



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY MAY 12, 2008.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 5:00PM.
- DINNER STARTING AT 6:15PM. GULDENS RESTAURANT.
- AT THIS MEETING IT WILL BE OUR ANNUAL BANQUET:
- Guest Speaker will be Raymond Rought, the Chair of the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame

Chapter Events in need of Volunteers

by Tom Gibbons

What can you do to help out your chapter?

Why you can volunteer at any one of the upcoming events! It is always fun to help out the chapter and you always can meet some really neat people. Listed below are some of the neat events coming up for the chapter and it's members.



Volunteer for Young Eagles as a pilot or a ground crew member. Every second Saturday of the month.

Join the chapter during the weekend work party to Oshkosh. Friday to Sunday coming up soon. Date to be announced. Lots of fun!



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Help out the chapter when we plan to expand our clubhouse. Lots of fun work to do and plenty of tasks to finish.

A most important of all events in need of volunteers. Our annual Pancake Breakfast/Fly-in. We always are in need of people for this big event for our chapter. New date, now September 6 which is a Saturday.



Remember that YOUR clubhouse is open every Saturday from around 9AM to about 12N so stop on by and meet some chapter members. We will be having movie night in the clubhouse with free popcorn so stay tuned for that and also there is plans of having a BBQ cookout on some Friday nights. The clubhouse is packed with all kinds of books, DVDs and videos of your favorite topics to check out.

We meet every second Monday of the month at 7:30PM so be sure show up for some great speakers that are lined up.

Lots to do, lots of fun!



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY DALE SEITZER

May will be a busy month for our club. The first Young Eagle event is Saturday morning, May 10 – This will be a lot of fun. Our banquet is Monday night May 12 – I am looking forward to a great evening and wonderful food. The Airplane Viewing Area dedication is May 18 – this is a great example of what the club can do to support local aviation. Another Movie night is coming Friday May 23 at 7 pm – we will view *The Aviator*, the Howard Hughes story with Leonardo DeCaprio.

We had 2 rain outs for our fly out to the Eau Claire airport for breakfast. Actually one rain out and one snow out – the meteorologists report this is a typical April but it seems like a long winter and I am ready for spring.

We are working on finalizing the plans for the club house expansion. The plan is to hire a framing crew and the club members can provide the finishing touches. There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteer assistance at what ever level you can provide.

Our Pancake Breakfast / Fly In date has been moved to September 6, 2008 because we can leverage promotion, advertisement and goodwill with the Lake Elmo Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity to partner with the community and reach people we have not reached before and establish a positive relationship with the City of Lake Elmo.

I have had several members comment that there is a positive energy and buzz in the club. I feel it too – the weather is warmer, people are more active and the volunteers in the club are working like bees. The ground school is building knowledge in the student pilots thanks to excellent volunteers. The next Young Eagle event has pilots and volunteers eager to share flight with youth. The promotion of the airplane viewing area dedication is getting people excited about sharing our airport with the community. The promise of a larger club house with more storage area is energizing Saturday morning clubhouse chats. The planning for the Oshkosh work party is sparking conversations and planning for trips to Air Venture. Yea, there is a buzz and it sounds like an engine at full throttle—that is a sweet sound.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT
By PAUL RANKIN

April 2008 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$8,223.77
Cash on hand	\$40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$6,933.30</u>
Total	\$15,197.07

Income

Calendars	\$10.00
Donations	\$30.00
New Members	\$0.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total	\$115.00

Expenses

EAA Air Academy	\$911.00
Ground School Labels	\$13.83
Newsletter & Mailing	\$42.24
<u>Utilities - Electricity & Gas</u>	<u>\$164.77</u>
Total	\$1,131.84

Net Cash Flow (\$1,016.84)

Thought everyone would like to start thinking about summer flying so this is a beautiful picture of chapter member Paul Liedl's Kitfox and another up at the lake.



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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')



EAA Chapter 54 2008 Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony



Guest Speaker

Raymond Rought

Chair

Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame

<http://mnaviationhalloffame.org>



Date

Monday, May 12

Time

Social Hour 5:00 (cash bar)

Dinner at 6:15

Location

Guldens Restaurant

2992 Hw 61

Maplewood, MN 55109

Menu

8 oz Sirloin with Mushrooms

Chicken Kiev with Rice Pilaf

Broiled Walleye Pike Almandine

Pasta Primavera with Fettuccine
(vegetarian)

Dinner Salad, Rolls Baked Potato

Fresh Veggie Tray

Price

\$25.00 per person

Reservations

Send to Bettie Seitzer

1451 Englewood Ave

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Deadline

May 2, 2008

All Invited

Spouses, Family, & Friends

Local Events and Fly-Ins

Compiled by Paul Hove and other Chapter 54 Members

May

May 16 2008, 10:00 to 4:00, **Minnesota Military Expo**, www.mninter.net/~blkeagle/expo/, Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport,(KMSP), 5/16-18. Static displays of a Combat Support Hospital, engineer equipment, and many other current Army equipment. 88th Infantry Division museum, Watch as restored tanks crush cars like beer cans! Honoring the Fallen Heroes of the 88th RRC with a Wall of Heroes ceremony on Sunday, May 18th., MAJ Annmarie Daneker , 612-713-3011, Annmarie.Daneker@us.army.mil

May 17 2008, 8:00 to 17:00, **Blaine Aviation Weekend**, www.discoveraviationdays.org, Anoka Airport,(KANE), Aircraft owners are invited to bring their airplanes out or fly in. Join us for some great food, hangar talk and a chance to admire other aircraft close up., Lyle Peterson, 651-653-2063, lyleap@comcast.net

May 17 2008, 8:00 to 17:00, **Mora Fly-in Pancake Breakfast**, , Mora Municipal Airport,(KJMR), Grand re-opening of the newly improved Mora Airport. Cakes served up by the Mora Firefighters!, Joel Dhein, 320-225-4806, joel.dhein@cityofmora.com

May 17 2008, 8:00 to 1:15, **Alexandria Armed Forces Day Fly-in**, www.freewebs.com/kregaxn, Chandler Field Airport ,(KAXN), A fly-in will be held at Alexandria-Chandler Field on May 17 to celebrate Armed Forces Day. There will be breakfast in the hangar and many planes on display. Everyone is welcome! Hope you can make it! , , ,

May 17 2008, 7:00 to 12:00, **Boy Scout Troop 75 & North Iowa Air Service Flight Breakfast**, , Mason City Municipal Airport,(KMCW), AT-6 Rides, Several antique and warbird aircraft on display., Todd Kyle, 641-424-9366 , nias@netconx.net

May 24 2008, 12:30 to 16:00, **Southern Wisconsin AirFEST 2008 Janesville WI**, www.swairfest.org, Wisconsin Regional Airport ,(KJVL), The Canadian Snowbirds will headline the seventh annual Southern Wisconsin AirFEST, featuring the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and military and civilian performers. Visit the AirFEST Website for advance discount ticket packages and V.I.P. Flightline Chalet Tickets., Julia Dacy , 608-754-5405 , jdacy@swairfest.org

May 24 2008, 7:00 to 11:00, **First Annual Ray Hill Memorial Flight Breakfast**, , Newton Municipal Airport,(KTNU), The newly created EAA Chapters of Central Iowa invite you to the First Annual Ray Hill Memorial Flight Breakfast. To be held at the newly restored historic 1929 Smiling Thru Hangar. Aircraft displays, historic exhibits, kids airplane toy-boxes and more. Breakfast - adults \$6, kids under 12 \$3, PIC free., Jim Jones, 641-792-9764,

May 31 2008, 13:00 to 19:00, **Curt and Stacy Martenson Fundraiser**, , Hugo American Leagion Club,(), EAA Chapter 54 Member, Curt Martenson's wife Stacy has been diagnosed with AML Leukemia. She will be undergoing a stem-cell transplant. This fund raiser includes a Spaghetti Dinner, Music, a Silent Auction and Bake sale. All proceeds will go directly to the Martenson family., Trish, 612-817-8988, trish@troyandtrish.com

May 31 2008, 8:00 to 23:00, **EAA Chapter 745 Pancake Breakfast Fly-in**, , Benson's Airport,(6MN9), White Bear Lake, MN Pancake Breakfast All are Welcome by Land or Sky! Weather date June 1st, Kim, 763-503-0161, Bensonairport@yahoo.com

May 31 2008, 9:00 to 17:00, **Fleming Field Fly In**, <http://www.wipaire.com> , South Saint Paul Muni - Fleming Field,(KSGS), Fleming Field Days are back! Fly-In for two days of aviation enthusiasm! Aircraft Parts and Equipment Swap Meet (see our website to sign-up), RC Airshow, a homebuilt display, airplane rides (to include seaplanes), concessions, Pig Roast Dinner, seminars, open house, and more. , Wipaire , 651-451-1205,



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Dale Seitzer.

Guests: Three guests: Bernie, ground school student, just joined. Rusty, one of the MAC employees, interested in building an airplane. Steve, interested in learning about building an airplane. Has built wood canoes and kayaks.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's minutes was approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as published.

Old Business:

May 18th the airport viewing area will be dedicated. This is a public event; an agenda has been prepared. 3:00, local dignitaries have been invited. The Boy scout troop that built our benches will present the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Boy Scout who has done this project will also speak, this represents his Eagle project completion. Would like to have planes flying by and a static display. We will set up tables and chairs, need help setting up for this event so that we have areas for refreshments and people to make our guests feel welcome.

April 19th Fly out to Eau Claire. Meet at the clubhouse by 9:00. If you are willing to carry an extra passenger, please come to the club house a little early.

Movie night April 25, Friday evening "The Aviator" Banquet will be on May 12. There will be recognition – please submit achievements to Dale Seitzer so that he can prepare appropriate announcements

We are preparing for a Hanger tour on May 30th for the Farnsworth kids. We need volunteers to offer their hangars and time for this event. The kids are very well supervised, very well behaved and really appreciative of the opportunity to see our airport and real airplanes.

The building expansion is progressing, considering hiring a crew to do the framing and then club members could complete the interior and finishing. Developing the best possible plan that will fit the budget is the current objective.

We have copies of a DVD prepared by EAA National for distribution to the media. This was narrated by Harrison Ford and is excellent!

New Business:

Friday night barbecue nights in June, July, August 3rd Friday of the month

Oshkosh Work Party, there are a limited number of week-

ends available. In the past we have gone on the first weekend. Tom Gibbons will be the coordinator for this event. This is a great event.

Date for Fly-in Our Fly-in date for this year will be August 10th. Leif is investigating the possibility of coordinating with other events in the Lake Elmo area so that we can maximize our publicity and attendance.

CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Membership: .

Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund):

Young Eagles (Dave Becker):

Housing (Dave Fiebiger): Al K. did significant repair to the shingles on the roof again. There was a lot of wind damage.

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): Articles always welcome. Pictures are fantastic. Send articles to Newsletter@EAA54.org

Publicity (Leif Erickson): We have flyers for our viewing area dedication and flyers for other events, pick these up in the clubhouse and spread the word.

Website:

Meeting adjourned.

Program Speaker: Dave; builder of a Glasair. Brought photos of his project to share.

Respectfully submitted:
Bettie Seitzer
Secretary
EAA Chapter 54

Hanger Talk

Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor

Aircraft Viewing Area



Pictured from left to right: Rick Weyrauch, Jacob Hickey, Harrison Koehnen, Scott Fisher, Thomas Hilpisch, Kent Weyrauch, & Bill Hickey.

The Chapters Aviation Day

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Above is the Pilots version and below is the Publics version

Coming to the Lake Elmo Airport on Sunday May, 18 will be a new aircraft viewing area. The viewing area will be located along the main northwest-southeast runway. Access will be via the south entrance to the airport (Entrance B). Follow the paved road to the north side of the traffic circle, adjacent to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) maintenance building. The project was the brainchild of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 54. According to the Ch 54 President Dale Seitzer, the viewing area will "provide a comfortable and inviting area for individuals and families to observe aircraft take-offs and landings". The viewing area will consist of a concrete slab with a picnic table and wooden benches surrounded by newly planted shade trees.

The project was completed with the valued assistance of Boy Scout Troop 114 from Stillwater. The landscaping and bench building were supervised by scout member Kent Weyrauch. This community service project will help Kent earn the Eagle Scout rank, the BSA's highest award. Less than 5% of all scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank during their scouting careers.

The two funding sources for the project were Baytown Township and The Airport





Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

Saturday, May 10 marks the start of our 2008 regularly scheduled Young Eagle events. Our webmaster, Paul Liedl, has completed a lot of work over the winter to improve and automate our Young Eagles sign-up system on our website. I am excited to see Paul's improvements in operation and helping to make our program better. We also now have a business card and a color brochure to help promote and provide information about our Young Eagles Program. Copies are located in the clubhouse. The first page of the three fold brochure is shown here.

I am looking forward to a safe and enjoyable Young Eagles season. If you are not already involved in our Young Eagles program, you are invited to get involved. Your support is always welcome and you will benefit from the personal rewards gained by the goodwill we are providing the youth in our communities. The volunteers who actively support our Young Eagles program, both pilots and ground support, can attest to the fact that it feels so good to see the look on the Young Eagles faces, hear their comments after their flight, and to know they have made a positive difference in that child's life.

If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the 2nd 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.

Sign Up at WWW.EAA54.ORG
Free PLANE RIDES
FOR YOUNG EAGLES AGES 8-17
2nd Saturday, 9:00 a.m. May - October
Lake Elmo Airport - Entrance B



EAA Chapter 54 at Lake Elmo Airport invites young aviators ages 8 to 17 for a **free airplane ride**. Young Eagle rides are given each **2nd Saturday of the month from May through October at 9:00 a.m.**, weather permitting.

To reserve a flight, sign up at
WWW.EAA54.ORG
Click on Young Eagles.





TAXI TALK
{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

Chapter Help!

I just got some film developed the other day and some of it was from almost two years ago! Below is a picture of my Pulsar aircraft project the day after our Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In in 2006. I left my aircraft in the hanger that year for the night due to some rain storms that passed by the afternoon of the show. This is a shot of chapter members who helped my load it onto my trailer and bring it home. They are from the left to right, Art , Paul , myself and Ron. Thanks guys, it sure made the job easier. Got to love the help of chapter members when you need it. Get to know your fellow members, it is worth it!



see his nice article talking about building aircraft. He mentions why it is taking as long as it is and explains why he is doing it his way. I agree with Bob on this as I have no other excuses for my now 18 year Pulsar project. As much as we want to get it done and go fly, we don't let life's situations at home get interfered with work on the plane. I enjoy working on plane when I can and I am always thinking about the next step everyday. After all sometimes it's journey not the destination. There is really no reason why I should not be done by now but as long as I enjoy this hobby, let's call it, I guess that is the important thing. I sure hope to get some paint on it this summer and after that I will see how it goes. Thanks Bob for the article, it is nice to know there are others out there that feel the same as I do when it comes to working on our planes!

AWOS Update

Paul Hove sent the members via e-mail an update on the Lake Elmo AWOS. It has been assigned the frequency of 120.075. Per Paul's message he says that is not functional yet but by this time I bet it should be up. If not it will be soon. Please note too that I included it in the directory information on the third page of the newsletter.

Did you see this article?

The June issue of Kitplanes has an article in it written by former chapter member Bob Collins. I still stay in touch with Bob and was pleased to

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**He rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea,
he did fly upon wings of the wind.**

— Psalms 18:10, circa 150 B.C.