



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY OCTOBER 11, 2010.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT. (21D).
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
JOE HARRIS, METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION:

JOE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE HANGAR ORDINANCE PROCESS INCLUDING THE AESTHETIC GUIDELINES. HE WILL ALSO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND IS OPEN TO DISCUSSION OF TOPICS OF INTEREST TO 21D RESIDENTS AND USERS.

A Chapter Member's Who's Who with pictures

Submitted by Alan Kupferschmidt

Name: Alan Kupferschmidt

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Occupation: Retired from Telephone cable maintenance. Other work was Lake Elmo volunteer fireman, EMT, Rescue. US Navy for 4 years and 17 years with USAF Air National Guard.

What aircraft do you own?

Citabria 7GCBC to which I always try to keep clean.



This picture taken on 2/25/86 when I first picked up the airplane with on 436 hours on it!

If you could fly any aircraft, what would it be?
Quest Kodiak Float or Cessna Caravan on

Floats.

Fun Aviation Story: Too Many!!!!

Who is an inspiration to you in aviation?
Bush Pilot up in Alaska

What was your first plane ride?
Piper Tri-Pacer flown from St. Paul Downtown airport.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

As I write this article on Sept 30, I looked back at the past month and realized it was a very busy month for me. I've managed only one hour of flying time and that was three weeks ago. In addition to my responsibilities at Chapter 54, I'm back working part-time at Century College. I have two classes this fall semester. I'm also on the Board of Directors of the seventeen-unit townhouse association where my wife and I live. The Association is in the midst of replacing shingles and siding on all seventeen units. As I write this, the roofers are up on my roof removing old shingles and doing a lot of pounding. It almost sounds like they are trying to knock holes in my roof. The total project will not be completed until early December.

Thanks to everyone that attended our September Volunteer Appreciation Meeting. A special thanks to Joann Driscoll for baking the cake and to my wife Linda for helping serve cake and ice cream. Linda also cleaned up afterwards, so I could enjoy a wonderful program from Bettie Seitzer and Jody Gregg. Kelly Riley, from Farnsworth Elementary, and her two sons attended the meeting. Kelley and her two sons volunteered to clean tables at Aviation Day. After the meeting Kelley e-mailed me with the following: "Thank you for inviting us last night. My boys talked all the way home about the evening. They enjoyed both speakers and my oldest wants to join EAA when he grows up because the meetings are so interesting!" If anyone ever questions the importance of aviation activities oriented toward children, here is compelling evidence of their value.

One casualty of Aviation Day was one of our GE roaster ovens. Somehow, we wound up with a Hamilton Beach roaster oven instead. My guess is, during cleanup someone accidentally returned the Hamilton Beach to the clubhouse and brought the GE oven home. If you are that person, please check to see if you have the GE instead of your Hamilton Beach and make a swap with us. The Hamilton Beach oven is located on the shelf in the chapter building entry way.

Since the September meeting a Nominating Committee was formed to recruit three candidates for Class II Directors. The committee members are Bettie Seitzer, Dave Becker, and me. So far we have recruited the following candidates: Events Director – Jim Pearsall, Historian – Jeff Hove, and At-Large Director – Tom Gibbons. At the October meeting I'll open the floor for additional nominations and complete the slate of candidates. The election will be held at the November meeting and the new Directors will take office in January.

Thanks to Jody Gregg, the amateur photographer that documented Aviation Day with his professional quality photographs. Jody donated two 8 x 12 inch prints of the Dr.1 to the chapter. I sent both of the Mark Holliday, one for him to keep as a thank you for arranging the Fokker's appearance at Aviation Day, and the other to sign and return to me. I'll have it framed and hang it in the Chapter building.

Joe Harris will be the speaker at the October meeting. His topic will be the 2010 Hangar Aesthetics Ordinance. This will be a very important meeting so I hope everyone is able to attend.



September 6, 2010, I received this information via phone call from the family of Ken Wofford:

Tuskegee Airman Ken Wofford, 1999 inductee in the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame, living in Golden Valley, passed away on Sunday, Sept 5, 2010. He flew over 6,000 hours, trained in Tuskegee, Alabama, and flew in Italy during WWII. He also held positions in the MN DOT Office of Aeronautics.

For years, he spoke of his experiences to my "Intro to Aviation" classes. He refused to take any money for his appearances, instead insisting that any honorarium go to the Red-Tail.org organization in the effort to keep a P-51 Mustang in the air, in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Aviation has lost a great man.

John Schmidt
Teacher, "Intro to Aviation"



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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')

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/MEMBBERSONLY

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





What is your favorite airplane to fly?

I like them all!! But really love Cessna 180's or 185's

How long have you been a pilot?

35 years but flying my Citabria for 25 years.

What do you like about Chapter 54?

The friends and comrade

How did you get interested in aviation?

Just did it myself! Moved and built house near the Lake Elmo Airport.

Unique airplanes you've flown/taken a ride in? (Flown) Cessna 150, 152, 172 & 172XP, 210 Turbo, Piper PA-12 Cherokee and the twin engine Seneca and Navajo. Beech Bonanza V-35, A-36 and B-55 Baron. Citabria 7GCBC, 7KCA, 7KCAB. EAA's Ford Tri-Motor and Stinson Radial Engine aircraft. Bellanca Super Viking (300 HP). Kitfox 125HP, Swift 145HP, Taylorcraft, XT-912S(100HP) Trike, Van's RV-4, 6 and 7A and a Cirrus SR22.

Rides are: Breeze, Sparten (Tri-gear) Only one made! Piper Super Cheyenne, Piper Tri-Pacer, J5A Cub Cruiser.

Military rides are: KC-135, C-130H, C141, C-5A.

Commercial rides: DC-4, Convair 440, DC-9 and 10, Boeing 727 and 757, and a Airbus. Plus a Islander Twin commuter.

Helicopter Rides: Bell Jet-Ranger 206-B, Eurocopter AS 350 B-3, Black Hawk and a UH-1H Bell Huey. Plus getting time in C-130, 747, F-16 and F-4 Phantom Flight Simulators!

What do hope to accomplish in aviation in your lifetime?

To complete all my take off's and then of course all my landings!



Alan with his wife Rae with his pride and joy on skis!

Editors Note: This article was sent to my Pulsar group but I thought it would be neat for all to read. Bob was an engineer at McDonald-Douglas Aircraft in California, now retired and living up in Big Bear in the mountains above the Ontario, CA area. Enjoy!

10/1/2010

Article- Landing at Edwards AFB, Legally!

Back in August, an e-mail circulated about Edwards AFB allowing 100 pilots to land their planes on the base for a safety seminar. It would be the first time GA planes would be allowed to legally land, ever. How could a good boy resist going?

I applied as soon as I could, as did 2000 other pilots, some as far away as Connecticut. But as my luck this year has been running a little low, I didn't get picked... at first. They had an alternate list of attendees to fill slots when the initial guys dropped out but I didn't make that either. So what's a guy to do to get invited? Bribery is best but not with money.

Food counts better and arrangements were made to give my ancient family specialties to the staff should my name appear on the list. It finally worked but with only 4 days until the fly-in.

Anyone who spent time in the military knows they invented paperwork and forms. They want Hold Harmless agreements, insurance verifications, flight plans, and more. I used to teach my new engineers that if you hate paperwork, get good at doing it quickly, and so I whipped all the requirements out and was cleared to fly.

The AF gave discrete squawks and definite landing times and a package of info with pages of diagrams and pictures of the field and written instructions and then came a DVD with more stuff. And you had to swear that you read and absorbed all this stuff on another form. I was ready!

As I was warming up for 26 on Friday morning at 0630 (military time), another Cessna was also departing for EDW. They were full and heavy so the White Rocket (my Pulsar) just cruised by and since I was early, just eased power and flew in clear air towards the "fix point" out in the desert. Then you squawk the code and call up Joshua for special guidance right into the Rosamond Dry Lake bed where black stripes on the dirt outlined the temporary runway. Landing was easy even though the lake bed was curled up like potato chips.

They guided each plane to tie-downs and the Major greeted each plane and I was able to slip in the food bribe then. They had a large white tent on the ground where tables and chairs were available for several thousand attendees. Presentations were made showing aviation history at EDW, really great pics of planes and pilots and a very good short film about the X-15 program conducted there which resulted in an X-15 reaching 350,000' and Mach 6+. It was just amazing seeing all these flights by military and civilian pilots.

The Safety seminar was a program that we had at one of our Association meetings 2 yrs ago about how to avoid mid-air near military restricted areas; very informative and well done.

A big lunch was served and during it, Pancho Barnes, taxied in and spoke about her flying experiences and the Happy Bottom Riding Club.

When it was time to leave, we received instructions and took off in a controlled manner until clear of 2515. I headed for L35, Big Bear, and encountered a T-storm near Cajon Pass. Hooked to the north and saw even worse conditions at Big Bear so landed at Apple Valley and waited it out. By 1730, skies stopped lightning and booming and just a drizzle remained, so I headed for home and landed fine in calm air.

It was a special day for me and all the other attendees who flew and landed there. It also reminded me how competent and gracious our military folks can be.

Bob Hartunian





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2010

By Dale Seitzer

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
920 Towne Circle
Stillwater, MN 55082

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 ¼ 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:

21D SLSA FLYING CLUB FORMING

Looking for people

Then will find an airplane

Organizing
Jim Pearsall

Phone: 651-494-4579
E-mail: pjpearsall@gmail.com



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

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)

E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net .

More Pilot's Lounge

Please welcome new members John and Lisa Corrigan to the chapter. They live in Hudson, WI. John is a soil conservationist, working for the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the USDA. He's a student pilot who's interested in vintage aircraft and aerobatics. John and Lisa are also into dog agility, camping, travel, and reading.

Say hi when you see them around the airport, and make them welcome!

Best Regards,

John Renwick

Membership Coordinator

This sent from member Paul Hove:

New free online airplane magazine called Airplanista

<http://www.airplanista.com/>

Also:

Copied from AOPA Online

In Minnesota, the aviation program at St. Cloud State University was among eight programs recommended for reduction or elimination—and 24 cited for consolidation or reorganization—in an Aug. 30 letter from Provost Devinder Malhotra.

Tara Harl, chair of the aviation department, told the St. Cloud Times that she hopes the program can be saved by finding it a home in the university's G.R. Herberger College of Business. The aviation program had revenues of \$451,966 in fiscal year 2010 and ran a deficit of \$252,430, the newspaper reported.

The university said it seeks to align its academic programs with the university's Strategic Action Plan and to direct human and financial resources to the programs that best serve the region and state. President Earl Potter said that as a result of ongoing state revenue shortfalls, St. Cloud State has cut 10 percent of its budget over the past three years and must cut another 10 percent—about \$14 million. Sports programs and faculty positions will be cut in addition to the academic programs, he said.

St. Cloud State and the University of Illinois would not be the first schools to shutter aviation programs. San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., ended its pilot training program in spring 2010 when Mesa Pilot Development, a unit of regional carrier Mesa Air Group, ended its longtime support of the program. Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H., also closed the doors on its flight training program last spring when the nonprofit school, struggling with large debt payments, was purchased by ITT Educational Services, the parent company of ITT Technical Institutes.

September 30, 2010

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

October

October 9 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,

October 10 2010, 8:00 to 12:00, Glencoe MN Fly-In Sunday Brunch, Sponsored by Glencoe American Legion, , Glencoe Municipal Airport,(KGYL), Menu consists of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, beverage, all you can eat - \$7.00. Free shuttle service. Come see and tour Glencoe's freshly renovated facility, home to a charming event center and City Hall. , Roger Hilgers , 320-864-4174,

October 16 2010, 11:00 to 16:00, South Saint Paul MN 4th Annual Craft Fair & Chili Feed , www.cafmn.org/, South Saint Paul Municipal Airport,(KSGS), Minnesota Wing Hangar. Hangar #3 Fleming Field, 310 Airport Road, South St. Paul, MN 55075, , 651-455-6942,

October 30 2010, 7:00 to , South Saint Paul MN CAF Halloween Benefit Saturday , www.cafmn.org/, South Saint Paul Municipal Airport,(KSGS), Minnesota Wing Hangar. Hangar #3 Fleming Field, 310 Airport Road, South St. Paul, MN 55075, , 651-455-6942,

November

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December

December 11 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,



Young Eagles Report
by Dave Becker



It has been another bad weather ridden month for our Young Eagles program with the cancellation of our regularly scheduled event on September 11. On the following Sunday, we did manage to get nine of the kids flown and have moved a few to our October 9 event and a Boy Scout group of seven kids scheduled to fly on October 23.

We also supported the Red Wing Pilots Association in putting on its first Young Eagles event. They are working to become an EAA Chapter and flew ten kids on their first event. Special thanks to Leif Erickson and Bruce Olson for helping out at the Red Wing event. They are planning one more event on October 16. If anyone wants to fly a few Young Eagles at a different airport, let me know and you can join the Red Wing event.



Even with all the event cancellations due to weather that we experienced this year, we currently are at 148 kids flown per my records year to date. There may be more with chapter pilots flying Young Eagles on their own. I thank all those members who participate in our Young Eagles program to help make it what it is.

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 HALLOWEEN to all members and may you not find cob webs in your hanger or ghosts hiding in your aircraft wanting to go for a ride

Dale Rupp.....

I hope you all saw that Dale was mentioned in the latest edition of Sport Aviation under the Gone West column. Check it out on page 110. I was so pleased that the chapter chose to buy a spot for him on the Memorial Wall with the dedication at next year's AirVenture. I always see the fly over with the missing man for that ceremony on my last day at the show when I am packing up. Maybe I will plan to attend it next year!

More AirVenture to talk about...



I just have to mentioned one more exciting thing I did during AirVenture '10. They had a neat thing where veterans got together and marched down the flight line from the Warbirds to AeroShell square. I checked in to my

area which was the US Coast Guard and only one other guy was there. He flew B-17's for the USCG just after WWII doing iceberg marking. A couple of others soon joined us and when we started marching, a few more joined in. The USCG was at the back and we had less than a dozen guys verses what the other services had. But it was so neat to march down in front of everyone and have them clapping for us. I kept saying Thanks but they kept saying, "No Thank You!" It was touching and very special for me!

Who's Who???????

I have used up the last Who's Who in Chapter 54 information sheets that many members have sent to me so I am asking for more. Please, if you have not submitted yours yet, check it out and have fun filling it out. I think it has been popular with the members and it is a nice way to find out what other members are interested in. There are blank copies at the clubhouse or you can pull it from the website or I will send you an e-mail with a copy attached. With the coming slow months for flying stories, it will help me provide the members with some nice information that they like to read. Thank You!!

Painting still???

With the recent nice warm temperatures I still may have a shot at trying to get some paint on my aircraft project. I just received the remaining paint and other chemicals to complete the plane so I should be good. Sure would be nice to get it on before the winter.....just wish other commitments would stop getting in the way

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Practice, Practice, Practice.....
Know thy self, Know thy aircraft....
And do not exceed the limitations for either!

- Submitted by member Alan Kupferschmidt