, EAA 222561, shot this air-to-air photo of a Bucker Jungmann that belongs to Doedo and Gail Schipper of Longmont, Colorado. This particular Jungmann, which is technically a CASA 1.131 built under license in Spain, is painted in Dutch air force colors as a nod to Doedo's heritage

Rotax recently announced a new fuel injected version of its very popular 912. The engine was present and the talk of the LSA Mall. It will be available in May, and can now be ordered as an option in two SLSA's the Pipistrel and Flight Design.

The Pipistrel was present in a couple of forms. In the LSA Mall was an example of the Virus Short Wing and on the flight line in the Ultralight and Light Sport area known as Paradise City was the Sinus motor glider. The Virus, the same aircraft that made an appearance at our pancake breakfast last year, flew from New Richmond to Lakeland. The mission required one fuel stop and an overnight on the respective sides of Atlanta sipping 3.2 gph at cruise. And that is the carbureted Rotax

The Sinus aircraft while it will not slip into the average t-hangar with the 50' wingspan will allow you to spend all day in the air for just a few bucks. It would be interesting to see just how far you could go with full fuel and a little solar powered convection.

A Light Sport aircraft I have kept my eye on over the years is the Allegro. First produced in the Czech Republic, this Light Sport had initial success, innovative and rugged but had issues in being produced in volume beyond its initial run paused due to business issues. I ran into Doug Hempsted the principal behind efforts to bring this aircraft back on the market and he informed me they have produced eight examples at their new manufacturing facility in Littleton North Carolina, two of which now show up in the US Aircraft Registration Database.



Amazing Electronics

How to get aircraft position and pitot/static data to your iPad? I found a new AHRS, or Altitude and Heading Reference System from Levil Technology you can use to connect via wireless network. A little box, 6 ounces with a solid state gyro, pitot and static inputs you mount in your airplane that broadcasts data wirelessly. This allows you to mount it in a location convenient to the air sources and for you ultralight fans bring your instrument panel with you, not count as empty weight. Also in the electronic category were several ADS-B In boxes that allow you to get the ADS system weather currently being fed into the Next Gen system for free. Early users of this say there is more data, and more up to date than XM. Right now can get the Next Gen Traffic -B in and out for your experimental.

To top off the electronics review, how about a box from Vertical Power that will put you at 200' lined up for the best wind-alignment runway available at the push of a button. It calculates your speed altitude, power setting if any.

Change is Sneaking Up

All of this stuff will not change your Saturday morning flying much, but when it comes to cross country, these new boxes and fuel sipping aircraft might change the way you look at cross-country. Let see, from 850 NM range for the Bing, to 1055 with injected Rotax, that is 500+ out and back on fuel I buy on the corner with over 400 in payload. Wow.





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For March 13, 2012 *By Dale Seitzer*

President, Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order, Vice President, Jim Pearsall were officers in attendance – a total of 26 people were in attendance. Visitors: Taylor Grasdalen, doing an article on subculture—aviation, and brother Reilly Grasdalen attended classes on aviation, and Lisa Grasdalen (parent). Reilly Rozell, Young Eagles and CAF and a fan of the P51, attending Air Academy in June. Barry Rozell, parent, lives very close to the airport.

Business Meeting

Welcome Visitors – drop in on Saturday mornings – everyone is invited.

Treasurers Report: no questions -- the report was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved and seconded, unanimously approved.

New Business

Bettie Seitzer would like to get members involved at the club house as volunteers and social activities by offering opportunities to participate at whatever level you can.

May 5 and May 26 (Landscape) clean up day

May 8 or 9, 2012 Farnsworth Hangar Tour

Saturday May 12 Young Eagle event

Monday, May 14, 2012 – in place of the regular meeting

Saturday May 19 Learn to Fly

Sunday Aug 12 Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast

Dave Fiebiger – Housing: The goal is to replace the exterior doors. Work day is scheduled May 5, 2012 for working. May 26 is arranged for landscaping and exterior work. Put the dates on your calendar.

Young Eagles: 12 people signed up, two people lined up for Air Academy. New EAA chapter in Hastings – may be an opportunity to cooperate. August 11 Young Eagle Day Picnic: We will organize and provide a reasonably priced meal. Invite past Young Eagle, Air Academy participants, volunteers, parents, Farnsworth students.

Ground school report—the session is half completed. They have 12 students and the instructors are doing a great job. The students have come to meetings, stopped in on Saturday mornings and are starting to be involved in the chapter.

Farnsworth Hangar visit – May 8 or 9 (Tuesday or Wednesday). Students from the Farnsworth School (Aviation Magnet School) make an annual visit to hangars to meet pilots, builders and see planes up close. We need 5 to 6 hangars to have an open house. The students rotate around the field in small supervised groups. Volunteers are needed, please contact Leif Erickson.

Oshkosh work party – We are organizing another Weekend Work Party at the AirVenture grounds in Oshkosh. The plan is drive over Friday and work full Saturday and half Sunday. Volunteers stay in buildings on site and food is provided. Usually includes tour of Museum and behind the scenes at the airport. Looking for people who are interested, contact Bettie Seitzer.

Suggestion for a sign on a post at the airport, "Welcome to the Lake Elmo Airport 21d Airplane viewing area by EAA Chapter 54, Visitors welcome". Tom is checking on prices for the sign.

Spring Banquet. We are exploring options for a spring social event, a BBQ with root beer float in May at the clubhouse where we could invite other clubs and chapters. Have aircraft on display for member to share with families. The goal would be a reasonably priced meal that the club volunteers would organize and provide -- \$10 and children age 5 and under \$5. We would expect to have people pay in advance. We want to have an event where more members would participate. Jim Pearsall is coordinating—contact him if you want to help or have an idea to consider.

Newsletter – You may send articles in any format to Tom. New and updates are always interesting. Always looking for any photos too. Send what you have to newsletter@eaa54.org.

Udvar Hazy Museum One Day trip flight—6:30 am leave; return 9:30 pm, Call Sun Country all transportation included April 28, 2012. \$269 per person (price may be adjusted based on fuel prices).

Instrument IFR Ground School is on. Deadline April 12, classes start April 16 (four class nights at the clubhouse -- one class will be held at Anoka and use the IFR simulator). They will use the Jeppesen IFR course and some of it is study online.

Next Month Pat Hoyt will talk about his plane Corvair powered Zodiac 601.

EAA has been exploring providing Eagle Flights for adults interested in an introduction flight. Bettie will look into the program to see what the next steps are, how EAA can support the local chapters in this initiative.

Pilots Lounge

For Sale:

4130 Gas Welding rods - 36" X 1/16" - I have 7 pounds of new rods I can part with. Each rod stamped with alloy ID. \$10 per pound or offer for the 7 pounds.

Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004 \$50 or offer. Dave Syverson ddsyverson@comcast.net or see additional contact info in Membership List.

For Sale:

60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling, and 5HP compressor.

Asking \$80,000.00 or best offer.

2006 CT-SW Light Sport with about 200 hours

Total time. Has everything on it.

Asking \$90,000.00.

Call Jim Michalski at 612-618-1011 or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo

Airport (21D)

E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net .

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door

Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humidistat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank. Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below. Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson perma-shield casement window. Door 2 3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica. Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet.

Price is \$64,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.
NORM DUPRE 651-439-7688



Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and a Cherokee Six.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:mark@tailwinds21d.org) or call 651-982-275.

Visit us at www.tailwinds21d.org to learn more.

LAKE ELMO MN (21D) SLSA

Flying Club Forming

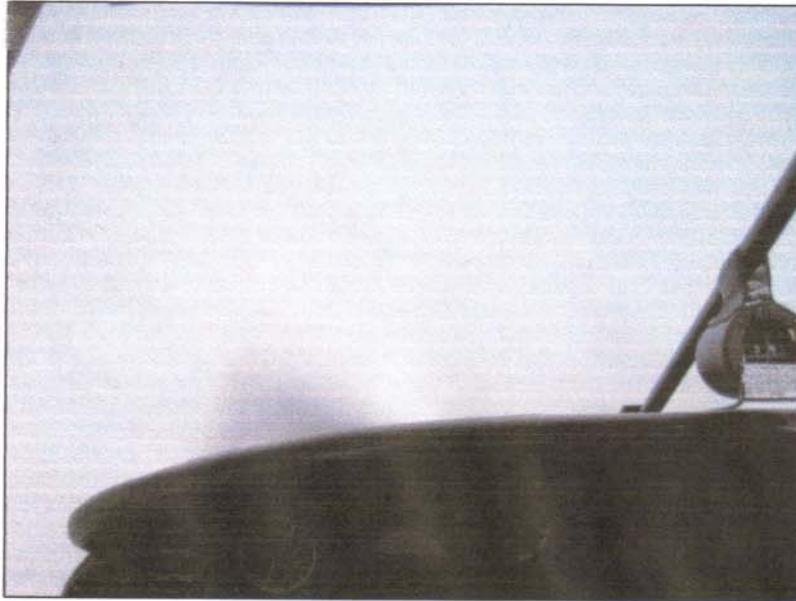
Looking for individuals interested in membership in a Flying Club featuring a Flight Design Light Sport Aircraft

Contact Jim Pearsall Phone: 651-494-4579

E-mail: pjpearsall@gmail.com



EAA CHAPTER 54 INSTRUMENT GROUND SCHOOL



INFORMATIONAL MEETING 12 APRIL 2012 - 6:30-8:00 PM (2330Z-0100Z) EAA CHAPTER 54 CLUBHOUSE

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South Entrance - By Rotating Beacon
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Lake Elmo, MN 55042**

Unique Combination Format: Self-Paced & Guided Classroom Sessions
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21D Airport Brief Notices

Happenings and Events Around the Lake Elmo Airport

A Brief Note about Last Month's Speaker

Notes Taken by Dale Seitzer

Rob Ellis – Amelia Earhart: The Most Famous Woman Pilot

When Amelia was young, all women wore long dresses but she was very active so her Mother made pants for Amelia and her sister. As a teenager she lived in St Paul (in 1913 for one year) and went to Central High school. Later, she met WWI pilots who told her stories as she worked in a hospital. She worked as a social worker, nurse and worked with the blind. She took flying lessons from a woman in Southern California and then advanced lessons from a man. Soloed in 1921 and her obtained her pilots license and later a commercial license in a Ford Tri motor.

She set altitude and speed records in the early 30s in her Lockheed Vega. She made a solo flight across the Atlantic in 1932. Her altimeter failed and she had icing problems on the flight (15 hours). A repaired manifold broke and her fuel tank was leaking so she landed in Ireland instead of Paris. Lindbergh flew 5 years earlier, 14 people died attempting a solo flight between the two of them. First woman to solo across the US in 1932, it took her 19 hours. She also flew from Hawaii to California -- 17 hours, first time civilian aircraft had and used a radio. She was the first person to fly from LA to Mexico City and then from Mexico City to Newark NJ (14 hour flight).

She received over 40 medals for her flying accomplishments; she was the first woman to get Iron Cross. She wrote 3 books about her flights and the flights of other women. Her last flight was an attempt to fly around the world; she was lost and never recovered. Some theories have been suggested, but nothing definitive, the consensus is she landed near a Japanese island and was taken prisoner and died in captivity. More exploration is planned in the near future.

She earned money as a speaker and did quite well, and also small amounts for the records and books. She went to college to be a nurse and worked in the field until she started flying full time.

The guest speaker, Rob Ellis is a member of the Amelia Earhart Society and has a hobby of researching Amelia Earhart.

Farnsworth 2012 Hangar Tour

The 2012 Farnsworth Hangar Tour will be held on **Wednesday, May 23** this year. That is the Wednesday before the Memorial Day weekend.

Jill Wall, the Farnsworth coordinator has informed me that she expects about 130 2nd graders to participate this year. The event seems to be growing each year and that is good. These kids will likely be our future corps of general aviation pilots and mechanics. Let's support them in the educational development.

With this many kids I'm thinking we could use hangar hosts on both the north and south sides of 21D. The past several years we have limited the tour to only the south side. But to accommodate that many kids we may need the help of some "north siders".

I want to recruit 5-6 hosts on each side. Then we can maintain small groups, 6-7 kids per group. Smaller groups are much easier to work with that larger ones. Second graders do not sit still. They like, and need, to move. Keeping 6 kids occupied is easier than having 12. I've asked Jill to suggest activities for us that will be meaningful to the students and keep them engaged during their visit.

For those of you that have not participated in several years, the general plan is to divide the kids into groups, accompanied by a teacher or staff member. We do a shotgun start (one group at each hangar and everyone starts at the same time). Plan on about 15 minutes at each hangar and then the groups rotate to the next hangar. There will be two rotations, one in the morning (\approx 10:00 – 11:30) and the second in the afternoon (\approx 12:30 to 2:0). The bus will drop off half the kids on the south side and the other half on the north side. When their tours are complete the bus will pick them up and return to Farnsworth. For lunch, we can gather at the clubhouse for pizza and prepare for the afternoon rotation.

So, I need volunteers to host their hangars. I will not be naive, this is work and you will be tired at the end of the day. But you will also be rewarded working with these kids. Their excitement and enthusiasm about seeing a real airplane up close is something you will remember for a long time.

Let me know ASAP if you are able to be a host, or help in some other way.

Leif Erickson
651-439-5040



LOCAL FLYING EVENTS

Compiled by Chapter 54 member Paul Hove

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

612-240-0123,

April

April 14 2012, 7:00 to 12:00, Ames IA Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast,

www.flying.stuorg.iastate.edu/, Ames Municipal Airport ,(KAMW), Iowa State Flying Cyclones, Annual Fly-in / Drive-in Breakfast. Pilots in command free, Michael Hughes, 240-391-8405,

April 14 2012, 12:00 to 14:00, Bowstring MN EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In,

www.eaachapter1446/, Bowstring Airport,(9Y0), FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful northern Minnesota setting. Bowstring Airport (9Y0) - Every second Saturday of every month all year. Meeting at 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Lunch served 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. Fly-in and join us!, Ken Reichert, 218-244-6328, ken206jf@gmail.com

April 15 2012, 7:00 to 12:00, Debuque Regional Airport Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast,

, Dubuque Regional Airport,(KDBQ), Fly-in / Drive-in Breakfast. Hosted by the University of Dubuque Flight Team , Colin Waldorf, 563-321-8293, CWaldorf@dbq.edu

April 21 2012, 11:00 to 14:00, Fort Dodge IA Annual Chili Fly-in/Drive-in,

www.fortdodgeiowa.org/, Fort Dodge Regional Airport ,(KFOD), Annual Chili Fly-in/Drive-in. Gold Hangar (with large self fueling sign)., Rhonda Chambers, 515-573-3881 ex, fdairport@fortdodgeiowa.org

April 21 2012, 9:00 to 14:00, Saint Cloud MN Airport Day & Fly-in,

, Saint Cloud Regional Airport,(KSTC), Come Support the SCSU Aviation Program! BBQ Chicken Sandwiches and Chicken Tenders for the kids! Youth Activities, Aircraft Displays & Exhibitors!, Jessica Miller, 320-255-7292, mi-je0804@stcloudstate.edu

May

May 4 2012, to , Brainerd MN 2012 Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Safety Seminar & Fly-IN,

www.mnseaplanes.org, Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport,(KBRD), May 4, 2012 - May 6, 2012. Madden's Resort on Gull Lake - Brainerd, MN, Mary Alverson,

May 6 2012, 8:00 to 16:00, Sioux City IA Annual Fly-In and Car Show ,

www.midamericaairmuseum.org/, Sioux Gateway Airport,(KSUX), Mid American Aviation and Transportation Museum. Annual Fly-In and Car Show. 8:00 a.m. ♦ 4:00 p.m. Pilots in command eat pancakes free , Rick Alter, 712-490-0324, ralter@cableone.net

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May 26 2012, to , Janesville WI Southern Wisconsin AirFEST,

, Jansville Airport,(KJVL), 5/26-5/27/2012 US Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, Black Diamond Jet Team, Air Show Director, 608-754-5405,

June

June 2 2012, 10:00 to 14:00, Alexandria MN Lunchtime fly-In/Open House,

www.facebook.com/chandlerfield, Chandler Field Airport,(KAXN), Lunchtime fly-in/open house in Alexandria, MN on June 2, 2012. Will include a pork chop lunch, aviation exhibitors, static aircraft displays, air-planes rides, and more to be announced. Go to www.facebook.com/chandlerfield for updates. , Kreg Anderson, 320-760-7175, kreg94@rea-alp.com



Young Eagles Report
by Linda Amble



Young Eagle flights are slowly filling up for the summer. A few more nice days should take care of any openings that we have left. I've heard from many chapter 54 members interested in lending a hand this summer. There are rumors of a cookout at the chapter house immediately following the May 12th flights. It'll be a fun summer and hopefully the weather is cooperative!

We have two kids signed up for the Air Academy this summer. Their names are Preston Roberts and Riley Rosell. They're both very intelligent, enthusiastic and are from the Lake Elmo area. They've both pre-registered and have paid their fees.

Dave Becker forwarded a Young Eagles credit letter to me from the national EAA office. We have 139 credits and at 5 dollars a credit we have an extra 695 dollars to help these guys attend the Air Academy. They're both really,

really looking forward to their trips! As always Young Eagle flights are the second Saturday of each month, May through October. Everyone is welcome to come by to help or just watch from the picnic table out at the staging area.

Dates are May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13.



Please think positive for good weather and with any luck it will be a little more cooperative than it was last year.

Editors Note: Linda told me that this boy left the ground in better shape than he returned! Must have been a rough ride Dennis!





TAXI TALK
{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!

Heard from the MAC that there may be many eggs left around the airport this season so you may want to check all areas of your hangar!

Leaving the Winter behind!

A buddy of mine took this picture of me and another person deicing our aircraft this past winter. It was from the last major snow storm that hit the area and it was a wet one! The snow was so wet and heavy it took a lot of deice fluid to remove it. Usually we only use one deice truck to do the job but the stuff was not coming off easy so we used two trucks if we could. I am in the enclosed bucket truck you see in the foreground. We finally got these type of trucks go-



ing this year but it took a lot of work as these are older models that our general manager acquired. This is the first time we actually got to use this type of truck on a plane believe it or not. All winter we had been using the older open

bucket truck as most of the people were used to it. I was the trainer to train my fellow workers on the use of this truck and I managed to train most of the gang. This day just happened that they thought using two trucks would help and I jumped at the opportunity to try it out. It was interesting needless to say, but at least I stayed warm and dry! To spray you use a foot pedal and to maneuver the nozzles and the bucket around you use two "joy" sticks. Quite frankly, a lot of fun to operate!

Early start on more sanding !

I managed to get an early start on sanding one of my cowls in my driveway one Saturday this early March. It was so nice that I just had to do something like this on the plane since it was too early to do anything else outside. With all this nice weather for our spring you have got to love it! Just wish I could spend more time on the plane instead of house projects that always get in the way. Oh well, maybe, just maybe, someday I will REALLY get my plane painted!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

These phantoms speak with human voices...able to vanish or appear at will, to pass in and out through the walls of the fuselage as though no walls were there...familiar voices, conversing and advising on my flight, discussing problems of my navigation, reassuring me, giving me messages of importance unattainable in ordinary life.

--Charles A. Lindbergh, upon arrival in Paris