



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY JULY 9, 2007.

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

OUR OWN AL KUPFERSCHMIDT WILL SPEAK ABOUT HIS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF UNITED FLT. 232 THAT CRASH LANDED IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA. HE WAS A VOLUNTEER IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RECOVERY AND CLEAN UP. MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

Linbergh Author Speaks at the Chapter

Reported by Bettie Seitzer



ANNE MORROW
LINDBERGH



FIRST LADY
OF THE AIR

KATHLEEN C. WINTERS

Kathleen Winters, www.Kathleenwinters.com author of **Anne Morrow Lindbergh: First Lady of the Air**, is a glider pilot and lives here in the Twin Cities.

Kathleen wanted to write this book because so many who have written about Charles or Anne Morrow Lindbergh ignore the fact that Anne Lindbergh was a pilot. When Anne earned her license there were only 500 women pilots compared to 1700 male pilots. Today only about 10% of the pilots are women.

Anne was born into a world where women were not considered able to drive a car, much less maneuver a plane! The golden age of aviation began after world war I, there were contests with large financial prizes. In May 1927, Lindbergh completed his record setting cross-Atlantic flight. Six months after that flight, Anne and Charles met; she was immediately smitten with his adventurous spirit. He liked her because she was quiet and petite. Anne's father was a "mover and shaker" in the world of aviation; he invited Charles to fly into Mexico where he met Anne. She took her first flight

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

Big things were happening at 41C Mooney Lane last week. N347RV was issued an Experiment Airworthiness Certificate on June 23rd.

Chapter 54 member Richard Marr who has a DAR authorization from the FAA and is an EAA technical advisor awarded the certificate after a long and through inspection of the aircraft.



I would recommend Richard to anyone who wishes to insure that they have built an aircraft that meets all of the safety criteria that we all constantly strive to accomplish in our building projects. Richard helped me prepare all of the paperwork, hand carried it to the local FAA departments, and had everything approved in one day! The CD that Richard gave me with all of the forms and necessary FAA documents made it easy to type in the data and make corrections as necessary. I would advise anyone that is nearing the certification process get in touch with him. He can save you countless hours in the preparation and explain the process so you can get through it with a minimum of anxiety.

On June 26th, N347RV made its maiden voyage captained by EAA member Doug Weiler, test pilot extraordinaire.



Construction of the public picnic area next to the MAC Building is underway. The concrete pad has been dug out and forms have been put in place.

. AirAdventure at Oshkosh is only three weeks away. The event is scheduled for July 23rd - July 29th. There will be several unique planes on display this year.

Bob Collins, former Chapter 54 member, is hosting a barbeque for RV kit airplane builders at Camp Scholler grounds on Wednesday July 25th evening. Information can be found at <http://home.comcast.net/~bcollinsrv7a/aaa/2006bbq.html>.

With the hot weather we have been having lately it would be a good time to purchase a new cap for Oshkosh. The chapter has several embroidered caps for sale at \$9.00 each.

Don't forget to come to the chapter meeting on July 9th and hear fellow member Al Kupferschmidt talk about the United Airlines Flight 232 crash in Sioux City Iowa on July 19, 1989. He was present at and assisted in the rescue of several survivors. For those interested in the aircraft Captain's account of the accident see the following URL.

www.airdisaster.com/eyewitness/ua232.shtml

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

June 2007 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$ 6,640.01
Cash on hand	\$ 40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$ 6,364.86</u>
Total	\$ 13,044.87

Income

Donations	\$ 65.00
Newsletter Postage	\$ 10.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Total	\$ 150.00

Expenses

Hanger Tour Signs	\$ 10.54
MAC Lease	\$ 515.04
Newsletter & Mailing	\$ 45.20
<u>Utilities - Electricity & Gas</u>	<u>\$ 45.63</u>
Total	\$ 616.41

Net Cash Flow (\$466.41)

Happy Birthday America!!!!



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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')

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with him in a Ford Tri-motor that is currently on display in the Golden Wings museum at the Anoka airport.

In many ways Anne and Charles were opposites, she was bookish and quiet, Charles hated school and was adventurous. Anne was sheltered and raised to be a proper lady. Charles was encouraged to be adventurous and individualist. Charles courted Anne starting with a training flight in a Moth bi-plane. He wanted to be sure that he would have a partner that he could fly with and was determined that he have a wife who would enjoy flying. Within the month they were engaged. Within 2 years of their marriage she had her pilot's license; in spite of Charles's stringent teaching methods and strict requirements. Wherever they flew, the press followed attempting to get pictures and stories. The air was the only place they could get away from the press harassment.

Right after their marriage they began pioneering routes and eventually travel through 5 continents. The flights are detailed in the book along with maps of their routes. These stories are at the heart of the book depicting what flying was like in the golden age of aviation. They wanted to scout routes, weather and spots where runways might be built. They wanted to be seen as ambassadors for aviation and encourage people to learn to fly and to accept it as a safe alternative to ground travel.

Wherever they flew, they were welcomed as celebrities and the local people wanted to meet them and entertain them. The days were lengthened considerably due to their popularity.

On their survey flights, Anne was crew, radio operator and relief pilot. Pilots used Morse code at that time to communicate. She had to manually change transmission frequency coils by reeling in the trailing antenna. The antenna carried a ball weight making it a heavy task to reel it in before every landing.

They made a flight around the great circle, but the flight took much longer than expected due to the weather. They were called home unexpectedly due to the death of Anne's father.

In the mid 1930s Charles and Anne planned and self financed a circumnavigation of the Atlantic. When they reached Brazil, Charles wanted to explore more, and traveled extensively in uncharted territory.

At that time there were no transoceanic flights. As a result of the Lindbergh's exploration and survey flights, transoceanic flights were started beginning with Pacific routes. Pan Am was the first airline to do this and the reason that the Pacific routes came first because Great Britain would not grant Pan Am landing rights in Britain. The United States was also isolationist at that time. Not long after that, agreements were reached between the United States and Great Britain to allow Trans-Atlantic flights.

Charles and Anne Lindbergh moved to England to escape the constant pressure of the press. They returned to the US in 1939 as war was heated up in Europe. Anne's flying career ended when she returned to the US. She began a writing career that included many very popular books. She devoted her later years to writing, environmental causes and her family. She died in 2001 at the age of 94.

The book includes previously unpublished material drawn from their logbooks, Anne's diaries, family documents that have not been made available to other authors.

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.

July

July 10-11, 2007, Saint Cloud, MN. EAA's Aluminum Overcast B-17 Rides/Ground Tours. **St Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC)**, 9:30a-6:00p. Reservations/info: www.b17.org Sponsored by EAA Chapter 551. Mark Priglmeier 320-229-8563 mark.priglmeier@mn.conpucredit.com

July 14, Cook MN. Fly-In Breakfast and Lunch. **Raymond Hill Cook Municipal Airport (KCQM)** 8:30a-2:00p. Pilot door prize, Young Eagle Rides. For more information contact Cook Municipal Airport at (218) 666-9931

July 14, 2007, Hibbing, MN. EAA Chapter 996 11th Annual Miners Breakfast Fly-In, **Chisholm-Hibbing Municipal (KHIB)**, 8:00a-1:00p. All you can eat breakfast is \$5.00 Part of Mines and Pines Jubilee Dan Wirre dan-wirre@msn.com 218-262-6377

July 15, 2007, Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Annual Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast 7:00a-12:00p. **Grantsburg Airport**, RGNTS Hosted by EAA Chapter 875 Serving wild rice pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. For more information contact: William Didlo 715-653-2619.

July 15-20, 2007, National Cross Country Air Races Wichita, Kansas to Stevens Point, Wisconsin Speed racing open to all pilots and all piston powered aircraft. Three events, cash, trophies, awards and scholarships. For more information and free entry kit see: www.us-airrace.org or contact: Patricia Purcell, 903-564-9410 or ppurcellk@aol.com.

July 17, 2007, Rush City, MN. Pancake Breakfast 8:00a-12:00p. **Rush City Regional Airport**. PIC's eat Free. Airplane rides, classic car show, Exhibits and more.

July 22, 2007, Preston, MN. Fillmore county Fly-in Breakfast **Fillmore county (FKA)** 07:30a - 12:30p Omelet breakfast! Ham, cheese, mushrooms, peppers and onions available. Doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice. Sponsored by Fillmore county Pork Producers. \$6 adults \$4 kids 4-10. NO P.I.C. Free. Contact: Kent Dornink 507-765-2582 kjd hills@yahoo.com

July 22, 2007, White Bear, MN. LLFC Pancake and Sausage Flight Breakfast. 7:00a-1:00p **Benson Municipal Airport (BBB)**. 320-843-4432 or www.llfc.net

July 23-29, 2007, Oshkosh, WI, EAA AirVenture 2006. www.airventure.org

July 29, 2007, Olivia, MN. Olivia Lion's Fly-In Breakfast-Sunday **Olivia Regional Airport (OVL)**. 8:00a-12:00p. Aerobatic show from 11:00-11:30a. Come and enjoy all the pancakes you can eat, sensational sausages and golden oval scrambled eggs. PIC eats for FREE! Corn Capital Days in Olivia! Yum! Yum! Sara 320-212-1999.

August

August 2, 2007 Guttenberg, IA, 7th Annual Abel Island Fly-in, Float-in, Potluck BBQ 12:00p-3:00p. **Abel Island (GAA) (Formerly IA23)**. Land your floatplane on the river or land on our well maintained 2600 ft turf strip on a beautiful Island in the Mississippi River. Experience the fun of landing on a well maintained 2600 foot turf airstrip on an Island in the Mississippi River or land your sea plane and pull up on the sandy beach. What to bring? Your own meat to grill, covered dish, tableware and drink. We will provide grills, tables, coffee, water. We will also have additional disposable tableware. We will have some additional meat to grill for those that are unable to bring their own. Ample space is available for sea planes and boats to dock or beach. Special notes: In the interest of safety we must have VFR conditions reported at Prairie Du Chien, WI (PDC) of 2500 feet broken or better and visibility of 3 miles or better. PDC AWOS available at 608-326-9122 or 119.925. In the event of marginal weather you may contact Gary Fisher at 319-480-0913. <http://www.abelisland.com>

August 4, 2007, Siren, WI. EAA Chapter 631 Young Eagles Rally 10:00a-1p. **Burnett County Airport (RZN)**. Jack Langland 715-469-3308 jacklangland@centurytel.net

August 4-5, 2007, Janesville, WI. 9:00 AM-Showtime noon, **Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport (JVL)** United States Army Golden Knights, military single ship demonstrations, Julie Clark, Patty Wagstaff, Kent Shockley and much more. Food and souvenir vendors. - Julie Dacy 608) 754-5405 <http://www.swairfest.org>

August 4-5, Milaca, MN. Milaca Airport (18Y). Fly-in breakfast Pot luck BBQ & camp out 5:00p Sat. Aug. 5th 2006 and fly-in breakfast Sun. Aug. 6th 2006. 7:00a-noon. Contact: Gary Judd [320-266-3822](tel:320-266-3822) , <http://www.milacaairport.com>

August 5, 2007, Chetek, Wisconsin. Charity BBQ Fly-In. 10:30a – 7:00p **Southworth Municipal Airport (Y23)**. Warbird displays, antique and unique airplanes, antique & collector car displays and raffles for airplane rides. Proceeds will be given to local charities. For More Information Contact: Chuck Harrison fixdent@chibardun.net Phone: Office 715-924-4501 Cell 715-456-8415 Or Tim Knutson n3nknut@citizens-tel.net Phone: Home 715-237-2477 Cell 651-308-2839. www.cityofchetek-wi.gov.

August 5, 2007, The Longville 2nd Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast 8:00a-12:00p. **Longville Municipal Airport (XVG)**. Longville, Minnesota For more information contact: Kurt Dahlen at 218-363-3267

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August 5, 2007, Red Wing, MN. Fly-In Breakfast. 7:00a-Noon. **Red Wing Regional Airport (RGK)**. Hiawatha Valley Pilots Association annual Fly-In Breakfast (PIC eat free). Blue Airways 715-594-3999 www.blue-airways.com .

August 11, 2007, Menomonie, WI. Annual Fly-in pancake breakfast **Menomonie Municipal Airport-Score Field (KLUM)**. 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Pancake breakfast, static aircraft displays, airplane rides, parachute demonstration and other activities. Louis Parffel 715-233-5636 louiswp@wwt.net

August 12, 2007,) Lino Lakes, MN. Annual MSPA Pig Roast & Fly-In 12:00p-4:00p. **Surfside Seaplane 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 lief@pressenter.com www.eaa54.org

August 18, 2007, Forest Lake, MN, 6th Annual Fly-In, 10am-4pm. **Daniel A. Deponti 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 Albatross. 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@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

June 11, 2007

Reported by Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Vice President Dale Seitzer

Guest Travis, an RV 7A builder in attendance; he is in a hangar near Paul Hove's here at 21D!

Old Business:

Announcements: We read some thank you letters for Young Eagle Flights.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report published in the newsletter was incorrect, the correct statement was reported and approved as read. The corrected report will be provided in the newsletter

Secretary's Report: No minutes – last month was the banquet.

CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund):

Hangar tour was conducted for 86 second graders. There were two busloads, morning and afternoon. Each busload was divided into groups of nine and they moved from hangar to hangar very smoothly. The kids had a fantastic time and really appreciated the opportunity.

Our winter ground school ended in April, we will most likely offer it again in feb.

Young Eagles (Dave Becker):

Chapter 54 flew 41 kids in May! One bad weather day that was to have been a Boy Scout group. The Young Eagle day for June was last weekend – 24 kids were flown.

Remember that the second Saturday of the month is Young Eagle day and we need volunteers to make it a fun, safe event. Pilots are always needed, but we also need ground support people to help move the kids around and keep them entertained while they wait.

The practice of keeping Young Eagles to one day a month is working well and we will continue that practice so that our members can plan ahead to participate.

June is National Young Eagles month. There are many chapters that sponsor events and ask for additional pilots. The credit for the Young Eagle flight goes to the pilot's chapter no

matter who sponsors the event. If chapter 54 pilots are willing to help out other clubs in their young eagle events, we can still get the credit to use toward our air academy scholarships.

A suggestion was made that a volunteer be a radio monitor during the Young Eagle mornings. A handheld radio could be used to monitor the pilots and facilitate getting the kids moved in and out

Housing (Dave Fiebiger):

The addition to the clubhouse will be moving ahead.

Pancake Breakfast

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!

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons):

The newsletter was delayed in June because Tom's father is in very poor health; the newsletter was late, but will be posted to the website. Thanks for the great input! Keep it coming, we like to have a good newsletter and members enjoy reading all of the articles. Even brief news items are appreciated. TOMISFLY-INGBY@Comcast.net

Meeting adjourned at 8:00
Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer
Secretary
EAA Chapter 54

Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

On 9 June, EAA Young Eagles Day was celebrated around the world and Chapter 54 participated in this yearly event by flying 24 Young Eagles. Special thanks to the pilots and ground support that helped out as we were a little short on volunteers. They all pitched in and got the job done. Another 7 kids took Young Eagle flights on Wednesday, 27 June under a beautiful blue sky for a total of 31 kids flown for the month of June. Photos taken during our Young Eagle events are posted on our EAA54.ORG web site.



Our next Young Eagles event will be on 14 July. If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the 2nd Saturday of the month and see what Young Eagles is all about.



TAXI TALK

{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!!!

Sorry for any Delays!

It has been a tough bunch of days here at home but I am glad to try and get your newsletter out when I can. I am doing ok but time will tell how things go. My house and life right now are very busy and work is even busier. Thanks to everyone's understanding about my Dad's health and I will continue as best as I can to keep the news coming.

Congrats Paul!! Part II

I would like to take the time to offer my congratulations to our President Paul Hove, again, since now his Vans RV-7A has now flown! The quote of month is from the first flights section so I wanted to dedicate that to him. I knew it would fly Paul!! Now to get my, going on 17 years, Pulsar project into the air someday. Too many important family issues right now though.

Heard first hand.....

I had the pleasure to hear Al Kupfer-schmidt's story on United Flight 232's demise. One day I visited his hanger and we talked about a lot but he also mentioned his story about his

adventures in Sioux City that fatal day. I also asked him about the movie they made about the tragedy and he mentioned he was in it too. He said don't blink cause you may miss the scene! All kidding aside Al should give everyone a great story on this scary situation.

Oshkosh '07

I normally love to camp out at Oshkosh all week but considering all that is going on this summer I just may have to skip it this year. I consider that vacation my most relaxing as what is better than to wake up to airplane noise every morning and meeting and seeing the nicest people ever. I attended my first Air Venture awhile back for one day and that sealed the deal to return. The next year I camped out in a van for a few days and that was even better. Well.....the next year it was on to rental camper unit and that was the great. Over the next years, I was borrowing and renting all kinds of campers until one year in 1998 I bought what I call my "Oshkosh Express". A neat "A" frame, solid wall put up camper from a company called A-liner.

www.aliner.com. This unit has been a great little camper and every year I get people saying how much they love this unit. I usually bring my canopy to use as a "garage" for my truck during the convention.

If you have never camped out at Air Venture, give it whirl, I am sure you will love it. It is the best way to relax at Oshkosh and see everything. Also, if you do, bring your bicycle, it is best way to get around the grounds.

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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
 Phone # 651-407-6449
 e-mail rosssublett@hotmail.com

For Sale:

Hartzell Prop HC-C2YK-1B-72"
 Use on 160-180 Lycoming, Eddy current tested
 500 hrs SMOH \$1500.00
 Can be seen at Hangar 19C Cessna Lane
 Lake Elmo MN 651-773-7031

**Nothing will ever equal that mo-
 ment of exhilaration which filled my
 whole being when I felt myself flying
 away from the earth. It was not mere
 pleasure; it was perfect bliss.....**

— Professor Jacques Alexandre Cesare Charles,

First free flight in a manned hydrogen balloon,

December 1, 1783.