



The Beacon

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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY JULY 11, 2011.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

Mark German who hangars at Forest Lake and recently completed a Rans S7 with a Rotax 912S. He used a new water based finishing system and will describe the building process. Mark is a professional machinist and owner of Aerofab Inc. He hopes to fly-in also!

Chapter Member Helps Another Chapter Member!

By Danny Bergstrom



*Arrival at the Ramona, CA (airport) at 5:30 PM
Saturday June 11, 2011*

" A Nice Ride to San Diego, CA "

On Friday June 10 I flew Pat Norris's Cessna 150 out to San Diego, CA where Pat has started a new job. The ride was a little on the long and bumpy side but overall it was an excellent trip with beautiful scenery and nice airport people along the way.

Pat's Cessna 150 performed flawlessly and flew much better than expected in the high and hot country west of Albuquerque. Even the weather cooperated and gave me blue skies and a tailwind for most of the trip.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

Planning for Aviation Day, our annual fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast is well underway. The date for the event is Sunday, August 14. Mark your calendars for that date and volunteer to help. This is our major fund raiser for the year and allows us to send young people to the Air Academy at Oshkosh.

Jim Pearsall is leading the event this year. The only major change from last year's event will be the addition of Sturdiwheat pancakes to our menu. Sturdiwheat pancake flour is milled in Red Wing, MN. The Red Wing Pilots Association served them at their fly-in last August and they were spectacular. Hopefully, Sturdiwheat pancakes and Brines Breakfast Sausage will become Chapter 54's unique niche in the fly-in pancake breakfast market.

Sturdiwheat will also bring a pancake flipping contest to our event. It will be a big attraction for both kids and adults. Their exhibit will help create a carnival-like atmosphere in the hangar.

So far, we have recruited all the necessary committee chairs. Lynn Riggs – Set-Up, Jim Michalski – Tear Down, Linda Amble – 1st Shift Cooking and Serving, Marlon Gunderson – 2nd Shift Cooking and Serving, Paul Rankin - Aircraft Parking, Flight Operations and Safety, and Finance/Ticket Sales, Dale Seitzer - Auto Parking, Bettie Seitzer - Kid Venture, Jim Pearsall - Events, Tim Reberg - Logistics, Pat and Jo Driscoll - Head Chef, Leif Erickson - Publicity, and Jeff Hove - Volunteer Recruiter. Bruce Olson prepared a stunning flyer for us to distribute to area FBO'S and airport managers as well as local public gathering places. We have several new faces on our Committee Chair roster this year. They will bring new ideas and fresh energy to the event.

We'll need plenty of volunteers for the event. When Jeff calls you and asks you to volunteer, please say yes!!

In October of this year we will elect new officers and Class III Directors. The by-laws direct me to form a Nominating Committee in July. The Committee is charged with identifying candidates for each Officer and Director position that will be vacated at the end of 2011. The Nominating Committee is to present a list of qualified candidates at the September meeting. The election will be held at the October meeting and the new Officers and Directors will assume their responsibilities on Jan 1, 2012.

So, I need to form a Nominating Committee. I think three members would be sufficient. Committee members should have a broad knowledge of chapter members and their individual qualities and talents that fit the Chapter's needs. We also have many new members that are eligible to serve as Officers or Directors.

If you feel you would like to be a member of the Nominating Committee please contact me as soon as possible In July. The committee needs to begin its work immediately.

The July meeting will be on Monday, July 11 with a social gathering at 7:00 PM followed by the regular meeting at 7:30. Bettie has another wonderful program prepared so please plan to attend. Details of the program are found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hope to see everyone on July 11.

Got to Love this!!



Member Marlon Gunderson's newest aircraft, a Skyraider above his Piper Clipper in his hangar! Look for a neat story soon!

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

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



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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, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS:120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

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RE: Flight information....Lake Elmo, MN to Ramona, CA (San Diego)

Airplane type : '69 Cessna 150

1635 miles

91.4 mph ground speed

2 days flying

8 hr. of flying on day one, spent the night at Clayton, New Mexico

10 hr. of flying on day two, arriving at Ramona, CA Airport at 5:30 PM

9 take offs & landings

17.9 hr flying (Hobbs time)

108 gallons of gas

Average gas price \$ 5.50

Highest mountain pass : 8,500 ft

Highest altitude gained : 9, 200 ft.

Highest wind on landing: 20 knots with gusts to 26 knots.

Highest airport temperatures at take off +100 deg F at Wickenburg and Blythe, CA

Highest density altitude at take off : + 8,200 ft

Final destination : Ramona, CA.



Climbing up through 7,000 feet 50 miles Southwest of Albuquerque, MM.

Don't Miss Out on Fly-In Adventures!

With the return of summer and (hopefully) good flying weather, there are fly-in events nearly every week-end. These events are coordinated by local airport pilot's associations, EAA chapters, Civil Air Patrol Squadrons and sometimes civic groups; the opportunity to visit airports, meet up with friends and enjoy a meal draws a wide range of planes and pilots.

At the EAA Chapter 54 April meeting, members in attendance generated the following guidelines for safe participation in fly-in events. Whether you are an experienced fly-in participant or a newcomer, the guidelines are intended to help you stay safe and relaxed. The discussion covers Preparation, Arrival, Landing and Departure.

Preparation – Before the day of the event:

- Double check the date and times for the event.
- Read the notice look for special rules or procedures that will be in effect. For example, non-towered airports may have temporary air traffic control procedures in place. An assigned frequency for the event may be included in the notice.
- Learn the Airport: runway's orientation, runway surface (grass/paved), elevation, traffic patterns, unusual features or obstacles, radio frequency, availability of fuel, and taxiways. The AOPA website is one option for getting current information.
- Plan your route, calculate the distance and time for the flight.
- Visualize your flight and arrival, use an aerial view of the field to "see" the pattern in advance.
- Review radio protocol; practice if you're rusty
- Review standard hand signals (they might be used by the parking crew).
- Review standard airport signage
- Pack tie down stakes and ropes in your plane.

Preparation - The day of the event:

- Get a weather briefing and compare it to your personal minimums; a busy fly-in event is not the time to push your limits. Personal minimums are a decision making tool to help you remove emotion from your "go/no go" decision. The briefing should include the entire day; you may decide to stay longer.
- Pre-flight the plane thoroughly; everything should be in perfect working order. Use your checklist and make no allowances.

Flight and Arrival:

- Monitor the assigned frequency before you enter the field's airspace, but remember that there may be planes that are not radio equipped. "Keep your head on a swivel" is great advice; situational awareness is critical.
- Radio calls should be limited to clear and concise position reports and critical questions or reports.
- Remember that fly-ins attract a wide range of planes and pilots; be alert to the need to adjust.
- Plan to enter the pattern on the upwind or on a 45-degree approach to downwind. Adjust to other planes in the pattern.

Landing and ground movements:

- Exit the runway safely using designated taxiways, follow information published in the notice or instructions delivered after you have landed.
- Most fly-ins have ground crew that will direct you to a parking place; look for persons wearing safety vests, carrying signs, or driving vehicles with "Follow Me" signs.
- If you would prefer not to park in the area to which you are being directed, stop your plane and talk to the ground crew. They are your partner in safety and will help you get to a safe spot that suits your needs.

After parking:

- Many pilots prefer to tie down their plane to prevent inadvertent movement.
- Fill out a prop card with information about your plane; pilots often keep their cards to save time at future events. The prop card also reminds people not to touch your plane
- Consider airplane security. Do not leave keys in the ignition! Some people choose to lock their plane or to secure any avionics that might be easily removed from the plane.
- Fly-ins draw interest from the general public, people may have lots of questions. Every pilot is an ambassador and has the opportunity to build support for general aviation.
- Some people do not know how to move around airplanes, you can help them learn. Remind people that they should not sit on, climb on, or lean against airplanes. Model appropriate behavior and use appropriate language when helping others learn how to act around planes.

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Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For June 13, 2011 *By Dale Seitzer*

President Leif Erickson called the meeting to order, Vice President Bettie Seitzer and Treasurer Paul Rankin were officers in attendance – a total of 17 people were in attendance.

We have been using name tags to help everyone get to know each other. It seems to be working—no one complains about being able to get to know each other. No visitors for this meeting – usually we see a couple visitors each month.

Topic: FAA Light Sport and Amateur Built Safety Project

Treasurers Report; Paul Rankin reviewed the report. Motion to accept report received and seconded: Unanimously approved.

New Business

\$300 needed for materials to complete the pedal plane that would be owned by the chapter. Approval needed. Motion Al Kupferschmidt, seconded passed unanimously.

Aviation Day is Sunday August 14, 2011. Be prepared to help out. Planning meeting July 16 and August 6th. We are looking for volunteers and chairs for a few positions—contact Jim Pearsall. Volunteering is a great way to meet members and contribute to the mission of the club. We use funds raised to support Farnsworth school and scholarships for youth to attend EAA Air Academy.

Dave Becker, Young Eagles. The chapter website is open for reservations for Young Eagle rides. We need volunteers for pilots and ground crew—second Saturday of the month Starting in May—talk to Dave to volunteer. We are planning to sponsor three students for Air Academy at Oshkosh.

Newsletter Editor: Tom Gibbons. Tom is planning on a formal presentation for an upcoming meeting about his trips to visit airplane builders. He is always looking for any news from members or anything related to aviation—even stories or adventures are welcome. It would be beneficial to get an article about member's activities and obituaries.

Housing Director: Dave Fiebiger. Volunteers needed for lawn mowing, trimming and weeding. We need an extension cord for the weed trimmer, a lawn mower and hedge trimmer in working condition.

Membership -- 151 active members

Meeting Adjourned

Program: Jim Niehoff and Allan Foffert from the FAA Safety Team. Sport Aviation Safety Pilot Proficiency.

FACTS: 30,000 armature built aircraft—growing by 4-6% per year. This is about 10% of the entire US fleet of registered aircraft in the US. Unfortunately sport aviation accounts for 3.4 % of all GA flight hours but 27% of all GA accidents. Most accidents come in first 1-3 hours in the plane. Armature built and light sport both have higher accident experience.

90% of accidents occur on the first flight. The solution is to stress positive aspects of transition training.

Why—Loss of control – how to prevent, obtain skills, transition training, proficiency training, manage risks, mitigate risk, aircraft physical limits.

-Preflight: fuel starvation, density altitude, weather briefing, weight and loading.

-Strip suitability, off airport operations, wire strikes,

Light sport options

Experimental Armature Built, other experimental, light sport aircraft, LSA Special LSA, Experimental LSA, Kits and transitioned heavy ultra lights.

Common problems is the airworthiness cert and the operating limitations must be there together (SLSA). A&P must have done the task under someone else who has completed the training. They must understand the instructions from the manufacturers.

Go to www.FAASafety.gov for more information and details. There has been a change to the Wings program. Insurance companies supported the change and improvement. The website has been recently updated—encourage everyone to check it out especially if you have been to the old one. They stressed the improvements make the site more useful and easier to navigate.

The FAA cannot stop anyone from getting in an accident—only the pilot can do that. We should anticipate more attention to GA aircraft and pilots accident prevention.

Pilots Lounge

For Sale:

4130 Gas Welding rods - 36" X 1/16" - I have 7 pounds of new rods I can part with. Each rod stamped with alloy ID. \$10 per pound or offer for the 7 pounds.

Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004 \$50 or offer. Dave Syverson dsyverson@comcast.net or see additional contact info in Membership List.

For Sale:

60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling, and 5HP compressor.

Asking \$80,000.00 or best offer.

2006 CT-SW Light Sport with about 200 hours

Total time. Has everything on it.

Asking \$90,000.00.

Call Jim Michalski at 612-618-1011 or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo

Airport (21D)

E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net .

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door

Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humid stat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank. Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below. Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson permashield casement window. Door 2 3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica. Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet.

Price is \$69,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.
NORM DUPRE 651-439-7688

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Departure:

- Plan ahead! Do not shortcut safety procedures.
- Air shows or demo flights may close the runway for periods of time during the day.
- Departure pre-flight is critical; the public has been moving around the planes! Complete your checklist with extra attention to areas where someone may have "stuffed" something.
- Be aware of the planes parked nearby; consider whether your exit route allows enough room for your wings and tail to maneuver without contacting another aircraft.
- Look for ground crew to monitor your engine start and keep the public out of the way.
- Before start-up, ask the ground crew to confirm your taxi route, and if necessary ask them to walk you to the runway threshold. (Especially helpful for tail-draggers with limited forward visibility.)
- Shouting "Clear Prop" in advance of start-up may or may not be enough to alert people in the area that an engine will be starting; visually scan the area and continue scanning throughout your taxi.
- As you are taxiing, keep your hand on the magneto switches as an extra measure of safety – it is a quick way to shut down the engine should a person or plane move into your path.

Fly-ins are a lot of fun! Take the opportunity to meet fellow pilots, learn about different planes, and visit airports other than your own. Planning and attention to detail will make the experience safe and stress-free. Two final notes; Many fly-ins provide free meals to the PIC (pilot in command); check with the ground crew to see if you need a ticket or card to receive this perk. Finally, one chapter member suggested taking your own pure maple syrup to pancake breakfasts; personally I agree that there is nothing to compare to the flavor of "the real stuff".

If you would like to add to the guidance offered here, please write to the newsletter editor so that he can include your thoughts in a future edition or email me directly.

Clear Skies and Calm Air; Bettie Seitzer: VP EAA Chapter 54.

Chapter Billboard
Special ads allowed by the chapter

LAKE ELMO MN (21D) SLSA Flying Club Forming

Looking for individuals interested
in membership in a Flying Club featuring
a Flight Design Light Sport Aircraft

Contact Jim Pearsall

Phone: 651-494-4579

E-mail: pjpearsall@gmail.com



Turbo Arrow III FOR SALE - Call 651-982-6275

Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three Piper aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. Visit www.Tailwinds21d.org for more information.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](#) or call 651-982-6275.

Local Events

Compiled by Chapter 54 member Paul Hove

The event dates and locations listed here come from a variety of sources. There may be changes, cancellations or editing mistakes. Please call ahead to verify that the event is taking place as scheduled.

July

July 9 2011, 8:00 to 13:00, Menomonie WI Score Field Fly-in Breakfast, , Menomonie Municipal Airport,(LUM), Fly-in Pancake Breakfast along with static displays, air-plane rides, helicopter rides and skydiving demos. .35 off the price of 100LL! , Tim Ward, 715-235-0027, tward@wardaviation.com

July 9 2011, 12:00 to 14:00, Bowstring MN EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In, www.eeachapter1446/, Bowstring Airport,(9Y0), Fly in, drive in, walk in to the Bowstring Airport on the 2nd Saturday EACH month for a FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful northern Minnesota setting. Lunch commences at 12:00 noon., Gene Ward, ,

July 10 2011, 7:30 to 11:30, Winona MN Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast & Free Airshow , , Winona Municipal Airport,(ONA), Great breakfast!!!! Great family event!!!! Free airshow at 1030. airport closed during airshow. On the Mississippi River! , Steven Buswell, 507-452-2220 ,

July 10 2011, 8:00 to 13:00, Hayward WI Civil Air Patrol Fly-In, , Sawyer County Airport,(HYR), Civil Air Patrol Fly-In, Allan Foeckler, 715-634-3246,

July 10 2011, 7:30 to 14:00, Hinkley MN Field of Dreams Fly-In Breakfast & Airshow (CANCELED), , Field of Dreams,(04W), Airshow 14:00, , 320-384-6667,

July 10 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Two Harbors MN Pancake Breakfast, www.twoharborschamber.com , Two Harbors Airport,(TWM), Pancake breakfast fly-in in conjunction with Two Harbors Heritage Days. Pancakes, sausage, coffee or milk \$5.00, PICs eat free., Jerry Anderson, 281-834-4392,

July 15 2011, 9:30 to 14:00, Saint Cloud MN EAA's B-17 - Aluminum Overcast Historic Flight Experiences & Ground Tours, www.b17.org/, Saint Cloud Regional Airport,(STC), Hosted by Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 551 of St. Cloud, MN July 15, 16, & 17, 2011. Gates open at 9:30 AM daily. General Aviation Building., , ,

July 16 2011, 9:00 to 17:00, Eden Prairie MN Wings of the North, www.airexpo-mn.org, Flying Cloud Airport ,(FCM), AirExpo, Gary Krieg, 952-746-6100, garyk@wotn.org

July 16 2011, 7:30 to 13:00, Hampton IA Firefighters fly-in breakfast , , Hampton Municipal Airport ,(HPT) , This year

we will have the addition of static displays to go with the other fly-in events.also free transportation to the franklin county fair.PIC eats free! Please come join us!!!! , Doug pralle, 515-971-8110, Dougpralle376@yahoo.com

July 16 2011, to , Air Expo 133rd Airlift Wing of the Minnesota Air National Guard, www.133aw.af.mil/resources/airexpo/index.asp, ,(), The St. Paul-based 133rd Airlift Wing of the Minnesota Air National Guard is hosting an Air Expo to celebrate its 90th anniversary. This special event is open to the public, free of charge and will be held at the 133rd Airlift Wing, located on the north side of the Minneapolis - Saint Paul International Airport near historic Fort Snelling., , ,

July 17 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Preston MN Annual Fillmore county Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast , , Fillmore County Airport,(FKA), Made to order Omelets: Ham, Cheese, Onions & Mushrooms. Served with Donuts, Coffee & Juice. Adults: \$7.00; Children: 4-10 \$5.00; Under 4 Free, Kent Dornink, 507-765-2582,

July 17 2011, 7:00 to 13:00, East Troy WI Municipal Airport Annual Open House - Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast , , East Troy Municipal Airport,(57C), Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs. Breakfast: Adults \$6.00; Children 8 & Under \$4.00 Airplane & Helicopter rides, Skydiving Demonstration, Homebuilts, Warbirds, Antique Aircraft, Model Trains, Antique & Classic Cars on display.Raffle with cash prizes., Mark Frey, 262-391-5177, markfrey1@yahoo.com

July 17 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Forest City IA Pancake Breakfast, , Forest City Municipal Airport,(FXY), Pancake Breakfast, , 641-581-2880,

July 17 2011, 8:00 to 12:00, Ashland WI Bay Days Fly-in Pancake Breakfast, , JFK Memorial Airport,(ASX), Pancake Breakfast featuring military flyovers, , 715-682-7070,

July 17 2011, to , South Saint Paul RANS Aircraft Fly-In , , Fleming Field ,(SGS), Stop by and meet someone from the RANS team. Get a demo flight, ask questions, meet some RANS builders and see their projects, see some RANS aircraft, and enjoy some games too! Tours: Sunday July 17, 2011SteinAir, Avionics: Transportation time 1:30 PM, please register with Ami Sela at se-laami@comcast.net Monday July 18, 2011Wipaire: Amphibious floats and aviation services, 11:00 AM BRS: Ballistic recovery systems, located at SGS. - 2:00 PM Sierra Hotel Aero: Holder of the Navion aircraft type certificate, Time - TBD, Ami Sela , 612-860-3734, se-laami@comcast.net



Young Eagles Report by Dave Becker



We finally broke the “bad weather” trend for our chapter Young Eagle events. On Saturday, June 25, we had a makeup event and flew 25 kids under blue skies and light winds. The following Wednesday, June 29, we flew seven PLACE school kids from Stillwater. All kids had a great time and both events went smoothly due to the continued support from our pilots and ground support members. The on-line sign-up has been active and soon only the October 8th date will be available. Let’s wish for good weather for the remainder of our events this summer.

Luke Sinclair, our first of three sponsored Air Academy kids is back from his five days at Oshkosh and will be at our July 11 monthly meeting to tell us how he enjoyed the camp. Our other two kids will be attending one of the July camps and will report back to us at some future meeting.



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 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}

HAPPY JULY TO ALL!!

Hope you all had a big “Bang” on your aviation activity that you did over the 4th of July and you celebrated in a safe manner.

WOW! July is already here! Of course we have the big airshow at Oshkosh coming up that I am sure everyone is already preparing for. I for one have to start checking out my A-liner camper to get it ready for the show. Lots to do and only two weekends before I head there! I leave on the Wednesday before the show starts and usually camp near the big outdoor theater on Doolittle Road so look for me if you happen to be around the area.



This is a shot from a couple of years ago when a couple of members came by, L-R; Tom Gibbons, Paul Hove, unknown (sorry), Jeff Hove and Jim B.

Also, I want to remind everyone if you are still around on Sunday on the last day of the show that you should swing by the Memorial Wall for the induction of Dale Rupp’s name to be revealed. This will be a very special time as I



understand his family will be on hand also. Looking forward to it so I hope to see many members there!

Weekend Work Party

On the weekend of June 11 & 12 I decided at the last minute to drive to Oshkosh for a Weekend Work Party that I always have fun attending. I checked with the members in case anyone wanted to tag along but go not takers and understandable as it was the last minute. I had a great drive there getting there around 7:30PM. I stayed at the bunkhouse and was the only one there at first and then some members from Chapter 237 out of Anoka started showing up. I had a great time talking with Ernie who build a Kitfox IV with the same engine as I have for my Pulsar, a Jabiru 2200. It was fun to get to know this gang and some of us worked together on the same ‘ole project: Redoing an old building putting new soffits up. I was the “tall” guy so I got to nail gun the sheets up as they were holding them. We got a lot done and after-



wards the EAA treated us to a neat tour of the Weeks Hangar where the B-17 bases out of. All in all just a great time again during a neat visit.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“A Wise Old Pilot”

Make sure you are Competent. Know that you are Competent and allow yourself to be Confident in that.

But *never* let yourself feel Comfortable in an airplane!

*-Submitted by Al Kupferschmidt
Chapter Member*