



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY MAY 11, 2009.

OUR ANNUAL CHAPTER BANQUET:

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 5:00PM.
- DINNER AT 6:15PM. LAKE ELMO INN EVENT CENTER. 3712 LAYTON AVENUE NORTH, LAKE ELMO
- GUEST SPEAKER:
- A tribute to the late Don Carlson by James J. Anderson. Don was recently named Best Aviation Artist of 2008 by the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame.

Chapter Members Expand Together

By Tom Gibbons



This is what our clubhouse looked like the last few years. Many a member worked hard to get this clubhouse to where it has been. Now with the chapter's membership rising and the need for more room, both for space and storage, it was decided to expand the west side of the building. This will give space to store all the Pancake Fly-in supplies and any other materials the chapter uses during the year. The kitchen area will move into this new area allowing more meeting space by moving around some of the bookshelves and the flight simulator. The area in the back and below the clubhouse level will allow us to easily store the big mixing machine and the pancake cooker by just rolling them into this "garage" area. Above that and inside is a large storage area for all the supplies on a nice shelf area.

All construction was planned to match the existing building materials with the exception of the roofing materials. There the plan is to remove the shingles and install a metal roofing material.

Dave Fiebiger had holes dug and then laid out the concrete slab on top of them late last fall.



This is what our clubhouse looked like after just seven hours and many members on a chilly but comfortable Saturday's work. Pretty amazing!

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY DALE SEITZER

The summer flying season is here. Young Eagles events start in May. The annual chapter banquet is May 11. I am looking forward to the summer barbeque monthly during the summer. I wonder if we should continue the monthly movie night again.

New for Young Eagles this year is a free log book from Sportys for each youth who participates.

EAA is sponsoring a free Complimentary Trial Membership Program. This will be a good recruiting tool and give us a chance to show members our club and allow us to get to know each other.

Lief Erickson attended the last Chapter Leader Academy – the next session is September 18 – 20 and October 23-25. I encourage all of the officers and Board Members to sign up.

I want to highlight our Treasurer, Paul Rankin. He does such a great job that we never have to worry about our finances. He is a ready and willing volunteer and excellent leader. Say thank you to Paul the next time you see him.

The chapter clubhouse expansion is going very smoothly. Dave Fiebiger did an excellent job planning the construction and the large team of members have been very efficient and have done high quality work. We all can be very proud of the commitment and generosity of members.

The airplane viewing area benches and sign are back in place to make the airport a welcoming place for the public.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT
By PAUL RANKIN



April 2009 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$8,685.82
Cash on hand	\$40.00
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$7,166.47</u>
Total	\$15,892.29

Income

Donations	\$35.00
<u>Membership Renewals</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$285.00

Expenses

Newsletter & Mailing	\$43.81
<u>Utilities - Electricity & Gas</u>	<u>\$128.14</u>
Total	\$171.95

Net Cash Flow **\$113.05**

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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')

**Please remember our Veterans on this
Memorial Day, May 25!**



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Members started gathering on Saturday, April 25 around 8:00AM and went off in groups to build subsections of the building. These included the floor sections, the wall sections, some sub-wall sections and work on the foundation attachment preparation. Dave Fiebiger was the main person in planning the whole project and he laid out each wall and floor section on paper and exactly what wood would be used for each plan. The members gathered the wood laid out on the plan and cut them to length, then nailed it all together. Then these sections were lifted and brought to the building for installation.



As each section was attached to the building it all started to come together rather quickly. Plywood was attached to the roof of the first section and then the second area was built and installed. A nice batch of chili with chips, and even a piece of cake, was served in the clubhouse at noon but after that it was back to work.



The next phase was attachment of the external sheathing which went fairly quickly. Before the day was done, members hoisted all the roof trusses up on to the building.



Now this is what it looks like after the second Saturday session. This particular work went a little slower than last time as many measurements had to be made to keep things square. Getting the rafters square out and installed correctly took awhile. Even so, there still were some minor problems that popped up that made attaching the roof sheathing a little tedious. Things did come together though and the members completed what they needed to get done.



There still is much work to be done yet. When the new roof goes on, all the interior insulation and sheetrock will be attached and some other tasks that need to be completed will be accomplished. All in all, the members involved in this expansion project did a magnificent job in just two Saturday work sessions. As stated earlier, there much to be done so if you can help out in any way it would be very much appreciated. Check out:

<http://www.eaa54.org/Photo%20Gallery/Club%20House%20Expanse%20I/index.htm> for many more pictures of the project.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

By Bettie Seitzer

Called to order at 7:37 by President Dale Seitzer

Visitors: Tim Roska flies as a member of a flying club out of Osceola; he flies a Citabria. He trained at Valters and just acquired a Sonnex kit and will be beginning construction.

Secretary's report approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report approved as published in the newsletter.

Old Business:

We have a property inventory notebook in the clubhouse.

Please use this to track club owned equipment.

Building weekend is April 25th. The following weekend will be the rain date for that event. Members are asked to volunteer and bring along saw horses, tools, ladders. We also need volunteers to help with the potluck lunch. Food and beverages will be provided.

The membership welcoming committee is still working on developing ideas for making visitors and new members feel welcome.

Model planes on display in the clubhouse should be registered in the notebook on the front table. Include the type of plane, who built it, any other history or information. Also, if you bring in a plane be sure to indicate whether you are donating or loaning the item.

We need to know if people expect to get this backs.

The Air National Guard Museum is looking for support through petitions and letters. We will use Jim Anderson's letter and ask members who are interested to sign it indicating their support.

Weekend work party at Oshkosh will be set up – the first date available is May 16th, next available date is May 30th.

Banquet will be held on May 11th. There will be a contest, awards presentation, and a lot of fun. This year we will hold the event at the Lake Elmo Inn Conference Center. Invitations will be sent and a notice will be included in the newsletter and on the website.

New Business:

Looking for the remote control for the television, it may have been put away. We need to change the programming on the TV and that can only be done with the remote control.

We got new office chairs that were donated for the President and Vice President.

Joe Harris is the new manager for the Lake Elmo Airport – we are going to try to get him here as a speaker so that we can meet him. He teaches a post-secondary

class on airport management. We would like to have a chance to meet him and let him meet us.

Young Eagles (Dave Becker): We are sponsoring two 13 year olds: Ryan Gunderson and Tim Tomlinson for the Air Academy camp in June. We get credits for every young eagle flight and these credits can be used toward camp tuition. The credit increased this year so we are getting \$725.00 in credit that we can use towards camp.

Ryan is the nephew of a club member and is a real airplane nut! He has been to Oshkosh at least 8 times and is very excited about attending the camp.

Getting close to our first weekend and our first event is May 9th and we already have 30 kids signed up. June 13th already has 23 kids signed up. Our maximum is 30 kids based on the number of pilots and the time slot that we have available. We are trying to make it clear to people that they must sign up ahead of time. We do not turn away walk-ins, but we do want to encourage people to sign up so that there is a time slot available for them.

Gatis offers a 10% fuel discount for any pilots flying Young Eagles.

Starting this summer all young eagles will be getting a log book and free access to the on-line ground school complements of Sporty's aviation.

On April 28th Art and Dave will be hosting a Boy Scout troop working on their merit badge. They will meet at Valters and see a plane and the computers

Flying Start and Education (Art Edhlund):

Ground school is just about done – review and final exam remain. There are about 7 people finishing the course

Housing (Dave Fiebiger):

Dave got material bids from 3 suppliers; ABC will provide delivery including small loads if we need a few things during the construction project. Their service is superior to other suppliers. Materials will be delivered on the 24th.

We will have two framing guns and air compressors that will make the work go quickly. Two teams will build frame sections and hand them to teams that will put them into place.

Dave has done some of the prep work to get ready.

We need people to bring sawhorses and tarps on the construction day.

We expect to be able to frame and sheath the addition on that first day. We need a good crew of volunteers – remember that Dave has set up the project so that small team can work on separate parts without getting into each others' way.

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Pilots Lounge

The two seat Gobosh 700S should be arriving soon at Valter's Aviation and will be available for training or rental. This Light Sport Aircraft will be supplied by RJM Aviation of Stillwater. Feel free to call Richard Menz at 612-919-1409 for any information you may have.



After Saturday's clubhouse expansion build we were almost too tired to enjoy the rest of that wonderful weather ... almost. I was surprised how quickly most people scattered, but a few of us remained for awhile and of course eventually the subject of aviation came up. Jack hadn't been up in almost two years so it was really fun to get him back in the air and he flew great.

Later, Paul Rankin gave me another excuse to go up again as it had been almost two whole days since he had last flown and withdrawal symptoms were starting to set in. And since the 150 now needed gas, we were able to solve two problems with one flight.

Perfect ending to a great day.

-Jeff Hove



Hanger Talk

Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor

EAA CHAPTER 54 Spring Banquet

Spouses, Family and Friends are welcome!

Monday May 11, 2008

Social Hour 5:00 (cash bar) Dinner at 6:15

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

3712 Layton Avenue North

Lake Elmo

\$34.00 per person



Speaker:

James J. Anderson

Honoring Aviation Artist Don Carlson

Entree Choices

1. Beef Kabobs
2. Chicken Rondele
3. Sunfish
4. Portabella Wellington (vegetarian)

Salad, side dishes, rolls and dessert are included. Please contact Bettie regarding any special dietary needs

For more information or to see photos from previous banquets, please visit the Chapter 54 website at eaa54.org and click on "Banquet".

Questions – call Bettie 651-285-3052

Please fill in the form, detach this portion and mail with payment to:

Bettie Seitzer
1451 Englewood Avenue
St. Paul, MN, 5510

Your Name or Name of Guest:	Menu choice:
Total Enclosed:	

Cost is \$34.00 per person

make checks payable to EAA Chapter 54

April 13 Meeting Minutes (continued) Speaker Notes from February 9:

By Bettie Seitzer

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Membership (John Renwick) Currently we have 136 members.

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): Articles have been very good. Keep them coming! Newsletter@eaa54.org

Publicity (Leif Erickson):

Leif just got back from the EAA leadership Academy. The training was great, and he had a great opportunity to meet leaders in the national organization.

Leif was impressed by how well our club compared to other chapters. We have a strong membership, great activities.

Many of the smaller chapters exist to build an airplane as a chapter project and really don't go much beyond that. We can be very proud of our club and its accomplishments

Meeting adjourned. At 8:15 p.m.

Scheduled speaker was unable to attend due to food poisoning! We will invite him back to another meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Bettie Seitzer
Secretary

American Wings Air Museum at the Anoka County Airport

They have three flying Mohawks, it takes about 3 people for every flight hour to keep the planes flying.

The museum was formed in 1985, Mike Langer, who had flown Mohawks in Viet Nam. He found a Mohawk being sold for scrap, and it turned out to be one that he had flown in the service, the two of them bought the plain, brought it back to Minnesota and began rebuilding it. The two of them were already working on a restoration project, but decided to tackle this one, too. The plane they purchased was an early model, considered by many to be underpowered, having short wings and challenging flight characteristics. The plane was used mainly for reconnaissance; cameras and booms were mounted on the plane and used to spot activity.

They also get aircraft in on short term loan from time to time. A lot of the planes on display are owned by members. There are planes available from the government, but there are costs involved and can be quite high. Moving planes that are not airworthy can be an interesting experience, permits need to be acquired, movement has to be done very late at night.

In the early days, the museum was in a smaller hangar still owned by the museum. The museum had early members who had planes, expertise, money and time to donate. In 1997, the current display facility was opened. It is 20,000 square feet, and the collection continues to grow.

The organization conducts tours, and has an educational outreach program. They work with scouts to acquire their aviation merit badges, young eagles and other programs that promote understanding and interest in aviation. The organization offers specialized tours to scout troops, schools (including Farnsworth), vo-techs, high schools and other groups interested in aviation. The US Navy Sea Cadets also make good use of the facility and services of the museum. There are currently 26 or 27 kids enrolled in the Cadets. They are able to offer tours to young people at no charge. They have several aircraft that kids can climb into to get the feel of a cockpit.

The museum closes for the winter months – heating costs have gotten prohibitive. All of the work is done by volunteers, and they work hard not only to raise money, but to provide the services that the community enjoys.

They are open Saturdays 10 – 4 until after the open house in Blaine, then they are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 – 4 for the remainder of the summer months. Blaine aviation days are usually held the second weekend in May, the museum group participates by holding an open house and conducting tours of the museum.

Hours and contact information are available on their website. They are willing to open the museum to EAA Chapters by request.

The hangar was built by volunteer labor, the large concrete floor needed to be watered for curing, they called the fire department who came and used it for practice. 20,000 gallons of water can't be delivered by just anyone.

There is some challenge regarding hangar rent on the field, they pay the commercial rate even though they are a 501C3 organization.

Local Flying Events

Compiled by Paul Hove and pulled from the Website

May

May 6 2009, to , Wahpeton ND Air Show, , Wahpeton,(KBWP), Air Show Featuring the Canadian Snowbirds, , 701-642-5777,

May 16 2009, 7:00 to 16:00, Blaine Aviation Weekend, www.DiscoverAviationDays.org, Anoka Airport,(KANE), May 16h & 17th. The 29th annual Pancake Breakfast and Lunch is sponsored by EAA Chapter 237. Homebuilt, Vintage, Warbird and many other aircraft on display. Helicopter & Open Cockpit Plane rides available. Model airplane demonstrations, Aviation Exhibitors and much more! 7am to 4pm each day., Kevin Rebman , 612-940-0971, krebman@eachapter237.org

May 17 2009, 7:00 to 12:30, South Saint Paul Pancake Breakfast, , Fleming Field Airport,(KSGS), Pancake Breakfast, , 651-690-0615,

May 17 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, Lone Rock WI Tri-County Airport Fly-in Breakfast, , Tri-County Regional Airport,(KLNK), Pancake Breakfast, Marc Higgs, 608-583-2600, markhiggstca@yahoo.com

May 23 2009, 8:00 to 13:00, Grand Rapids MN Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Fly-in, , Grand Rapids Airport,(KGPZ), EAA Chapter #412. Come visit our new Morton Hanger & clubhouse! Also see our updated runway 5/23. Sod Runway 10/28 for fat tires., Dave Whalen, 218-697-8374,

May 23 2009, 8:00 to 14:00, Oshkosh WI Pancake Breakfast, , Wittman Regional Airport ,(KOSH), Memorial Day Weekend Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast Rain Date 24th, , 920-424-8090,

May 29 2009, to , Southern Wisconsin AirFEST, www.swairfest.org, Southern Wisconsin Regional,(KJVL), 5/29-5/31 Southern Wisconsin AirFEST featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angles - The Golden Knights - Shockwave Jet Truck - Rich's Incredible Pyro -Navy Leapfrogs - Patty Wagstaff , , 608-754-5405 , info@swairfest.org

May 30 2009, 20:00 to 0:00, Spring Swing Big Band Hangar Dance, www.cafmn.org, Fleming Field Airport,(KSGS), Free Dance Lessons 7pm. Dance begins 8 to Midnight. \$10.00 donation per person Music by the Roseville Big Band. Free Dance lesson from TC Swing & The Swing Cats, Dance lesson at 7, Dance starts at 8 goes till Midnight Music, Dancing, Food, Prize Drawing, Prizes for best WWII era dress and more. , , 651-455-6942,

May 30 2009, 8:00 to 11:00, White Bear MN EAA Chapter 745 Pancake Breakfast, , Benson Airport,(6MN9), Pancake Fly-In , Enjoy some great food and friendship with a Vintage Airplane atmosphere., Kim Faber, 763-503-0161,

June

June 6 2009, 7:00 to , Manitowoc WI Thunder On The Lake Shore, www.thunderonthelakeshore.com, Manitowoc County Airport,(KMTW), Hot air balloons, Military jets and plans, various stunt plane performers, various food vendors, Curt Drumm, 920-482-1650,

June 6 2009, 7:00 to 11:00, Amery WI Pancake Breakfast, , Amery Municipal Airport,(KAHH), The Amery Pilots Association. Breakfast and airplane watching. No Rain Date., Paul Isakson, 715-554-3858, iker@amerytel.net

June 6 2009, 10:00 to 14:00, Clear Lake MN EAA Chapter 551 Bean and Brat Fly-in , , Leaders - Clear Lake Airport ,(8Y6), Rain date: June 7, 2009 Just for fun, Land in the box and win a free lunch! Menu: Brats, Beans, Chips & Pop or Coffee Just \$5.00 (12 & under \$3.00) For more information & Spot Landing Rules see our Official Flyer <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/avoffice/pdf/Spotland.pdf> , Bob Leaders, 320-743-2294,

June 7 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, Algona IA Pilots Association Flight Break-

fast, , Algona Municipal Airport,(KAXA), Pilots in Command & Co-Pilots FREE , Dean Telford, 515-332-4012,

June 7 2009, 7:00 to 12:30, Albert Lea MN Breakfast, , Albert Lea Municipal Airport,(KAEL), , , ,

June 7 2009, 8:00 to 12:00, Buffalo MN Fly-In, , Buffalo Municipal Airport,(KCFE), 1309 Country Road 134 Buffalo, MN. Come for the rides (Biplane & Helicopter) Stay for the breakfast (Pancakes with sausage, juice & coffee) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Musical entertainment 9:00 am - 11:00 am Adults: \$6.00, Children (7-12): \$3.00, Ages 6 and Under: FREE, Pilot in Command: FREE http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/avoffice/pdf/Bufalo_Fly-In.pdf, Rich, 763-295-8730,

June 14 2009, 8:00 to 15:00, EAA Chapter 688 Pancake Breakfast and Car Show, , Montevideo Chippewa Co Airport,(KMVE), Chapter 688 Pancake Breakfast. Fly-in and Young Eagles Rides. Antique and Classic Car Show, 70 cars, Don Reuther, 320-269-4829,

June 14 2009, 8:00 to 11:00, Rhinelander WI Pancake Breakfast, , Rhinelander Municipal Airport,(KRHI), Pan cake breakfast Static Displays, , 715-499-5123,

June 14 2009, 9:30 to 14:00, Fergus Falls Luncheon, , Fergus Falls Municipal Airport,(KFFM), EAA 1174 Fly-In/Drive-In Luncheon. Static Displays Classic Cars Motorsports displays. Hawkeye Helicopter Rides. Proceeds support the local Young Eagles Program and other Youth Aviation Activities., , ,

June 14 2009, 8:00 to 12:00, Lions Pancake Breakfast, , Rush City Regional Airport,(KROS), Free parking at Airport, , 320-358-4723 ,

June 19 2009, 7:00 to 13:00, Benson MN. LLFC Pancake & Sausage Fly-In Breakfast, www.llfc.net, Benson Airport ,(KBBB), PIC Eat Free (119 miles WNW of Twin Cities), Kent, 320-226-3237,

June 20 2009, 7:30 to 11:00, Kiwanis & Lake Air Flying Club Annual Fly - In Breakfast, , Moose Lake Airport,(KMZH), PIC Eat Free, Larry Peterson, 218-485-4441,

June 20 2009, 8:00 to 18:00, Davenport IA Quad City Airshow 2009, www.quadcityairshow.com, Davenport Municipal Airport,(KDVN), Theme 'From Props to Jets see it all on the line in 2009' . Performers US Army Golden Knights John Mohr Barnstorming Bob Carlton Jet Sailplane , , 563-285-7469,

June 20 2009, to , La Crosse Deke Slayton Airfest, , La Crosse Municipal,(KLSE), "Freedom Weekend" 21st - concert , , 608-779-9994,

June 21 2009, 7:00 to 17:00, Crystal Airport Open House Pancake Breakfast, , Crstal Airport,(KMIC), Father's Day Pancake Breakfast by Crystal Lions PIC's free. Brats, hotdogs Warbirds, Civil Air Patrol, WWII Military Vehicles Both airplane & Helicopter rides. , Gary Grimes, , garygrimes@comcast.net

June 21 2009, to , Duluth Annual Int'l Cessna 170 Assn, , Duluth Sky Harbor Airport,(KDYT), 41st Annual International Cessna 170 Association, , ,

June 21 2009, 7:00 to 12:00, Dodge Center MN EAA Chapter 100 Pancake Breakfast / Fly In, www.eaa100.org, Dodge Center,(KTOB), Father's Day Pancake Breakfast / Fly-In., Tom Hall, 507-282-9682,

June 21 2009, 7:30 to 12:30, Canby, MN Airshow and Fly-In, , Canby Municipal Airport,(KCNB), Fly-In starts at 7:30 am, Airshow at 12:30pm. Four Airshow Acts: Jim Maroney Chipmunk, Rob Ator Pitts S1S, Mike Niccum Staudacher 200 and Vanguard Squadron Formation RV's., Matt Wagner, 507-829-9608, mathewwagner@hotmail.com



Young Eagles Report
by Dave Becker

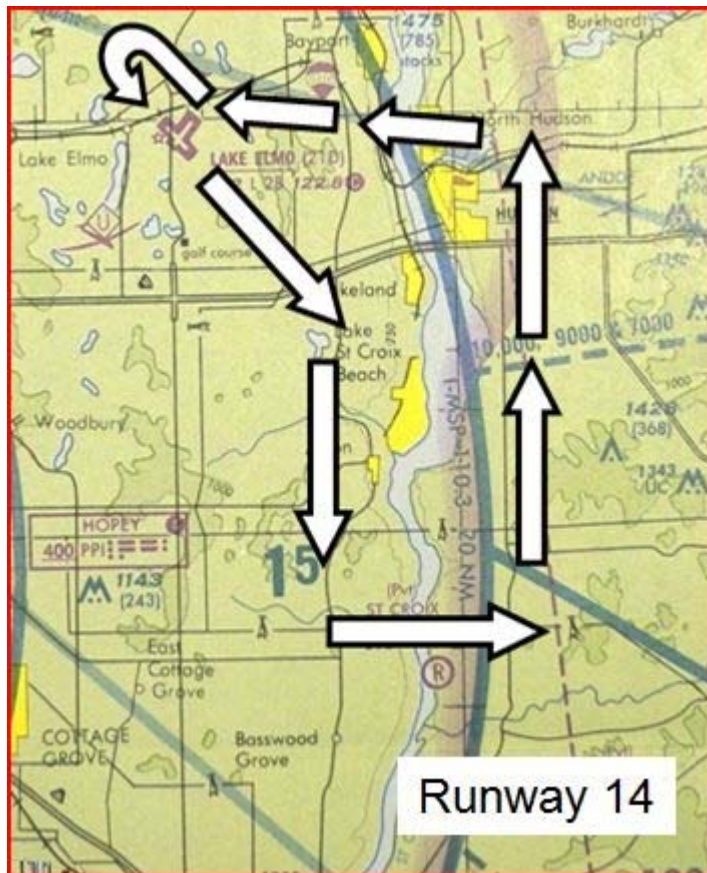


Saturday, May 9 marks the official start of our 2009 regularly scheduled Young Eagle events. We have 29 kids scheduled from our website sign-up form and are hoping for a good volunteer turnout to accommodate all the kids. We also have a group of eight kids scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 in the afternoon who were weathered out from a few January attempts to get them Young Eagle flights. June and July on-line sign-ups are also filled up and have been closed for further sign-ups. Our Young Eagles program value and attraction certainly has spread throughout the area. We are now booked thru over half the year and we haven't even started flying Young Eagles yet.

For any pilots out there who are wondering where we fly these Young Eagles, I have included one of our four runway Young Eagle routes here. Each runway has a similar logical path pilots fly. I am always looking for more pilots and ground support people. With Sharon Marr, our Young Eagles photographer, moving away, I am looking for another person to fill her duties by taking photos of our Young Eagle events. Sharon has done an excellent job in capturing the smiling faces and excitement of the events and we will truly miss her talents. If you have an interest in photographing our Young Eagle events, please let me know.

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 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.





TAXI TALK

{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all
and remember our veterans on
Memorial Day too!**

Weekend Work Party

I would like to invite any member interested in joining us on our annual Weekend Work Party to EAA in Oshkosh this year, May 15-17. This is a great time to help represent your chapter at EAA and it is also a very fun time. We will depart from our chapter house at 9:30a on May 15th and stop at the Norske Nook in Osseo, WI for brunch. We usually get to the EAA campgrounds about 3:00p. There is plenty of time to roam Pioneer Airport and look at all of the Vintage aircraft housed there. We generally go out for supper at a Chinese banquet place. The rest of the meals are supplied free of charge by the EAA Kitchen. We will be staying either at the bunkhouse or the Binder house Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday morning we will meet at South Maintenance and get our work assignments. We will work all day and then Sunday morning till around noon. We will be departing for home after lunch on Sunday.

Work varies from cutting grass to construction projects to anything else the EAA crew needs us for. It is a lot of fun to see the grounds without all the traffic of people, campers and vehicles and this year it will be very interesting to see the new roads that they are changing. So consider signing up at the clubhouse and or contacting Paul Hove about any information you may need. See you then I hope!

Clubhouse Expansion Project

I am so proud of our fellow chapter members for all their work done recently to expand our clubhouse. Especially Dave Fiebiger on his very nicely laid out plans. It was unbelievable how much work was done that first Saturday in the seven hours we were there. All the guys worked great together to get the main structure together in that one day. Then the next Saturday we finished putting up the rafters and nailing on the roof. It helped that many members brought some nice tools to get the job done. Kudos to all chapter members who help out, it was a job well done!

After all the work.....

After the work on the clubhouse on the second Saturday, at the last minute, I invited Jeff Hove and Paul Rankin to swing by my house for a beer. Jeff came by first and we looked over my Pulsar project and he even sat in it. Then Paul showed up and it was fun talking to both of them about my airplane. Jeff had to leave but Paul stuck around a little longer. This was my opportunity to finish my story on his very neat career as an airline pilot. I had taken notes on our drive back from last years Weekend Work Party but I wanted to get more information for my report. I had a great time hearing this man's quest to become an airline pilot for Northwest Airlines. I plan to put it together for a neat story in an upcoming newsletter, so look for it very soon!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky, behind me and before me is God and I have no fears.

—Helen Keller, at age 74, on flight around the world, news reports of February 5, 1955