



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

JUNE 2008

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY JUNE 9, 2008.

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

PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED BY METEOROLOGISTS MIKE BARDOU, FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN CHANHASSEN, AND ARDEN BERGE, FROM THE CENTER WEATHER SERVICE IN FARMINGTON. THEIR PRESENTATION IS ENTITLED WARM SEASON AVIATION WEATHER AND RESOURCES.

## Chapter Observation Area

*Compiled by the editor*



On behalf of Chapter 54 and Boy Scout Troop 114 of Stillwater, I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Aircraft Viewing Area Grand Opening Ceremony on Sunday, May 18. I think the event was well received, despite some cool temperatures and very brisk winds. Kent Weyrauch, from Troop 114, earned a merit badge for supervising the construction of the benches and tables. — *Leif Erickson*

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*President Dale Seitzer cuts the ribbon with Kent Weyrauch.*

After the ceremony, all relaxed on the benches with cookies and a drink provided by Troop 114. Then a few aircraft took attendees for rides. Member Eric Hynnek took his Cirrus up and did a really neat take off and a couple of high speed flybys. Also there was an Apache there which took up most of the troop members. Jeff Hove also took a couple of people up in his Dad's recently completed RV-7A. More pictures on the website at [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org).





## **FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)**

*BY DALE SEITZER*

Summer is here, longer days means more time to fly and lots of activities at all the local airports. This is the season for pancake breakfasts – I encourage everyone to attend other pancake breakfasts at other airports to show support.

Special recognition to Bettie Seitzer for performing the duties of Chapter Secretary with skill and precision. Her summaries of the meetings and minutes that are published in the newsletter really provide a valuable service to members who cannot attend every meeting. She does a great job in a not very glamorous position.

The Airplane Observation Area Dedication was a large success. A member told me she was very proud of what the chapter can accomplish when we have a goal and a mission.

Thanks again to this members who put the concrete pad in, did the landscaping and then organized an excellent event!

The Friday after our meeting will be a barbeque dinner at the club house, 6:00 pm, bring something to share and have a picnic on our porch. We will have a barbeque night June through August and then in September we will start up the movie night again.

Our next Young Eagles event is the second Saturday of the Month at 9:00 am – we had a great turnout last month and looking forward to another fun day.

Remember to put our Pancake Breakfast is September 6, 2008 on your calendar. We will be having planning meetings soon. We are always looking for volunteers and I will be calling to recruit volunteers if we need more.

Oshkosh work party is the weekend of June 20 –22. Talk to Tom Gibbons to get in on the adventure.

Congratulations to the ground school students – actually we should congratulate the instructors. As everybody knows the student's performance is reflective of the teacher's skills.

In the near future the Board of Directors will need to meet to vote on the updated bylaws and discuss additional funding for the clubhouse expansion. The current plan has Norm Dupree managing the process, hiring a framing crew to do the basic work and members can finish the job. Negotiations are needed and estimates are coming in as we consider the costs of expanding East or West end.

I'll see you at the next meeting.



**EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*BY PAUL RANKIN*

**June 2008 Financial Summary**

Checking Account	\$7,974.71
Cash on hand	\$40.00
Investments	\$7,166.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,181.18</b>

**Income**

Banquet Tickets	\$875.00
New Members	\$25.00
Membership Renewals	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

**Expenses**

Banquet Restaurant	\$894.00
Newsletter & Mailing	\$21.56
Utilities - Electricity & Gas	\$108.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,024.06</b>

**Net Cash Flow** **(\$124.06)**

**A Rental Car/FBO Connection**

A source of complication for many GA pilots has always been that once you land, you still have to get to your destination, and it's not always easy. One car-rental company is trying to solve that problem, with a program aimed directly at GA pilots. Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the biggest car-rental company in North America, has an easy-to-use [Web portal](#), where pilots can plug in any airport identifier and get immediate detailed information about rental-car availability. In some cases, there is a branch on the airport, but if not, Enterprise will deliver the car to your FBO or pick you up there and shuttle you to their facility. The site lists what service is available, as well as car models and prices. Response to the project has been "tremendous," Enterprise spokesman Brad Carr told *AVweb*. "The [online] information is updated frequently as our status at airports change and we are on site at more and more locations every day. It has been available for more than a year now. Pilots like the fact that it is essentially one-stop shopping." Enterprise has more than 6,900 offices in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Germany and Ireland. The company operates more than 850,000 vehicles and has about 220 on-site airport locations.



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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')

# Builder's Resources

EAA Chapter 54

**Did you  
know who can  
help you?**

**Dale Rupp**

**(651)653-1054**

**EAA Flight Advisor  
(For help with that first flight)**



**Bill Schanks**

**651-769-0491**

**EAA Flight Advisor  
EAA Technical Counselor  
(For help with building your aircraft)**



**Richard Marr**

**715-425-0262**

**EAA Technical Counselor  
FAA DAR  
(For inspections on your aircraft)**



## Local Events and Fly-Ins

*Compiled by Paul Hove and other Chapter 54 Members*

### June

*June 6 2008, 11:30 to 1:30, **Lakeville MN Friday Fly-In BBQ Lunch**, , Airlake Airport,(KLVN), Beginning Friday, May 16, 2008 we will host a BBQ lunch from 11:30-1:30 M every Friday through the summer months. Please plan to join us!*

*June 7 2008, to , **D-Day Memorial Fly-In**, [www.WingsUS.com](http://www.WingsUS.com), Saint Paul Downtown Airport (Holman Field),(KSTP), Meet the veterans from the Mighty 8th Air Force and other WWII veterans from the European and Pacific theater. Buy a History Flight seat on the B-25 "Miss Mitchell". Reduced rate of \$350 for this event only! Helicopter Rides courtesy of Hummingbird Helicopters., Wings Aviation, 651-227-8981, [info@WingsUS.com](mailto:info@WingsUS.com)*

*June 7 2008, 10:00 to 2:00, **EAA Chapter 551 Bean & Brat Fly-In**, [www.airnav.com/airport/8Y6](http://www.airnav.com/airport/8Y6), Leaders Clear Lake,(8Y6), (Rain date: June 8th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) Note: Spot landing contest. (Land between the white lines and the pilotslunch is on us!) CTAF 122.9, Mark Priglmeier, 320-229-8563, [mark.priglmeier@mn.compucredit](mailto:mark.priglmeier@mn.compucredit)*

*June 7 2008, 7:00 to 11:00, **Amery Annual Fly-in Pancake Breakfast**, , Amery Municipal,(KAHH), EAA Chapter 642 will host a rain or shine Fly-in/Drive-in breakfast with home-made pancakes, sausage and eggs to order from 7:30-1:00 P.M., Paul Isakson, 715-554-3858, [iker@amerytel.net](mailto:iker@amerytel.net)*

*June 7 2008, 7:00 to , **Thunder on the Lakeshore 2008 - Manitowoc, WI**, [www.thunderonthelakeshore.com/home.html](http://www.thunderonthelakeshore.com/home.html), Manitowoc County Airport ,(KMTW), Thunder on the Lakeshore North-eastern Wisconsin's Premier airshow., Curt Drumm, 920-482-1650 , [info@manitowocairshow.com](mailto:info@manitowocairshow.com)*

*June 8 2008, 8:00 to 15:00, **Bismark ND Buggies -n- Blues Fly In**, <http://www.eaa1008.org>, Mandan Municipal Airport ,(Y19), Fly-in Breakfast and Open House associated with a local music festival and car show. Buggies -n- Blues is an annual event. We have live Rock and Roll and R&B music in the park along with a display of over 500 cars, other events and displays., Christopher Susie, 701-330-2210, [northernskyaviation@yahoo.com](mailto:northernskyaviation@yahoo.com)*

*June 8 2008, 8:00 to 1:00, **EAA 688 Fly in and Young Eagles Pancake Breakfast**, , Montevideo-Chippewa County Airport,(KMVE), Pancake Breakfast (PIC free) 8:00 to 1:00 AM. Free Young Eagles (age 8-16 free). Other attractions., Don Ruther, 320-269-4829, [anderrka@willmarnet.com](mailto:anderrka@willmarnet.com) |*

*June 8 2008, 12:00 to 16:00, **Annual EAA Chapter 307 Fly-in/Drive-in ChickenQue- Homen WI**, , Holland Air Park-Holmen WI,(36WI), Grilled chicken and all the trimmings., Chuck Young, 608-526-3500, [chuckyoung@charter.net](mailto:chuckyoung@charter.net)*

*June 8 2008, 8:00 to 12:00, **Buffalo MN French Toast Breakfast** , , Buffalo Airport,(KCFE), Pilots eat free. Air show by Mike Wiscus. Airport closed noon till 1:00 pm. , , 763-682-5452,*

*June 13 2008, 11:30 to 1:30, **Lakeville MN Friday Fly-In BBQ Lunch**, , Airlake Airport,(KLVN), Beginning Friday, May 16, 2008 we will host a BBQ lunch from 11:30-1:30 M every Friday through the summer months. Please plan to join us!*

*June 14 2008, 7:00 to 11:30, **EAA Chapter 509 Pancake Breakfast - Eau Claire WI**, [www.eaa509.org](http://www.eaa509.org) , Chippewa Valley Regional Airport,(KEAU), A pancake breakfast will be held at the EAA 509 clubhouse at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (KEAU) on the morning of Saturday June 14, 2008. The rain date will be June 15, 2008.Young Eagles rides will be available for children aged 8 to 17.Fly in or drive in to join in the fun., Jim Gundry, 715-877-2406, [jgundry@centurytele.net](mailto:jgundry@centurytele.net)*

*June 14 2008, 8:00 to 17:00, **Pulaski Community Fly-Fest 2008 - Pulaski WI**, [www.pulaskiairport.com](http://www.pulaskiairport.com), Carter Airport,(92C), Military Fly-by's, Airplane Rides, Helicopters, Aerobatic Demonstrations, Parachute Jumping Demonstrations, Raffle Prizes, Music, Food and a whole lot more! , , 920-865-3987, [becski1@netzero.net](mailto:becski1@netzero.net)*

*June 15 2008, 6:00 to 2:00, **Canby Air Show, Fly-In and Waffle Breakfast**, , Myers Field,(KCNB), 3rd annual Airshow. Dad's Belgium Waffles. Fly in PIC's eat free. Airshow act will be announce later, Matt Wagner, 507-829-9608, [mathew-wagner@hotmail.com](mailto:mathew-wagner@hotmail.com)*



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

*Editors note: Please note that there was no meeting minutes taken last month as it was our annual banquet gathering.*

### FARNSWORTH 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE HANGAR TOURS BY Chapter 54.

Chapter 54 set up with Farnsworth Aerospace magnet school another series of Hangar tours by 70 second graders on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer Hangar hosts were Jim Michalski, Leif Erickson, Ross Sublet, and Norm Dupre. Art Edhlund, Al Kupferschmidt, and Ron Voelker assisted.

Half the kids arrived in the morning, on a buss already divided into groups of seven with a teacher as escort of each group. Each escort was provided with a map of the west side hangars with the Host sites indicated and the time schedule for each of five hangar visits, for each group. The teachers were prepared by Jill Wall of Farnsworth. Fifteen minutes were allowed in each site, with ten minutes to change to the next scheduled site. and Chapter assistants helped at some sites so that each visitor actually sat in the seat and moved the controls, and spoke to each other over the intercom headsets.

The teachers expertly kept every thing on time within a minute or two, so that at the end of the last site visit in the morning, five groups were all simultaneously headed up the taxiways for their bus. The bus returned them to Farnsworth school and returned after lunch with another different bus load. The hosts and assistants lunched while waiting for the afternoon session which worked as precisely as the morning one.

The kids were very well behaved. Many surprisingly wise questions were asked by many. Close contact with General Aviation hangars, pilots, and a variety of aircraft by these kids will spread a lot of good will, which will do us all well. We owe a lot of thanks to the hosts who volunteered their time and "risked" their precious aircraft, and to the chapter 54 members who helped where needed.

Art Edhlund



*Editors note: These pictures were pulled from the website from last years event.*

# Hanger Talk

Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor

## Chapter 54 Members,

## The Chapters Aviation Day



Above is the Pilots version and  
below is the Publics version



The Lake Elmo AWOS has now been fully implemented. The station is uploading weather data to the national METAR system, broadcasting continuous weather data on radio frequency 120.075, and Lake Elmo weather can also be gotten by telephone by dialing 651-779-5949. You can get the current METAR on our website. [www.Eaa54.org](http://www.Eaa54.org) now has Lake Elmo's current METAR along with New Richmond's, St. Paul's, Osceola's, and Anoka's.

For those who prefer reading their METARS in English go to - <http://eaa54.org/weather.php>. Lake Elmo's current METAR is available in an English translated version and you can look up any other METAR you wish to get in the English version.

Paul Liedl  
Webmaster

The Chapter Banquet was held on Monday, May 12 in lieu of the regular meeting. Everyone had a great time at Gulden's Restaurant in Maplewood. To start off the event President Dale Seitzer passed around a roll of toilet paper and said to remove whatever sheets you want. Well, as it turned out, for each sheet or square we took we had to say something about ourselves. Really a nice way to get to know everyone. Then we had a great dinner and next was the speaker, Ray Rought from the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame who gave a nice talk on all the Minnesota Hall of Fame personal that have been inducted in. It was quite interesting to actually find out who has made it in over the past years. All in all, everyone had a good time.

-Compiled by the Editor



## Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

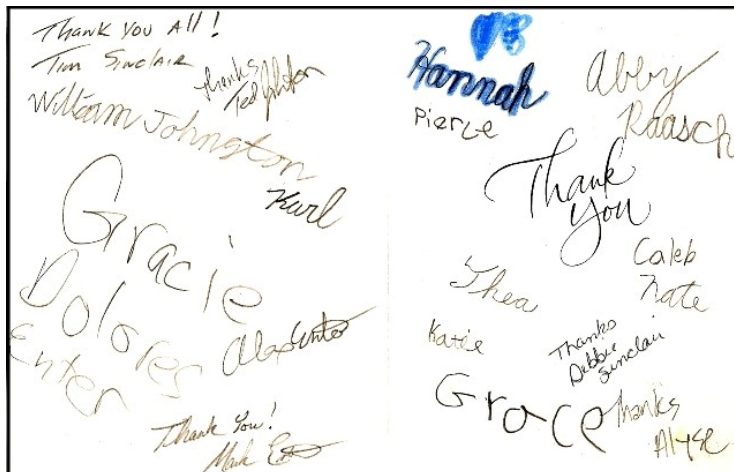
Our 2008 Young Eagles program got off to a great start on Saturday, May 10 by flying 30 kids and another 3 kids on Wednesday May 14. On Saturday we had one girl scout and one boy scout group plus some individual families. It was a great weather day and everyone left feeling good and wearing big smiles. The pilots and ground volunteers all did a great job as we all recalled our jobs and procedures from last year for making things flow smoothly along. We received a nice Thank You card from the girl scout troupe. And as you can see from the photos, the kids had a lot of fun.



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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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}*

### Job has it's rewards!

Some times being the newsletter editor does have some perks to go with it. After a really nice dedication ceremony for our new observation area we all were just standing around, or sitting around on the new benches talking. Paul Hove comes up to me and asks me if I would like to get a ride in his newly built RV-7A. Of course I said sure! His son Jeff was flying the plane that day and earlier he had taken our President, Dale Seitzer up. I strapped in the five point seat harness and was offered a hat due to the sun beating down to which I said no but not a second later realized I would need it. We departed straight out runway 32 and stayed north of the field. Jeff is a great RV pilot and he sure showed me some neat things about this plane, the performance is outstanding. He let me take over for just a little while and it reminded me of a few flights in a Pulsar experimental plane which has sensitive pitch controls too. Now for the fun!! When he took back the controls he asked if I wanted to do a aileron roll to which I said sure. He briefed me on what to expect, that I would feel the G's at first then nothing as we go over. So he did one and WOW was that cool! Just like he said, scary at first then no big deal as the plane just rolls around, too cool. These planes have such great performance that it is amazing. After he showed me a little more different things on the plane and answered some of my questions, I said how about another roll? He had no problem with that and over again we went only he did not quite like it so he said he was going to do another one! He said he must have hit an air pocket just as we went in to it. So over again we

went and I have to tell you it was great! I am not one for aerobatics but this was neat. Al Kupfer-schmidt took me thru a loop one day in his Citabria which was a blast too. Who knows, maybe I do enjoy aerobatics!



### Observation Area

It is neat to have our new observation area and I already used it. After that nasty storm that wreaked havoc in Hugo a couple of Sundays ago, the weather cleared up that night and after a nice bike ride I ended up at the observation area and sat for awhile. The sun was just about to set over the hangers to the north west and the wind was calm, just beautiful out. I just sat there for awhile relaxing and absorbing it all in. I thought this is a great place for any visitor to sit and watch the planes from. I remember awhile back before I became a member that I used to stop in the exact area and watch the planes. Great idea Dale!!

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**It is though we have grown wings, which thanks to Providence,  
we have learnt to control.**

— *Louis Bleriot*, Atlantic Monoplanes of Tomorrow.