



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2006

- SOCIAL HOUR AT 7 P.M.
- MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING, MARIE LANGFORD SINGLETON--SHE WILL TALK ABOUT HER EFFORTS TO USE AVIATION IN A YOUTH INITIATIVE AND MENTORING ACADEMICS.

CHAPTER AIR ACADEMY RECIEPTENT

Reported by Tom Gibbons



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Meet Cody Fallin! He was our latest Air Academy student whom we sent this past July. He has taken several Young Eagle flights and even has his own logbook to prove it.

Cody came to our August 14th meeting and described all that he did at the Air Academy. He brought a nice display of pictures and also some sample ribs which he constructed during his visit there. Then he took questions from all the members and answered them very nicely. I asked him which was his favorite airplane to which I believe responded, "All of them."

I think Cody will be a true aviator someday with all the excitement in his voice as he talked to us. Let us wish Cody all the luck in his coming aviation years.



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY PAUL HOVE

I found a picture that was taken while we were walking around looking a classic aircraft at Oshkosh last year.



Virgin Galactic's GlobalFlyer photographed making a low pass at Oshkosh on its way to the Smithsonian Museum.

Now Sir Branson has formed a new company with Burt Rutan called The Spaceship Company to offer suborbital spaceflights and later orbital spaceflights to the paying public. The spacecraft are to be named using the prefix VSS ("Virgin SpaceShip"). The first craft is to be VSS Enterprise of Star Trek fame and the second may be named after the Star Trek spaceprobe VSS Voyager.

Virgin Galactic plans to fly 500 passengers a year at about \$200,000 each, to an altitude of over 100 km, with a total weightless time of 7 minutes.

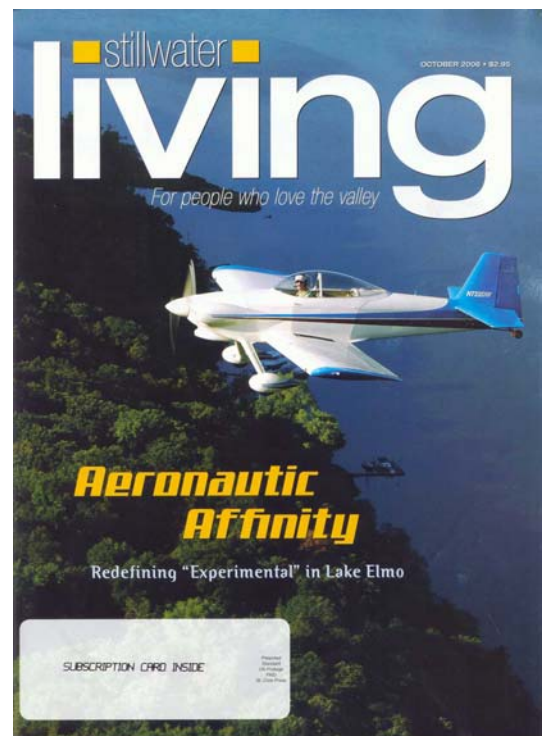
I can get you reservations if you sign up at the next meeting. Hurry since the slots are filling up fast.

Valter's Aviation is hosting pig roast for the airport users on Oct 13th 2006. It will start at 5:00pm. Donations accepted. Contact Gatis Valters at 651-777-1399 for more information.

Our membership director, John Renwick, has purchased a heated hangar at Lake Elmo Airport on Cessna Lane. John recently retired and we should be seeing a lot more of him now

that he has more opportunities to spend time here at the airport.

Stillwater Living Magazine arranged a photo shoot of Doug Weiler's RV-4 flying over Stillwater for the cover of their September issue. The feature article covers our last chapter meeting. Below is a scan of the October magazines front cover.



For those of you who are interested the progress of my RV-7A project, go to www.paulhove.com/rv-7.htm.

We are still looking for volunteers for Program Director candidates. If you wish to be more active in the chapter activities or know of someone that you believe would be interested, call me and have them added to the nominee list. The elections will be held at our next chapter meeting.

See you at the Chapter House for our Monthly meeting on October 9th, 2006.

Remember to keep the pointy end forward and the dirty side down.

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

BY PAUL RANKIN

September 2006 Financial Summary

Checking Account	\$	7,461.05
Cash on hand	\$	40.00
Investments	\$	6,364.86
Total	\$	13,865.91

Income

Pancake Breakfast Food Resale	\$	60.00
Membership Renewals	\$	75.00
Total	\$	135.00

Expenses

Pancake Breakfast - Misc	\$	154.24
Utilities - Gas	\$	21.30
Utilities - Electricity	\$	23.22
Newsletter & Mailing	\$	33.85
Total	\$	232.61

Net Cash Flow \$ **-97.61**



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At the Pancake breakfast fly-in.



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Chapter member meet on the second Monday of every month at the Chapter House, Entrance B at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The House is at the base of the airport beacon. The newsletter is printed on the first Monday of every month. Parts of the newsletter may be reprinted with appropriate credit.

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

Membership Meeting Minutes

By Bettie Seitzer

Sept 11, 2006 Meeting minutes

No visitors attended this meeting.

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

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was approved as read

Old Business:

Club members are strongly urged to support a replacement for the MAC seat representing our area. Bob Nelson is respected by many and is willing to take on the duties even though it may be a short term assignment. Please call Tom Hanson at 651-296-3391 to voice your opinion.

Viewing Area: Ian Edlund has been very busy (good for his business!) and has not been able to complete the concrete work for the Lake Elmo viewing area. The club is seeking other volunteers or suggestions about how we can get this done. The project has been approved by the Mac folks and will be a great asset to our airport.

Thanks to the Valters! Our club is deeply grateful to the support and help of the Valter's with our pancake breakfast every year. A gift certificate for a train ride on the Minnesota Zephyr was presented as a thank you for all they have done. We really appreciate their fine hospitality and the wonderful space they let us use.

The October meeting will include elections.

CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Flying Start and Education (Art Ed-hlund): Valter's ground school is going on now, ours will start in Feb.

Young Eagles (Dave Becker): With the beginning of the school year, attendance slipped quite a bit this month. Dave closed by reminding us that the motto is: "Keep it safe, Keep it Fun".

Housing (Dave Fiebiger): Things are going well, shrubs and trees look great! Bunnies are not too populous (yet).

Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons): Tom requested articles and suggestions, please send articles and/or pictures to Tom, email address is TomisFlyingby@comcast.net

Publicity (Leif Erickson): Publicity really helps to build community support. Emails of coming speakers are helpful as well

Meeting adjourned.

Program Speaker: Jack Lanners. Jack lives very near the airport and is a strong supporter of general aviation.

Respectfully submitted:
Bettie Seitzer
Secretary
EAA Chapter 54

Local Events As compiled by EAA Chapter 54

October 7, Greenfield, Iowa. The Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame Open House takes place at the Iowa Aviation Museum for 4-6p. A Hall of Fame Banquet/induction ceremony follows at 7p (reservations required). Contact Lee Ann 641-343-7184

October 7, Park Rapids MN. Fall Colors Fly-In/Drive-In. Park Rapids Municipal-Konshok Field (PKD). 10:00a-3:00p. Fish fillets, fries and salad. Self Serve 100LL and Jet Available Hosted by the Park Rapids Pilots Association. Call Angie @ 218/237/8528 with any questions. Rain Date Sunday October 8th.

October 13-15, Rushford MN. Fall Color Powered Parachute Fly-In. Rushford Airport (55Y) Experience LOW and SLOW in some of SE Minnesota's most beautiful area! Camp right at the field! Russell Marsolek 507-452-6888. marsole@luminet.net .



Bettie Seitzer under the Kid Venture tent attending to the young folks visiting during our Pancake breakfast fly-in.

Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

From feast to famine. Our Sept 9th Young Eagles day yielded only one kid compared to 50 the month before. We had six pilots eagerly waiting, but no more kids arrived. The weather was cool and it was the first weekend of school extra curricular activities. We are not sure what else could have the reason been for the low turn out.



Currently, there are 12 kids who signed up from our web site for our next Young Eagles day on 14 Oct. We also have a Boy Scout group scheduled for the following Saturday, Oct. 21st.

Hopefully we will have great weather on those days to provide an airplane ride and a positive exposure to aviation for more Young Eagles.

TAXI TALK

{Interesting Happenings compiled by the editor}

Interesting!!

I was finishing reading my December '05 Sport Aviation magazine a little while back and noticed in the column called, "What Our Members are Building & Restoring" an interesting thing. On page 80 it shows "Wisconsin/ Pober Ace" and guess who is built this? Paul Poberezny ! It says it is his 8th homebuilt and then lists all his prior ones. I just thought it was interesting that here is the founder of EAA and he sent in his information of his plane for publishing in his magazine. I know he is kind of away from the job now but still I would think he would have a little pull on this. Shows he is just like you and I when it comes to EAA and how we do things. I like that!

Job Schedule Change

Well, my days off went back to Sunday and Monday off so I will not be able to see everyone at the club house on Saturdays. I enjoy going up there and as a reminder gang, put it in your schedule to join other fellow members there on Saturdays from 9AM to 12N and get to know everyone, it is fun to hanger talk with fellow members! Also remember that the Saturday before our Monday meeting is Young Eagles Day, so be sure to be there and help out too if needed.

Great Music!!

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for someone who loves aviation? Check out www.kendravis.com . Ken sounds a lot like the late **John Denver** in most of his songs and he sings about all the wonders of flight. I love his music and have all his CD's. One of my favorites is, "Hooked On Flight". I really like all the songs but "Logbook" is my personal favorite. "Flying Home to You" and "Songs of the Sky" are the

other two CDs that are really great. In "Flying Home to You" there is a song called: "Go Around" which is so cool to listen to.

You will not be disappointed if you love aviation and music, especially the way **Ken Dravis** sings these songs. They are so neat to listen to and as a matter of fact I always listen to all three when I drive to Oshkosh every year.

Classified Information

To make it easier for me and all, I will keep your classified ad in the newsletter every month until you tell me otherwise. Just drop me a note to stop the ad. TomisFlyingby@comcast.net .

A Word of Thanks!

Since I took over the newsletter job a few people have really helped me along to keep it going on time and with good information.

I have to thank the following:

Paul Hove— Helped me with the first one and always helps me get it posted to the web page.

Dave Becker— Always sends me great pictures to use as I want which really helps to make it more colorful. By the way, if you have a nice photo that you want posted, just send it to me and I will do my best to get it in the newsletter.

John Renwick— John offered his phone number to me to call in case I get into trouble, which I have many a times. He answered most of my stupid questions as far as this green computer guy is and really helped me. Now I feel like a veteran but I know there is more to learn.

Thanks guys and thanks to all for your patience in getting out YOUR newsletter. Got to admit, I really like the job but I wish more of you would send your interesting stories.

Bear with Me

By Art Edhlund

*Submitted from a 3M publication written in
1988*

Pick up this one from a seat-mate on a recent commercial flight. This Gent used to fly with MATS (Military Air Transport Service) post war II. As techniques for air drops of men and materials improved, parachute drops could be made from lower and lower altitudes—less than 500 feet! One material delivery scheme involved a ground-rigged hook that would catch a cable loop draped from wingtip to wingtip, attached to palletized airborne cargo and pull it out the rear cargo door of a transport aircraft flying a few feet off the deck.

Needles to say, full power was used and the flight crew had their hands full adjusting trim at the moment of delivery. But the system worked so successfully at delivering palletized cargo to advanced military positions with minimal ground set up, that some thinkers proposed the scheme be used for live troops.

To silence the shrieks and guffaws of the skeptics, testing was required. Since volunteer troops for such a test mission were in short supply, it was decided to use tranquilized bears whose body weights about equaled a fully equipped soldier. Since the bears filed no official

objections, the tests proceeded. Several sedated volunteer bears were strapped to specially designed pallets.

Now you and I know the million and one things that always seem to occur at the last minute to delay our best planned flights by a few minutes here and a few more there. This flight was no different, but the test personnel were motivated and optimistic, and by the time the bears were enroute to the drop site, in the warm tropics, they had become fully awake and had reconsidered their volunteer status.

The tests proceeded. As occasionally happens, the griping by the “troops” was discounted. The hook was in place, the cable loop was deployed from wingtip to wingtip. The drop (or drag) was made, successfully! However some lack of cooperation between the experimental subjects and the bio-medic examiners on the ground was recorded. It is suspected that exaggerated claims of discomfort by the bears may be a factor in dropping the project!

WARNING! WARNING!!

BALDWIN, WISCONSIN

MONITOR 123.05 MHz

PARACHUTE JUMPING

Parachute jumping may not be preceded by a radio announcement. Flight Service may not warn of parachute jumping in the Baldwin area nor are there daily NOTAMS published. *LOW and/or OVERCAST CLOUDS MAY NOT INHIBIT PARACHUTE ACTIVITIES.*

AVIATORS SHOULD AVOID THE BALDWIN AREA

Baldwin, Wisconsin is located 3 miles North of Interstate 94 and approximately midway (25 miles) between Lake Elmo Airport and Menomonie, WI. (LUM). As such, it is on a popular route between Eau Claire, WI (EAU) and Lake Elmo (21D).



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CLASSIFIEDS AND QUOTE OF THE MONTH

1957 Cessna 172. Continental engine C145. (0-300A) TBO 1800 hours. Hours now 737.4. Plane has 5166 hours. Has a pre-heater. Still has VOR and transponder and other instruments. Will be at blue hangar across from the clubhouse most Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. till noon or so. Best offer. If you have questions, please call Harold Hempler Jr. at 651-439-8411.

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