



# The Beacon

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2008.

- **SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.**
- **MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.**
- **AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**
- **CHAPTER MEMBER STAN DARDIS WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM CALLED, "FLYING THE GLASS", DESCRIBING THE FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES OF THE GLASS COCKPIT IN HIS CIRRUS SR22 GTS TURBO PERSPECTIVE.**

## Chapter Members Have an Air Venture!

*Compiled by the Editor*

The following are a brief description of what some of our chapter members did or saw during Air Venture '08. Enjoy!!



**My Oshkosh experience this year brings me back to Rockford in the late 60's. Yes, that is over 40 years ago. Carl Unger was at Rockford and giving rides all day in his Breezy. Gil, who was working security on the field, talked him into giving me a ride in his plane which I lovely describe to my non-flying friends as a bicycle with wings. Last year I tried to get a ride with Carl Unger in his Breezy but there wasn't enough time. So this year I got up early on Wednesday to be on the flight line and first in line. Needless to say I was thrilled with a great flight. When the flight was finished I tired to give Carl some gas money but he refused. He said it was his way to promote flying. What a guy!**

**Keep the flying going--Barb Leiter**

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

*BY DALE SEITZER*

Our annual Pancake Breakfast and Fly In is this coming Saturday from 7 am to Noon. I hope to see you there. One of my goals as President is to spread the work from our over worked core of volunteers to members who have not volunteered before. I am happy to report that 30% of the volunteers for this years pancake breakfast and fly in are first time volunteers. I have called just about every members looking for volunteers and have talked to many fun and interesting people. There will be many opportunities to help out in the future.

We need candidates for our Board of Directors. There are 3 positions open and the election is at the October meeting. Talk to Paul Hove or me if you are interested or have questions.

We are having a Board of Directors meeting Saturday Sept 20,2008 at 10 AM. Board members are asked to attend – any member can attend also. We will receive the recommendation from the Building Expansion Sub- Committee and we need to vote on the final revision of the Chapter Bylaws.

September 27 and 28 we will be painting the club house. Volunteers are needed to scrape and prime bare wood on Saturday and apply the finish coats on Sunday. We also need someone to focus on repairing the weather stripping on the doors. The steel doors are in great shape but the seals are worn and need some attention. This task could occur at anytime – we just need someone who is creative available and handy. Contact me to volunteer.

Our next Young Eagles event is September 13. We could use another pilot and plane, see Dave Becker for more details. The Young Eagles program is a very effective method to share aviation and educate the public while having fun at the same time.

Friday night September 19 will be the next movie night at the chapter house. Blue Max will be shown, free popcorn and pop for this exciting story from WWI. It stars George Peppard and Ursula Andress – and lots of vintage aircraft flying. The film starts at 7:00 PM.

Tom Gibbons is doing a great job with the newsletter. He puts together what ever members send him and shares the news with all the members. Not all members can attend every meeting so the newsletter is the perfect way to keep in touch. We need to send him articles, news and events so he can keep members informed. Tom is serious about putting together a high quality publication and he dedicates hours each month to the task. He even went to a seminar at Air Venture specifically for newsletter editors. I was a newsletter editor for another chapter for 2 years and I can confirm that the job takes a lot of effort. Thank you Tom, for a job well done.



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



**August 2008 Financial Summary**

Checking Account	\$8,118.20
Cash on hand	\$40.00
Investments	\$7,166.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,324.67</b>

**Income**

Wearing Apparel	\$28.00
Donations	\$10.00
EAA Membership Rebate	\$10.00
New Members	\$25.00
Membership Renewals	\$160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$233.00</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletter & Mailing	\$40.29
Utilities - Electricity & Gas	\$44.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$84.86</b>

**Net Cash Flow** **\$148.14**

**Chapter 54 Directory**

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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')

**Dave Becker took this picture of some Chapter 54 members who met behind the huge Boeing 747 Dreamliner on AeroShell square at Air Venture '08**



*Pictured are from left to right: Todd ?, Paul Hove, Jeff Hove, Paul Rankin and Tom Gibbons.*

## Art's AirVenture 2008

With full week attendance, you will meet friends you didn't expect to see.

My son Paul Edhlund and his daughter Isabell and I annually meet at AirVenture to renew family ties and explore our aviation interests. We dwell at a common campsite on the convention grounds. Paul and his daughter drive up from Fort Lauderdale Florida hauling the canvas housing, screen tents, solar panels, and assorted cooking equipment in his large pickup truck. I drive over from Stillwater MN in my little red sedan with my clothing and sleeping bag. While there, my car is left in a reserve parking lot near the entrance after unloading, since only one vehicle is allowed at each campsite.

Fuel costs this year required a more economical plan: Paul shipped, by UPS, all the heavy or bulky gear to my home in Stillwater. I had room in my empty economical sedan for the equipment and me for the 225 mile trip to OSH. Paul and his daughter drove the 1500 miles from Florida in his Mini, a small modern sedan with fantastic fuel economy. The shipping costs were far less expensive than the fuel guzzling truck would have been. Our individual travels were carefully synchronized for simultaneous arrival at OSH.

Of course we then had two small vehicles at the campsite. We would allege that one of them was only temporarily parked there if camp authorities questioned us. However by Monday we were visited by CH54 members – Paul Rankin, Paul and Jeff Hove, whom had flown in. They had rented a house off campus and intended to taxi to and from the campus each day. The extra car at our campsite and our friend's daily lack of ground transportation solved those two problems. They borrowed my car during the rest of our stay! In addition our campsite provided an evening social gathering spot with handy coolers..

At the end of the convention, Paul shipped his heavy gear home and drove home in comfort and so did I.

- Art Edhlund



My main focus in attending Air Venture 2008 was to attend the Young Eagles Coordinator conference meeting on Wednesday, July 30. Each year, I attend this meeting and come away with new ideas and a confirmation that our local Young Eagles program at Lake Elmo is one to be proud of. The most evident feature of our program that makes it stand out among many programs from other chapters is our One-on-One philosophy that we maintain; keeping the basic intent of the Young Eagles program in the forefront of our program. At the coordinators meeting and banquet that evening, I had the opportunity to network with other Young Eagle coordinators from around the country. Our Young Eagle Chairman, Harrison Ford, attended both our coordinator meeting and the evening banquet. He spoke of the importance the Young Eagles program is to the future of general aviation. Each of you who are involved in our Chapter 54 Young Eagles program can feel good about helping to influence our local youngsters into pursuing a career in aviation.

- Dave Becker

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## Oshkosh AirVenture – A Different Event for Everyone

Last month at our general meeting we invited members to report on their experience at AirVenture. I thought that could be boring –I will see photos of everything I already saw. The surprising thing we saw was 4 different people who attended the same event and there was very little overlap of photos. AirVenture is so big with so much detail in any one area – like 4 blind men describing an elephant. They each examine one part of the elephant and thus describe only a small part of the whole.

One can see warbirds from the US and Allies and even Japanese and German military planes. There is a recreation of a WWII airbase with tents, clothes maps, mess hall and tons of personal items from that period. Walking through and into tents and around the compound you get the feeling you could be right in the action. The military air show is quite the spectacular with planes circling in different patterns at 4 different altitudes. In the show are cargo, observation, bombers and fighter planes from WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

I have a shopping list of supplies and materials I need for the next year – fuel filter, spark plugs, oil filters various nuts bolts, washers, rivets and this year, electrical connectors because I want to re-do my instrument panel. One could spend days shopping for equipment in the exhibition building, Fly Mart and other areas. You can get anything you want aviation related at the show. The vendors usually have show specials and you won't have to pay shipping costs. One year we went from vendor to vendor trying out head sets until we found the right active noise reduction headset. The hot item is electronic engine information systems and glass panels – there must have been 20+Manufacturers with similar products.

It also seems like the fringes come out at AirVenture. There are many one of a kind, innovative and creative proof of concepts on display. Some engines run on a stand, some do not run and some are on planes that never take off. Over the years I have seen many engines one or two years and then never again. What will stick around? What will grab the consumer's attention and make people sacrifice to buy? We won't know until next year. Right now there are about 40 different Light Sport planes available – they will not all be around in 10 years will the predictors of success be the survival of the fittest or the best marketer. The media blitz and the subsequent disappointment in the "jet pack" in reality it is a ducted fan that is uncontrollable and marginally effective.

AirVenture is at the heart a convention for members with seminars and resources available to members and officers. There are seminars and workshops so varied selecting ones to see is difficult. There are safety seminars, working dog seminars and accident investigations, seminar of just about every aviation topic.

For some AirVenture is a social event where they meet people once a year and talk about all things airplane related. For others it is a destination – the place to go at least once in a lifetime. Some people have niche interests like ultralights or rotorcraft or antiques or vintage—the list goes on.

AirVenture can be different for every individual – you can find what you want within the whole of the event. Some people go for a day some stay for many days longer than the show. Some members go every year and some people have burned out from many consecutive years.

So like the 4 people who try to describe the elephant people who try to describe AirVenture are correct and incorrect at the same time. They see what they want to see –but just a part of the whole. No one can see and appreciate it all.

- Dale Seitzer

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### My trip to Oshkosh

Spending the week at Oshkosh is a highlight of the summer for Dale and me. We camp under the wing right next to the light sport strip just east of the south end of the main runway. We like to bring camping comforts and our own food and drink so we need to bring the plane and a car. Our friends have learned that they can stop by for a visit, a snack and a great view of the flying! Dale and I alternate the flying, this was my year to fly the plane over (of course that means I have to drive the car back). There is nothing like the moment when you fly into view of Oshkosh and see all the planes in the air – very thrilling!

Landing on the light sport runway is quite exciting! Pattern altitude is 300' starting 5 miles out. You cannot see the runway. The Notam gives detailed descriptions of the visual markers and there is a video on the EAA website so that a pilot can preview what they will be seeing. The pattern follows roads and corners are marked by the edges of groves of trees. The last turn brings you around a stand of tall trees – now you can see the runway and determine whether it is clear and safe to land. At that point you better be pretty low and slow or you might not make it. You also need to make sure that there are no obstructions on the runway and be alert for the runway monitor who might be waving a red paddle (go-around order) at you. Prior to our trip each year, I spend extra time practicing slow flight, close-in landing maneuvers and go-arounds to be ready for whatever may happen.

While at Oshkosh I make a point of attending safety seminars and talking with other pilots, it is a great refresher! This year there was a gathering of women pilots – it was thrilling to see so many other women in pink t-shirts! We need new pilots to keep our sport strong. I try to share the fun and adventure of flying with anyone who will listen.

- Bettie Seitzer

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## One of my best AirVenture trips!!

I have to say that this year was one of my better AirVenture shows that I have ever attended with one of the main reasons being that I missed last years event due to the death of my father. But this one made up for it in many ways.

First, I had two weeks vacation to prepare, then attend AirVenture so that really helped. When I arrived on the Thursday before the show I went to my usual camping spot and I was greeted with warm welcome back hugs from my friends I meet there every year. It was great to see everyone again.

I set up camp right away the next day and decided since I have seen most of the usual stuff every year and had most of the materials for my experimental aircraft project that I would maybe volunteer for the first time. I biked, the only way to go places at the show, to the volunteer shack and decided to volunteer over at the Flight Line Operations area. I was shown the area where they meet and introduced to the chairman who work it and watched a video to learn the ropes, then signed up for my first shift. The next day I showed up for the shift I signed on for and the first thing they do is a Traffic Briefing, letting us know what is going on, who is going where and so on. Off I went to an



area near runway 18 threshold close to where the warbirds park. I was watching for traffic coming from all directions, across the runway, from the warbirds area, from the homebuilt area and vintage area. As they taught us, keep your head on a swivel, always looking around. I was busy and boy was it fun! It was so neat to see the planes and the pilots up close, usually I identified the aircraft before they came close. They told me to wear sun screen before we went out but me being stubborn said no



way. Bad thing!! I felt it the next day and I thought this was only the first day! I was ok for the next shifts I did, but definitely used the sun screen each time. I was assigned various areas of the airfield and each had its different chores or duties. One of best shifts I did was right on the 18 runway threshold. We had cones set up so planes could cross it but not end up taxing on down the runway. Well the tower would call me on a radio and say they had certain aircraft that were coming all the way down runway 36L and that indicated that I had to move the cones. It was cool as I had to move them each time for a group of P-51's, or T-6's, or CNJ-6's but also for a F/A18 one time! All in all I had a great time doing this job but it did where you out.

Most nights at the campsite I would just shower up and head to the movie of the night, which was right next to where I camp. It sure was relaxing to watch those movies in a chair under the stars with the only bad thing being the mosquitoes.

Being so busy with volunteering it was tough to meet up with some chapter members and that was too bad as many were there this year. I did manage to meet a couple of times but not enough.

One of my traditions during the show is to bicycle to the sea-plane base. This is so cool to do and visiting there is really relaxing. Try the corn on the cob, it is to die for!

In summary, all I saw during the show was smiles, smiles, smiles and such nice people to talk to no matter where you were. How do you describe it others??? Impossible I say, you just tell them they have to go!

- Tom Gibbons

-Picture description: Upper left-Traffic briefing  
Upper right: Flight Line Ops fleet  
To the right: Me in the center with a couple  
I worked with, Mary and Rick.



## Local Events and Fly-Ins

*Compiled by Paul Hove and other Chapter 54 Members*

### S e p t e m b e r

**September 6 2008, 7:00 to 12:00, Lake Elmo Chapter 54 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast**, [www.eaa54.org/flyin.htm](http://www.eaa54.org/flyin.htm), Lake Elmo Airport,(21D), Lake Elmo Aviation Day, featuring a fly-in pancake breakfast and aircraft display, will be held at Valter's Aviation on Sunday, August 10 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at Lake Elmo Airport (21D), 12402 N. 30th St. Lake, Elmo, MN. The event will feature displays of modern, vintage, military, experimental, and ultralight aircraft. There will also be static displays of aircraft restoration and home-built projects, radio controlled models, vintage Jaguar sports cars, kid's activities, and educational programs., Leif Erickson, 651-439-5040, [lericks@presenter.com](mailto:lericks@presenter.com)

**September 6 2008, 8:00 to 11:00, EAA 272 Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In/Drive-In**, [www.EAA272.org](http://www.EAA272.org), Superior Bong Airport,(KSVW), In conjunction with Northern Nationals in Superior. Young Eagle Flights will be offered., John Shallow, 218-729-7764, [sjallj@msn.com](mailto:sjallj@msn.com)

**September 6 2008, 8:00 to 4:00, Wheels and Wings**, Osceola Wisconsin Airport,(KOE0), Classic aircraft display, airplane rides, craft show, classic car display, pancake breakfast and lunch., Jeff Meyer, 715-294-2618, [meyerjk@centurytel.net](mailto:meyerjk@centurytel.net)

**September 6 2008, to , Worthington Annual Fly-in/Airshow**, , Worthington Municipal Airport,(KOTG), , , ,

**September 6 2008, 7:00 to 11:00, Fly-In Breakfast Jackson MN**, , Jackson Municipal Airport,(KMJQ), Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Pilots eat for free. Raindate is Sunday, September 7, 2008. Our new arrival/departure building will be open for people to view and walk through. Plane rides., Paul Saunders, 507-847-3599,

**September 6 2008, 16:00 to 19:00, Blue Earth Fly-in Pork BBQ and Sweet Corn Supper**, , Blue Earth Municipal Airport,(KSBU), Hangar Dance with Live Band Following Pork BBQ and Sweet Corn Supper., Tim Steier, 507-526-7264, [stieier@bevco.com.net](mailto:stieier@bevco.com.net)

**September 6 2008, 10:00 to 16:00, Fleming 2nd Annual Wings of Hope Charity Open house & Fly-in**, [www.cafmn.org](http://www.cafmn.org), South St Paul Municipal Airport,(KSGS), The 2nd Annual Wings of Hope Charity Open house & Fly-in to benefit the Commemorative Air Force, MN Wing; America's Second Harvest; and the Tourette Syndrome Association Of Minnesota. Free admission with a non-perishable food item. There will be food, living history Veterans, Temporary Tattoos for kids, Aircraft and museum tours and so much more. 50% off all PX items in the CAF. Come back at night for the Fall Bombers moon ball at Hangar 3- starts at 6pm and goes till midnight., Amy, 651-455-6942, [twilightsoaps@yahoo.com](mailto:twilightsoaps@yahoo.com)

**September 7 2008, 8:00 to 13:00, Fly-In Breakfast Thief River Falls MN**, , Thief River Falls Regional Airport,(KTVF), Kiwanis serving pancakes & sausage from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Northland Community & Technical College's Aviation Facility (airport campus) open for tours, , ,

**September 7 2008, 11:00 to 14:00, Maple Lake Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In/Drive-In**, , Maple Lake Municipal Airport,(KMGG), 22nd Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In. Serving 11:00 - 2:00. Raffle for hand carved Prop Clock., Wayne Flury, 763-477-6021, [wflury@wh-link.net](mailto:wflury@wh-link.net)

**September 7 2008, 7:15 to 12:15, New Ulm Lions Club 35th Annual Fly-In Breakfast**, , New Ulm Municipal Airport,(KULM), Pancakes (all you can eat) Sausages, Apple Sauce, Milk & Coffee Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00 PILOT EAT FREE 4400 Ft. Hard Surface Runway Join the Lions Club of New Ulm in their efforts to support the Sight, Hearing and Diabetes Impaired., , 507-276-0233,

**September 7 2008, 7:00 to 12:00, Dubuque IA EAA Chapter 327 19th Annual Breakfast**, [www.eaachapter327.org/Chapter\\_327\\_Flight\\_Breakfast](http://www.eaachapter327.org/Chapter_327_Flight_Breakfast), Dubuque Regional Airport,(KDBQ), 19th Annual Fly In/ Drive In Pancake Breakfast. Serving Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Coffee, & Juice. At David Flying Service Hanger, John Einck, 815-747-2594, [jeinck@jcwifi.com](mailto:jeinck@jcwifi.com)

**September 13 2008, 7:00 to 12:00, Faribault Pancake Breakfast**, [www.faribaultairfest.com](http://www.faribaultairfest.com), Faribault Municipal Airport,(KFBL), In conjunction with Faribault Airfest. Serving cakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, orange juice & milk. Check NOTAMS for airshow times and airport closure., Bob & Linda Peasley, 507-744-5111, [dilligas@means.net](mailto:dilligas@means.net)

**September 13 2008, 8:30 to 17:00, Chippewa Valley Air Show - featuring the Blue Angels**, <http://chippewavalleyairshow.com>, Chippewa Valley Regional Airport,(KEAU), Airshow on 9/13 - 9/14 Featuring: US Navy Blue Angels, Golden Knights, Speed for Hire, Gary Rower Vintage Airshows, Paul Lopez, Aerobatic Pilot, Nikolay Timofeev, Aerobatic Pilot, and Kent Pietsch Airshows., Visitors Bureau, 715-831-2345,

**September 21 2008, to , Turtle Lake N.D. Flyin Breakfast**, , Tutle Lake Airport,(91N), Breakfast, , 701-448-2253,

**September 27 2008, to , Silver Bay Fall Colors Fly-in**, , Wayne Johnson Airport,(KBFW), Brunch Buffet - PICs Free Displays - Drive-In Air Rides, , 218-226-3779,

**September 27 2008, 10:00 to 14:00, Bowstring MN Chili & Hot Dog Fall Fly-in**, , Bowstring Airport,(9Y0), Breakfast, , 218-832-3567,

**September 28 2008, 8:00 to 13:00, Madison MN Breakfast**, , Lac Qui Parle County Airport,(KDXX), Breakfast, Mark Borgerson, 320-598-3467,



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Dale Seitzer

### Three visitors:

Jack, a member of the sodbusters; we will schedule them for a future meeting.

David and Linda visiting from Australia. They have an aviation graphics company and work with 3M in America, Europe and Australia. David is an aircraft mechanic by trade. They also brought some photos from Oshkosh.

Kent has his pilot's license, visiting the chapter for the first time. Looking for a club to join will be building a Tailwind.

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

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

### Old Business:

It was suggested that we get shirts for volunteers at the pancake breakfast, but generally agreed that we would not require people to buy t-shirts. But we do have some of the last bunch ordered. An email will be sent to members reminding them that they can order individually if they want to.

Revisions to the by-laws need final approval, we are still waiting for final approval from the National chapter.

### New Business:

Elections will be held in October for three at-large board positions. These will be two year terms representing the members at board meetings and in planning meetings. These positions are important for the organization. Paul Hove will chair the search committee. Contact Paul or Dale Seitzer if you are interested in running for one of the positions.

We will begin movie night again in September. Dates will be published in the newsletter.

This Saturday there will be a board meeting to discuss the addition to our clubhouse. Minutes of that meeting will be published in the newsletter.

Fly-in September 6<sup>th</sup>. All members are needed to help out with this event. You can work for part or all of the morning.

### 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. Of special interest is the possibility that Pawlenty might be selected as a Vice Presiden-

tial candidate.

### CHAIRMEN REPORTS:

Young Eagles (Dave Becker): 27 kids flown in July In August we flew 31 kids! Among those there were lots of boy scouts and girl scouts who were working on merit badges.

### Flying Start and Education (Art Edhlund):

Ground school will start in February.

EAA has started some new programs for young people. There are programs aimed at young people – children are no longer included in a family membership, they would join as youth members for \$10.00 a year. They can also join a youth program that would give them ground school training.

Oshkosh also set a record for the largest gathering of women pilots.

Oshkosh has announced major changes to the grounds that will be put into place over the next ten years. These improvements will enhance the grounds without an increase in member dues.

Housing (Dave Fiebiger): Saturday meeting will cover the building issues

### Membership (John Renwick)

### Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons):

[Newsletter@eaa54.org](mailto:Newsletter@eaa54.org)

### Publicity (Leif Erickson):

The eagle scout who helped with our viewing area will receive his Eagle Scout award this weekend. The local paper will be publishing an article about the two young people we sponsored for Air Academy. They will visit us at a future date to report on their experience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Following the meeting there were presentations of stories and pictures from Oshkosh

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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### Can you Help??

Peggy Valters at our FBO asked me to share with you a noteworthy accomplishment that is worthy of mention in our newsletter, and hopefully in the local newspapers.

A man from England wanted to get his private pilot license but it is very expensive there so he decided to come to the U.S. to take advantage of our cheap prices and good exchange rate. After an internet search and some phone calls he selected Valters Aviation in Lake Elmo as his flight school.

He started lessons here one month ago and is already scheduled to take his Private Pilot check ride this week! If he succeeds in getting his license within one month that would be quite impressive and would still be even if it takes a bit longer.

Peg and Gatis would appreciate any help our chapter publicity department can provide in getting the word out to the local papers who might enjoy this human interest story that helps show how our little airport is an international attraction.

If you can help, please contact Peg at Valters Aviation at 651-771-1399.

On a similar theme, Al K. and Richard Marr have been helping an Australian couple expand their business to the U.S.

- Blue Skies, Jeff Hove

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On or about Aug, 20th my hotmail account was stolen and its password was changed. Therefore I haven't been able to open "my" account to add a different PW. So I erased all contacts from my computer, since the thief is emailing all my contacts on that account phony letters begging for money in my name. I have opened a new account with g-mail. My new address is aed-hlund@gmail.com. To those who worry about my being stranded in Malaysia, I am back, home. The false letter indicated I was without funds there. Not true, I am usually short of funds here. (I could not afford a trip to Malaysia.), but thanks for your concern.

- Art Edhlund.



# Young Eagles Report

*by Dave Becker*

We flew a total of 21 kids over two Young Eagles events during August. On Wednesday, August 6, we flew 10 kids from a local Boy Scout troupe. Then on Saturday, August 9, we flew 21 Young Eagles under a beautiful blue sky for our regularly scheduled monthly event. We have two months left in our regularly scheduled Young Eagle 2008 program and have now flown 123 kids. We can be very proud of our program with the “one-on-one” philosophy we use. Each child receives a high quality flight experience with a high quality pilot.



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 are currently filled up with sign-ups for the two remaining regularly scheduled events and have put a notice on the on-line web page that sign-ups are now closed for the remainder of the year. 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.



*Chapter member Bettie Seitzer keeps the young ones busy during the events!*



**TAXI TALK**  
*{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}*

**Looking Forward.....**

.....To our annual Pancake Breakfast/Fly-In! This is such a fun event and I hope all are planning to attend it if not going to volunteer to help out the chapter. This is our biggest fund raiser and with plans to expand our clubhouse I hope we have a really nice successful event. Check with our president, Dale Seitzer on what you can do to help out. Let's hope for good weather and a great time by all!

**Events Calendar**

Paul Hove compiles a great list of events that happen in and around the cities and is always posted on the website by Paul Liedl. Each month I try to copy as much as I can to a page of this newsletter but I do not get most of the events. So remember to check the website at [www.eaa54.org/events](http://www.eaa54.org/events) to see more events beyond what we post here. Thanks also go out to the two Pauls for their great work on this!

**Clubhouse expansion**



Pending approval from the board members there is plans to expand the clubhouse to the west, the right side of the clubhouse in the picture above, to allow for more storage. Dave Fiebiger has got together some really nice plans and hopes to get in all the piers and the concrete base before winter sets in. He also informs me that the plan is build the expansion in sections or cubes that will enable us to do the job easier. I look forward in helping out all I can and I hope all can pitch in when they can too. So please, contact Dave or any chapter leader to see what you can do to help out in this much needed project.

**AirVenture entertainment**



A neat picture of me, Peanut and ventriloquist master, Jeff Dunham. Boy is he good and I hope some of you got to see him. I have always liked his act and what a treat it was to see him at the show. I hung around late after the show to get this picture but it was worth it! He is starting his fourth Rotorway helicopter kit!

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## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**"Bush flying golden rule:  
Gravity always wins we just help to smooth out our landings, that's all."**

*—Submitted by Al Kupferschmidt*