



# The Beacon

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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY JULY 12, 2010.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT. (21D).
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:  
NO INFORMATION YET BUT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS WE GET IT!

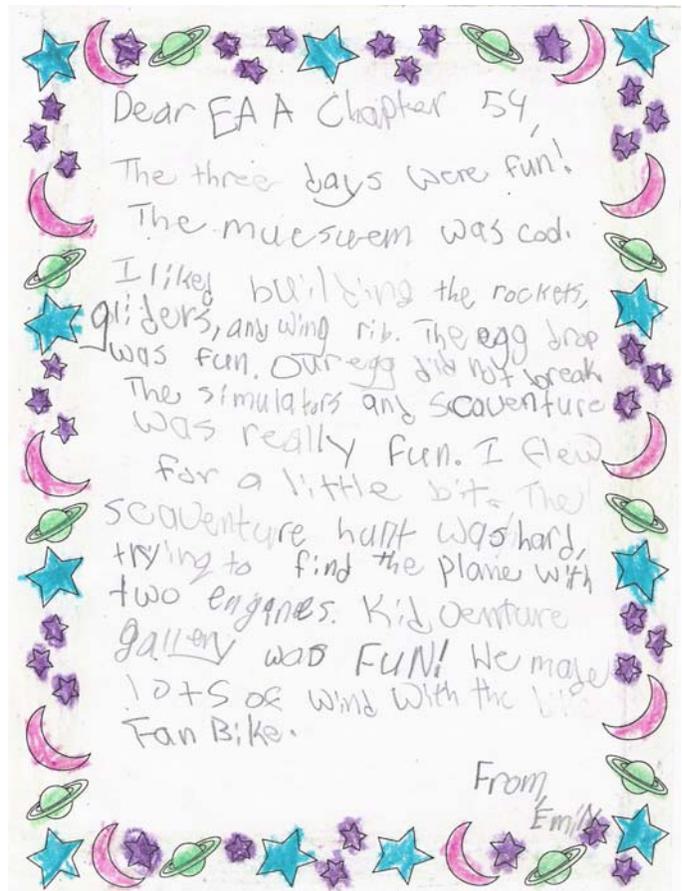
## Chapter 54 Supports Farnsworth Field Trip

*Compiled by Leif Erickson*

Last April Chapter 54 donated \$1,000 to Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet School to help fund a field trip for two 4<sup>th</sup> grades classes to the Air Academy at Oshkosh. Below are three of the many thank-you letters the Chapter received from the kids. After reading what these kids experienced – from the motor coach ride to all the activities they participated in during their visit I'd say that was money well spent. One kid said he was thankful "the beds weren't itchy" while another stated she saw real live cows and horses for the first time from the window of the bus.

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## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

Back on June 10, I received an e-mail from a fellow named Chuck Burtch. I almost threw it in the trash thinking it was another Span e-mail or an unwanted solicitation. But I decided to open it and it turns out that was a very smart decision.

Chuck Burtch is a member of EAA Chapter 486 in Fulton, NY. He is a long-time friend of Dale Rupp, Jim Olson, and Bill Schanks. Chuck was notified of Dale Rupp's death and looked on our website for information about funeral arrangements, etc. While on our website/newsletter he read my column and saw we were thinking about building a pedal plane. He knew his chapter had an unfinished pedal plane in the attic of their chapter's hangar. A member of their chapter had started the project and, for some reason, never finished it. For many years it had been stored waiting for someone to finish it. Since no one in their chapter expressed an interest in doing that, Chuck thought of donating it to us so we could finish it. He proposed the idea to his chapter leaders and they agreed to donate it to Chapter 54.

Chuck will be working at the Air Academy again this year. Bill Schanks will also be there at the same time. So, a plan was arranged for Chuck to bring it to Oshkosh, deliver it to Bill to bring it back to Minnesota. Ed Pfeiffer has agreed to complete the project. We hope to have it completed by Aviation Day 2011.

We successfully held the trail scrambled egg and Brines sausage breakfast on Saturday, June 26. We had 26 guests. We prepared 10 lbs of liquid eggs, about 2 eggs per serving, and 5 lbs of Brines pre-cooked sausages. At \$2 per breakfast we grossed \$52 and had about \$42 expenses. We netted a small profit for the Chapter. But more importantly, we demonstrated that we could prepare scrambled eggs and keep up with the serving line using two electric frying pans. We prepared 80 Brines sausages on a borrowed griddle from Gatis. Overall, I think the event was a success. One person asked if we would do this every Saturday and Jim Anderson said that on a scale of 1 – 10, we ranked a 12. Thanks to Paul Hove for selling tickets and to Pat and Jo Driscoll for helping prepare and serve the eggs.

At the June meeting we tabled a motion to designate a memorial to EAA in memory of Dale Rupp. The reason for tabling the motion was to investigate possibilities at EAA for a donation in memory on Dale. It turns out there are many EAA entities that accept donations. A complete listing is available <http://www.eaa.org/support/giving.asp>. My personal favorite is the Young Eagles program. Dale officially flew 1,214 Young Eagles during his flying career. I can't think of a better tribute to a great YE pilot, a great chapter member and leader, and all-around great guy. Please review the options and we'll bring the motion off the table at the July meeting and make a decision.

By the time you read this we will have had our second Aviation Day planning meeting. The event is drawing closer every day. I think we are on track with our planning and are looking forward to another excellent event. If the weather cooperates I hope we attract about 500 people. We'll do our share of advertising to the public but probably the best advertising is word of mouth. Please talk to and invite your family members, friends, neighbors, and anyone else you can think of. It's a great event to enjoy a good breakfast, the companionship of family and friends, and see a lot of fun and interesting airplanes.

Our next Chapter meeting is Monday, July 12. Hope to see everyone there.



July 26 - August 1, 2010



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Chapter members 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')



Photo Credit:  
Jim Koepnick

For those of you who have not seen the grounds lately, you are in for a surprise. Even more changes this year. Very Exciting!

### EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY](http://WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY)

Editors Note: These great pictures/calendars are pulled from the EAA website, [www.eaa.org/wallpaper](http://www.eaa.org/wallpaper). They can be used for your screen savers!



Dear EAA Chapter 54,

I really love the lodge!  
The lodge was really nice!

On Tuesday, we were building a rocket with an egg in it. We were trying to save the egg so it won't brake, but my brake apart.

On Wednesday, we were building a castle around an egg so it won't brake, but my broke.

On Thursday, we went to Kidventure and to the gift shop! I bought some stuff for me and my sisters. Over at the Kidventure was fun!

Love,  
Michelle

Dear EAA Chapter 54,

Thank you for paying for the bus and the trip to Oshkosh, both were wonderful.

What I liked about the coach bus was how comfortable the seats were, and how you could lean back in the chairs. I liked how you could watch a movie from the small T.V.s there. I liked the foot rests and how there was a bathroom in the bus.

I really liked seeing all the planes at camp, and making the wing rib. I liked making the rockets and capsules for the "eggstronauts".

Once again, thank you for the coach bus and the trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Sincerely,  
Isabel

## **A Short List of Rules about Flying, Airplanes and Other Stuff**

1. Never put off flying on a nice day because you think it might be nice tomorrow.
2. Never put tools, parts equipment or materials in the engine compartment of an airplane – use a cart, table or anything other than the engine compartment for your stuff while you work on the plane.
3. Make sure the weather is calm when you give first flights to friends and family.
4. Know the recommendations and use your radio to accurately make position and intention reports at non towered airports.
5. The only time one has too much fuel is when on fire so fill'er up before you fly.
6. Take your time with preflights and annual inspections
7. Fly frequently—even if you can get in the air for 30 minutes – to keep your skills sharp.
8. Practice something every time you fly.
9. The best way to prepare for the written flight tests is to immerse yourself in aviation.
10. The best sunglasses are safety glasses that have tinted lenses – the plastic lens are better and they are made to be sturdy.
11. The little fabric covered rivet on the top of a baseball style that can be easily removed and it can be a great flying hat.
12. Flying is a skill where one never reaches perfection—we can always get better.
13. I only believe airplane performance figures if verified independently.
14. Know your limits and stick to them regardless of outside influences.
15. Don't forget that flying is fun—find the enjoyment and recognize it.
16. Never fly a plane that is so perfect you wouldn't be willing to destroy to save your life.

Submitted by Dale Seitzer



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2010

By Dale Seitzer

President Leif Erickson called the meeting to order – 17 members and guests in attendance. Art Kidder is an EAA member from Arizona and was visiting.

The Treasurers report was approved unanimously.

Art Edhlund reported the Farnsworth School hangar tour went very well – many thanks to the hosts and organizers. Students, teachers and chaperones visited the hangars and received instruction and stories about aviation.

Dave Becker reported that the weather has not been conducive to Young Eagle flights this year. There are many young people already signed up from our website and future Young Eagles events are almost filled. We look forward to the next regularly scheduled Young Eagle Event and there will be several smaller events during the week. The next event is July 10, 2010 and we are always looking for volunteers.

John Renwick, Membership Director reported there are 143 paid members.

Jeff Hove attended a committee meeting to discuss proposed changes to the class B airspace at MSP. The proposal included lowering the floor next to the primary approaches from 8,000 to 6,000 feet because the newest generation of airliners need more room to descend and slow down for landing. He will keep us updated before the expected implementation in about 2 years.

Tom Gibbons, Newsletter Editor thanked everyone who contributed to last months newsletter. Because everyone was prompt the newsletter was published by the first.

Jim Pearsall, coordinator of the International Learn to Fly day, reported 31 people were given free introduction flights. Valters Aviation was the host and provided a free lunch to participants. We expect next year we will have another International Learn to Fly day because this was so successful.

Bettie Seitzer reported on the Annual Banquet at Mancinis. We turned out great on the financials and are considering alternatives for next year. Dave Fiebiger was recognized with a beautiful plaque (on the wall in the clubhouse) for his contribution to building the clubhouse addition. Club officers and leaders were also recognized with certificates and pins.

Aviation Day Planning is going great—August 15, 2010 from 7 AM to Noon. Volunteers are needed for most positions. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and support our mission and goals.

A kids pedal plane partially completed has been donated to the club. Chuck Burtch will pick it up at Oshkosh during AirVenture.

The balance of the meeting was spent remembering Dale Rupp who recently passed away. The best story was Jesse Black's tale of a biennial flight review with Dale when they flew for a meal and did a check ride at the same time. Dale's favorite saying when asked when he was going to fly, "Tuesday." was all he said.

## Pilots Lounge

**Tailwinds Flying Partnership**, based at Lake Elmo Airport, has new membership openings available. Visit [www.tailwinds21d.org](http://www.tailwinds21d.org) for more information.

We are a partnership of 38 pilots and own three Piper aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. To inquire about membership, please send an e-mail to Mark or call 651-982-6275.



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## For Sale

1,100 lb Mini-size Electric Rope Hoist, 110 V AC, 12 A, 1 ¾ hp, \$75. I planned to use it to raise and lower a hangar door but changed my mind. Contact Leif Erickson @ 651-439-5040 or [lericks@presenter.com](mailto:lericks@presenter.com).

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## SLSA Flying Club Forming...

### 21D SLSA FLYING CLUB FORMING

Looking for people

Then will find an airplane

Organizing  
Jim Pearsall

Phone: 651-494-4579  
E-mail: [pjpearsall@gmail.com](mailto:pjpearsall@gmail.com)



Chapter 54 member Jim Pearsall is organizing a SLSA Flying Club at Lake Elmo, 21D.

Contact him with your questions.

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Thanks should go out to Dave Becker for putting a stain / wood preservative on the benches in the official Chapter 54 airplane viewing area.

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## Newsletter Note:

We have an e-mail list at [http://groups.google.com/group/ea54\\_members](http://groups.google.com/group/ea54_members) .

Members who aren't receiving EAA54 e-mail announcements, and who wish to receive them, should go to that site, create a Google ID if necessary, and request to join the list.

## Aviation Day Drawing Near

As I write this, our Chapter website reminds me that there are only 45 days, 12 hours, 18 minutes, and a few seconds until our Aviation Day Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast on August 15. Our planning team has worked hard the past few months to make this year's event a success and build attendance back after two years of decline.

Listed below are highlights of the June 29 planning meeting:

1. On Saturday, June 26 we completed scrambled eggs and pre-cooked Brines sausages trial breakfast. We demonstrated that adding these items to the menu is doable.
2. We established the prices at \$6 per adult, \$3 per child 5 – 12, and free for children less than 5 years of age. PIC's, fire and law enforcement exhibitors, and Valters guests will also eat free.
3. We set a target number of breakfast served at 500. That number will be the benchmark for food ordering.
4. Aviation Day flyers were e-mailed to 42 Minnesota & 18 Wisconsin area airport managers and to 62 Minnesota & 15 Wisconsin FBO's and businesses. Banners will be updated with new date. Paul Rankin found old wood Aviation Day signs originally painted by Don Carlson with the date Aug 15 painted on them. We'll find a place to use them. Two new yard signs will be placed at the intersections of Co Rd 5 and Manning (Marathon station north of the airport) and Co Rd 10 and Manning (Oakland JH). Our flyers were updated to advertising Brines Sausages. Copies are available on the Chapter website. Members are encouraged to print copies of the banners on their home computers and distribute them in the local communities.
5. Paul Hove reported on attractions and vendors he is working with. He is planning for many interesting and informative attractions for our guests.
6. We have several new volunteers for Committee Chairs. Pat and Jo Driscoll will Chair the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Cooking and Serving Crew, Dale Seitzer and Tim Reberg will share the Logistics responsibilities, Dale Seitzer will chair the Auto Parking Committee, and Jeff Hove will recruit chapter members for the various committees. On the next page is a list of volunteers we've recruited to date. We need more – especially cooking and serving help. The menu addition of scrambled eggs will place a demand on extra manpower. Jeff will be calling YOU to volunteer. Say YES!!!!

Submitted by Leif Erickson

# 2010 Aviation Day Committee Rosters

## Sunday, August 15

Event Co-Chairs \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Tim Reberg** [events@eaa54.org](mailto:events@eaa54.org)
2. **Leif Erickson** [president@eaa54.org](mailto:president@eaa54.org)

**Saturday Setup Saturday PM**

1. **Chairperson**
2. Tom Gibbons
3. Al Kupferschmidt
4. Dave Becker
5. Roger Westerberg
6. Art Edlund
7. Gary Schmidt
8. Dan Bergstrom
- 9.
- 10.

**Serving/Cooking 1<sup>st</sup> Shift 7:00 – 9:30**

**AM**

**1. Chairperson Craig & Karla Young**

2. John Schmidt
3. Jim Pearsall
4. Pat & Jo Driscoll
5. Tom Halfpenney
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**Serving/Cooking 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift 9:30 - Noon**

**1. Chairperson Pat & Jo Driscoll**

2. John Schmidt
3. Kevin Post
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**Auto Parking 7:00 AM - Noon**

**1. Chairperson Dale Seitzer**

2. Norman Weston
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**Aircraft Parking 7:00 AM - Noon**

**1. Chairperson Dave Fiegiber**

2. Paul Rankin
3. Tom Gibbons
4. Dan Bergstrom
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**Sunday Tear-Down Noon – 2:00 PM**

**1. Chairperson**

2. Tom Gibbons
3. Al Kupferschmidt
4. Roger Westerberg
5. Gary Schmidt
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**KidVenture 7:00 AM - Noon**

**1. Chairperson Bettie Seitzer**

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Head Chef**

**1. Chairperson Pat & Jo Driscoll**

2. Roger Westerberg (food order)

**Logistics**

**1. Chairperson Dale Seitzer/Tim Reberg**

- 2.

**Finance/Ticket Sales 7:00 AM -**

**Noon**

**1. Chairperson Paul Rankin**

2. Rae Kupferschmidt
3. Linda Erickson
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- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

**Door Prize/ PA Announcer 7 : 0 0**

**AM - Noon**

**1. Chairperson**

**Raffle**

**1. Chairperson**

**Volunteer Recruiter Jeff Hove**

- 2.



**Young Eagles Report**  
*by Dave Becker*



We are off to a rough first few months with our Young Eagle events vs. the weather events. Three of our events have been completed while five of our events have been cancelled due to bad weather. These events include regularly scheduled events, special events, and make up events due to bad weather. If anyone reading this report knows someone at the National Weather Service, please ask them for a little support in providing good weather in our remaining events.

For our next event, we will be changing some of the procedures we use to run Young Eagle events. These changes should allow us to operate more efficiently and safer. Airplanes will now all be boarded on the tarmac by the viewing area instead of on the grass under the beacon.



We have a new volunteer assignment called the "Load Master" who will coordinate getting the kids to the assigned pilots. Parents and kids will now be handed their completed registration form and printed certificate at the clubhouse and walk to the flight line by the viewing area on their own to check in with the "Load Master." We are looking forward to fine tuning the new procedures.

Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of each month from May through October starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents should pre-register their children for an event ahead of time by going to [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org) and clicking on the Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight. To view the many great Young Eagle photos, go to: <http://www.eaa54.org/YEPhotoGallery/YEGallery.html>



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}*

**Of course July is the celebration of our nation's independence, **Happy Birthday America!** But it is also the month that begins.....  
**AIRVENTURE '2010!!!!****

And boy am I looking forward to it as usual. As is my normal tradition, I pop up my "A" Liner camper near the first of July and look over things to see what may need to be done before the big venture. You may recall last year I started working on it a couple of months earlier than usual as I needed to replace the wood floor. What a job, but it went well and again thanks to fellow chapter members who came by when I needed help. This year I noticed a problem with my cooler drain and some other small additions I may add but that should be no problem at all. It takes a good month of just looking over and planning what I need to do and pack for the trip but it is always exciting. My vacation starts on July 15 and go thru August 1 this year.



I will head to Oshkosh on Wednesday, July 21 and not return until that last Sunday of the show. Below is a picture of my site at last years event. You say, "What does he do there for so long of a stay?" Well, I consider this vacation my most relaxing vacation. No time frames, no bills, no wake up calls, no driving. Nothing but sleeping when I want to, looking at planes all day, bicycling where I need to go, really going to be nice this year as they have a new bike path to the north 40! Oh.....I guess I should say I do work



there but I don't like to call it work, I call it volunteering which is way more fun. I volunteer at the Flight Line Operations directing airplanes and have a blast at it! Hey, that's what I do for a real job at American Airlines, my co-workers think I am nuts!

There is nothing like being at a place where everyone has a smile on their face, are so nice to talk to and loving the same thing you do, airplanes. You if you want a big smile planted on your face for awhile, plan to attend AirVenture '10 and hey, look me up at my campsite, hopefully by Ford Theater area. There will always be a water, Pepsi, or a Michelob Lite Beer for your refreshment. See You There!!!

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying.  
What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond description.**

*- Barry M. Goldwater (1901-1998), GOP legend.  
U.S. Senator & presidential candidate.*