



The Beacon

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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE OUR ANNUAL BANQUET ON MONDAY MAY 14, 2007.

R.S.V.P. REQUIRED.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 5:30PM.
- MEETING AT THE LAKE ELMO INN EVENT CENTER-3712 LAYTON AVE. NORTH(HWY 5) - LAKE ELMO, MINN.
- DINNER AT 6:30PM.
- THE SPEAKER WILL BE DALE RICHARDSON AND HE WILL PRESENT FIRST HAND HISTORY OF THE DC-10 AND HIS PRESENCE FOR DE-COMMISSIONING THE LAST ONE.

SUN-N-(lots of)FUN

Reported by Tom Gibbons



Myself with the founder of EAA, Mr. Paul Poberezny and his wife Audrey

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As I always do every year in the spring, I flew (airlines-sorry guys!) down to Florida for my annual two week vacation to visit my Dad and to go to the Sun-N-Fun airshow to see all the latest stuff. I had reregistered early to attend the EAA Leaders BBQ dinner they were planning on Thursday of the event. It is about an hour and forty five minute drive to Lakeland where the show is so I started out early and was there by 8:00AM. First thing I did was go to the EAA membership tent and pick up my ticket for the BBQ dinner. After seeing all the new stuff and attending two really neat forums, one on night flying, I headed to the EAA publications tent around 5:30PM. There, I was treated to a nice bratwurst meal. When I was looking for a seat I heard my name being called and turned around and there was Scott Olson along with his dad Tom.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

The Pancake Breakfast season is upon us. We are in the process of updating a list of fly-ins to the EAA Chapter 54 web page. It is a table of all of the fly-ins for the five state area and is under the Events link.



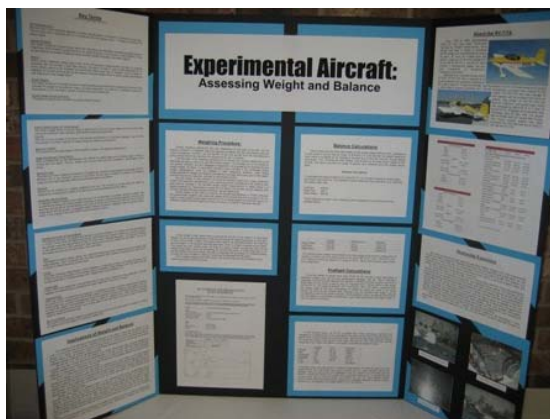
The Air Force Thunderbirds will be in Davenport, Iowa (6/2-6/3) and Minot, North Dakota (9/8)



The Navy Blue Angels will be in La Crosse, Wisconsin (5/19-5/20) and Fargo, North Dakota (6/16-6/17) this summer.



I have been mentoring Mark Swift a senior at Stillwater High School who wishes to pursue a college degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He represented Stillwater High School at the Honors Mentor Connection Banquet at the Hennepin Technical College and posed with me in front of his poster display on Assessing Aircraft Weight and Balance.



The Chapter Banquet will replace the monthly meeting on Monday the 14th of May. Here is a link to the banquet web page. www.eaa54.org/2007%20Banquet.html

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

BY PAUL RANKIN

March 2007 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$	8,786.32
Cash on hand	\$	40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,364.86</u>
Total	\$	15,191.18

Income

Donations	\$	50.00
Calendar Sales	\$	60.00
Banquet Tickets	\$	363.00
EAA National Member Rebate	\$	40.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$	763.00

Expenses

Ground School	\$	14.15
Banquet Expenses	\$	256.16
Newsletter & Mailing	\$	43.34
Utilities - Electricity	\$	23.22
<u>Utilities - Gas</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>110.17</u>
Total	\$	447.04

Net Cash Flow \$ **315.96**

Hempler's High flight Heritage

A long time member of EAA CH54, Harold E. Hempler jr. passed away April 28, 2007. Harold, Young Eagle Pilot No. 9062 treated 30 youngsters to the same high flight experience he experienced many years ago.

Harold's bid at a charity auction won him an Airplane ride 25 years ago. I delivered his prize, his first plane ride. About 10 years ago, after moving into town, I invited my new neighbors for a visit. The husband noted to his wife a picture on my wall of a 7EC Champ and commented that it was the plane he had his first ride in. I looked at him in surprise. We checked my logs and sure enough there he was. He informed me that he now had his license, and a C172, a hangar at 21D Lake Elmo, and his daughter had her pilot's license. He commented on the large expense I had got him into. Being friendly neighbors we agreed I could work off that debt by frequently exercising his plane. His wit, generosity, and friendliness will live forever with those who knew him, including those 30 Young Eagles

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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
TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

HANGER TALK

COMPILED BY THE EDITOR

As a new member of Chapter 54 since November 2006, I had the opportunity to join other members of 54 on a weekend work party to Oshkosh. It truly was a learning experience from learning how to install windows in a existing building, and removing kitchen cabinets and interior walls, to a tour of the EAA Air Museum by our own private guide, I learned about aviation from the time of The Wright Brothers flight to the present, I also was amazed that the EAA maintains 1900 acres of land and over 200 buildings at Oshkosh. Our volunteer work was very much appreciated, The food at the dining hall was very good and plentiful. It was a great experience and I hope that other members of Chapter 54 will have the opportunity to volunteer for the EAA Weekend Work Party in the future.

By EAA Chapter 54 member
Jim Buggert

Editors note:

Jim joined fellow Chapter 54 members, President Paul Hove and his son Jeff Hove, Lifetime 54 member Jesse Black who is 77, Jeff Osbeck and his nephew Mike Ellstrom and myself, Tom Gibbons on this yearly venture to Oshkosh. Paul, Jeff, Jesse, Jim and myself road in Jeff Hove's van while Jeff Osbeck and Mike drove in Jeff's car. We stopped at the usual Norske Nook restaurant in Osseo for lunch on Friday and then arrived in Oshkosh around 3PM. After a little tour of Pioneer Airport, to which we witnessed an usual funeral via the Glastar Young Eagle aircraft, we headed to China King near the field for some nice Chinese buffet. Jeff and Mike arrived later after we had just gotten back to the Bunk House. We were split up in three groups the next day with Jim and Paul together and Tom, Jeff and Jesse together and then Jeff and Mike. We each had separate tasks to do and that was appreciated when we had some great food served to us for breakfast, lunch and dinner. All in all, great weather to work in and a great time!

To 21D Westside Hangar occupants:

Jill Wall of Farnsworth Aerospace Elementary school in St.Paul asked if we could repeat the so successful hangar tours at 21D in May of 2007. In May 2006 we accommodated about 90 seven year old students in a two hour event at 10:00am and another at 1:00pm.

The kids were divided into groups of six to seven, each with a teacher escort. Each group visit was timed at 15 minutes and 10 minutes was allowed to travel to the next assigned hangar site. In 2006 event we limited the sites to the north side hangars. I thought we might do the west side in 2007. The event will be on a weekday because it is a public school event and school busses are involved.

We are looking for half a dozen west side volunteer hosts who are willing to show off their hangar activity to these amazingly bright and eager to learn second graders. Lets show them what General Aviation is all about. A variety of activities would show them.

Adhering to a tight schedule went surprisingly well last year. I was advised by one of the teachers that they operate that way every day. The weather for the 2006 tour

Was awful-cold, windy and wet. The tourists didn't notice! I would specially appreciate any suggestions to improve on our first event. More than 50 of last year's students Wrote thank you cards. Email me at aedhlund@hotmail.com. Or call me at 651-439-5912.

Art Edhlund

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Most of you know these two from when they were with the chapter and also Tom had a hanger on the field with an Ercoupe which Scott flew often. It was great to visit with both these guys and Scott has taken the job of president of a brand new chapter in Iowa which I will pass along the number in a future issue.



Tom Olson with his son Scott and Tom G.

Later Art Edhlund, form Chapter 54, arrived with his son and joined us at our table.



Art Edhlund and Tom Gibbons

After dinner we were treated with the regular nice speeches from all the wonderful head people of EAA and the staff who attended all introduced themselves. What was really neat was the main speaker, Paul Poberezny whom attended with his wife Audrey. Paul gave a great speech about how he began EAA and how Audrey used a really old typewriter to produce the first newslet-

-ter to get out the information he was trying to convey to all his friends. He said it was tough going at first but then things started to happen fast and compared how things look now. He finished his speech in such a great way.



He said this: **“Audrey and I are millionaires, we have a million EAA friends!”** Needless to say this drew a standing ovation that lasted very long. Then they had a couple of neat drawings and one of the big ones was for a complete set of Sport Aviation DVD's of the magazine starting all the way from 1953-2004. To our astonishment, Art Edhlund won one of two possible drawings. What a great score and he even had Paul autograph it so now it will be even more valuable. Paul and Audrey stayed around to meet everyone and autograph anything people had. It was a great way to end the day at the show!



LOCAL EVENTS

Compiled by EAA Chapter 54

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

May

May 19-20, 2007, Armed Forces/Airport Days Fly-In & Airshow. **Alexandria Municipal Airport (AXN)** Alexandria, Minnesota. Sponsored by American Legion Post 87. Military Displays, Aircraft Manufacturers, Model Airplanes. Jerry Jensen 320-762-1333.

May 19-20, 2007, EAA Chapter 237 Famous Pancake Breakfast, 7:00am, Lunch-Noon. **Anoka County Airport - Janes Field (ANE) - Blaine, MN.** WWII, Homebuilt and many other aircraft on display. Helicopter/Airplane rides, Model Airplane displays and demonstrations. Evening Hangar Dance Saturday, 8pm to 12am. 2 Museums on site - American Wings Air Museum and Golden Wings Museum. Lyle Perterson 651-653-2063 ly-leap@comcast.net, <http://www.discoveraviationdays.org>

May 20, 2007, Eau Claire, WI. EAA Chapter 509 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle flights. **Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (KEAU).** 7:00a-12:00p. Mike Pope 715-723-6678.

May 19-20, 2007, La Crosse, WI. **La Crosse Municipal Airport (KLSE).** Deke Slayton Airfest. Featuring the Blue Angels. Tess Larsen tesstorg@yahoo.com 608-779-9994. www.airfest.com

June

June 9, 2007 Clear Lake MN EAA Chapter 551 Fly-In. Brats and beans served from 10:00a-2:00p **Leaders Airport (8Y6).** Rain Date June 10. Spot Landing contest for free lunch. Mark Prigimeier 320-229-8563 Mark.prigmeier@mn.compucredit.com.

June 17, 2007, Grand Rapids, MN. Fathers Day Fly In Pancake Breakfast. **Grand Rapids/Iasca County Airport-Gordon Newstrom Field (GPZ).** This annual event is a major fundraiser for our CAP branch. It's a pancake breakfast fly-in that always brings in a good batch of planes. There are other displays and information available including military vehicles and aircraft, homebuilt, model planes, flying books and their authors and many other related displays. Held Fathers Day every year. Note that the Grand Rapids airport also has a lake for landing float-planes! <http://ironrangecap.com>.

June 17, 2007, Cambridge, MN. Fly-in Breakfast. **Cambridge Municipal Airport (KCBG).** PIC eats free (fly-in only) Discounted 100LL Avgas.

June 17, 2007, Hutchinson, MN. CAP's Fly-In or Drive-In Pancake Breakfast 8:00 to Noon and Pork Chop Dinner 4:00 to 7:00 PM. **Hutchinson Airport (KHCD), Ken Butler Field.** Capt. Karl Heisel 507-647-2631.

June 17, 2007, Crystal, MN. Crystal Airport Father's Day Open house & Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. **Crystal Airport (KMIC)** \$6 per person PIC free. 7:30a-5:00p Warbirds, GA, Aviation Equipment, Airplane & Helicopter rides. 763-745-7888.

June 24, 2007, New Richmond, WI, Air Show 2007, **New Richmond Municipal Airport (KRNH),** 7:00am Air Show at 2:00p. Military static displays, aerobatic performances, rides, hangar dance. Pat Anderson pla757@fronteernet.net

June 24, 2007, Aitkin, MN. EAA Chapter 965 Annual Fly-in/Classic Car Show. **Aitkin Municipal Airport (AIT).** Wildrice pancake breakfast, brat/burger lunch. 218-297-4104 miknjake@aitkin.com www.aitkinaviation.com

June 24, 2007, Fairmont, MN, Lion's Fly-in Breakfast, **Fairmont Municipal Airport (KFRM),** 8am-12pm. Pancakes, Sausage and Eggs.

July

July 1, 2007, Winona, MN. Winona Max Conrad Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast and Free Airshow, Breakfast 7:30a-11:45a, **Winona Municipal Airport-Max Conrad Field (ONA).** PIC Eat Free. Kids Events! Enjoy breakfast in wonderful Winona on the Mississippi River! Steven Buswell (507) 452-2220 or funnsky@hbc.com

July 7, 2007, Superior, WI, EAA Chapter 272 Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, **Superior Bong Airport,** 8am to 11am. John Shallow, 218-729-7764, www.eaa272.org

July 10-11, 2007, Saint Cloud, MN. EAA's Aluminum Overcast B-17 Rides/Ground Tours. **St Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC),** 9:30a-6:00p. Reservations/info: www.b17.org Sponsored by EAA Chapter 551. Mark Priglmeier 320-229-8563 mark.priglmeier@mn.compucredit.com

July 14, Cook MN. Fly-In Breakfast and Lunch. **Raymond Hill Cook Municipal Airport (KCQM)** 8:30a-2:00p. Pilot door prize, Young Eagle Rides. For more information contact Cook Municipal Airport at (218) 666-9931

July 15, 2007, Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Annual Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast 7:00a-12:00p. **Grantsburg Airport,** RGNTS Hosted by EAA Chapter 875 Serving wild rice pancakes, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. For more information contact: William Didlo 715-653-2619.

July 15-20, 2007, National Cross Country Air Races Wichita, Kansas to Stevens Point, Wisconsin Speed racing open to all pilots and all piston powered aircraft. Three events, cash, trophies, awards and scholarships. For more information and free entry kit see: www.us-airrace.org or contact: Patricia Purcell, 903-564-9410 or ppurcellk@aol.com.

July 17, 2007, Rush City, MN. Pancake Breakfast 8:00a-12:00p. **Rush City Regional Airport.** PIC's eat Free. Airplane rides, classic car show, Exhibits and more.

Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2007

By Bettie Seitzer

Sorry, no report this month but look for it maybe in a future issue or at the next meeting!

ACCIDENT PREVENTION AT THE CHAPTER

Reported by Tom Gibbons



In a well attended meeting last month, we had the pleasure of hearing Darren Smith, CFII/MEI, who happened to be in town from Tampa, Florida, to speak about accident prevention. In his well informed presentation, he showed us many pictures and slides of accidents and explained why they happened. In one slide, he showed a Cherokee who was coming in for a landing on short final and a Cessna 152 who had been on the runway for some reason. I believe the Cessna was starting his take off roll. The Cherokee landed on top of the Cessna and they were stuck together with the pilot of the Cherokee saying he knew there was something strange in how high he was when he landed. To top it off, there was an instructor on board the Cessna! This was a typical high wing/low wing scenario where they did not see each other. He provided all kinds of information as to why this happens and why it is important to be watching out the window and hearing over the radio what is happening around you in the pattern.

Check out his website www.geocities.com/cfidarren for all kinds of information about what you can do to keep safe when you are navigating the skies next time.

Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

Our chapter flew 27 kids on our first Young Eagles event of the season under blue skies and light winds on Saturday, 14 April. We had 5 pilots and 10 ground support members who all helped to make the event successful. A few changes in our program were introduced. Young Eagle certificates are now being filled out using a printing program with the youths name in large bold print to give them a more professional look. The new EAA Young Eagles Registration form is being used where pilots need to sign the form prior to the flight. We also gave out blue silicone wrist bands to the Young Eagles with the words "Fly Free" on them which was very well received. All of the volunteers did a great job in keeping the event organized and safe.

Our next Young Eagles event will be Saturday, 5 May, as part of a Boy Scout camping weekend at Lake Elmo to earn their Aviation Merit Badge. Then the following weekend, Saturday, 12 May, is our second regularly scheduled Young Eagles event. If you are free to fly or help out with ground support on any of these events, please contact Dave Becker.



TAXI TALK

{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}



Woops!!! How did this get in here?
Me with the great gals of EAA at
Sun-N-Fun!!

Neat Picture in Sport Aviation

I was finishing up reading some articles in the September '06 issue of Sport Aviation and noticed on page 28 that they took a picture of a couple of our chapter members. Dennis Hoffman and John Renwick were shown sitting on their Cub's floats awaiting a ride to shore. Quite a neat photo!

Painting Class

I have signed up and sent money to attend a painting class just south of Nashville, TN. I purchased some painting supplies from Loehle

Aviation last year and hoped to paint my plane then but as usual things got delayed. While viewing their web-site, www.loehle.com I noticed they give painting classes once in awhile so I thought I would sign up. It is on Saturday, May 19. Looking forward to it!! Hope to paint this summer somehow, someway!

Some sad news.....

A long time member of EAA CH54, Harold E. Hempler Jr. passed away April 28, 2007. Harold, Young Eagle Pilot No. 9062 treated 30 youngsters to the same high flight experience he experienced many years ago. Look for Art Edlund's tribute elsewhere in this issue.

Please Note!!

You need to change the address of the Chapter group to **ea_54members@googlegroups.com** in your address book in your computer. I just did this recently myself!

At the last Meeting.....

A total of 49 people attended last month, including many new people and the speaker. This was more than last month!! You just do not know what you might miss at the next meeting!!

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**CLASSIFIEDS
 AND
 QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

For Sale:

Whittman Tailwind Project
 Plans, welded fuselage with controls, fuel
 tank, motor mount, nose bowl and spars and
 ribs. \$2,200.00
 Contact Ross Sublett
 Phone # 651-407-6449
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**If the heavens be penetrable,
 and no lets, it were not amiss to make
 wings and fly up, and some new-
 fangled wits should some time or
 other find out.**

— Robert Burton,

The Anatomy of Melancholy, 1621.

For Sale:

Hartzell Prop HC-C2YK-1B-72"
 Use on 160-180 Lycoming, Eddy current tested
 500 hrs SMOH \$1500.00
 Can be seen at Hangar 19C Cessna Lane
 Lake Elmo MN 651-773-7031