



The Beacon

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY MARCH 8, 2010.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
- To Be Announced! Please contact the Chapter Vice-President for information.



**International
Learn to Fly Day
is May 15th,
2010!**

"If every pilot or EAA member introduced one or two people to aviation, not only would that help to preserve aviation but it would also grow exponentially," said EAA's Ron Wagner, manager of field operations who is heading EAA's efforts for International Learn to Fly Day.

Chapter 54 is actively promoting and planning events for International Learn to Fly Day. We will be reaching out to the community to promote the event and aviation instruction in general. EAA has partnered with AOPA, NAFI, and others for this event.

What Can I do?

- Bring someone flying
- Sponsor a discovery flight
- Bring a kid to a Young Eagles event
- Hang out at an airport viewing area
- Show an aviation movie
- Wear your EAA Hat!

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

My wife and I returned from St. Simons Island, Georgia on February 16. Our winter-avoidance vacation is over and it's time to get back to business.

First, I want to thank Bettie Seitzer for filling in for me at the February meeting. I understand the turnout was sparse due to bad weather, but I'm glad it went on as scheduled.

I am pleased to announce that Jim Pearsall volunteered to organize our International Learn to Fly Day (ILTFD) event on Saturday, May 15. International Learn to Fly Day is a new joint initiative between EAA and several other general aviation organizations to encourage people to become involved in aviation. The event was announced at last year's AirVenture. Each EAA chapter is encouraged to organize a special event in their community on May 15. Jim is excited about the event and has several great ideas about what Chapter 54 can put together. In his acceptance e-mail to me, Jim asked for volunteers willing to help organize the event. So, when you read this, ask yourself how you can help and contact Jim. With Jim's leadership and everyone's help and input, Chapter 54 will have a spectacular ILTFD event. You can also learn about ILTFD at Oshkosh365 and on Facebook.

To follow up on a few issues from the January Board Meeting, the Board asked Paul Rankin and Paul Hove to review the insurance coverage we carry on the Chapter House. At this point I don't have numbers to report but Paul Hove stated we increased our coverage to the maximum amount the premiums that we are paying support. Our premiums will not increase because they were for the minimum amount of insurance coverage the company provides. This minimum coverage is more than the replacement value of our building. Also, I received the 2010 Certificate of Insurance for liability coverage EAA provides our Chapter. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage related to chapter operations is extended to one million dollars per occurrence.

The Board asked Dave Becker to verify that everyone on our newsletter mailing list has a valid reason for receiving their newsletter via the US mail rather than via e-mail. This could potentially save the chapter money due to the cost of printing and postage. Dave reported that he was not able to contact everyone on the mailing list. But those he did talk to had valid reasons to continue receiving their newsletter via the mail. Thus, there will be no changes to the newsletter mailing list for 2010.

I would like to thank Paul Rankin, Paul Hove, and Dave Becker for their work on these projects.

This month Tim Reberg and I will begin seeking input about how to increase attendance and revenue at Aviation Day, our annual fly-in pancake breakfast. To the best of my knowledge, the event is officially known as Aviation Day and we will continue to retain the title. Occasionally we may refer to it as the "fly-in". My research revealed that the title Aviation Day appeared on flyers and signs prepared by Don Carlson at least ten years ago.

In April we'll be looking forward to another successful Young Eagles season. The first YE event will be Saturday, April 10. Mark that date on your calendar right now. Dave will be looking for ground support and pilot volunteers.

If anyone has new business items for the March meeting please forward them to me at lericks@pressenter.com prior to the meeting. Otherwise I'll look forward to seeing y'all (sorry, I picked that up in Georgia) on March 8.

PS – Tom Gibbons, our newsletter editor, says he could get the newsletter distributed to us earlier if we send our newsletter information to him earlier. Let's send our info to him at least two weeks before.



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

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Before May 15th, think about:

- Put the event on your calendar
- Offer to talk about the event, schools, scouts, clubs
- Promote the event on Social Media, LinkedIn, Facebook
- Post flyers
- Tell your friends
- Make a plan!

Any chapter members interested in any of these or just offer other ideas, contact Jim Pearsall, jim.pearsall@comcast.net.

More information: <http://www.learntoflyday.org>



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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')



Who's Who in Chapter 54?

Compiled by the Editor

Name: Patrick J. Driscoll

EAA #: 0101262

Occupation: Retired

What aircraft are you building?

KR 2 SS

If you could fly any aircraft, what would it be?

P-51

Fun aviation story;

Dog in tailcone of Erocupe

What person/s in aviation would you like to have lunch with?

Chuck Yeager

Describe your first airplane ride:

Frobisher Bay Baffin Island, Dehavind Beaver

What is your favorite airplane to fly?

Citabria

How long have you been a pilot, and what do you fly?

52 years Mostly Champs

Unique airplanes you've flown/taken a ride in?

B-25, C-45, T-33

What do like about Chapter 54?

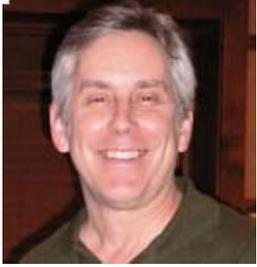
Pancake Breakfast

How did you get interested in aviation?

Don't know. Liked them as long as I can remember

What do you hope to accomplish in aviation in your lifetime?

Have the same number of landings as take-offs



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2009

By Dale Seitzer

Vice President Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order—she wanted the minutes to reflect 9 members in attendance on this cold snowy evening.

Treasurers Report and Minutes are approved by voice vote.

Announcements – Ground School starts 2/12/10. Eleven people have signed up. Members are invited to sit in on any section.

Farnsworth School Hangar tour is scheduled May 28, 2010. This is a Monday afternoon – 5 volunteers are needed, see Art Edlund.

John Renwick reported 132 paid members.

Dave Becker reminded everyone that when we sponsor a person for the Air Academy their family pays the \$100 deposit and we pay the balance.

Thanks to the snow shovelers Paul Rankin and Al Kupferschmidt.

We talked about a thank you recognition for Dave Fiebiger in recognition of his significant contribution to the clubhouse addition.

There are still 10 calendars available for members—just \$10 each.

The EAA Chapter 54 Pancake Breakfast Fly In will be referred to as Aviation Day and is scheduled for August 15, 2010. The serving will start at 8:00AM instead of 7:00AM

Paul Rankin reported the building insurance coverage was increased to \$80,000 and the premium is \$602 per year. We will take photos and inventory of equipment, supplies and resources.

Learn to Fly is a nationwide coordinated event sponsored by EAA and local chapters are urged to participate in activities that will support learn to fly day. We are looking for a coordinator – contact Lief if you are available.

Valters Aviation has applied for Part 141 Flight School status

Chapter Leadership Academy at the EAA headquarters is scheduled for February 26 – 28, 2010 and March 26 – 28, 2010. It is an excellent opportunity for leaders and board members.

Members indicate they would like to receive notices of FFA Safety Team training opportunities.

Bettie Seitzer talked about the annual banquet. Jimmys cost was \$26-\$28, Lake Elmo Inn was \$36 and Mancinis was about \$28 per person. We are also looking for speakers for the banquet – please forward your suggestions and feedback to Bettie Seitzer.

The meeting was adjourned after a voice vote.

Pilots Lounge

Tailwinds Flying Partnership, based at Lake Elmo Airport, has new membership openings available. Visit 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.



With spring around the corner, the MAC has put up this sign near the club house to remind us not to park on the grass when we attend our meetings or visit the area. This area really gets torn up when cars start driving on the grass so please do not park on the grass along the areas around our clubhouse!

Can You Help?

Hello to all 54 Members:

We all were impressed with Caleb's presentation on rocketry at the last meeting. Talk about captivating an audience! As one of the members remarked, we haven't heard the end of Caleb and his accomplishments yet!

He will be traveling to Irig, Serbia, this summer representing the United States in the WSMC (World Space Modeling Championships) August 21st-28th. He will be competing in the glider and Gyrocopter duration events. In the glider duration event, a glider is launched under rocket power, separated from the rocket, and allowed to glide back to earth. The goal is to keep the glider aloft for as long as possible. Gyrocopter duration, similarly, involves a gyrocopter recovery rocket. The rocket deploys gyrocopter blades at apogee and spins back to the ground.

The estimated cost just to get Caleb there is \$3400, which includes round trip fare from MSP (Minneapolis/St Paul airport), entry fees, accommodations, meals, rocket motors, local transportation, and other travel expenses. Each junior team member will receive a \$1000 sponsorship from NAR to help with travel expenses. That leaves a balance of \$2400 that Caleb needs to raise with the help of additional sponsorships, which is why I am contacting you.

If individual club members wish to help Caleb with a sponsorship, checks should be made out to Caleb Boe and mailed to him at 9222 Jeffery Bay South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

His father Don Boe, who will accompany Caleb to Serbia, needs to raise \$2900 with his own sponsorships.

Thank you and members of chapter EAA 54 for considering this request.

Tom Halfpenny

February 24, 2010

Dear Chapter President and Officers:

I don't know how many Chapter newsletters I have read since the beginning of Chapter One (Riverside, CA) some 57 years ago, but it has been many thousands and I feel proud that I've been a part of sharing the love of aviation and its many activities with so many. Thank you so much for keeping me informed of your Chapter's various activities.

EAA has grown and touched many lives throughout our country and the world for the better. The many Chapter presidents and directors with varied interests or philosophy regarding our EAA organization has made EAA a "solid" movement.

I need your opinion on a matter that I'm often approached regarding EAA's logo. Many would like to see the return of the original "round" logo which has long been recognized by many members and non-members. As a leader of a movement that gave life and spirit to a precious part of aviation, the questions arise as to keeping the existing logo, creating a new one or utilizing the original "round" logo.

I am pleased to say that I was the only EAA officer at the Board meeting some years ago who did not vote in favor of the current logo being used. So, at this time, the question comes up as to what logo best suits our organization and its members – the current logo, the original round logo or perhaps a newly created logo? I will bring your thoughts and wishes forward to the EAA Board. **Feel free to contact me personally with your thoughts on the logo by dropping me a letter in the mail (attention: P. Poberezny; please mark envelope "personal"), or e-mail: ppoberezny@eaa.org.**

Thank you for your continued support of EAA and for being a part of my life. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on EAA's logo.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Poberezny

Founder

Experimental Aircraft Association

E-mail: ppoberezny@eaa.org



Young Eagles Report by Dave Becker



Spring is nearing and so is the start of our 2010 Young Eagles program. Our first regularly scheduled event on May 8 is already filled with on-line registrations and other events are getting activity as well. We can look forward to another safe and fun Young Eagle program this year and I solicit your involvement which is needed to make our program run smooth.

As of this writing, our Chapter 54 has two confirmed kids for sponsorship and two other possible candidates for sponsoring to attend various EAA Air Academy camps this summer. When our pilots fly ten or more Young Eagles in a year, we receive a \$5.00 credit from EAA for each Young Eagle they flew, which we use towards our sponsorship of the Air Academy costs. The remainder of our sponsorship money comes from our checking account. The EAA Air Academy is a fabulous experience for children who have an interest in aviation. Each of the kids we sponsor will be reporting back to us at a monthly meeting after their return from camp.



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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
to all the members.

Some Who's who from me.....

EAA# 186879

Occupation:

Fleet Service Clerk for American Airlines in MSP for almost 26 years.

Who got you interested in aviation?

Long time member of Chapter 54 whom I went to high school with, Norman Schwietz. Norman started building a KR-2 during our senior year, 1977, in the Wood shop at Mariner High School



Norman at Lake Elmo with his KR-2

in White Bear Lake and I remember always giving him a hard time about it. I learned what an "aileron" was then and the interest kept coming.

I got so interested in what he was doing that I looked in to possibly building something on my own. I ordered plans for a WAR Aircraft Replicas F-4U Corsair half scale replica built out of wood and foam. I enlisted in the US Coast Guard shortly after school so plans were at a stand still for awhile but I always kept my interest in building my own aircraft some day.



This was how I found out about the EAA and joined back then. During my tour of service I learned how to fly and I read all kinds of aviation publications when I could. I got



into the aviation part of the USCG being a crew member in the C-130's so my interest in aviation grew more. As they say, the rest is history. Now I live, eat and sleep aviation having a home near the Lake Elmo airport, working for an airline and hopefully finishing my long over due homebuilt aircraft, a Pulsar.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*May the runway rise up to meet you gently.
May the wind always be at your back when at cruise altitude.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields unless you are trying to land there.
And until we meet again at some airport,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand for many more great flights.*

- An Old Irish Blessing , with aviation flair by Tom Gibbons