



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY JUNE 13, 2011.

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

James Niehoff, Airworthiness Program Manager for the FAA Safety Team in Minnesota . James will be drawing his material from a nationally developed Light Sport/Amateur Built presentation and reviewing light sport rule and aircraft

## Chapter Member Dreams of a Hangar

*By Dale Seitzer*



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I have always had a dream of hangar ownership. My ideal hangar would be an old style wood structure like the old hangars at the Pioneer airport at the EAA headquarters. My nostalgic image would have a musty, dry woody smell combined with gasoline and oil with an old wooden desk, some wood shelves and a big heavy workbench with tools hanging neatly on wall racks. I see myself in a humble hangar suitable for this frugal flyer.

The reality of hangar ownership is very different however. The reality is rising lease rates, increased insurance, higher vacancy rates and deflation pressure on hangar prices. The purpose of this article is to lay out the pros and cons for hangar ownership or renting.

Separating the emotion from the facts in this decision is difficult. It is best to talk to people who own and rent hangars to help you identify your unique needs and requirements. There are many options right now.

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## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

The weather this May has been uncooperative for Chapter 54 events. Both Learn to Fly Day, on Saturday, May 21, and the season's first Young Eagles Rally were weathered out. But we should not complain too much. Things could have been a lot worse – just ask the folks in North Minneapolis and Joplin, MO.

Despite the weather, Learn to Fly Day generated a larger than expected crowd at Valters. There was a nice representation of Chapter 54 members at Valters, likely taking advantage of his free hot dogs. Despite the fact that free orientation flights were cancelled, we still had five or six people show up and express an interest in learning to fly. So the morning was not a complete washout.

Our first Young Eagles Rally of the season also was cancelled due to low ceiling and rain. Dave Becker said we had 30 kids signed up again. But Dave made the correct call canceling the event because we want the kids to have a positive experience on their first flight – one that they will likely remember for the rest of their lives. Flying on a windy, bumpy day would not be the same experience as on a sunny, calm morning. The next Young Eagles Rally will be Saturday, June 11. Watch for notification and volunteer request from Dave.

Our annual banquet on May, 9 was not rained out. The reviews I received were very positive. The food, catered by Brines Meat Market in Stillwater, was excellent. The facility was very nice even though we did not have a private room. We shared space with several groups of golfers. They were courteous and respectful of our speaker by not being overly loud. Our speaker, Ben McQuillan from Inflight Pilot Training at Flying Cloud, was excellent. His topic "Keeping the Right Seat Occupied" was well received by everyone. The topic has an interesting play-on-words. My initial thought of "keeping the right seat occupied" meant encouraging others to fly with us. Ben's real message was about keeping the person in the right seat occupied with tasks they feel comfortable doing - tasks that can take some of the workload off the pilot and make the flight safer. Basically, the topic was about cockpit resource management.

In conjunction with the banquet we also sponsored the first ever Chapter 54 golf tournament at Applewood Hills. We attracted a field of six championship caliber players. Cheryl Hove, wife of Paul Hove, earned the coveted title of 2011 Chapter 54 Golf Champion. She finished with a net par score of 62. Her handicap was appropriately adjusted to acknowledge that her two golfing partners were both EAA members and one of them was her husband. Great job Cheryl!

Chapter 54 received an anonymous donation of a lawn mower. It is stored in the clubhouse storage area where we keep the griddle. The key for the storage area is located in the file cabinet next to the desk in the clubhouse. The donation will help us keep our grounds well groomed for the summer. There is now no excuse for long grass, weeds, and shaggy shrubs. Lawnmower drivers welcomed!!

Thanks for Scott Hutchinson, Dan Bergstrom, Ed Pfeiffer, Dave Syverson, and Neil Schoenheider for hosting their hangar for the Farnsworth Hangar Tour on Thursday, May 26. It was a great event for the kids. It was their first ever exposure to real airplanes and they were so excited. Special thanks to Dave Becker for photographs and Linda Amble for helping out.

Aviation Day is the next big event on our summer agenda. The date is Sunday, August 14, the traditional 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after AirVenture. Jim Pearsall is also organizing this event so watch for a schedule of planning meetings and volunteer opportunities from him. And, pray that the lousy weather of May is gone by August.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 13. One new business item will be to approve Ed Pfeiffer's request for about \$300 worth of materials to rebuild the pedal plane we inherited last summer. Our speaker will be Jim Niehoff, Airworthiness Program Manager for the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) here in Minnesota.

PS Next time you see Jim Pearsall, thank him again for his hard work and dedication to the Chapter.

On February 17, Art Edlund, Noel Easton, and Dave Becker volunteered to help judge the Science Fair at Farnsworth School.



## 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/MEMBBERSONLY](http://WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBBERSONLY)*

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!



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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')



I've been involved in aviation in the Twin Cities since 1998 and have noticed there have never been more hangars available for rent or sale than there is right now. Every airport examined within 30 miles from Lake Elmo had hangars for rent and sale. Rental prices range from \$150 to \$300 per month depending on the features and amenities. On the low range expect a rough floor, doors that do not seal perfectly and rough interiors. The high end will provide heated storage in the winter with nicer concrete floors and better lighting. Generally speaking if you need more than a 40 foot door you will also pay more. To find the hangars simply drive around the airport of your choice and write down numbers on signs and call. 10 years ago at Lake Elmo there were very few to choose from—I remember my calls were not even returned—the owners had so many calls they could pick and choose. The market has changed considerably.

Fewer people are flying; those that do fly are flying less. The costs of fuel and the glut of small planes have made it a buyers market.

Hangars for sale range from the upper \$40,000s to over \$100,000. The farther out from the metro area the less expensive they are – the cheapest one I found looked rough. It is located by Lake Mille Lacs for less than \$20,000. New Richmond and Flying Cloud prices seemed higher. There were even hangars for sale at Fleming Field.



In sports you usually bet against a streak. You would bet that the player would not be able to keep a hitting or winning streak going. In real estate however I would bet the streak would continue. According to Zillow.com home prices have been dropping for 57 straight months. My recommendations will not be popular with people trying to sell hangars right now. I bet hangar prices will continue to drop. Value of hangars was probably overstated. Even taxable values are dropping – 2 owners of hangars at Lake Elmo reported their assessment from

Washington County indicated a significant drop in value. Typically the taxable value is less than the practical value but the county admits the appraised real estate values have dropped. The county tax departments are very aware of the prices paid recently and make value appraisal based on recent real estate transactions.

This is a great time to move to an airport closer to your home if you are traveling a long distance to fly. There are more places to choose from so be picky and see if you can negotiate a better deal or ask for add-on's to your lease. This is a very good time to buy, as long as you plan to keep the hangar for a long time. The opportunities to buy a hangar and then quickly sell for a profit are extremely rare. We are in a buyers market – if you have the resources and can hold the property for 5-10 years. Do a thorough market research and analysis if your purchase relies on a sub-lease or two to make the payments.



There is nothing better than the feeling you get from ownership. When you can say 'This is mine' is a wonderful feeling if you've done your homework. A general downturn in aviation is an opportunity for some one else. There are lots of reasonably priced airplanes available and plenty of hangars to choose from so go for it.



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*Editors Note: I have attached various Hangars for sale at the Lake Elmo airport for this article.*



## Chapter 54 Hosts Hangar Tour for Farnsworth!

Chapter 54 recently hosted a small class of 2nd graders from the Farnsworth K-8 Aerospace and Aviation Magnet in St. Paul for an airport hangar tour. For most children, this was their first hands-on exposure to airplanes and an airport. While the students have seen pictures and watched videos in the classroom, there is nothing like seeing a real one for the first time!

As stated by Joe Harris, Reliever Airports Manager, from a recent newsletter to MAC employees:

“The expressions on their faces were priceless as they climbed into the cockpit of an airplane. They got to pull on the controls and extend the flaps, put on headsets and talk over the intercom. They got a big thrill out of that!”

The MAC newsletter went on to say Thanks to Chapter 54 members for showing possible future aviators the excitement of flight!

Kudos go out to all who opened up their hangars and members who made this all possible!





**Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes  
For May 9, 2011  
By Dale Seitzer**

**May 2011 Annual Banquet Report:**

A wonderful event organized by Jim Pearsall hosted by President Leif Erickson. Great food and a comfortable surrounding at the Applewood Hills golf course plus an informative presentation from Ben McQuinlan and food catered by Brines Meat Market.

This is the first annual banquet that also offered a golf tournament! The winners were: Longest Drive Jim Michalski, Longest Putt John Hagarty, Closest to the pin, Jim Michalski and the Champion was Cheryl Hove.

Chapter 54 Leader volunteer awards and recognition was next, Leif Erickson received a certificate for his efforts and contributions as President, Bettie Seitzer for Vice President, Paul Rankin for Treasurer, Dale Seitzer for Secretary, Tom Gibbons for Newsletter Editor Membership John Renwick, Young Eagle Coordinator Dave Becker and Web Editor Paul Leidl.

Ben McQuinlan then gave a detailed and entertaining as well as informative presentation on Crew Resource Management (CRM) for the GA pilot and passenger. First a thorough review of decision making and interpersonal relations, then CRN tasks, checklists and communication. Additional resources at [www.inflightpilottraining.com](http://www.inflightpilottraining.com).



For more information contact Roger Westerberg at 651-402-8205 or [rkwesterberg@yahoo.com](mailto:rkwesterberg@yahoo.com)

**You are invited to attend  
a Party to Celebrate  
Robert Westerberg's  
90th Birthday  
Saturday, June 25, 2011  
Noon until 4:00PM  
Lake Elmo Airport (21D)  
North Side, Hawker Lane,  
Hangar 29D  
Cake and Brats  
will be served!**

## Pilots Lounge



### **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](http://www.Tailwinds21d.org) for more information. To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:mark@tailwinds21d.org) or call 651-982-6275.

#### **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 dsverson@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](mailto: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

**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

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## 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.

### June

June 11 2011, 10:00 to 14:00, Leaders/Clear Lake MN Fly-In Lunch & Free Spot Landing Event, , Leaders/Clear Lake Airport,(8Y6), EAA Chapter 551. Brats, Beans, Chips, Beverage & Desert. Adults: \$5.00, Kids 12 & Under: \$3.00, 5 & Under: Free. Just for fun, land in the box and win a free lunch! , , ,

June 11 2011, 12:00 to ?????, Bowstring MN EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In, [www.eaachapter1446/](http://www.eaachapter1446/), 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, ,

June 12 2011, 8:00 to 17:00, Rush City MN Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, , Rush City Regional Airport,(ROS), Breakfast: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (noon) Lunch will also be available. Remote control airplane performance, helicopter rides, airplane rides & a raffle for airplane ride! New this year: \$1.00 for parking, , 320-358-4743 ,

June 12 2011, 7:00 to 12:30, Albert Lea Fly-in Breakfast, , Albert Lea Municipal Airport,(AEJ), Breakfast, , ,

June 12 2011, 9:00 to 13:00, Fergus Falls MN EAA 1174 Annual Fundraising Fly-In/ Drive-In Breakfast, [www.eaa1174.com](http://www.eaa1174.com), Fergus Falls Municipal Airport ,(FFM), Dad's Belgian Waffles will be serving serving Waffles, Sausages, Flavored Syrups & Beverage. All you care to eat! Cost: Adults \$8.00 at the door \$7:00 in advance; 6 to 12 year olds \$6.00 at the door \$5.00 in advance; 5 and under eat free., Dave Jennen , 218-736-3438,

June 12 2011, 8:00 to 14:30, Montevideo WI Annual Fly-In Breakfast & Flashback Car Show, , Montevideo-Chippewa County Airport,(MVE), Fly-In, Ride-In, Drive-In, or Walk-In. Everyone welcome! Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast Served, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. PIC eat free! Free young eagle flights for ages 8-17. There will also be a Flashback Car Show from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM , , ,

June 12 2011, 7:00 to 11:00, Spencer IA NW Iowa Regional Airport Flight Breakfast , , NW Iowa Regional Airport,(SPW), Pilots in command free. , Leading Edge Aviation , 712-262-1000, [spencerairport@smunet.net](mailto:spencerairport@smunet.net)

June 12 2011, 8:00 to 12:00, Redwood Falls MN Rotary Club Fly-In Breakfast, , Redwood Falls Airport,(RWF),

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice/Milk/Coffee - \$6.00 PILOTS EAT FREE! For breakfast information, Air Show at 12:00 PM (noon) - Free Mike Niccum in Staudacher S 300D, Dick Schultz in Pitts S2B Featuring Aerobatic Drag Racing! , , 507-430-5161,

June 17 2011, 8:30 to 18:00, St. Cloud MN EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast is Coming, [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org), Saint Cloud Regional Airport,(STC), Who: Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast". What: Historic Flight Experiences and Ground Tours. Where: St. Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC) General Aviation Building. When: July 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2011. Gates open @9:30 a.m. each day. Click web page for additional information and advance booking discounts:, Mark L. Priglmeier, 320-229-8563, [notam@eaa551.org](mailto:notam@eaa551.org)

June 18 2011, 7:30 to 11:00, Moose Lake MN Lake Air Flying Club Annual Fly In Pancake Breakfast, , Moose Lake Carlton County Airport,(MZH), Annual Fly In Pancake Breakfast. PIC eat free, Larry Peterson, 218-485-4441,

June 18 2011, to , Wadena MN Wing Over Wadena, , Wadena Municipal Airport,(ADC), Area Community Day and Open House Come and Support Wadena Area Tornado Recovery Efforts , Kent Noordell, 218-639-0335, [knordell@brainerd.net](mailto:knordell@brainerd.net)

June 19 2011, 8:00 to 13:00, Lake Elmo MN Annual Fathers Day Pancake Breakfast St. Croix Squadron - Civil Air Patrol, [stcroix.mncap.org/](http://stcroix.mncap.org/), Lake Elmo Airport,(21D), Lake Elmo Airport Hangar 39E. Per plate: Adults \$7.00; Kids 4-12 \$4.00, Kids under 4 eat free! Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice & coffee. Silent auction, Displays, kids fun & more! , , , : [pao-stx-cap@comcast.net](mailto:pao-stx-cap@comcast.net)

June 19 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Stanton MN Father's Day Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, [www.stantonairfield.com](http://www.stantonairfield.com), Stanton Airfield ,(SYN), Come see many classic aircraft, gliders, and Light Sport Aircraft (LSA). R/C display. Plenty of parking. Picnic area, playground, 2 wide grass strips. Please use radio 122.8. Donations appreciated to help maintain the airfield for future generations. , Kent Johnson , 507-645-4030,

June 19 2011, 8:00 to 12:00, Hutchinson MN Fly-In Pancake Breakfast, , Hutchinson Municipal Airport,(HCD), PIC Free, , 320-587-3802,



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



**Saturday, June 11, is/was EAA's International Young Eagles Day.**

So far this year we have flown only one Young Eagle up through the end of May. Our first regularly scheduled event on May 14 was cancelled due to low clouds and winds. Most all the kids who could not fly in May have signed up for other dates during the summer. Hopefully our June event will have perfect weather. We also have a small group of eight PLACE kids signed up for June 22 on a Wednesday morning.

The Farnsworth schools Hangar Tours were held on May 26 under beautiful blue skies. Many thanks to all those EAA 54 members who helped make this yearly event a great success. The kids all came with questions to ask the pilots who opened their hanger for the tour. It was so much fun to listen to them and see their eagerness to learn more about airplanes. There were 110 kids from the 4th grade class who attended this year's event. The photos below are from the hangar tours.



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}*

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all the Dads of the chapter with hopes of you all getting the great gift of flight and or time for flight.**

**Bits and Pieces from the Members:**

**There will be coffee and rolls available at the Osceola, WI airport ( KOEO ) EVERY Saturday morning from 9:00 AM till 12:00 noon for the rest of the summer.**

I just happened to stop in Saturday ( May 28 ) morning and met Woody Minar and Shelley Budke of *Osceola Aerosport* for the first time. They are encouraging pilots to fly in and have coffee and a roll with them . I had a nice visit with Woody, Shelley and some of the local Osceola airport guys and also got to hear some new flying stories!

Thanks, Dan Bergstrom

Mark your calendars, our Aviation Day planning meeting will be June 7th 7 PM at the club house. If you are now, or would like to be a committee char, please try and attend this meeting. Additional planning meetings are scheduled (as required) for Saturday morning June 18th at 10 AM, Tuesday evening June 28, Saturday July 16th and August 6th.

Look for agendas ahead of each.

I look forward with your help to another successful Aviation Day August 14th.

Jim Pearsall  
 EAA Chapter 54 Events Director

Please welcome Adam Reinke to the chapter. Adam is a UND student from Oakdale. He's a private pilot, likes vintage aircraft and warbirds, getting people involved in aviation, and anything outdoors.

And, Neil Schoenheider joined the chapter during our ground school last night. Neil is a pilot with single- and multi-engine and instrument ratings. He is a member of the Tailwinds flying club and has been flying his pretty white and blue Acroduster for the last couple of years.

Neil lives in Stillwater, is retired, likes sailing, flying and restoring old cars. You may have seen his Citroen or Jaguar XK-E around the airport.

Make Adam & Neil feel at home if you see them around the airport!

Best Regards,  
 John Renwick  
 EAA54 Membership Coordinator

Chapter 54 is doing many things right. My suggestions are intended to reinforce the good things the chapter is doing -- some additional ideas and/with the understanding that balance is essential -- we need to promote aviation without burning out the people who contribute so much to this chapter.

1. Outreach: we need to do everything we can to get people into the air and support those who are pilots so they stay pilots.

-- The Y.E. program is fantastic -- keep it going & possibly find ways to follow up with riders who demonstrate interest.

-- The airport based events chapter 54 supports are important -- particularly when there are opportunities for non-pilots to get rides and community [?] to see what aviation is about.

2. Safety: One Oop-oop does away with a log of "atta-boys"

-- Support & enhance the flight counselor and tech counselor programs

-- This may seem a little radical to some, but is there any reason we cannot promote tech counselor involvement in continued aircraft maintenance for E.M.B.[?] aircraft repairmen?

-- Same for flight counselor involvement

-- Make damn sure the Y.E. program stays safe.

-- Is there any way non-instructors & non-A&Ps can help?  
 -Dave Syverson

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***Always Remember - A good landing in a bad place is generally more survivable than a bad landing in a good place***

***- Taken from chapter member Paul Rankin after discussion on the group about how to make an emergency landing with engine loss.***