



The Beacon

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Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH IT WILL BE OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DURING A SPECIAL BBQ PICNIC ON MONDAY MAY 14, 2012!

- **SO ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN THE FUN. BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING YOUR FRIENDS.**
- **WE WILL BE SERVING AROUND 7:00PM AND BEGIN THE AWARDS AT 8:00PM.**
- **COME TELL US YOUR AVIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS PAST YEAR:**
NEW PILOTS
BUILDING PROJECTS
FLYING AVENTURES
COMMUNITY SVC. PROJECTS
Etc.....
- **Let's All Have Some Fun Getting to know our members!**

Chapter Young Eagle Program

By Linda Amble



A Young Eagle flight is a starting point for young people who are curious about flight.

We provide a fun, safe experience for kids to start a lifetime of appreciation for aviation. EAA Chapter 54 works with the National EAA group to provide a number of ways to accomplish this goal. We help kids sign up for the Air Academy in Oshkosh and actually sponsor 2 to 3 kids each year. After a child has registered and paid a deposit credits from Chapter 54 Young Eagle flights are applied to pay for the remainder of their stay. All we ask is that the sponsored child, give a short presentation about what they liked the most and also what they learned at the Air Academy.

Next there are EAA student memberships and a Sporty's complete flight training course. The flight training course will provide the knowledge to complete the pilot written exam.

EAA54 also holds a ground school for students of all ages who may learn better in a classroom setting. After completing the online flight course the next step is an actual flight lesson. This

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

Hello to all Chapter 54 members and friends everywhere!

The past month has been very busy, but in a really good way! On Saturday, May 5th we had a spring cleaning day at the clubhouse – a huge thanks to a very dedicated group who turned out to wash, polish, shine, organize and vacuum. You will no doubt notice that the whole place looks better, and brighter! You never know how dirty your windows are until they get a good cleaning!

Not only that, but Dave Fiebiger and crew worked diligently to replace our back door. Dave and Al were able to find a very high quality, Energy Star rated door to replace the old one; we can count on it keeping the heat out in the summer and in during the winter. The crew of volunteers had to first remove the old door, make repairs and adjustments so that the new one could be installed and then go to work putting the new one in.

Thanks to all who pitched in for the cleaning and repairing; it was a lot of fun because chores are always easier when you do them with friends!

May 26th will be our clubhouse landscaping cleanup day – if you missed the 5th, do try to make it on the 26th, I promise that it will be fun and a great way to make sure that our clubhouse is looking top-notch!

Monday May 14th will be our first annual Chapter 54 Spring picnic. If you haven't already registered, email Jim Pearsall right away. This is a family-friendly, budget-friendly event. Delicious food served in a casual setting (at the clubhouse); weather permitting, we hope to have member planes on display for our viewing pleasure! We also agreed that we would like to start a summer tradition of a cook-out before every monthly meeting! More about that to come.

I was listening to the radio over the weekend and heard a very exciting story about our Farnsworth friends. Through the special efforts of the school and a ham radio club in Wisconsin, they are going to get to speak live to an American astronaut who is currently aboard the space station! They will have an 11 minute window to ask questions and send well wishes as the space station passes over us. I am sure that there is a lot of excitement as the kids decide what questions to ask and figure out who gets to ask them. That story reminded me of being a grade school girl and watching the first space launches on a TV set that perched high atop a rolling cart. We have lived in amazing times – and it just keeps getting more amazing!

If you needed proof that our members are the nicest people going – here's a perfect example. Every time I include something about AirVenture in something for the newsletter I write "OshKosh" with a capital letter K. And every time Tom has to fix it for me! I have a good excuse – my kids wore "OshKoshB'Gosh" kids" clothes and they do spell that with a capital K. I didn't realize that I was making more work for our newsletter editor until someone else called attention to it and Tom agreed (very quietly and respectfully) that it is always necessary to proofread my work. Well, I promised him that I would not make that mistake again (other than for purposes of demonstration). I would also like to say that it is really great to have such a good newsletter editor; I know that it is a lot of work and Tom always gives us great reading and pictures!

Don't forget that YOUNG EAGLES starts on the 12th of May – Linda is getting all set up for the kick-off event and needs help with ground management as well as pilots who can fly our young friends. This is yet another area where I am very proud of the generosity of our chapter members – always willing to pitch in and get the job done. These monthly events do so much to build goodwill in the community.

CAVU
Bettie

Our MAC people have done some improvements around our chapter club house lately. They updated the sign area and updated the path to our viewing area. **Thanks to the MAC guys.**



Note what the bottom of the sign says!

Beautiful,
Just Beautiful!



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!



Bert Garrison, EAA 470525, captured this photo of Brian Lansburgh and his Cessna 140 over Prineville, Oregon. For the photo, Bert was shooting out the back passenger door of a Piper PA-20 with his Canon 7D and Canon EF 70-200 f/2.8 IS II lens.



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21D RCO 118.625, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS: 120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

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is sponsored by the national EAA group.
If the child is STILL interested flight training scholarships are available.

So what's a Young Eagles Flight like?

On the ground: Your pilot explains what will happen during the flight. This might include talking about the airplane, reviewing an aeronautical chart (or map), identifying reference points during the flight, completing a careful "walk around" preflight inspection of the airplane, and identifying the parts that control the airplane.



Just before take-off: Your pilot helps you buckle your seat belt and describes the interior of the airplane, including the instrument panel.

In the air: You have a whole new view of the earth and sky. And, if you want, your pilot may let you take the controls! The flight lasts between 15 and 20 minutes, but if you're like most Young Eagles, you'll remember this experience for the rest of your life.



Back on the ground: There's more time for you to ask questions about the flight. And ask away! Your pilot is happy to tell you more about flying and their particular airplane. You also receive an official Young Eagles logbook, which is signed by your personal pilot, and your name is added to long list of Young Eagles in the World's Largest Logbook.

The EAA Air Academy is an exciting aviation summer camp for young people, and takes place at EAA's Headquarters in Oshkosh, WI. The camp is based in the picturesque Air Academy Lodge which is next to the runway at Pioneer Airport. Every day is filled with aviation activities; working as a team in the flight simulators, learning how things fly, making flying objects of their own, and getting "up close" to over a hundred different airplanes in the EAA Museum. One of the highlights of their week at the EAA Air Academy is an airplane flight.

If you know someone who may be interested, go to www.eaa.org, and they have a whole lot of stuff that you can learn about.

As a side note several members from Chapter 54 took a day trip on April 28 to Dulles Airport and toured The National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center. The newest addition to the collection was the Space Shuttle Endeavor.

Curt Brown, who was the commander on John Glenn's most recent space flight, was one of our pilots and talked for two hours answering questions and providing anecdotes about his experiences with NASA. This was an incredible trip!
(I've included a picture of the shuttle and tiles.) Too neat.





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For March 13, 2012 *By Dale Seitzer*

4/9/2012

President, Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order, Vice President, Jim Pearsall, and Treasurer Paul Rankin were officers in attendance – a total of 19 people attended.

Business Meeting

Treasurers Report: The report was listed online -- no questions so the report was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved and seconded, unanimously approved.

New Business

Calendar of Upcoming Chapter events

May 5 and May 26, (Landscape) clean up day

May 23, 2012, Farnsworth Hangar Tour

May 12, Young Eagle event

May 14, 2012, Chapter Barbeque – in place of the regular meeting

May 19 -- Learn to Fly Day, open house at Valters Aviation, Chapter 54 will have a table. The event is promoted by EAA. Need a volunteer or two to promote the chapter and aviation activities.

August 12, Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast

September 8, Young Eagle event and picnic for all Young Eagles of the year.

Dave Fiebiger: Housing: The goal is to inspect, repair and upgrade the physical structure of the clubhouse, including replacement of the exterior doors. Work day is scheduled May 5, 2012. May 26 is arranged for landscaping and exterior work. Put the dates on your calendar. Rain dates—the following weekend.

Linda Amble: Young Eagles. We earned 139 credits equals \$695 was applied to the fees for the Air Academy. Two young people lined up for Air Academy. New EAA chapter in Hastings – may be an opportunity to cooperate. August 11 is our Young Eagle Day Picnic: Linda and Bettie Seitzer will organize and provide a reasonably priced meal (\$3-\$4). Invite past Young Eagle, Air Academy participants, volunteers, parents, Farnsworth students. Volunteers please contact Bettie or Linda.

Ground School Report—the session is completed – 100% passed the class examination. Finished with 8 students, started with 12. Thanks to the volunteer instructors.

Farnsworth Hangar visit –Wednesday May 23, 2012, 10:00 am to 11:30 am and another group 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Students from the Farnsworth School (Aviation Magnet School) make an annual visit to hangars to meet pilots, builders and see planes up close. We need 5 to 6 hangars to have an open house. The students rotate around the field in small supervised groups. Volunteers are needed, please contact Leif Erickson.

Saturday Movie Night – We want to do the movie night again showing aviation related movies with free popcorn. The date will be organized and announced through the email list.

Oshkosh work party – May 18 and 19. We are organizing another Weekend Work Party at the AirVenture grounds in Oshkosh. The plan is drive over Friday and work full Saturday and half Sunday. Volunteers stay in buildings on site and food is provided. Usually includes tour of Museum and behind the scenes at the airport. Looking for people who are interested, contact Bettie Seitzer.

Suggestion for a sign on a post at the airport, "Welcome to the Lake Elmo Airport 21d Airplane viewing area by EAA Chapter 54, Visitors welcome". Tom is checking on prices for the sign.

Next month meeting, May 14, 2012, will be our annual chapter banquet and in an effort to encourage more participation we are sponsoring a barbeque. The plan is to have social time from 6:30, eat at 7:00 and have a recognition and awards presentation at about 8:00. Menu -- potato salad, baked beans, burgers, brats and chicken, all pre cooked and then finished on the grill. Pay in advance \$10.00 or \$12 at the door. Root beer floats for desert. Have aircraft on display for member to share with families. Children age 7 and under, \$5. John Pearsall is coordinating—contact him if you want to help or have an idea to consider. Volunteers –talk to Jim.

Newsletter – You may send articles in any format to Tom. Ask ground school and Farnsworth students to write about their plans and experiences for the newsletter. News and updates are always interesting. Always looking for any photos too. Send what you have to newsletter@eaa54.org.

Instrument IFR Ground School is on. Deadline April 12, classes start April 16 (four class nights at the clubhouse -- one class will be held at Anoka and use the IFR simulator). They will use the Jepperson IFR course and some of it is study online.

EAA will kick off providing Eagle Flights for adults interested in an introduction flight at AirVenture in July.

Pilots Lounge

For Sale:

Best Offer: David Clark H10-30 Headphones
Brand new -- never used
Several years old in original box and plastic bag.

The total proceeds will go to the EAA Chapter 54 coffers for use, maybe, in our Young Eagles Program.

The STORY: The owner was going to learn to fly but was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident in 2008. As a result, the headset sat on a shelf until I visited him last Monday.

Many thanks,

BOB Pittelkow
rpittelkow@comcast.net

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 humidistat, 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 perma-shield 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 \$64,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.
NORM DUPRE 651-439-7688

For Sale:

Hanger on 21D for sale -- \$45,000
35 x 75 feet with two 45 foot doors, electric openers, electricity and natural gas, two insulated workshop / office rooms, above floor storage,
Contact Chip Andrews 651 248 9708



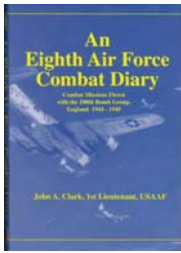
Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and a Cherokee Six.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:Mark) or call 651-982-275.
Visit us at www.tailwinds21d.org to learn more.

IMAGES FROM AROUND THE AIRPORT LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D

-By Dale Seitzer



Book Review and Donation

I tell just about everyone I am a pilot and often that leads to stories we have in common. A co-worker is married to the son of the author John Clark of the book An Eighth Air Force Combat Diary. This book is different than other I have read. The author was a co pilot on a B-17 in 1944 and 1945 and includes the flight diary and then newspaper articles and supporting information about the mission. The author provides more detail about the mission and methods and techniques in much greater detail than I have read in other books.

He explains the strategy of flak and then what is done to counter that strategy. He clearly explains the complicated but organized formations and how they work with escorts and bombing runs.

There are plenty of unique photographs and even a story about how he met his wife who was also an officer. The prologue detailed some of his childhood and the childhood of his wife. There are two chapters about the training he completed.

After the war Mr. Clark was a member of the Michigan Air National Guard, he was a physics profession at a college in Michigan – this was a smart guy and his explanations show his knowledge and communication skills. The book seemed like it was written for his children – as a way of documenting his experiences but even non family will appreciate the detail and insight.

Look for the book in the Chapter Library.



Mike Graczyk has the hangar next to the hangar where my plane is kept on the south side of the field within eyesight of the beacon. Over the years we talked about his current plane, an older Cessna 172 with a six cylinder Continental engine. Recently Mike has been working on a big project – a damaged 1962 Cessna 210B. Mike is a license Airframe and Power plant technician who worked for years at Northwest and other smaller airlines. He is a licensed commercial multiengine pilot and flies his 172 frequently. Mike said he needed a project to work on and figured he could earn some money too by repairing a plane and reselling it. He found the 210 at a salvage company in Cambridge. The plane sustained damage from and overrun of a runway and subsequent nose gear failure. The plane had several other incidents with damage in its' 2300 total hours in service.

The plane is a strutted, retractable gear, high wing, six passenger aircraft with a fuel injected IO470 six cylinder engine.

Mike expects good performance with cruise speed around 160 mph at 75% power. The plane has the damage mostly in the nose area. He also stripped the paint and will re-paint because the original paint from 1962 was faded and chipped. He will also do a total overhaul of the airframe and engine as a part of the rebuild. He has 318 hours in it so far and has a goal to finish in less than 2,000 hours. He is replacing panel and fabricating pieces and will need to rebuild parts on the nose.

His hangar is stuffed with plane parts – Mike assured me he knows where everything goes.



Image of a
Cessna 210

21D Airport Brief Notices

Happenings and Events Around the Lake Elmo Airport

A Brief Note about Last Month's Speaker

Notes Taken by Dale Seitzer:

Speaker Patrick Hoyt -- Builder and Future pilot of a Zodiac 601 XL

He is a member of EAA Chapter 25 in Lakeville. His planning and decision process consisted of finding a plan that was relatively easy to build, be a 2 seater, low wing, light sport, proven design, need to fit into (he is tall). Took a test flight and wanted wife to be involved in the planning and building decision. He had a Piper Warrior therefore liked the low wing side by side and decided on the Zenith Zodiac 601. He went on a short vacation and built a rudder under the factory instruction and guidance and it went well. He and his wife went in on the decision together. He would build one section at time and then re-evaluate and always went forward and bought the next sub kit. He made his own seats and had them upholstered by a boat shop. He has flown other Zodiac, noticed their features and made improvements—for example the 4 point seat belts are made better than the originals. The canopy is the most difficult part – he upgraded to the Zodiac 650 canopy for more headroom and a better canopy latch system. He also upgraded to a steel 4130 rollover bar behind the occupants.

He also wanted more leg room so he moved the rudders forward but needed to move the firewall and still had to redo the entire cabin floor. He shortened the nose wheel steering and got the rudders to the right place. Paid extra for a factory built spar but it needed to be rebuilt and that took a long time.

Instrument panel was very simple. Built his own lift reserve indicator to show lift by indicating the difference between the air pressure to indicate when the wing was losing lift. He installed Dynon and mixed analog and digital engine instruments.

The engine he used was a Corvair engine from a 1967 Chevrolet Corvair with 68,000 miles. He disassembled the engine for a rebuild, he had a machine shop magnaflux, nitrite, machined the cylinder heads, over bored cylinders and pistons, dual ignition but single spark plugs. Used a different camshaft and used one specifically supposed to be designed for aircraft. It is estimated at 100 horsepower with a 66 inch ground adjustable carbon fiber prop. He went to the Corvair College and remains in contact with Corvair engine builders and pilot community

He found some oil leaks but re sealed them, ended up taking apart and put back together twice. He bought stainless steel exhaust. He used Nuvite to polish the aluminum, the fiberglass was painted with roller and brush, used hair dryer to finish, then wet sand and then re painted 3 times. He has invested 5.5 years on the build so far. The plane will be about 800 pounds empty and has 27 foot wing span. There are videos on You Tube, search for Pat Hoyt to see videos of engine runs and the building process.

Key factors:

Spouse support

Work everyday—do something everyday

Build in your garage or your house / basement – somewhere convenient

Connect with builder community

What doesn't help

Disorganized shop and tools (never regret buying high quality tools)

Customizations and upgrades, always resulted in delays

Perfectionism – how good is good enough

Know it alls – everyone has suggestions

Next steps

Airworthiness

Insurance

Where to keep it

www.zenith.aero

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LOCAL FLYING 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 12 2012, 7:00 to 11:00, Eden Prairie MN Wings of the North Annual Pancake Breakfast, Flying Cloud Airport,(KFCM), 7AM to 11AM, or while supplies last. WOTN hangar on Flying Cloud Airport, Eden Prairie. Enter at Gate H, one mile west of Flying Cloud Drive on Pioneer Trail.\$7 per plate.Rain or shine. Possible airplane displays. FAA Safety Team seminar at 9AM at Premier Jet Center., , info@wotn.org

May 13 2012, 8:00 to 16:00, Souix City IA Annual Fly-In and Car Show, www.midamericaairmuseum.org/, Sioux Gateway Airport,(KSUX), Mid American Aviation and Transportation Museum, Annual Fly-In and Car Show 8:00 a.m. ♦ 4:00 p.m. Pilots in command eat pancakes free., Rick Alter, 712-490-0324,

May 16 2012, 7:30 to 11:00, Moose Lake MN Grand Opening of A/D Building, Moose Lake Carlton County Airport,(KMZH), PIC eat free. Grand Opening of new A/D building! , Larry Peterson, 218-485-4441, fnb@firstmooselake.com

May 19 2012, 20:00 to 23:59, South Saint Paul Minnesota Wing Commemorative Air Force Spring Swing Big Band Hangar Dance, South Saint Paul Airport,(KSGS), Doors open at 6:00 PM, Dance Lesson at 7:00 PM, Dance 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM (midnight). 310 Airport Road, Hangar 3. South St. Paul, MN 55075 \$15.00 donation per person (A \$5 off coupon is available). (<http://cafmn.org/events/CAFSpringDanceCoupon.pdf>). Music by the Roseville Big Band, Free Dance lesson from TC Swing & The Swing Cats. Music, Dancing, Food, Aircraft Tours, Door Prizes, Prizes for best WWII Era dress and more. Proceeds from the dance benefit the museum., , 651-455-6942 ,

May 19 2012, 8:00 to 15:00, Orr MN Fly-In/Craft & Flea Market, Orr Regional Airport,(KORB), Pancake Breakfast: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Sloppy Joes: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. PIC♦s eat free! Award Ceremony at 11:00 AM, Young Eagle Plane Rides, and Craft/Flea Market., , 218-757-3288,

May 26 2012, to , Janesville WI Southern Wis-

consin AirFEST, Jansville Airport,(KJVL), 5/25-5/27/2012 US Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, Black Diamond Jet Team, Air Show Director, 608-754-5405,

June

June 2 2012, 10:00 to 14:00, Alexandria MN Lunchtime fly-In/Open House, www.facebook.com/chandlerfield, Chandler Field Airport,(KAXN), Lunchtime fly-in/open house in Alexandria, MN on June 2, 2012. Will include a pork chop lunch, aviation exhibitors, static aircraft displays, airplanes rides, and more to be announced. Go to www.facebook.com/chandlerfield for updates. , Kreg Anderson, 320-760-7175, kreg94@rea-alp.com

June 2 2012, 10:00 to 17:00, South Saint Paul MN Annual Fleming Field Fly-In, www.flemingfield.com/Flyin.html, South Saint Paul Airport,(SGS), 6/2 - 6/3/2012 Come join us for our annual Fly-in this summer! Here you'll be able to show off your plane, win awards and learn new skills at one of the seminars. Admission is free to the public. Rans Aircraft, Vans Aircraft and Zenith Aircraft will be showing demo aircraft and will give demo flights.Forums on Insurance, avionis, RV's, Rotax and Lycoming Engines and home built aircraft certification., Ami Sela, 612-860-3734, airport@flemingfield.com

June 2 2012, 7:00 to 17:00, Manitowoc WI Thunder on the Lakeshore, www.thunderonthelakeshore.com/index.html, Manitowoc County Airport,(KMTW), 6/2-6/3/2012 Pancake Breakfast Each day from 7am to 11am. EAA Chapter 383 will be serving up pancakes for only \$6! City of Manitowoc Police K-9 Demonstration At 11:00am in front of the Police/Fire command center (near the EAA Building), there will be a search and bite demo. Check out the beautiful Police Department Harley Davidson motorcycles on display as well! Amelia Earhart Look-alike Contest This is in conjunction with the exhibit of the beautiful Lockheed Electra Jr. that was used in the filming of the movie "Amelia" starring Hillary Swank and Richard Gere. The plane will be on display and fly daily at the Airshow., Curt Drumm, 920-482-1650,



Young Eagles Report by Linda Amble



The Chapter 54 Young Eagles program is gearing up for a fun and busy summer. Our June 9th date has 25 kids scheduled so that day has been closed. The rest of the summer has approximately 10 kids signed up for each session. Leif Erickson has submitted advertising to nine newspapers in the area so I expect that there will be more activity in the near future. Just as Dave Becker has done in the past reminders and requests for ground support and pilots will be sent out about a week before each of the six Saturdays beginning with our May 12 event.

Dates again for this summer are:

May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8 and
October 13



We'll set up at 8:30am at the chapter house, hold a briefing, and have flights start around 9 am. If this will be your first time attending a Young Eagle event the morning is generally wrapped up by 10:30 or 11:00.

If you have any questions please contact me or Dave Becker.

Thank you for giving these young people an introduction to flying and at the same time supporting the Chapter 54 Young Eagles program





TAXI TALK

{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To all our female members out there! If you are a flyer may all your husbands/dads allow you to have an especially quite and fun, relaxing day at the airport!

was a great job to do but I had to know the pilots



and their aircraft to sort the kids to the right plane!

Gal Pal Stops By.....



Had a special lady friend stop by the house the other day and I just had to share this picture with the members of her kids in my Pulsar project downstairs. Too cute...Future Pilots Grant and Claire???

This year Linda Amble takes over and we have to give her great support and acknowledgement for the courage to take over this very important job. After all Linda came from one of our ground school classes and is at this time taking flying lessons. Wonder if she has soloed yet? Anyways Linda is such a wonderful delight at the clubhouse and has helped out where she can and has been very much involved in chapter activities. So let's volunteer our help when she needs it and give her all the assistance she needs this year to this very important program!

Being involved with the Young Eagles

Being this special issue is dedicated to our Young Eagles which starts this month I would like to just say how great it feels to help out when I can. Last year Dave Becker ran a great event every month and did his best with all the rain outs that happened. Dave entrusted me to the job of what he calls the Load Master where I would take the paperwork from the Young Eagle and sort it in my file to await the next Young Eagle pilot. I was at a table out near the line and it

Interesting Phone Call.....

This past month I got a very interesting e-mail from an editor at Sport Aviation by the name of Greg Laslo. Greg wanted to interview me about an article or feature they are doing for the AirVenture Program this year. He called me later and wanted to know how I felt about last year's Memorial Wall ceremony for Dale Rupp. I told him it was a pleasure and honor to have known Dale and was proud to leave his legacy there at the wall. We will have to see if he publishes my comments but it was very nice!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**I have often said that the lure of flying is the lure of beauty.
That the reasons flyers fly, whether they know it or not, is the
aesthetic appeal of flying.**

--Amelia Earhart