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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2005

- **SOCIAL HOUR AT 7 P.M.**
- **MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT**
- **THE SPEAKER FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE DR BRUCE BARTIE FROM ST CROIX ORTHOPEDICS. HIS PRESENTATION IS ENTITLED 'WINTER SURVIVAL AND RESCUE IN THE HIGH-COUNTRY.' DR BARTIE WILL DESCRIBE AN INJURY AND TRAUMA EXPERIENCE WHERE HIS MEDICAL EXPERTISE, RATIONAL PLANNING AND EXECUTION, AND THE ABILITY TO SEEK AND OBTAIN HELICOPTER RESCUE RESULTED IN A FAVORABLE OUTCOME. DR BARTIE IS AN EXCELLENT SPEAKER AND HIS PRESENTATION IS ONE ALL WILL ENJOY AND PROFIT FROM.**

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MINNEAPOLIS CLASS B AIRSPACE

BY: RANDY HANSEN

EAA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR

The FAA has been working on revising the Minneapolis Class B airspace since early in 2000. Key timelines and events that have occurred are:

1. On October 30, 2000, the FAA announced two informal public meetings on the proposed expansion - those meetings were held on January 9 and January 13, 2001.
2. On March 7, 2001, EAA submitted it's comments on the proposal, and among other items requested a VFR transition corridor be established along a north/south line from Airlake airport (LVN) to the Gopher VORTAC (GEP).
3. The public meetings and EAA comments were the catalyst for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee that was formed by the Minnesota DOT, Office of Aeronautics. The committee was comprised of representatives from EAA, Minnesota Soaring Clubs, International Aerobatics Club (IAC), and other aviation organizations and concerned individuals. The committee held two meetings - May 14, 2002 and June 25, 2002. Two of the committees recommendations - raise the floor of the proposed Area E from 6,000 feet to 7,000 feet, and not to cancel existing waivers for aerobatic boxes, were accepted by the FAA.
4. On November 24, 2003, the FAA published another request for public comments to a revised proposal. This proposal included many of the changes that came directly from public comments and the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.
http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf88/260354_web.pdf
The deadline for comments was January 23, 2004.
5. On July 29, 2005, the FAA issued a revised proposal

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
BY PAUL HOVE

EAA Chapter 54 elections were held last month and the new slate of elected officers will be taking over their chapter duties next month. The election was for Class III directors and all of the Chapter Officers. We still are searching for a Newsletter Editor. If you know of anyone that would like to give it a try let me know.

The Chapter roster for 2006 is:

Chapter Officers 2006 - 2007

- Paul Hove - President:
- Dale Seitzer - Vice President
- Paul Rankin - Treasurer
- Betty Seitzer - Secretary

Class II Directors 2005 - 2006

- Tim Reberg – Events
- Dale Seitzer – Banquet
- Jon Compton – Kid Venture
- Leif Erickson – Publicity

Class III Directors 2006 – 2007

- Art Edhlund - Education
- Dave Becker - Young Eagles
- Dave Fiebiger - Housing
- John Renwick – Membership

- Class IV Director
- Dale Rupp - Past President

Appointments

- Vacant – Newsletter Editor
- Art Edhlund – Flying Start Coordinator
- Bill Shanks – Flight Advisor
- Bill Shanks – Technical Counselor
- Marlon Gunderson - Webmaster

Valters Aviation is selling 2006 EAA Calendars for Chapter 54. If you have not bought your calendars for next year stop by the clubhouse on any Saturday or on meeting nights or stop by Valters and have a cup of coffee and purchase them there. The calendar features a picture of Rutan's White Knight and SpaceShipOne on the cover in a wide format. It's very pretty and will look good on your hanger or den/kitchen wall.

The RV-10 is almost done with its Flight Test Program and is sporting new pinstripe by Chris Weber of Whiplash Designs and Graphics of Somerset WI. You can see the plane in my hanger at the Van's Air Force – Minnesota Wing meeting on the morning of December 10th.



Be sure to attend the next chapter meeting on December 12th. The speaker will be Dr Bruce Bartie from the St Croix Orthopedics Group. He will be talking about survival and Rescue in the High Country. Dr Barties presentation is based on an actual experience involving himself and his son.

TREASURER'S REPORT
BY PAUL LINNEROOTH

October's Financial Summary

Cash on hand	\$ 40.00
Checking Acct.	\$ 4,679.84
Investments	\$ 6,364.86
Total	\$11,084.70

Income in October consisted of \$125.00 in membership dues, \$10.00 from pancake breakfast resale, and \$170.00 from calendar sales for a total of \$305.00

Expenses for the same period were \$636.18 and included \$71.16 for newsletter publication, \$34.99 for utilities, \$36.21 for landscape mulch, \$10.32 for Young Eagles, and \$483.50 for 72 EAA calendars.

Note: This report was given verbally and approved at the November meeting. The report published in the November newsletter was not correct.

November's Financial Summary

Cash on hand	\$ 40.00
Checking Acct.	\$ 4,519.09
Investments	\$ 6,364.86
Total	\$10,923.95

Income in November consisted of \$75.00 in membership dues, \$76.00 in net pop income, and \$270.00 from calendar sales for a total of \$421.00.

Expenses for the same period were \$581.75 and included \$24.72 for newsletter publication, \$54.03 for utilities, and \$503.00 for insurance on the chapter house.



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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')

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
BY BETTIE SEITZER

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Hove. Four guests introduced themselves. Paul Marshall flies Radio controlled planes, he was visiting in town and saw the meeting notice in the Lake Elmo and Stillwater papers. Dave, Denise and Steven Richter visited, Steven is a young Eagle candidate and very interested in flying.

Old Business:

- There are a few chapter caps for sale. We can order more if there is enough demand.
- No news yet on whether or not we will be able to install a picnic table in the "viewing area" near the MAC building. Dave F. will talk with the MAC people and we will try to get it done early next spring
- Treasurer's reports: A corrected August report was published and approved. The September report was approved. Not all members are up to date with their dues. Letters will be sent.
- Secretary's report was approved as published.
- A special open cockpit day was held Oct 22 at the Air Guard Museum

Chairmen's Reports:

Education, Art E.: Ground school will begin in February. (Valters has a ground school going on now.) The course will last 2 months; we will hang our sign on the fence to advertise. The course is designed for the private pilot candidate, but the material would be appropriate for Sport Pilot candidates.

Young Eagles, Dave Becker: After years of service, Al has passed the torch to a new Young Eagle Chair. Please welcome Dave to his new position and let him know what you can do to help. A proposal was made to create a standing Young Eagle day – for example, the 2nd Saturday of the month. That might make it easier to have pilots on hand, we could let interested young people know that they could come on that day. It could be announced in the local papers. Look for more information from Dave on this.

Housing, Dave F.: Snow is coming so we need to get the shrubs caged in by chicken wire to prevent the rabbits from destroying them. Contact Dave if you can help with this.

Nominating Committee, Dale R. Elections will be held in November. The candidates are: President – Paul Hove, Vice President – Dale Seitzer, Treasurer – Paul Rankin, Secretary – Bettie Seitzer, Education – Art Edlund, Young Eagles – Dave Becker, Housing – Dave Fiebiger, Membership – John Renwick, Web master – Paul Liedl. We do not have a candidate for the Newsletter editor position, we have been told that Ian will most likely not be able to continue due to family obligations, and the fact that he has been doing it for quite a while.

Program Director, David Cross, Finding interesting programs every month can be quite challenging. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions should pass those along to the new Vice President.

A copy of the EAA National Annual Report will be available in the clubhouse for review.

Jill Wall from Farnsworth Elementary School delivered a presentation demonstrating her aviation program for the first through sixth grade children. Last year we donated \$1000.00 to be used toward scholarships for children attending a special air academy session at OskKosh. 36 children were able to make the trip, the cost is \$125.00 per child. Scholarships are provided, but each child must contribute something as well. Jill read an account written by one of the boys, he described it as a "fantastic trip", "the best experience of my life" and "The teachers at aviation camp are nice, they are not boring at all!".

At Farnsworth the 5th and 6th grade children complete 7 weeks of ground school in order to earn the right to fly the simulators. The top two kids (on the written test) win an actual first flight provided by one of the FBOs. Jill went on to describe the activities that each grade level gets to participate in. Sounds like a wonderful program and certainly in line with our mandate to support activities in the community.

A motion was made that EAA Chapter 54 provide an annual donation to the program. Discussion centered on whether to commit to a set amount or to have an education committee decide on an amount each year based on our ability to contribute. By unanimous voice vote it was agreed that a committee would set the amount of the contribution each year. The meeting was adjourned.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
BY BETTIE SEITZER

The November meeting was called to order by the president at 7:30. Three visitors attended including Colin Bevin from Kindersley Saskatchewan. Colin recently purchased the bamboo bomber and was in town to pick it up.

The treasurer's report was approved as published. The secretary's report was approved as delivered at the meeting

A reminder to the membership that logo wear is available, members can order any item and have our logo embroidered on it for a small additional fee. The board will consider placing another order for shirts and hats as we have sold nearly all of the ones previously purchased. Everyone felt that the price and quality were very good.

Elections were held after brief discussion. Officers are: President – Paul Hove, Vice President – Dale Seitzer, Treasurer – Paul Rankin, Secretary – Bettie Seitzer, Education – Art Edhlund, Young Eagles – Dave Becker (with transitional guidance from All Kupferschmidt), Housing – Dave Fiebiger, Membership – John Renwick. All were elected by unanimous proclamation.

We are still in need of a newsletter editor. This is a very important job – Ian needs to hand this off so that he can devote more time to his growing family. Please contact Paul Hove if you are interested in this exciting, high profile job.

Reports from the Chairs:

Education: Ground school will be held starting in February. Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights at the Chapter house. Thirteen students is an average enrollment.

Young Eagles: No events are scheduled for the nears future, but there is a group of about 40 boy scouts who want flights in the spring. They would like to have a pre-flight hangar tour and discussion about aviation.

Housing: Shingles have blown off in the recent winds. A group will need to climb up and assess the situation in the spring – shingle repair and

glue-down would be the objective. We will begin planning a budget and work process for installing a picnic table and tress for a public viewing area near the Mac building. We do need to establish a budget and a plan. Discussion included renting a mixer (concrete, framing for the pad, picnic table selection and tree selection. Early estimate is for a cost of \$500. Dale Seitzer agreed to develop a preliminary proposal for the board to consider. Dave Fiebiger will discuss the project with Greg and investigate where power and gas lines are located.

Programs: Our December Speaker will be talking about a survival story – should be quite interesting!

Publicity: It would be good to include notes about the speaker in the press releases. Press releases have attracted several visitors to the club so we definitely want to continue providing them to the local papers.

Colin Kindersley Shared a little more information about his aviation life in Canada. He lives and works about 200 miles north of Montana. Their local chapter has a young eagle program and he enjoys working with the kids. Kindersley RAF gyrocopters are built there. Colin runs an aircraft maintenance shop – serving many agricultural planes. In fact he services about 400 planes a year. About 40% of the pilots are 65 or older so he does have some concerns about the future of general aviation and of his business. Since his province has a lot of oil and gas reserves, he is expecting a lot of economic growth in the area. He runs a ground school with over 30 students right now – he is actually working to control the decline in general aviation. The decline seems to be caused in part by a decline in agriculture and a shift in population. Canada does have a recreational pilot's license so there is easy entry for new pilots.

Our second speaker focused on some of the great aviation museums across the country. He recommended that everyone make it a point to visit often and to look for museums in the areas they travel to.

Meeting was adjourned by proclamation.

MAC COMMITTEES Nov 9, 2005
BY VIVIAN STARR

Finance, Development, and Environmental Committee (FD&E)

This meeting began with a public hearing on the 2006—2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – assessments of environmental effects and environmental assessment worksheet. All the material involved MSP. Assessments for STP, FCM, MIC, ANE, Lake Elmo, and LVN were not prepared as the CIP for those airports has not changed from the previous years, or the changes have only minimal environmental effects.

MAC COMMISSION Nov 21, 2005
BY VIVIAN STARR

ANE: Additional funding for Ham Lake wetland restoration project (part of the runway extension and ILS) was approved in the consent agenda with no additional discussion.

STP: Under the topic “Lease Actions,” a corporate tenant requested a temporary waiver of corporate fuel flowage requirements. The MAC has a “Corporate Self-Fueling” policy at STP which permits corporate tenants to own and operate their own aircraft fueling system provided they pump a minimum of 100,000 gallons per year. Due to economic slowdown and high fuel prices many corporations have curtailed their flying activities. Gary Schmidt told the Commissioners approximately four corporate fuelers would be impacted by a waiver. They are each currently using about 90% of the 100,000 gallon minimum. Commissioner Paul Rehkamp briefed his fellow Commissioners on the history

The September revenue and expense summary showed MAC’s net revenues were almost \$28 million. The projection for “net unrestricted cash” remaining at the end of 2005 is \$32.6 million. The Commissioners were all quite pleased to see so much “black ink.” Kathleen Nelson, the Northwest Airlines rep, requested the Commission consider freezing airline rates and charges at the 2005 level and forgo the scheduled increase under these circumstances.

The ANE wetland mitigation project received a budget adjustment (increase) due to increased permitting requirements for the Ham Lake site.

Management & Operations Committee (M&O)

There were no Reliever topics on the agenda.

of this MAC policy. The request for a waiver generated so much discussion among Commissioners that this item was referred to the Management and Operations Committee for additional study and discussion. It will probably be on the December M&O agenda.

Two senior MAC staff retirements were announced:

Denise Kautzer, Deputy Executive Director – Administrative Services—Finance

Gordon Wennerstrom, Director of Commercial Management and Airline Affairs

Glenn Weibel, Chair of the Reliever Airports Advisory Council, reiterated his suggestion made at the November Finance, Development, and Environment Committee that, if NWA persuades the Commission to freeze airline rates and charges, then the Reliever Airport tenants should receive similar treatment.

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with a new comment deadline date of September 12, 2005.

http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf92/340780_web.pdf

6. On November 28, 2005, the FAA made the final determination and published what the revised Minneapolis Class B airspace will look like when it's implemented on February 16, 2006.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan2>

0051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-23308.htm

Throughout this entire five-year process, EAA and its members doubly represented by Red Haines, John Wastvedt, Mike Finnegan, and Roger Gomoll. We again thank these members for their strong efforts over the entire duration of this process.

EAA will still be fighting to ensure the north/south corridor becomes a reality.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

I need to clean out my hanger so I am selling a Construction Propane Heater suitable for a fair size hanger.

The heater is a Universal 3500-FACV model SPC-350

This unit has a self igniter and is adjustable from 157,000 BTU to 350,000 BTU's.

It is thermostatically controlled.

It comes with three large propane tanks. Sell attached picture.

I am asking \$299 or best offer. The unit can be inspected at my hanger between 9:30a – 3:00p most days.

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This space is left available for members who have aviation related stuff (or just about anything else within reason) to Buy, Sell, or Trade.

NEW MEMBERS

Please let us know when there are new members joining the organization. We would like to hear about who they are, where they came from, and what they are working on.