



The Beacon

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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY AUGUST 13, 2007.

- **SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.**
- **MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.**
- **AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**

BRIAN ADDIS, FORMALLY A PILOT EXAMINER AND OWNER OF WINGS AVIATION, WILL SPEAK ABOUT SOME OF HIS AMUSING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS IN HIS LONG AVIATION CAREER.

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One of our own talks to the Chapter

Reported by Bettie Seitzer

First Hand Account of United Flight 232 on July 19, 1989 by Al Kupferschmidt :



This happened 18 years ago, Al was an eye witness. He was working for the phone company at the time; and joined the National Guard doing work on communication. He was in the 210th and they did jobs all over

the world; 60% of the military's telephone work!

He went sent to Sioux city Iowa; and was there 2 days when the airport went to full alert because a DC10 declared an emergency after loosing all of their hydraulics.

The tower got the call and all personnel were called out to be prepared to help with the crash. He saw the plane circle the airport while the pilots seemed to experiment with handling of the plane using the engine power and controls.

When the call went out that a crash was imminent, 74 fire departments responded.

Two years previously a disaster drill had been conducted in which the local response teams were able to identify weaknesses in their disaster plan and to build new plans for better interaction between all of the agencies that would need to respond in the event of a major disaster.



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

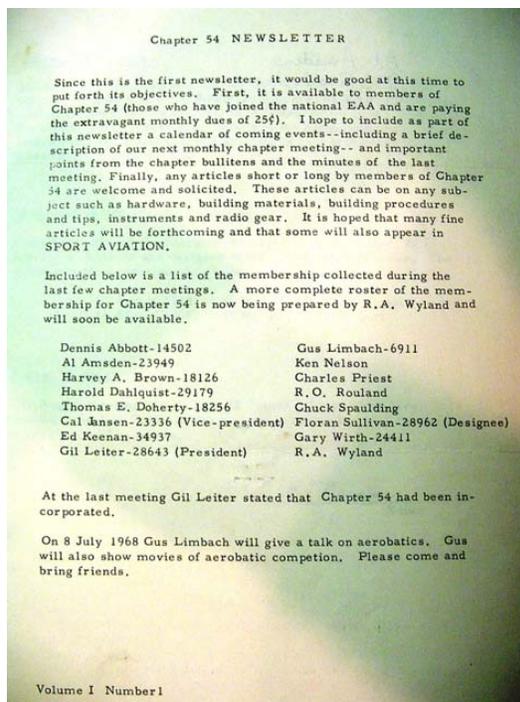
I was at Oshkosh AirVenture on Wednesday to Sunday. The crowds seemed lighter than usual but there were still plenty of people milling around looking at the 1000s of aircraft parked in the EAA display areas. The show on Wednesday was highlighted by the appearance of two F22 Raptor fighter aircraft. They made several flybys and demonstrated the capabilities of these state of the art war machines.

The picture below was taken by Jeff Osbeck. Jeff was with us on the Volunteer Work Party and he and his nephew framed up the warbird control tower. It is nice to be able to see the results of our hard work.



We will be looking for candidates for Group III EAA Chapter 54 directors and officers this month. If you are interested in participating in developing the future of Chapter 54 please contact me or one of the other officers and we will submit your name to the nominating committee. I have been involved as an officer for the last six years and found it to be rewarding and fun. We have a wonderful group of directors who make it easy to keep the chapter functions on track and growing the chapter. Projects on the list for the next few years haven't changed much which included enlarging the Chapter House, expanding the library and expanding our charitable projects to attract young people to aviation.

Al Amsden #23949 has donated a collection of Chapter 54 newsletters. Here is a copy of the very first newsletter. We will be putting the collection in our library for everyone to see.



The progress on the viewing/picnic area is moving forward rapidly. The concrete slab has been poured and we are waiting on the selection and delivery of a picnic table and bench. Many thanks to the volunteers who poured the slab.

Our speaker on Monday August 13th is Brian Addis owner of Wings Inc. which has closed down due to the downturn in student starts. Brian gave me and many others in the chapter their private pilots check ride.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Pancake Fly-In Breakfast on August 12th!

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

2007 July Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$6,596.38
Cash on hand	\$40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$6,364.86</u>

Total \$13,001.24

Income

New Member	\$35.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

Total \$85.00

Expenses

Food Permit	\$40.00
Newsletter & Mailing	\$40.73
<u>Utilities - Electricity & Gas</u>	<u>\$47.90</u>

Total \$128.63

Net Cash Flow (\$43.63)

Results of our members hard work on the Viewing pad!



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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.

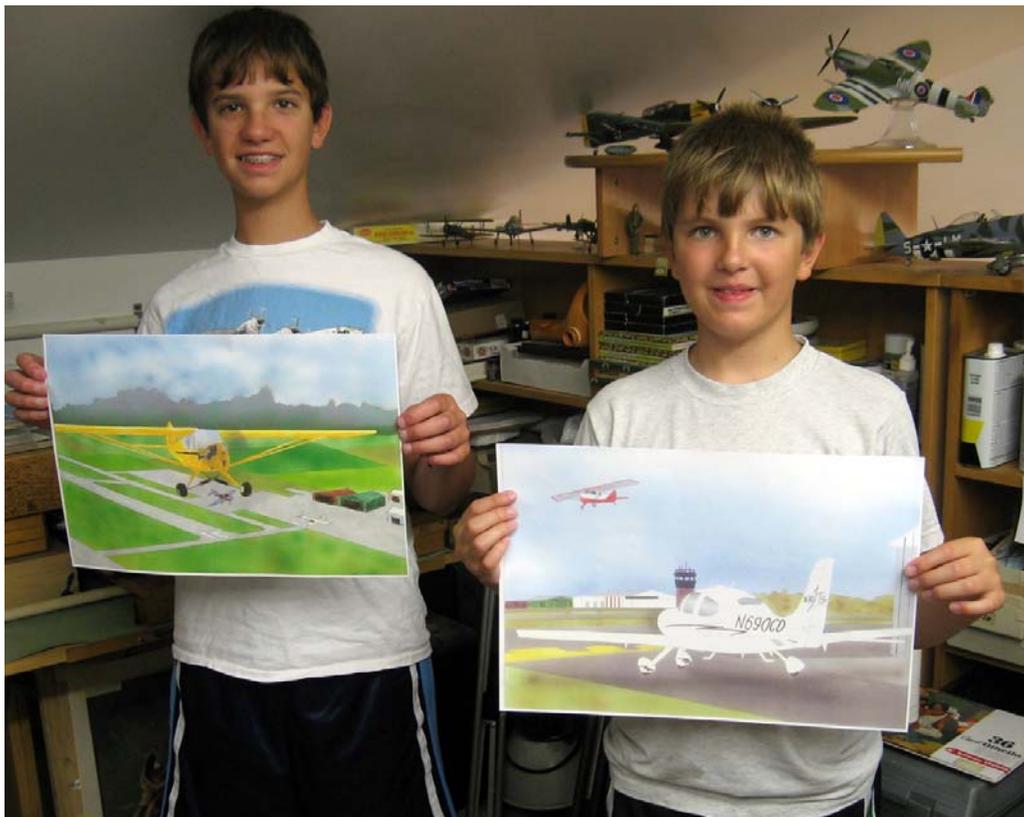
21D RCO 118.625
21D Unicom: 122.8
TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

Local Youths Win National Aviation Art Contest

Lake Elmo Airport is home to Jimmy and Michael Roznick who finished first and second in the 2007 National Aviation Art Contest. In route to the national titles, the boys also won first and second in the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Art Contest. Jimmy and Michael are the sons of John Roznick who owns a hangar and flies an Enstrom F28C-2 helicopter out of 21D. Sharon Roznick fills the roles of mother and art director.

Jimmy's first place picture was of a Cirrus SR20 and Michael painted a J3 Cub. You can see their winning pictures by going to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Aeronautical Division Website (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/aved/students/art2007.html>). Both boys are aviation enthusiasts and often fly with their father. They are pictured here on a recent Saturday when they visited the hangar studio of Don Carlson, Lake Elmo's aviation artist extraordinaire. For those unfamiliar with Don's artwork you can see some examples by going to <http://www.asaa-avart.org/biopages/Carlson.html>.

In past years the winners of the national contest have been invited to Washington DC for an awards ceremony. This year in the infinite wisdom of our national leaders, the trip and ceremonies were canceled for budget reasons. Luckily the EAA has stepped in and will offer some recognition for the boy's accomplishments at Airventure this year. The boys have also been invited to visit Cirrus Aircraft in Duluth. Cirrus will display a copy of the winning artwork in their lobby.



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.

August

August 12, 2007,) Lino Lakes, MN. Annual MSPA Pig Roast & Fly-In 12:00p-4:00p. **Surfside Sea-plane Base (8Y4)**. MSPA members and kids 12 and under eat free. Non-member adults \$10. Contact: David Langer david@langercommercial.com For more info see website at: www.mnseaplanes.org.

August 12, 2007, Lake Elmo, MN. Aviation Day Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. 7a-Noon. PIC'S Eat Free. **Lake Elmo Airport (21D)**. This event will feature static displays and fly-bys of modern, vintage, military, experimental and ultra-light aircraft. There will also be static displays of aircraft restoration and home-built projects, radio controlled models, vintage Jaguar sports cars, kid's activities and educational programs in aviation. Sign up for Young Eagle Flights. Lief Erickson 651-439-5040 lericks@presenter.com www.eaa54.org

August 18, 2007, Forest Lake, MN, 6th Annual Fly-In, 10am-4pm. **Daniel A. Deonti Airport (25D)**, grass, 3000-foot runway (31/13). 10:00a-4:00p Brats, Hamburgers, Corn-on-the-cob, Ice Cream served by local ice cream parlor. John Schmidt 651-776-1717 www.ci.forest-lake.mn.us

August 18-19, 2007, Eden Prairie, MN AirExpo 2007. Flying Cloud Field (FCM) B-17 "Yankee Lady" will return. Also Fagen Inc's jP-38 Lightning and a L-39 Albacross. www.wotn.org

August 19, 2007 Pipestone MN. Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. **Pipestone Municipal Airport (PQN)**. Pipestone MN 7:30a-1:00p PICs Free. 507-562-2473.

August 25, 2007, Glencoe MN. 8th Annual Brat & Sweet Corn Feed Fly-In 10:00a-2:00p Sponsored by: Glencoe's EAA Chapter 92. **Glencoe Municipal Airport (KGYL)**. Glencoe, Minnesota. For more information contact: Stuart Selchow 320-238-2376.

August 26, 2007, Cumberland, WI, Fly-In Breakfast, **Cumberland Municipal Airport (KUBE)** 7:00a-11:00a Pancake Breakfast All You Can Eat 11:00a to 12:00p aerobatic demonstration (field will be closed). Rutabaga Festival in Cumberland, transportation available on Sunday Camping on field, either by your plane or drive in camping. Al Seierstad 715-205-4474 al-lans@centurytel.net www.cumberlandair.com .

September

September 1, 2007 New Lisbon WI, EAA Chapter 1365 Fly-In Breakfast. Mauston/New Lisbon Union (82C). 6:30a-3:30p Flea Market, Music Swap meet, Aircraft and Classic Cars on display. RC Aircraft display and show. Lunch from 11:00a-3:30p. Tom Chudy 08-565-2136 tchudy@accratech.com .

September 1, 2007 Shell Lake, WI. Annual Fly-In Breakfast, 7:30a-11:00a, **Shell Lake Municipal (KSSQ)**. Pancake and sausage breakfast, town and county days events. Bill Albright 715-468-2963. Niel Peresen 715-468-4592 daneth1@earthlink.net

September 2, 2007, Mondovi, WI. 21st annual fly-in 7:30a-12:00p **Log Cabin Airport (WS69)** Frequency 122.9 Doug Ward 715-287-4205.

September 8, 2007, Osceola, Wis. Wheels & Wings Pancake Breakfast. **Simenstad Municipal Airport (OEO)**, Transportation to Classic Car show and craft fair Jeffrey Meyer, 715-294-2618 meyerjk@centurytel.net .

September 8, 2007, Worthington, Minnesota. Pancake Breakfast & Fly-In **Worthington Municipal Airport (OTG)**.

September 8, 2007, Superior, WI EAA Chapter 272 Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, 8:00a-11:00a. **Superior Bong Airport (SUW)**. John Shallow, 218-729-7764, www.eaa272.org

September 9, 2007, Maple Lake, MN. **Maple Lake (MGG)**. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In. 20th annual. Sponsored by EAA 878 and Wright Aero. 11:30a -2:00p. Wayne Flury 763-477-6021 wflury@wh-link.net

September 15, 2007, Faribault, MN. Pancake Breakfast, Faribault Municipal (KFBL), 7:00a-12:00p, Faribault Municipal Airport In conjunction with Faribault Air Fest Weekend. Sponsored by Faribault Area Pilot's Association. Serving cakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee & milk 7AM until 1PM. PIC's eat free. Weather permitting balloons will launch Friday & Saturday evening and at sunrise on Saturday & Sunday. Bob or Linda Peasley 507-744-5111 dilligas@means.net.

Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2007

Reported by Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Hove.

Guests: George Mathison – former president of the chapter, visiting and rejoining. Clem Douglas, retired airline pilot, interested in small planes, has a 15- year old son who is interested in flying, took a young eagle flight with Al. Clem's son will be attending ground school this winter. Justin Gressler, just bought a Just Aircraft Highlander kit, will be using a rotax 912 and is looking for help building. Vince Batiani is building an RV 7, just finished the tail.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Approved as published in the newsletter.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's minutes approved as published in the Beacon.

New Business:

Aerolab has a new kit plane and is offering a \$5,000 promotional discount to EAA members. Cost is about \$42,000 for the complete kit including Rotax engine.

Pilots planning to fly into Oshkosh should be sure to check the Notam.

Jeanine Hempler sent a thank you for the floral arrangement sent to her husband's funeral.

Jim Rausch's oil price list is on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. He sells aviation oil.

The Stillwater paper featured an article on the proposed expansion of the Lake Elmo airpaper. There is no definite date for the expansion, the MAC is simply required to keep people apprised of potential changes.

The airplane viewing area construction is underway, should be completed soon, just waiting for a cool morning to finish the grading of the sand. MAC is going to pay for the costs for the concrete and the picnic table. There are free insulated coffee mugs available in the clubhouse on the table with two monitors that are also up for grabs.

Chairmens Reports

Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund):

Ground school in February

Young Eagles (Dave Becker): Flew 31 kids in June – 24 on young eagle day. Seven additional kids flew on Wednesday the 27th.

25 kids are scheduled for the July young eagles day. Keep in mind that we can always use additional pilots and ground crew.

This Saturday pilots will be asked to announce using "Young Eagle – and the name of their plane. This will help the ground coordinator be ready with the next young eagles and to let other pilots in the area know that a Young Eagle event is going on.

Our June day was also the National Young Eagles Day! The first of our Air Academy scholarship recipients have returned from their week at camp. They had a wonderful time and will speak to the club in the near future. Our third candidate has cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

Housing (Dave Fiebiger):

Will be finishing up the pad for the viewing area.

Pancake Breakfast

Pick up fliers in the clubhouse and post them in any public places to help advertise the event.

The Kidventure tent will have activities for children of all ages, volunteers can help supervise the kids and show them how to complete the various activities.

The date is August 12th – 7:00 to noon. Gatis Valters has again generously offered the use of his facilities. We need everyone to volunteer, including some still open committee chairs! Get in touch with Leif Erickson or Tim Reberg if you are interested. They will also be contacting members to recruit team members. This is a fun event and raises money for us to support aviation education. This also is an important community event and creates a lot of goodwill. This is also a great way for members to meet each other!

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Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): Send in articles and information about your planes. Pictures are especially interesting.

. TOMISFLYINGBY@Comcast.net

Program Chair

If you have ideas for speakers or subjects, please pass along the information to Dale Seitzer, he will track down the information and make the contact.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer

Secretary

EAA Chapter 54

Fly-in Pancake Breakfast

Chapter 54 will host its annual fly-in pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 12, from 7:00 A.M. to noon at Valter's Aviation. This is a big fundraiser for the chapter and is also very important for the chapter's public relations. To make this year's event another success, we need your help. We have volunteer opportunities for everything from parking cars to mixing pancake batter to cleaning up. No prior experience is necessary. If you are not yet signed up for a committee, it is not too late. Please find a committee that you can help with and **get your name on the committee roster**. The committees are; Saturday Set-Up, 1st and 2nd Shift Cooking and Serving, Auto Parking, Aircraft Parking, Ticket Taking, and Tear Down/Cleanup. Don't expect miracles. This event will not be a success unless everyone does their part. For more information or to volunteer, contact Leif Erickson at 651-439-5040.

Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

Our pilots and ground support people flew 30 Young Eagles on Saturday, 14 July on a pleasant overcast morning. There were just enough bumps in the air to let everyone know they were flying. We had a group of 10 girl scouts that requested an aviation class before their flight. Art Edlund took charge of the training and gave the girls an informative overview of aviation and what they should expect on their airplane ride. We also had another youth group from YIMA (Youth Initiative Mentoring Academies) aviation program from St Paul. Everyone left the airport wearing a smile after their flight.



At Airventure 2007, I took part in the Young Eagle coordinator activities and seminars that were both educational and inspiring. EAA puts a tremendous amount of energy and resources into the Young Eagles program. I am excited about a new program for Young Eagles that will take them beyond their first flight. It is an "EAA Student Membership" which includes a members-only website, scholarship money, weekly e-newsletter, EAA discounts, education programs and more. You will be hearing more about this new EAA membership for kids in the future.



Our Young Eagles ground crew that day

Our next Young Eagles event is scheduled for Saturday, 11 Aug at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and help support our chapters Young Eagles program.

TAXI TALK

{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}

I must mention.....

With the passing of my Dad I have learned so much. How much family and friends mean to me and how much I love aviation. Many have sent condolences and I really appreciate that, Thank you. I knew when I got into aviation a long time ago, like out of high school, that I was getting into something I would love. As tough as it has been for me to lose my best buddy, my Dad, I know with the passion I have for aviation that it will help me thru these difficult times. I am looking forward to our pancake breakfast/fly-in this weekend, even though it is on my birthday, and seeing all our members working hard for all who attend. Seeing all the aircraft arrive and the happy faces of the pilots and friends getting out of their beautiful airplanes. If you have not volunteered yet please see Lief and see what you can do to help. It is fun and rewarding. As I always say:

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS, IT IS WORTH IT!

More delays as usual!!!

As you can imagine, there are more delays in getting my Pulsar aircraft into the air. I had planned on painting it this summer but due to my Dad's sickness and passing that has been postponed again. I plan to use the Loehle Aero Coatings system, www.loehle.com to paint my plane. I flew down to Tennessee to attend a weekend painting class this spring and learned

all sorts of neat things. It was an informal class with only three other guys but it was nice to learn some things hands on. I have never painted before but I am looking forward to trying anyway. I feel if I built this airplane I might as well paint it and I think I can do ok. Now it seems as though that I will only get to sand more all winter unless I find a nice paint area that will work.

Such is the story of experimental airplane building. But I am still having fun doing it and that is all that counts. You have got to love building and figuring these things out if you expect to tackle a hobby like this. For all most 18 years though I have trying to tell myself this. Oh well, maybe, just maybe some day I will fly it, goodness knows my Pulsar group sure wants me to get airborne soon.

Pulsar flight to Oshkosh

For a very interesting story on one our own Pulsar pilots, female, flying to Oshkosh, check out www.caro-engineering.com and click on stories. This is about a nice tail-wheel Pulsar that is equipped with a Rotax 912 engine. Sonja has been flying her plane all over the country and she attends Oshkosh and Sun-N-Fun all the time. Enjoy!!

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For Sale:

Whittman Tailwind Project
Plans, welded fuselage with controls, fuel tank,
motor mount, nose bowl and spars and ribs.

\$2,200.00

Contact Ross Sublett
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geographical dimension. A navigable
ocean of air blankets the whole surface
of the globe. There are no distant
places any longer: the world is small
and the world is one.**

— Wendell Willkie