



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY JULY 14, 2008.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: CHAPTER MEMBER JOHAN NIELSON WILL DESCRIBE HIS EXPERIENCES AS A FIRST TIME BUILDER OF AND THE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF BUILDING A ROTORWAY HELICOPTER. HE WILL ALSO TRAILER HIS HELICOPTER DOWN FROM OSCEOLA TO HAVE ON DISPLAY.

Chapter members help to prepare for Air Venture

Compiled by the editor



First day of arrival at the Binder House just before dinner

For this years weekend work party, four members were able to represent the chapter. Paul Hove, Paul Rankin, Tom Gibbons and Jeff Hove (*L to R in picture*) headed out early on Friday, June 20 with a stop at Osseo, WI. for a great lunch at the Norski Nook and a eventual arrival at the Oshkosh grounds around 3:00PM. After checking in at the maintenance office and settling into the Binder Bunkhouse, they proceeded to walk over to the Pioneer Airport. Looking at what was happening there and walking thru the hangers they also watched as two Young Eagle GlaStars were giving rides. There was also a Travel Air biplane giving big kid rides too. After a nice afternoon it was time to head back to the bunkhouse and go to dinner. For the last couple of years the group has chosen the China King Restaurant to eat supper on the first night. This is a buffet style restaurant and there was plenty of food for all tastes. After a nice dinner it was back to the bunkhouse for a couple of beers and watch aviation movies.

The next morning started early as breakfast is served early over near the south maintenance area at 7:00AM. After that they gathered at the south maintenance shop to be welcomed, told what was happening this year at Air Venture and long term plan and notified of the available jobs or tasks that needed to be accomplished that weekend. Usually when the chapter goes to this event they are one of the first chapters to

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY DALE SEITZER

I hope everyone read that great article in the Stillwater Gazette about Paul Hove and his new RV 7. Very positive article and recognition well earned – I imagine Paul will have many requests for rides in his sweet new ride.

We had a great time at the Chapter Potluck / Barbeque – this is definitely a family event. The next get together is Friday July 18, 2008

Dave Becker has done a wonderful job with the Young Eagles program. He had some large shoes to fill when Al Kupferschmidt transitioned to Young Eagle pilot. All the volunteers are really appreciated. Everyone has a role and working together the outcome is greater than the individuals together. Kids are smiling and parents are happy – this is a very effective way for pilots and EAA members to share their passion for aircraft and flight. The club house is a bee hive of activity as families are greeted and ushered in to the clubhouse. Outside are volunteers coordinating Young Eagles and their parents as they come and go from the club house. Inside, they sign the releases and complete the documentation and get an introduction to EAA and the Civil Air Patrol. Volunteers escort Young Eagles and their families to the planes for the required photos and more document signing and introductions. The volunteers are there to safely escort the Young Eagles to their families and back to the club house after the flight. The next Young is ready and the cycle continues until all the Young Eagles have been given flights. Then all the volunteers talk about the day and share stories of the kids and their families. Thank you to all the volunteers who make the events run smoothly. Check out the smiling faces of Young Eagles on our website.

Our fly in pancake breakfast is about 2 months away. Our organizing meetings are scheduled for July 10, July 24, and August 24 at 7 PM at the club house. Department chairs are expected to attend and any other volunteers are invited. I am organizing the event this year. Tim Reberg was the chair for many years and he did a great job. In a club like this everyone is expected to participate and duties should rotate so everyone has a chance to experience the full membership experience. Contact me or Lief if you are available to volunteer – volunteering is a great way to meet people, contribute to a valuable organization and help raise funds so we can continue to support Farnsworth School, Air Academy scholarships and maintain our club expenses.

We are still looking for a Head Chef, contact me or Lief Erickson.

Are you planning to go to Airventure this year? The NOTAM is on the desk at the club house or available online. Additional details about admission, activities and camping are at www.airventure.org.

Norm Dupree has volunteered to be the Leader of the clubhouse expansion. He has negotiated to allow the expansion east so we can avoid additional expenses. The plan is to hire a framing crew to do the big work and we can finish the project. This way we know it will be built according to code and in a timely fashion. There will be much more storage area and more room in the clubhouse for meetings. At the same time we will replace the extra exterior doors and repaint the siding. Dave Fiebiger does a great job maintaining the building and landscaping.

At our next meeting our speaker will tell us about building a helicopter – that will be really interesting.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT
BY PAUL RANKIN



June 2008 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$7,882.75
Cash on hand	\$40.00
Investments	\$7,166.47
Total	\$15,089.22

Income

Membership Renewals	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Expenses

Utilities - Electricity & Gas	\$91.96
Total	\$91.96

Net Cash Flow (\$91.96)

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

Thanks should go out to Dave Becker for this great picture of Entrance B of Lake Elmo.



Note the words on sign: EAA Chapter 54!

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volunteer so the whole group usually did one thing together. This year they arrived a little later and there was another chapter there, Chapter 237 from Anoka, so there was many more assignments. The jobs to choose from were as follows: Hang a new suspended ceiling in a hanger building, disassemble a play ground area, grass cutting, wall demolition, new shower interior installation and some ditch and fence work. Paul Hove and Paul Rankin choose grass cutting which entailed riding new John Deere tractors and cutting most of the camping areas.



Paul Hove in the Conga line of grass cutters.

Tom Gibbons choose the shower interior retrofit. He helped install new wall panels in one shower near camper registration and completely tore out the interior of another one way out in the south western camping area.



Tom on far right after they installed new shower panels.

Jeff Hove choose the toughest of all the jobs, digging/filling a ditch in the warbird area and later doing some fence work.

All jobs got a visit from the boss who had snacks and cool drinks. Lunch was at noon and back to work at 1:00PM. Work stopped at around 4:00PM and dinner was at 5:00PM and everyone had a chance to clean up before and talk about what they did that day. All meals were served by volunteer ladies who do the best they can to serve the group.

Then they hopped a bus to ride over to the Sonex Aircraft Company where they got a tour of all three of their hangers. This is a first class operation offering an affordable experimental aircraft or LSA for a good price.



John Monet, Founder of Sonex Aircraft.

Back to Binder House for more beers and watch the aviation movie, "PUSHING TIN". After a long days work most fell asleep afterwards for the next day it was up again at 6:00AM and breakfast at 7:00AM. After just a morning session of work and lunch at the normal time it was time to say goodbyes and pack for the trip home and they were off by 1:00PM. Despite a slight delay for traffic problems in Oshkosh, they were back in the cities by around 5:30/6:00PM.

Thanks should go out to Jeff Hove for the use of his van this year but by also picking everyone up at their houses. It was a nice weekend and the volunteers did a lot. Next year consider joining the chapter on this event, it is very rewarding!

Editors Note:

See Hanger Talk on page 7 for a first timers experience joining the weekend work party.

Local Events and Fly-Ins

Compiled by Paul Hove and other Chapter 54 Members

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July 12 2008, 8:00 to 11:00, Superior Bong Pancake Breakfast, www.eaa272.org, Superior Bong Airport,(KSVW), Fly-in or Drive. Young Eagle flights will be available., John Shallow, 218-729-7764, sjallj@msn.com

July 13 2008, 7:00 to 1:00, Two Harbors Chapter 1128 pancake Breakfast, , Two Harbors Helgeson Airport. Many homebuilts and ultralights on field. PIC,(KTWM), Two Harbors Heritage Days, Jerry Anderson, 218-834-4392, engine@lake.net.com

July 13 2008, 7:00 to 1:00, Grantsburg EAA Chapter 875 Fly-in Breakfast, , Grantsburg Municipal Airport,(KGTG), Fly-in breakfast featuring wild rice, pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage., William Didlo, 715-653-2619,

July 19 2008, to , The Duluth Air Show featuring The Blue Angels and The Snowbirds, www.duluthairshow.com/2008/, Duluth International Airport,(KDLH), U.S. Navy Blue Angels & Canadian Forces Snowbirds will headline the Duluth Airshow. In addition, a variety of other military, civilian and experimental static display aircraft, ground displays, educational, and entertainment exhibits will be featured, , 218-628-9996, Info@Duluthairshow.com

July 19 2008, to , Grand Forks ND USAF Thunderbirds, public.grandforks.af.mil, Grand Forks,(KRDR), Thunder over the Red River - 2008 Grand Forks AFB Air Show featuring the USAF Thunderbirds., , ,

July 20 2008, 7:30 to 12:30, Annual Fly-In or Drive-In Omelet Breakfast, , Fillmore County Airport,(KFKA), Preston Minnesota Monitor 122.9 Sponsored by the Fillmore County pork producers, Kent, 507-765-2582, kjd hills@yahoo.com

July 23 2008, 8:00 to 22:00, 2008 National Ercoupe Convention Wausau WI, , Wausau Downtown Airport,(KWAU), Three Day Event. Food, fun, fellowship with Ercoupers. Includes factory tours, Young Eagle flights, a picnic dinner, a corn roast, poker fly, spot landing contest, flour bomb drop, aircraft judging, and an awards banquet. Ercoupes, Forneys, Alons & Mooney M-10's welcome., Syd Cohen, 715-573-7063, sydlois@charter.net

July 26 2008, 8:30 to 2:30, Burnett County Fly-in Siren WI, , Burnett County Airport,(KRZN), Morning Pancake Breakfast Late Morning-Early Afternoon Grilled Hamburger and Brat Lunch. \$0.25 per gallon discount on all fuel types., Jeremy L. Sickler, 715-529-5260, jsickler@burnettcounty.org

July 26 2008, 8:00 to 12:00, Southeastern Minnesota Flying Club 50th Anniversary Fly-in Breakfast Rochester, MN, www.semfc.com, ROCHESTER INTL,(KRST), The Southeastern Minnesota Flying Club (SEMFC) is celebrating our 50th anniversary! To celebrate this occasion, we are having a fly-in breakfast (and more) on Saturday, July 26, from 8AM to noon. For details, please see our website and click on the flagman, who will direct you to the details., See Web Site,

July 27 2008, 8:00 to 12:00, Marshfield WI EAA Chapter 992 Pancake Breakfast, , Marshfield Municipal Airport,(KMFI), Center City Flyers 16th Annual Fly-In, Drive-In Pancake Breakfast. All welcome. Rain or Shine. On your way to Oshkosh AirVenture stop in for breakfast; airplane pilot gets a free meal., David Le Voy, 715-676-2282,

July 28 2008, 8:00 to 19:00, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh WI, www.airventure.org, Oshgosh/Wittman Regional Airport,(KOSH), World's largest fly-in gathering, 800 aviation exhibitors, forums, seminars, workshops, daily afternoon airshows. 10,000 airplanes, including 2, 500 show planes, concessions/food stands throughout grounds., Dick Knapinski, 920-426-6523,

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August 3 2008, 8:00 to 12:00, Longville Third Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast, , Longville Municipal Airport ,(KXVG), 100LL Available Two griddles, no waiting!!, Kurt Dahlen, 218-363-3267,

August 9 2008, to , Fly Iowa 2008 at Storm Lake IA, www.flyiowa.org, Storm Lake Municipal Airport,(KSLB), Plans are being made for Storm Lake (KSLB) to host Fly Iowa 2008 on August 9 and 10, 2008. The program will likely draw together wings, wheels, and water and have something to appeal to everyone. Fly-in, drive-in breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Aerobic air shows Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Barbecue Extravaganza for Saturday evening, Displays and exhibits, Food and concessions., Event Director, 319-373-3971,

August 10 2008, 7:00 to 12:00, Milaca Fly-In Breakfast & 40th Anniversary Celebration, www.milacaairport.com, Milaca Airport ,(18Y), Sunday Fly-In Breakfast hosted by the American Legion. 7 AM until Noon, pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, (scrambled & to order), fruit, and Beverages., Ken Muller, kdmuller@jetup.net

August 10 2008, 8:30 to 15:30, Chetek Annual BBQ Charity Fly-In, , Chetek Muni-Southworth Airport,(Y23), Modern, Antique, Unique planes and Warbirds. Antique and Collector cars. Children activities and airplane ride raffle. Water ski show to follow. www.hydroflites.com., Charles Harrison, 715-456-8415, charleytango@yahoo.com

August 10 2008, 7:00 to ?, Waseca Annual Fly-In, , Waseca Municipal Airport,(KACQ), Come and visit the new Waseca terminal building., , ,

August 16 2008, 10:00 to 16:00, Forest Lake Fly-In, , Forest Lake Airport,(25D), Brats, corn-on-the-cob, and ice cream. We have 100LL available, and our only runway, 3000-foot 32/13, is all grass. We would love to see your beautiful classic airplane land on it., John Schmidt, 651-776-1717,



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Dale Seitzer.

Guests: Vance, interested in aviation, currently building a Cozy.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as published.

New Business:

Club barbecues will be held in June, July and August on the Friday immediately after the monthly meeting. This is a potluck, bring a dish to share. There is a grill available for people interested in cooking.

Young Eagles second Saturday of the month beginning at 9:00 each morning. Pilots can get a rebate or discount of \$1.00 per gallon for pilots who have flown young eagles. Dave Becker is investigating ways to get financial assistance for pilots flying young eagles. He will share that information when he learns more. Our club flies a lot of young eagles, not all chapters do this.

There is a new program to encourage people to visit public airports; it is called a Passport. There are prizes for visiting multiple airports. Brochures and passports are available in the clubhouse and at all of the airports. This is a Minnesota Dept of Transportation project

The Osh Kosh NOTAM is available.

Tom Gibbons is organizing the work party.

At the banquet we had recognition of officers.

Fall fly-in planning has begun. Leif has placed a copy of the flier on our website – print out copies and post in businesses and public locations. This fly-in is a great way to promote our Chapter and the airport. All committee chair positions need to be filled; job descriptions are available for each position so candidates can review the descriptions and consider what they would most enjoy doing. Leif has the sign up sheet. This year's event will be coordinated with the Lake Elmo city event!

The CAP father's day fly-in will be this Sunday, Dave Becker is an active participant.

Old Business:

The observation area has been completed and is being used

Planning for the building expansion is on-going. A final plan has not been developed. Several proposals have been put forward, the goal is to make the best use of our available space and to minimize the cost. A proposal to hire a crew to do the framing and then have club members complete the finishing.

Tim Pawlenty has moved revenue from the airport funding out of aviation into the general fund.

CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Membership: .

Young Eagles (Dave Becker):

Housing (Dave Fiebiger): We need a converter box for our TV. If anyone has an extra card they are not going to use and would like to contribute it to the club, that would be great.

Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund): Our next ground school will begin next February. We had the Farnsworth kids visited and had another fantastic visit. The kids were well chaperoned and really enjoyed visiting the hangars! There were groups in the morning and afternoon. The kids were well informed about aviation and very appreciative of the opportunity to see the airport, the planes and the hangars. We can be very proud of this contribution to young people who will be future pilots and aviation workers!

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): Articles always welcome. Pictures are fantastic.

Send articles to Newsletter@EAA54.org

Publicity (Leif Erickson):

Website: Paul Liedl

Meeting adjourned.

Program Speakers: Mike from National Weather Service and Arden from Minneapolis Center

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer

Secretary

EAA Chapter 54

Hanger Talk

Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor



MY FIRST TIME!

Everyone that I have talked to about the chapter's work party at Oshkosh has enjoyed the trip. For several years, I have been trying to match my schedule and the work party, without success. This year I was able to go see for myself.

The gang, Paul & Jeff Hove, and Tom Gibbons picked me up Friday morning about 9 am. The driving time passed quickly because we had 4 hours to talk 'airplanes.' A stop for brunch at the "Norse Nook" in Osseo introduced me to lefse wraps. They were very good.

We arrived in Oshkosh about 2 pm, checked in with the EAA Maintenance Office, then found our bunk house. The naked grounds sure do look different compared to AirVenture week. I could see unobstructed from one end of the field to the other.

Navigating by familiar landmarks did not happen, they were not there. After claiming our bunks, we walked to Pioneer Airport, wandering into all the hangers looking at, you guessed it, airplanes. Two of the Young Eagles planes were giving rides, as was the Travel Air. After dinner in town, back at the bunkhouse, we watched airplane movies.

The army cot bunks were much more comfortable than they looked. I was concerned that the morning sun would wake me at 4 am, but the big tree did its part to prevent that. After breakfast Saturday, we met in the office to choose our tasks. We could choose between fixing this, making that, and destroying something. I chose the grass mowing. I figured, it was an outside task, and I would be able to see more of the grounds than if I were to work in one place all weekend. What I did not know was just how much I was about to see. There are sections of the grounds I did not know existed, and they are a long way from the flight line. The nice big new John Deere mowers were fun and easy to drive. There was lots of grass to be mowed, a total of about 3000 acres. There were six volunteers and an EAA staff employee, so we were able to only do part of it. We mowed all of Camp Scholler from the Flight Line to Hwy 41, then moved over a block and mowed halfway back. The fields look nice and smooth, but they are not. I had to keep my teeth clenched, so my fillings would not fall out. Again, after dinner we relaxed watching aviation movies.

Sunday morning was a repeat of Saturday, breakfast at 7 am, then off to the fields. Sunday, we mowed the flightline from showplane camping, south to the Ultralight runway.

After lunch at 1200, we headed home, again talking airplanes all the way.

I'm glad I went. It was an enjoyable weekend, and I was able to meet several others that enjoy aviation as much as I do. I encourage all members to join the work party trips. The work is not difficult or strenuous and it is not just 'work', it is a fun social event.

Paul Rankin
Chapter Treasurer

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Summer Potluck Friday July 18, 2008

5:30

Chapter 54 is hosting Friday night potluck dinners
during the summer months.

Bring the whole family!

Please bring something to cook on the grill for yourselves
and a dish to share.

Plates, utensils and napkins are provided.



Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

On Saturday, June 14, under blue skies we celebrated EAA International Young Eagles day along with hundreds of other EAA Chapters. We flew twelve very enthusiastic kids who all walked away with big smiles on their faces. Betty Seitzer was on hand with her "Kids Venture" activities which was a very big hit with the younger kids whose older brothers and sisters went flying. Also, we again had a representative from the Civil Air Patrol who answered questions from parents and kids who wanted to get more information about aviation options. We also have been getting some new chapter volunteers out to help make our program a success and I very much appreciate their involvement. During July, we have two special Young Eagle events scheduled during the weekday for the PACE groups which we have supported for a number of years.



Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of the month from May through October starting at 9 a.m. Parents should sign their kids up for an event ahead of time by going to www.eaa54.org and clicking on the Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight.

If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the second Saturday of the month and see what Young Eagles is all about. You can also indicate on your yearly chapter renewal form that you want to be involved with our Young Eagles program.





TAXI TALK

{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!

WEEKEND WORK PARTY

As usual, I had a great time going to this year's Chapter Weekend Work Party. It is so great to see the EAA grounds in a different perspective when there is no one around including aircraft, campers, display tents and tons of people. It is a sight you have got to behold sometime. It still amazes me to this day to see it. Thanks should go out to Jeff Hove for driving again this year. The four of us had a good time and this year we were joined by another Twin Cities chapter, Chapter 237 out of Anoka. I worked on the shower retrofit with a 237 member by the name of Gary and we had fun doing what we could do. Gary is building a Sonex and it was fun to talk to him about his project. It is amazing talking to other chapter members about their chapters and I have to say we are a pretty active chapter from what I have seen. So be proud of your chapter and stay active in it when you can!

SONEX AIRCRAFT TOUR

One of the neat things of going to the weekend work party is Saturday night after dinner. The EAA always schedules a nice tour of either the Pioneer Airport or the EAA Museum. This year was different, we were treated to a tour of the Sonex Aircraft Company across the airfield. Now whether you like or dislike the aircraft, John

Monet, the founder and designer, gave us a first class tour of his operation that included all three hangers that he has. One is for the office and design team, one is for research and development and one is a home builders heaven, the hanger where they put together the kits. In the development hanger, John was working on an all electric aircraft. You should see the batteries on this baby! I was totally thrilled with the kit assembly hanger. It was so cool to see all the parts that go into a kit built aircraft just laying there on the shelves. Also, the AeroVee engine parts were there too. In case you do not know what this is, it is a kit built aircraft engine that you assemble yourself. All in all I was totally impressed with the tour and as a matter of fact, that night I dreamed I brought a kit and John was helping me thru making some parts. Weird!

An Interview

On the way home from Oshkosh I asked Paul Rankin for an interview on his flying career. Paul presently is a Northwest Airlines captain and his flying story is something to be told. It was fun to hear of all things he did to get where he is today and it took a lot of determination and dedication. Look for Paul's story in a future newsletter issue and if you have an interesting flying career story, I would like to hear from you. I will not print anything you do not want published but I will tell you I know the members would like to hear your story on how you got where you are and all the flying stuff in your life. Let me know! It will be fun to report!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**The average pilot, despite the somewhat swaggering exterior,
is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy and
caring.**

These feelings just don't involve anyone else!

— Submitted by Al Kupferschmidt