



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2008.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
- Chapter 54 member John Renwick will speak about, and show photos, from his trip to Alaska in a Cessna 170 this past summer.

## Chapter Fly-In/Breakfast

*Compiled by the Editor*

Chapter 54's annual Fly-In/Breakfast was held on Saturday, September 6 in conjunction with Lake Elmo's Fall Festival which anticipated a good turn out but the opposite was true. High hopes of changing the date this year to see if we could draw more attendance came up short as only about half of what we wanted. It was suggested to change it early in the year and the members attending the meeting agreed to do it. After the event most members still felt it was worth giving it try but now think we will stick to our standard Sunday in August. It was a beautiful sunny but crisp morning for the event and members still had a good time with the event. Lots of volunteers this year helped also. Thanks to all who helped out with this years event and we look forward to next year.

Below is a bunch of pictures that were taken from the website, [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org) from the gallery section that tell the story of that morning. Some have subtitles describing them. Enjoy:



*High up picture taken from the fire truck showing the west flight line.*

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## **FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)**

*BY DALE SEITZER*

Our Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in results are mixed. We had an excellent turn out of volunteers and the event ran smoothly but we sold fewer breakfasts and made less money. The day was perfect and we had lots of planes fly in and on display but fewer people from the community came by for breakfast.

The candidates for open Board of Director positions are Dick Wicklund and Tim Reberg. All the officers are elected together but the Directors are split so there is some carry over from year to year.

There is a cool video on the General Electric corporate website, [www.ge.com](http://www.ge.com), describing their engineers trip to AirVenture to jump start their innovative creativity and increase their passion for aviation.

Thanks to the fellows who helped paint the club house – it looks great! Two gallons of primer, lots of scrapping and 5 gallons of siding and 1 gallon of trim paint were used.

The Board of Directors met and voted to approve the Club House West expansion after the presentation by the Building Sub Committees recommendation and discussion. We also reviewed the proposed bylaw changes and approved placing them before the membership for a vote. At our next meeting we will vote on the by-laws. Members in good standing may also vote by proxy by emailing or sending their vote to Bettie Seitzer. A copy of the bylaws is on our website.

Our next Young Eagles event is October 11. This is the last formal organized Young Eagles event of the year, see Dave Becker for more details.

Friday night October 19 will be the next movie night at the chapter house. The 633 Squadron, starring Cliff Robertson will be shown, free popcorn and pop for this exciting story from WWII. The movie starts at 7:00 PM.



**EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*BY PAUL RANKIN*



**September 2008 Financial Summary**

Checking Account	\$9,293.19
Cash on hand	\$40.00
Investments	\$7,166.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,499.66</b>

**INCOME**

Pancake Breakfast Receipts	\$1,874.00
Pop Receipts	\$43.00
Donations	\$50.00
Resale	\$52.50
Placemats	\$220.00
New Members	\$0.00
Membership Renewals	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,389.50</b>

**EXPENSES**

Pancake Breakfast Expenses	\$1,037.16
Administrative Supplies	\$11.05
Deck Stain	\$43.94
Newsletter & Mailing	\$44.31
Utilities - Electricity & Gas	\$45.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,182.22</b>

**NET CASH FLOW** **\$1,207.28**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST INCOME**

Receipts	\$ 1,874.00	<b>Meals sold:</b>
Donation	\$ 50.00	270 Adults
Food Resale	\$ 52.50	34 Children
Placemats	\$ 220.00	37 PIC
Pop Receipts	\$ 43.00	15 Valters
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,239.00</b>	8 Sheriff
		<u>1 Exhibitor</u>
		<b>365 Total</b>

**EXPENSES**

Food	-\$1,037.16
Licenses	-\$42.00
<b>TOTAL\$</b>	<b>-1,079.16</b>

**NET** **\$ 1,160.34**

**Chapter 54 Directory**

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

*Chapter Fly-In Continued from page 1*



*These two pictures above show the cooking area and the seating area*



*These two pictures show the aircraft parkers*



*A couple of very nice aircraft in attendance that day*

## Chapter 54's Clubhouse Gets a facelift!

A large Thank you to the volunteers that painted the club house exterior this weekend. We used 2 gallons of oil based primer--the paint was in rough shape. We also used almost 5 gallons of exterior latex and one gallon of trim paint. The club house kind of blends in with other buildings now -- the color is a light tan with a brown olive drab trim color.

I am even more impressed with Al Kupferschmidt -- last time he painted it himself! We had a crew of 6 working on it and this was a big job.

Dale Seitzer



*Some the members who helped:  
Dale Seitzer, Ron, Tom Gibbons, Art Edlund, Dave  
Becker, Jeff Hove and others!*





## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Dale Seitzer

**Visitors:** Gary Carlson; interested in aviation. Would like to find an instructor, and get started on his private pilot's license.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report was approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was approved as published.

### **Old Business:**

Board member elections will be held in October. Time Reberg, Dick Wicklund have both indicated interest in the open positions. There is one additional seat available. If members are interested they should contact Jeff Hove and Dale Seitzer stained the deck – looks great. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> a team will gather to paint the clubhouse – weather permitting. The color will be a tan, more of an earth tone than we have right now. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> will begin our movie nights with Blue Max

Any correspondence for the treasurer should be placed in the large manila envelope that will be kept on the desk in the clubhouse.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

We had great weather, lots of volunteers turned out to help – Thank you all for your participation. The advertising on the placemats worked out really well. We got local businessmen to buy ads and they were happy to help out.

Denny Hecker donated 3 free oil changes that were given out in the raffle drawing.

The helicopter guys came in to offer rides for sale. They got their own insurance and cleared it with the MAC and with EAA national.

Kid activities were fun for the kids.

We had cars on display from Denny Hecker and Jaguar; we always try to park them in an area where they can be seen by the crowds.

274 adults and 18 children. 37 PICs.

64 planes flew in (but some flew in and out more than once)

361 total meals were served.

About \$43 worth of extra goods were sold.

We sold ads for the placemats

Pat Driscoll provided a \$50.00 donation.

Total expenses have not been calculated

General agreement that next year we will return to an August Sunday.

### **New Business:**

Young Eagles will be held on Saturday September 13th. Board meeting will be held Saturday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

The picnic benches and sign at the viewing area will be brought in for the winter. In the spring we will place the sign so that it does not block the view of people who are sitting to watch planes.

### **POLITICAL ALERT:**

It is an election year – pilots are responsible for understanding and complying with all TFRs. Expect that these could pop up at any time.

### **CHAIRMEN REPORTS:**

#### **Young Eagles (Dave Becker):**

Sept 13, young Eagle day

All spots are filled with pre-registered kids for the remainder of the year. We have been very successful in getting kids to sign up on the website.

There was lots of interest at the pancake breakfast

#### **Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund):**

Ground school will start in February. A schedule will be published in the newsletter as soon as it has been finalized.

#### **Housing (Dave Fiebiger):**

The deck looks great – stop and see

Plans have been drawn up so that the members can do all the work. The drawings guide the building of individual panels and then installing. The total estimate is less than \$5,000. We would like to get the foundation in this fall so that we can get started early in the spring.

Footings will be concrete sonic tubes, with a floating slab. Drilling the holes will be done by a hired contractor.

#### **Membership (John Renwick)**

132 current members

#### **Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons):**

The articles about Oshkosh were a big hit! Please consider sending in flying stories about other adventures or trips that you have taken.

#### **Publicity (Leif Erickson):**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Following the meeting Stan Dardis talked about his glass panel.

Respectfully submitted:  
Bettie Seitzer; Secretary  
EAA Chapter 54

## Hanger Talk

*Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor*

### FOR SALE:

COLLINS VHF 251 COM , COLLINS VIR 351 NAV , TWO KING ADF'S , KR 86 AND KR 85 AND INDICATOR,  
NARCO 840 LORAN , ALL FOR \$300 O.B.O.  
CALL MARK AT 651-982-6275

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I have a home-based sewing business, please see [www.alloccasionaprons.com](http://www.alloccasionaprons.com) My business has been featured on three local TV stations and newspapers, the aprons I sew are a cotton print, sewn onto canvas, which makes them very durable and protective, with three pockets along the bottom. Each adult size apron is \$19.95 They are available in "Aviation Theme Prints" which are great for aviation gifts, RC Events, or any event involving food.

Thanks. (my husband is in the Iowa City Aerohawks RC club and a small plane pilot, which is where I came up with the idea) Irene Shurson 319-338-2259

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### Local Fly-In Events:

#### October:

**October 25 2008, 15:00 to 22:00, Airlake Halloween Extravaganza, , Airlake Airport,(KLVN), Lakeville Airport's 1 st Halloween Extravangza. Haunted House and Kids Activities. Hangar Dance time 7:00 pm to 10:00 PM. Games and Prizes. Food and Music Provided. Admission \$6 Adults and \$ 3 Children up to 12 years of age. If interested in volunteering please call Kristin at 952-469-4414, Ursula Freseman, 952-469-4414, [ufreseman@visi.com](mailto:ufreseman@visi.com)**

#### November:

**November 1 2008, 9:00 to 17:00, 6th annual Cambridge Chili Feed for Toys, [www.allamericanaviation.com/](http://www.allamericanaviation.com/), Cambridge Municipal Airport,(KCBG), Chili Feed for Toys. Bring a new unwrapped toy to American Aviation for the Minnesota Children's hospital fund and get free Chili (with all the fixin's)., Todd or Brenda, 763-552-4359,**



*Stan Dardis talking about his "glass panel" in his Cirrus SR22 GTS Turbo Perspective at last month's meeting.*



## Young Eagles Report *by Dave Becker*

We were weathered out with a low ceiling on our regularly scheduled event on September 13. On the following Wednesday, we flew five kids from the P.L.A.C.E. group who were weathered out earlier in the summer. Our last regularly scheduled Young Eagles event is set for Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. We have 28 kids scheduled and expect some walk-in's, so we could use your help as either pilot or ground support. We have put a notice on the on-line web page to inform the public that sign-ups are now closed for the remainder of the year.



Our on-line Young Eagles sign-up system has been working very well and most people are now signing up in advance of the event. We have not had a shortage of kids this year. We have been a bit short on pilots and ground support at times. We can always use your help.



Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of the month from May through October starting at 9 a.m. Parents should sign their kids up for an event ahead of time by going to [www.eaa54.org](http://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 Halloween to all!!**

**Sorry for the Delay.....**

.....on this month's newsletter. Everyone sent in their reports early but it was me this time! I just got back from a long weekend trip to San Antonio, TX for my Pulsar Reunion. What a great time I had too. I stayed with a fellow Pulsar builder who lives on an airport nearby so it really helped for the lodging. More to come later.

**Our Fly-in breakfast event**

It was good to see that we had great weather for this years event, too bad attendance was low. Oh well, at least we tried something different and found out what to do next time. After the teardown of the event Jeff Hove comes up to me and asks if I wanted to go to Osseo, WI for their Wings and Wheels event. I said no at first but was convinced otherwise and off we went in his C-150. It was a nice flight there and when we arrived we parked on the main ramp and immediately people came up and started asking Jeff about his plane. Pretty neat! I snuck off for a burger but shortly afterwards Jeff notices another C-150 taxiing in. It was the same year as Jeff's, with the same paint job from that era. We went over to talk with the guy and it was neat to listen to the guys talk about their

planes. Then shortly after that, in comes this N3N after a fly over. Low and behold it was Paul Rankin and his daughter Katie on board. We hooked up and along with Richard Marr from the chapter, we just wondered the area checking out all the neat stuff. Lots of fun when you can meet up with fellow chapter members at these events.

**Volunteering**

I have to give great kudos to Pres. Dale Seitzer for all his hard work on the clubhouse. Dale organized a paint detail and painted the whole thing. I showed up on Saturday and was sent to the store for some more paint. I did what I could on Saturday afternoon helping in scraping and priming but Dale sure finished up things on Sunday. Great Job Dale and Thanks!!!

**Spelling???????**

I would like to let all know about some spelling things that I get a lot for the newsletter:

-- **AirVenture**-- not spelled Airventure or Air Venture as two words.

--**Oshkosh**-- not spelled OshKosh or other ways.

Others?? Let me know the correct way. I had to do some research on the AirVenture title but that is how they want it spelled.

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**You will begin to touch heaven, Jonathan, in the moment you touch the perfect speed. And that isn't flying a thousand miles an hour, or a million, or flying at the speed of light. Because any number is a limit, and Perfect speed, my son, is being there.**

*—Richard Bach, Jonathan Livingston Seagull.*