



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2006

- SOCIAL HOUR AT 7 P.M.
- MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING, BILL RUTTEN, THE LEADER OF THE LAKE ELMO CIVIL AIR PATROL, WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE CAP.

## MOUNTAIN FLYING AT THE CHAPTER

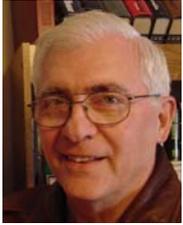
*Reported by Tom Gibbons*



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The Chapter was treated to a very nice talk about mountain flying by our very own Treasurer, Paul Rankin. It was very interesting to hear about how easy it really is to fly in or along the mountains as long as one knows what to expect. Paul described about all the weather you need to know before even attempting to navigate rising terrain. Once you know what to expect you can take advantage of rising air that will help you through the valleys and hilly country side. Paul showed several slides of beautiful mountains and country side he shot as he navigated from California to Oshkosh one year in a Cessna. He spent a lot of time on the west coast flying this very mountainous countryside so he knew what he was talking about. As a matter of fact he mentioned that he tried to shove in a two class on mountain flying, which he teaches, into our half hour of time allotted during our meeting. I thought he did a very good job and I really enjoyed it. This is why members should try to attend our monthly meetings because you never know what you may miss and if you missed this one, you missed a good one!



## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

EAA Chapter 54 elections were held last month. The election was for Class II directors. Congratulations to our returning and new directors.

Hugh Sontag our Web Editor has informed me that he is moving out of the state and will need to give up his position. Paul Leidl has volunteered to lend a hand and take care of our web site. Thank you Paul!

Dick Wicklund, our senior advisor on chapter meetings and decorum, has brought to my attention that the nomination committee and I may have inadvertently made a nomination that is in conflict with our bylaws. Bettie Seitzer is already on the chapter board of directors as a chapter officer and may not also be a class II director. Betty will continue as the Chapter Secretary and will also be in charge of our KidVenture project. The Chapter will need to elect another class II director at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The nominating committee has one candidate already identified and will accept nominations for others at the meeting.

The Chapter roster for 2007 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  
Leif Erickson – Publicity  
Open - Pending Dec. election

### 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:

Tom Gibbons – Newsletter Editor  
Art Edhlund – Flying Start Coordinator  
Dale Rupp – Flight Advisor  
Bill Shanks – Technical Counselor  
Paul Liedl - Webmaster  
Betty Seitzer – KidVenture



This picture was taken by my son Jeff of a fledgling hawk that has been learning to fly next to my hangar. He is sitting on the van parked next to the CAP hangar.

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# EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

## BY PAUL RANKIN

### November 2006 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$	7,016.35
Cash on hand	\$	40.00
Investments	\$	6,364.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,421.21</b>
<u>Income</u>		
Gifts Received	\$	35.00
Breakfast Food Resale	\$	10.00
Calendar Sales	\$	200.00
New Members	\$	25.00
Membership Renewals	\$	475.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>745.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Membership Postage	\$	39.00
Newsletter & Mailing	\$	28.82
Building Insurance	\$	503.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$	18.35
Utilities - Gas	\$	50.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>639.78</b>
<u>Net Cash Flow</u>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105.22</b>

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Valters Aviation is selling 2007 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 is in a wide format. It's very pretty and will look good on your hanger or den/kitchen wall.

Van's Air Force – Minnesota Wing will be meeting on the morning of December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Doug Weiler and my hanger at 41C Mooney Lane. Coffee and donuts will be available and everybody is welcome to come and listen to the presentations on RV aircraft.

Be sure to attend the next chapter meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### Chapter 54 Directory

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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')

## Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

Our scheduled Young Eagle season has come to an end after a very successful year.

November 11<sup>th</sup> we flew 15 kids under cool but calm skies. Our chapter members have flown a total of 187 kids this year to date. To accomplish that took the time and energy of all those who actively supported our program this year.



In surveying most parents on how they learned about our Young Eagles program, the vast majority indicated they heard about it through newspaper articles and advertisements. We can thank our publicity chairman, Leif Erickson, for an outstanding job of promoting Young Eagles, our Chapter 54, and all of general aviation at Lake Elmo. Our pilots and ground support people this year all deserve a big round of applause for their dedication to our Young Eagles program. I look forward to next year's program in the spring. Have a nice winter.

## TAXI TALK

*{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}*

Happy Holidays to all and we look forward to another great year at YOUR Chapter!!

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Sport Aviation Issue??

I am looking for the September 2005 issue of Sport Aviation. This issue has a yellow Tiger Moth on the cover. I sent mine to someone in Canada because he trained in one those Tiger Moths during World War II and I thought it would be a nice jester to send him this issue. But now I realize that there is a nice article on the Pulsar too so I would like to get my hands on another one. If any of you have this issue and would not mind departing with it, could you either bring it to the club house with my name on it or maybe give it to Paul Hove at his hanger and I will get it from him. Thanks!!

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Neat Picture!!



This is a picture of me in a very nice Pulsar flying over the San Antonio, Texas county side last February. These guys down there are a super bunch of people who open up their houses and allow me to stay and have just a great time!

Mountain Flying via Lite-Plane

Speaking of Paul Rankin's talk on mountain flying I must mention that we have a bunch of Pulsar pilots who always fly over the peaks. And we are talking on sometimes only 80HP! Most Pulsars are equipped with the popular Rotax engine with horsepower range from 80HP to 100HP. We have a very nice gathering of Pulsars in Lawrence, KS every year around September and Pulsars from the California coast to Washington D.C. come, we often hear stories of how they fly the mountain passes to get there. One pilot comes from the Seattle area every year and one came from Idaho one year. So it is possible to navigate the mountains, even with a low powered aircraft.

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New Eau Claire Tower Ops!

**\*NEW TOWER OPEN AT WISCONSIN AIRPORT\***

Members in the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, area are cautioned that a new control tower at Chippewa Valley Regional Airport has begun operating daily from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The frequencies are: Ground 120.925 and Tower 118.575.

Aircraft on the ground are required to contact ground control before entering any movement areas. For questions, contact the airport administration at 715/839-6241.



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## CLASSIFIEDS AND QUOTE OF THE MONTH

1957 Cessna 172. Continental engine C145. (0-300A) TBO 1800 hours. Hours now 737.4. Plane has 5166 hours. Has a pre-heater. Still has VOR and transponder and other instruments. Will be at blue hangar across from the clubhouse most Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon or so. Best offer. If you have questions, please call Harold Hempler Jr. at 651-439-8411.

"A good landing in a bad place  
is generally more survivable  
than a bad landing in a good place."

*-Taken from Paul Rankin during  
his great mountain program from last  
months meeting!*