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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY MAY 9, 2011.

- CHAPTER 54'S ANNUAL BANQUET WILL BE STARTING AT 6:00PM.
- APPLEWOOD HILLS GOLF COURSE
- AT THE BANQUET MEETING:

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER **BEN MCQUILAN** OF INFLIGHT TRAINING CENTER WILL TALK ABOUT KEEPING THE RIGHT SEAT FILLED WHEN GOING FLYING.

GOLFING PRIOR TO THE BANQUET IS AVAILABLE WITH TEE TIMES FROM 3PM TO 4PM.

Chapter Young Eagles Program Set to Start this Month!

By Dave Becker

Our Young Eagles program is about to get underway for the 2011 season with our first scheduled event to be held on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. Chapter 54 has had many years of flying and supporting the EAA Young Eagles program with involvement from many of our members. We sometimes wonder if those given a Young Eagles first flight ever continue in aviation. That answer is a resounding YES. We also send two or three kids to the Air Academy each year and they return with aspirations of continuing in aviation. One of Valters past flight instructors started her flying career as a Young Eagle and now flies for an airline.



Jessica at nine years old!

A great example of what our Chapter 54 Young Eagles program has done for kids is in the inspiring story of Jessica Nelson. I learned about Jessica's story at our Chapter 54 Private Pilot Ground School class this spring. John Renwick was the evening's instructor and Jessica, one of the students in the class, recognized John as the pilot who gave her, her first airplane ride. A Young Eagles ride. Jessica was nine years old and her dad brought her and her brother to one of our Young Eagle events. She was a bit anxious when John placed her in the front seat of his J3 Cub while he sat in the back. She said they taxied to runway 14 and soon were in the air. Looking down at the world below, Jessica's eyes were big and her anxiousness turned to nervousness when John asked if she wanted to fly. What is this guy doing, she thought. "You can do it, just don't over-control", John told her. She willingly accepted the stick and after a few

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

Here we go again. It's 9:30 AM on Tuesday, April 26. My outdoor thermometer says 42 °F and my rain gauge has recorded 0.84 inches of rain overnight. I know April showers bring May flowers, but ...

After our April planning, May will bring us two important events. On May 9, the day of our regular monthly meeting, we'll have our annual banquet at Applewood Hills Golf Club. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to sign up and help support the chapter. Jim Pearsall has put a lot of effort into planning the event and I think it will be very successful. We also have a golf event planned for the afternoon to precede the banquet. So far, interest in golf has been sparse. But the eternal optimist in me says we will still come through with enough players to make it a fun event. We're also looking for participation from other EAA chapters in the Twin Cities area. Ben McQuillan, our featured banquet speaker, wrote this about our event in his monthly newsletter, "Great folks, great food, & a free talk by Ben McQuillan on how to integrate your non-flying passengers into the flight crew."

Planning for our 2nd annual International Learn to Fly Day is in progress. We meet on Saturday, April 23 and developed a plan modeled after what we did last year. Learn to Fly Day in Saturday, May 21. We could always use volunteer pilots and ground support personnel. Contact Jim Pearsall to volunteer.

Jeff Hove donated 40 chairs and several folding tables to the chapter. They were from the lunch room at his place of employment. Apparently the company is remodeling and getting new furniture. We can use the chairs in our clubhouse to replace the eclectic variety we presently have. The tables will come in handy for Aviation Day and our ground school. During the class, we will replace the round tables with the folding ones. They will establish a better classroom atmosphere.

Ed Pfeiffer submitted a list of materials and finishing supplies for the pedal plane he is building for the Chapter. As you recall, we inherited a partially-built plane from EAA Chapter 486 in Fulton, NY. Ed was not satisfied with the construction quality and materials used so is doing more re-building than he originally planned. I think a Chapter 54 pedal plane will be a great asset. Every year at Aviation Day, kids flock to a borrowed one to pretend they are flying it. At the June meeting we will approve Ed's proposed expenditure to complete the project.

Paul Hove is organizing Chapter 54's Oshkosh Work Party again this year. Contact Paul for details and dates. The people that have gone report a positive experience. As a special enticement to volunteer, Paul agreed to stop for lunch at the Norske Nook Restaurant in Osseo, WI. Who can turn that down?

A clubhouse cleaning day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. By the time you read this the event will be over. Let me offer my thanks to all who participated. Some painting and deck staining are on the horizon for this summer

Following the banquet, our next meeting will be Monday, June 13. If I don't see you at the banquet, plan to attend the June meeting. Bettie arranged Jim Niehoff, Airworthiness Program Manager for the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) here in Minnesota, to speak.

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

The "Vacuum Crew" on Day of the clubhouse clean up day.

From left to right,
 Leif Erickson
 Patrick Norris
 Linda Amble
 And last but not least,
 Art Edhlund



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 21D AWOS:120.075, TPA: 1932'
 Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
 14-32 (2850' x 75')

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

Editors Note: These great pictures/calendars are pulled from the EAA website, www.eaa.org/wallpaper. They can be used for your screen savers!



minutes she learned how easy it was to fly the airplane. She said the most wonderful feeling of being a free spirit came over her. She recalls they flew over the St. Croix River and into Wisconsin. Before long, they were getting ready to land and John took over the controls again. After landing, Jessica ran over to her dad shouting "That was awesome Dad." She was so excited and loved the feeling from that one Young Eagles flight. Her dad could see how much this flight meant to her and within a month, she was back at Lake Elmo and flying with the instructors at Valters.

Her passion for flying continued and for the next seven years she kept flying at Valters until she was old enough to solo. On her sixteenth birthday, Jessica took the day off school to make her first solo flight. She recalls the winds were a bit high on that day, but Jackie, her instructor at the time, decided to take her up. As they practiced some take off and landings, the winds dropped and the air became smooth. Eventually, Jackie got out of the airplane and told Jessica to make three take-off and landings on her own. Jessica recalled the feeling of nervousness and excitement at the same time and after being in the air for the first time alone, she was yelling with excitement for accomplishing this milestone in her flying career. That first solo flight none of us ever forget. Jessica's next goal is to earn her Private Pilot Certificate on her seventeenth birthday later this year.

Jessica attends school at the St. Croix Preparatory Academy and is in the tenth grade. Her classmates are excited for her aviation accomplishments and many want to go for an airplane ride with her when she gets her license. She plans to work on her instrument rating and commercial certificate to prepare for college at the University of North Dakota to peruse a career in aviation. Asked what she likes most about flying Jessica responds "The freedom from the bonds of earth and knowing I will have a future doing what I love to do. Flying opens up the world to me."

Jessica's story is just one of many lives we make a difference in when we provide a Young Eagle flight to a child. Not all will become pilots or pursue a career in aviation but some will. Others are still affected in a positive way simply by experiencing the thrill of flight. To become involved in our Young Eagles program, come to the airport the second Saturday of the month, May through October to get involved. This is a team effort and takes pilots and ground support to make it all happen. A Young Eagle flight is the first step in the EAA Flight Plan providing support and encouragement for young people to pursue a career in aviation. Your involvement is essential to make all this happen. Think of how a simple Young Eagles flight changed the life path of Jessica. You too can make a positive influence in our local youth. Please help to make that difference in a child's life by contacting Dave Becker for more information about Young Eagles.



Jessica after her first solo

The EAA Flight Plan graphic features a yellow background with five numbered steps (1-5) in large yellow numbers at the top. Below each number is a circular image representing a step in the process: 1. A young woman wearing a headset (Young Eagles Flight); 2. A hand holding a blue membership card (EAA Student Membership); 3. A young man at a computer screen (Sporty's Complete Flight Training Course); 4. A person in a cockpit (First Flight Lesson); 5. A person in a cockpit (Flight Training Scholarships). At the bottom, the text reads "The EAA Flight Plan" with the EAA logo, followed by "Your route from first flight to licensed pilot".

EAA Flight Plan for supporting our youth in pursuing a career in aviation.



INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY

Look for this exciting event to be happening on Saturday, May 21, 2011

The location will be at Valters Aviation and will start at 8:30AM.

Contact Jim Pearsall, Events@eaa54.org

WEEKEND WORK PARTY

As we get ready for another AirVenture this fall, May brings the EAA Weekend Work Party. Chapter 54 has a history of volunteering in the spring and this year the Chapter 54 Weekend Work Party will be on May 13th-15th.



These are some pictures of previous work parties. We will leave the chapter house at 9:00am on the morning of May 13th and have breakfast at the Norske Nook in Osseo Wisconsin and arrive at Oshkosh around 3:00pm. After securing our berthing and registering we will tour the Pioneer Airport and go out for dinner.



On Saturday morning we will report for work assignments. Meals will be provided and we will be treated to an evening program. On Sunday we will work in the morning and depart after noon lunch. We should be back to the Chapter Club House by 7:00pm.

Please contact me if you will be attending.

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Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For April 11, 2011 *By Dale Seitzer*

There was one guest, Bill, who lives in San Diego and visits us occasionally. He is a former Navy pilot flying Huey helicopters; he also worked as a corporate pilot flying a Cessna 340. He is a friend of Paul Hove.

Financials showed a negative cash flow for March; our annual donation to Farnsworth combined with banquet expenses exceed our income for the month. Please review the treasurer's report for full details.

The text for the Dale Rupp memorial has been finalized and approved. It will read "Dale O. Rupp, Vans RV-6 By Tuesday. 1214 Young Eagles". The dedication will take place on the last Sunday of AirVenture, July 31st at 11:00 A.M.; we are hoping to have representatives of Chapter 54 present for that ceremony, please plan to attend if possible. Dale's family is also preparing a Biography for the permanent book at Oshkosh.

Our annual banquet will be held on Monday, May 9th at the Applewood Hills Golf Course. Our speaker will be Ben McQuillan; his topic is "Keeping the Right Seat Occupied".

Learn to Fly Day is May 21st! This event is an opportunity for adults to experience flight in a general aviation aircraft and learn more about aviation and how to get a pilot's license. Jim Pearsall is organizing this event as well. Pilots and support volunteers are needed. Pilots willing to offer airplane rides for this event should get in touch with Jim and let him know what time (between 8 – 11 a.m.) they will be available and how many people they would be willing to fly. For this event pilots may take up more than one passenger at a time; this is different from young eagles where we try to take only one youngster at a time.

The pedal plane that is being built for use at our annual fly-in breakfast is under well underway.

Young Eagles: Jeff Hove flew the first Young Eagle of the year! Our official Young Eagle Saturdays will start on Saturday May 14th; anyone interested in volunteering should contact Dave Becker, all volunteers are expected to arrive ½ hour in advance to participate in the briefing and receive their assignments and information.

Our picnic tables have been placed in the viewing area!

Jeff Hove has collected a donation of tables and folding chairs for use by the chapter.

Changes to Class B airspace should be reviewed by all pilots; There is an expanded notch for gliders and tow planes. The FAA team reviewed data and continues to accept input.

Paul Liedl has worked hard to revamp our website; thank you Paul for the new look and continued efforts to keep material up to date.

Ground school is finishing up, we have met a few of the participants and look forward to the exciting news that they have completed all of their testing and are a part of our community of pilots.

We have an overabundance of magazines, they were to be placed in boxes in the entryway, magazines not removed by members will be recycled. Jeff Hove donated a hedge trimmer. We need a groundskeeper volunteer to coordinate landscape maintenance work which would include trimming trees and shrubs, trimming the grass close to the building, refreshing mulch, weeding, painting and general repairs. We do have extra paint, but not stain. The deck needs to be stained.

John Schmidt sent a letter to Sport Aviation magazine and it was published in the March issue! His letter was in praise of EAA's on-line offerings; there is a tremendous wealth of information available, if you haven't checked it out recently, you might want to do that. And congratulations to John!

Roger Westerberg has applied to become a technical counselor; this is a great asset to the club. It would be great to have another person take on that role, we do not want to burn Roger out. WE also need a flight advisor who can coach builders through the testing process. A flight advisor would also help to oversee safety at the fly-in breakfast.

Our annual EAA work party is planned for the end of April. Get in touch with Leif if you are interested in participating; the folks who attend always come back with great stories about the work they accomplished and the fun they had along the way!

Meeting adjourned at 8:17

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.



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 dsyverson@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 .

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.

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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.

May

May 7 2011, 7:00 to 11:00, Eden Prairie MN. Wings of the North Annual Pancake Breakfast, Flying Cloud Airport, (FCM), ASI Jet Center \$6.00 per plate for: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee & Juice. Warbird displays. Open cockpit biplane rides and introductory light aircraft rides available. Come out and celebrate aviation with us., , ,

May 14 2011, 12:00 to ????, Bowstring MN EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In, 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, ,

May 14 2011, 10:00 to 16:00, MSP MN Air National Guard Museum Running 2 100 year old engines, , ,(), Witness the running of (2) 100 year old rare and historic engines. A 1909 Gnome Omega rotary engine that powered the 1911 Steco Aeroplane and a 1909-12 Mack/Stephens motorcycle engine that powers the Steco Cyclecar. 3 runs are scheduled at 11 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM. NOTE: This is the FIRST public run of the motorcycle engine in over 100 years. Bring your cameras and video camcorders. A presentation overview will be given before each run on each engine. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends too., Denny Eggert, 651-291-7925, steco1911@aol.com

May 21 2011, 8:00 to , Lake Elmo MN International Learn to Fly Day, www.eaa54.org , Lake Elmo Airport, (21D), Valters Aviation, Lake Elmo, MN Free Adult Orientation Rides, Static Aircraft Displays, Aviation Exhibits, Free Hotdogs, Flight Instructors available for questions and further information. , Jim Pearsall, 651-494-4579,

May 21 2011, 7:00 to 11:00, Boone IA Flight Breakfast , www.booneairport.com , Boone Municipal Airport, (BNW), Pilots in command free , , 515-432-1018 ,

May 21 2011, 9:00 to 12:00, Ankeny IA Flying Clubs Open House, www.clearskiesflyingclub.com , Ankeny Regional Airport, (IKV), , Joel Severinghaus , 515-240-7153 , joel@5500feet.com

May 21 2011, 7:00 to 11:00, Blaine MN, 2011 Blaine Aviation Days, www.blaineaviationdays.org/, Anoka County Airport, (ANE), May 21-22 EAA 237 will host a pancake breakfast from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM each day & the

Civil Air Patrol will host a lunch from 12:00 PM (noon) - 3:00 PM each day. Kids activities will be available on site. , Craig, 763-568-6072, goldenwings@minn.net

May 21 2011, 10:00 to 13:00, Eau Claire WI EAA Chapter 509 Pancake Breakfast, www.eaa509.org/, Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, (EAU), EAA Chapter 509 will be hosting an International Learn to Fly Day at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport. Fly in for Breakfast and stay for the fun! Free Adult Orientation and Young Eagles rides. Fly with a Certified Flight Instructor from Heartland Aviation for a small fee., Jim Gundry, 715-559-9243,

May 21 2011, 11:00 to 15:00, Hibbing MN Spring Chili Feed, , Hibbing regional Airport, (HIB), Old Arrowhead Hangar. All you can eat fund raiser , , ,

May 22 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Sioux City IA. Mid American Museum of Aviation and Transportation Flight Breakfast, www.midamericairmuseum.org, Sioux Gateway Airport, (SUX), First Fly-in at the new Museum located at the airport. Also includes a 'Shine and Drive' car show. Taxi right into the museum grounds. Special aircraft will be put on front row display. Free pancake breakfast. , Rick Alter, 712-490-0324, ralter@cablone.net

June

June 4 2011, 8:00 to 16:00, Council Bluffs IA. Spring Open House & Fly-in Breakfast, , Council Bluffs Municipal Airport, (CBF), Pilots in command free, Dale Standley, 712-366-6631, dales51503@cox.net

June 4 2011, 7:00 to 11:00, Amery WI The Amery Wisconsin Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, , Amery Municipal Airport, (AHH), Rain or Shine, Paul Isakson, 715-554-3858, iker@amerytel.net

June 4 2011, 7:00 to 10:00, EAA Chapter 1158 Fly-in Breakfast, , Wittman Regional Airport, (ETB), Event time: 7:00am-10:00pm. Join the EAA Chapter 1158 group for a fly-in/drive-in breakfast featuring omelets, pancakes and daily specials. Proceeds benefit EAA 1158 educational mission., A.J. Brandt, 262-338-8411, events@eaa1158.org

June 5 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Reedsburg, WI. Rotary Club Reedsburg Fly-In/Drive In Breakfast, , Reedsburg Municipal Airport, (C35), 7:00 a.m. to 12:00pm Pancake Breakfast, Britt Solverson, 608-524-2322, britt@solversonaviation.com



Young Eagles Report

by Dave Becker



Our EAA Chapter 54 will be sponsoring three youths to attend the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh this summer. This sponsorship is paid from 148 Young Eagle credits earned last year valued at \$740 and the remainder comes from our checking account. The parents pay for the deposit during registration. We wish them well in their Air Academy camps and await their brief report at a future monthly meeting after they return.

Saturday, May 14 marks the start of our 2011 regularly scheduled Young Eagle events. 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 we have made a positive difference in that child's life.

Below is a list and brief description of various volunteer duties for your information. Pilots and volunteers attend a briefing 20 minutes before each event where duties will be assigned and any special information pertaining to the event will be discussed.

Greeter: Welcome parents, kids, and guests as they arrive and direct them to the registration table in the clubhouse. All Chapter 54 volunteers should greet and make guests feel welcome.

Registration: Give parents the registration form to complete and confirm it is completed properly. Their time in is logged on a separate form to be used by the manifestor. Directs Young Eagle to the Manifestor station.

Manifestor: Assigns a pilot to the Young Eagle and prints out the Young Eagles Certificate. The completed registration form and certificate are put in a red folder and given to the child to take to the flight line and check in with the Loadmaster.

Loadmaster: Collects the red folders and directs the kids to stay in the viewing area for their turn to fly. When pilots come to the Loadmaster to get their next Young Eagle, the Loadmaster has the pilot sign the release form and certificate and introduces the pilot to the child.

Pilots: Pick up a flight packet from the clubhouse at the briefing. At the viewing area/flight line, go to Loadmaster to be introduced to the next Young Eagle and sign the child's release form. Escort the child to the airplane and complete a preflight with the child. Pose for photos if asked by our photographer. Provide a safe and enjoyable flight for the Young Eagle following the agreed flight plan for the day. Invite them to take the controls under your supervision. After the flight, present the pre-printed Young Eagle Flight Certificate to the new Young Eagle. Escort the Young Eagle off the flight line to the viewing area and turn him over to the volunteer handing out the bags of literature and logbooks. Then go to the Loadmaster to pick up your next Young Eagle.

Flight Line Safety: Be on the flight line to direct aircraft and ensure guests do not cross onto the flight line. Only our photographer, Pilots, and Young Eagles should be on the flight line. Monitor all activity for safety issues.

Other Ground Volunteers: There are a number of other jobs for ground volunteers including handing out literature/logbook bags and explaining the free Sporty's on-line ground school course after the flight, assisting and answering questions from guests, watching for safety issues, assisting the Loadmaster, assist registration and manifestor in the clubhouse, etc.

Photographer: Be on the flight line to take posed and candid photos of Young Eagles and pilots before and after the flight for publishing on our Chapter 54 website. Parents and guests are NOT allowed on the flight line to take photos.

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. Let's all look forward to another fun and safe year of flying Young Eagles.

This is an example of the flight plan using runway 14 for a Young Eagles flight. Each runway has its own similar flight plan for pilots to follow.





TAXI TALK
{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all you aviating mothers out there and I hope you get to spend time up in the air as your “me” time! Or you get that special aviation gift you have always wanted from the kids or that pilot husband or special friend of yours.

May is the month.....

for a lot of happenings going on at our clubhouse. To start it off, a bunch of members came to clubhouse on Saturday, April 30 to do some spring cleaning. It was a nasty, rainy morning but a good day to spend in the clubhouse. We cleaned everything inside from the windows to the walls to the ceiling lights to even shampooing the carpet. It only took a few hours as we had a lot of help. Thanks go out to all that helped that day.



Planned for a later date is to spend some time outside the clubhouse for some paint touch up and cleaning up around the shrubs.

One of the big events I always look forward to is our annual trek to Oshkosh with what we call our Weekend Work Party. Paul Hove is setting this up



this year so be sure to check out that page of this newsletter about this important and fun event with the chapter. We sure would like to get more members to attend this event as at times we only get a few to represent us at Oshkosh. I love going to Oshkosh during this event and helping out where I can. But what is really neat is seeing the grounds without all the aircraft and clutter I normally see during the show. It is a neat sight and very different. We also get to look at various areas of the grounds during a special tour by one of the EAA personnel to show us the latest happenings.

So plan to go along with us this year and have some fun with your fellow members.

Above is a picture of me helping to build a roof for a new Vintage Air Café and to the right is Paul Rankin and myself next to a British World War II Mosquito in the Air Museum.



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**We want the air to unite the peoples,
and not to divide them.**

- Lord Swinton.