



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2010.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT. (21D).
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
HUGH SONTAG, ADVENTUROUS FLIER

HUGH RECENTLY COMPLETED AN ADVENTUROUS TRIP INTO IDAHO AND MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN. HE WILL SHARE PICTURES FROM THE ADVENTURE, DISCUSS THE HIGH POINTS AND LOW POINTS AND SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS TITAN TORNADO.

The Chapter Opens Up it's Hangars for Kids!

Compiled by the Editor

This past summer a few chapter members opened up their hangars for the kids of the Farnsworth Aerospace School. Below is a few pictures from the event that were pulled from our website. This program was set up from our Education Director, Art Edhlund.



The Bus arrives with our guests

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Dan Bergstrom shows some of the kids his hangar and aircraft, a Tailwind W-10.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

The main agenda item for the November Chapter 54 meeting will be to elect three new Class II Directors. The candidates are Jim Pearsall – Events, Jeff Hove – Historian, and Tom Gibbons – At-Large. These three people will be great additions to our Board of Directors and I look forward to serving with them. Jim and Tom will be joining the Board for the first time. Jim has been very active in the chapter during last year. He took charge of, and organized, our first ever International Learn to Fly Day last May. Jim also volunteered to help with our Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast. Jim occasionally joins us for the Saturday morning coffee group at the clubhouse. Jeff will be serving his second term as Historian. Jeff is a valued member of the chapter. As Historian, he preserves and organizes our historical memorabilia. Jeff is also active in chapter activities when he is not flying aerobatics or flying out to another pancake breakfast. Tom is our newsletter editor. He has served in that valuable role for many years and does an excellent job. Tom has a special set of journalism and computer graphics skills that makes our newsletter second to none. Tom has paid his dues to the chapter and deserves a Board position. My congratulations to these three candidates and look forward to their service and input to the chapter.

On Wednesday, October 13, I went out to the clubhouse to remove some clippings from the shrubs by the clubhouse back door. While there, I noticed the door to our storage area was unlocked and partially open. I did a quick survey of the items stored in the area and determined that nothing was missing. Since I don't have a key for that lock, I contacted our Housing Director, Dave Fiebiger, who promptly went over and locked the door. Dave asked me remind all chapter members that use of the clubhouse carries personal responsibility and to be aware of clubhouse security. Dave asked that we ensure all doors and windows are securely locked before leaving.

Congratulations to Dave Becker for successfully concluding another very successful Young Eagles Season. I'm sure Dave will have statistics on the number of Young Eagles we flew during 2010. Dave does an excellent job organizing the event each month. The success of the program is certainly a tribute to his dedication and organizational skills. We're already thinking about, and looking forward to, the start of the 2011 YE season.

The November Chapter 54 meeting will be Monday, November 8. The social hour begins as usual at 7:00 PM and is followed by our program at 7:30 and business meeting around 8:30. The November program will be provided by Chapter 54 member Hugh Sontag. Hugh will describe his recent adventure to Idaho in his Titan Tornado. Sounds like a great program and hope to see everyone there.

The Benefits of Membership

I had a problem with the engine on my plane and I needed an engine hoist to remove the engine and work on the back side. I asked my small circle of friends with no luck so I asked the Chapter 54 email list members and was offered 4 different hoists to use. I learned the club has their own hoist so I arranged to borrow it for a month to do the repair. The club has many tools available and perhaps the most important thing the club members provide is expertise and knowledge of just about everything aviation related.

There are members who immediately say, "No, you can't do that." but if I keep asking, "What if I did this?" or "What if I did that?" Eventually someone will be able to provide the solution or at least a place to look for more information. My turn came recently to answer questions about light sport and Rotax and Jabiru engines. I am glad to contribute and share what I know. We are all a part of the collective knowledge of a group of people with similar interests. I am proud to say I am a member of EAA Chapter 54.

- Dale Seitzer

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!



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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')

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Recent chapter member Dave Syverson sits down in front of some students to talk about his aircraft, a Kitfox and gets ready to show his hangar.



Hangar owner Ed Pfeiffer shows his vintage Cessna 172 to some students. Note his Fisher Bi-Plane wood homebuilt project in the background.



Al Kupferschmidt talks about his beautiful Citabria in his immaculate hangar to a curious on looker and the rest of the students and a teacher.



Chapter President, Leif Erickson starts to show his students his hangar and his aircraft, a Citabria, with the cowl off.



Dave Syverson has two of his students sit in his cockpit and try on the headsets.



More demonstrations by Al, above, and Leif, on the left, of their aircraft.

Many Thanks To all These Members For the Tour!



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Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

Editors Note: Our Chapter Secretary has accepted and started a new job that entails him to travel often during the weekdays but is home during the weekends. So that means he is unable to attend the monthly meetings therefore unable to record the chapter meeting minutes. He mentioned he may be available for Young Eagle flights or other chapter activities during the weekends.

So what this means is we are looking for someone willing to take notes for the meeting minutes as a temporary position or even possibly a permanent replacement. So if you are interested in helping out the chapter please contact our President, Leif Erickson with your thoughts.



September 24, 2010

Leif Erickson
EAA Chapter 54, Inc. President
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A letter sent to President Leif Erickson about discounts from Ford!

Dear Leif,

Please thank Dale Seitzer for joining us on your behalf at the Ford Motor Company reception for the EAA Chapter Presidents during AirVenture 2010. We appreciate the opportunity to recognize and thank the Chapter Presidents for your leadership in the field.

The partnership between Ford and EAA spans more than a decade and continues to grow. The cornerstone of our relationship is our mutual goal of providing value for the EAA members.

EAA is pleased that Ford enhanced the AirVenture experience with the opening day Chicago concert, the nightly Fly-In Theater, and the Living Legends autograph sessions at the Ford Hangar. Our "Together We Care" spirit was evident with Eco-Shuttles, recycling bins and support of the Young Eagles with the sale of the one-of-a-kind SR-71 Blackbird Mustang and Mustang GT raffle vehicles generating nearly \$500,000 for the youth outreach programs. It was a fantastic AirVenture 2010!

As part of our partnership, Ford Motor Company provides EAA members the opportunity to receive preferential pricing on the purchase or lease of a new vehicle through the Partner Recognition Program. EAA members receive substantial savings with a negotiation-free, fixed price, in addition to applicable rebates and incentives.

The enclosed brochure highlights the Ford Partner Recognition program which provides significant benefit to EAA membership. Please share the brochures with your Chapter members so that they are aware of the savings that this EAA member benefit provides.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to seeing you at AirVenture 2011!

Warmest regards,

Edsel B. Ford II
Director
Ford Motor Company

Tom Poberezny
President
Experimental Aircraft Association

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

1,100 lb Mini-size Electric Rope Hoist, 110 V AC, 12 A, 1 ¾ hp, \$75. I planned to use it to raise and lower a hangar door but changed my mind. Contact Leif Erickson @ 651-439-5040 or lericks@presenter.com.

SLSA Flying Club Forming...

Chapter 54 member Jim Pearsall is organizing a SLSA Flying Club at Lake Elmo, 21D. Contact him with your questions.

FOR SALE:

1) 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.

2) Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004

\$50 or offer.

Dave Syverson ddsyverson@comcast.net or see additional contact info in Membership List.

21D SLSA FLYING CLUB FORMING

Looking for people

Then will find an airplane

Organizing
Jim Pearsall

Phone: 651-494-4579
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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.

1967 Cessna 182C, 2518 Total time. Very good older airplane. Call for details. Flies straight and true.

Asking \$50,500 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)

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L o c a l E v e n t s
Compiled by Paul Hove (Chapter 54 Member)
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

November

November 12 2010, 12:00 to , Bowstring MN Monthly EAA Chapter 1446 Fly-In Lunch, , Bowstring Airport,(9Y0), No charge lunch served beginning 12:00 Noon. Beautiful, well cared for grass strip. This is a monthly event, the 2nd Saturday each month., Gene Ward, 218-743-6175,

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Major Fly-Ins for Next Year

January 20-23, 2011...**U.S. Sport Aviation Expo** Sebring Regional Airport (SEF) Sebring, Florida. www.Sport-Aviation-Expo.com

March 29-April 3, 2011...**Sun-N-Fun Fly-In** Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL), Lakeland, Florida. www.Sun-N-Fun.org

April 13-16, 2011...**AERO Friedrichshafen** Messe Friedrichshafen, Friedrichshafen, Germany. www.AERO-Friedrichshafen.com

April 30-May 1, 2011...**Virginia Regional Festival of Flight** Suffolk Executive Airport (SFQ), Suffolk, Virginia. www.VirginaFlyIn.org

June 10-2, 2011...**Golden West Regional Fly-In and Air Show** Yuba County Airport (MYV), Marysville, California. www.GoldenWestFlyin.org

July 6-10, 2011...**Arlington Fly-In** Arlington Municipal Airport (AWO), Arlington, Washington, www.ArlingtonFlyin.org

July 25-31, 2011...**EAA AirVenture Oshkosh** Wittman Regional Airport (OSH), Oshkosh, Wisconsin. www.AirVenture.org

August 27-28, 2011...**Colorado Sport International Air Show and Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In** Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC), Denver, Colorado. www.COSportAviation.org



Young Eagles Report

by Dave Becker



We flew fifteen Young Eagles at our October event. Our regularly scheduled 2010 Young Eagle program is now complete for the year. Ridden with numerous weather cancellations, we still managed to safely fly 164 Young Eagles with the help of all of the great ground support and pilot volunteers. Thank YOU to all the Chapter 54 members who helped make this another great Young Eagles year. Together we made a positive impression about aviation in many young lives.



EAA has been enhancing the Young Eagles program that includes giving each Young Eagle a log book with a certificate for a free on-line private pilot's course from Sporty's. If kids 14 year old or older complete the first section of the on-line course, they will be given a free one hour flight lesson from a flight school of their choice. After completing

the entire Sporty's course, Young Eagles are eligible to apply for flight training funds. Annually, 12 \$1,500 flight awards and three \$7,500 flight scholarships are available to interested Young Eagles. All Young Eagles will be offered a free EAA Student Membership. This membership is valid until their 19th birthday and includes a membership card, e-newsletters, member discounts, and the electronic version of *EAA Sport Aviation*. Various aviation businesses are sponsoring these incentives to help keep the kids flying.



Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of each month from May through October starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents should pre-register their children for an event ahead of time by going to www.eaa54.org and clicking on the Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight. To view the many great Young Eagle photos, go to: <http://www.eaa54.org/YEPhotoGallery/YEGallery.html>

If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the second 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 Thanksgiving to All!

Besides being thankful for your family and friends, which is the most important thing, I hope you all are thankful for all your accomplishments in aviation whatever large or small they may be!

Trying to paint.....?

With all this past month's good weather and temperatures I finally made an effort to try my hand at painting my aircraft. I have a HVLP turbine set up and once I got my "paint booth" set up out back of my house I gave it a whirl. I am



using the Loehle paint products system and have been studying their manuals and talking to them on how to do it. The first time I just practiced on a piece of cardboard hanging

in the booth. It was fun after all the effort even though of course I had "orange peel" like crazy due to the position of the gun. The second time I felt I was ready so I tried it on my elevators and one horizontal stab. Different results and still a little orange peel. The third time was on my rudder and that was better but still not perfect. I was only spraying a white primer so imperfections were ok. That was it as the temps came down to a point of no more but it was nice to be able to try and see what it was like. It would have been nice to get everything done but hey.....this is Minnesota and it will have to wait for a different time.

Recent trip to Dallas, TX

A couple of weekends ago I flew down to Dallas, TX. for a volunteer thing with American Airlines, whom I work for, dealing with World War II veterans for what they called Sky Ball. It was a big party gala in one of our maintenance hangars in which I just helped with table service. It was fun to serve the military personnel when I could.



The night was topped off with entertainment from Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. This trip was suppose to be a quick weekend with me flying down on Saturday morning, going to the

event that evening, then flying out early the next morning. Long story short, trying to leave DFW the next morning was tough as storms from the night before cancelled or delayed many flights and others were full! So instead of flying straight to MSP, I had to go to LGA and then try a non stop there to MSP. No good! I ended up getting an airline worker fare on Delta Airlines and went thru DCA just to get home that day.



So I saw New York, which I never have seen before and Washington DC before making it home from Dallas. Crazy! Luckily, I love flying!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

In order to invent the airplane you must have at least a thousand years' experience dreaming of angels.

- Arnold Rockman.