# EAA Chapter 54

NEWS

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: 9-14-98 TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Come any time after <u>6:45</u> <u>p.m.</u> for coffee and conversation.

LOCATION: Christ Lutheran Church, Lake Elmo, MN.

PROGRAM: Before the Jet Age.

Speaker: Bill Atkins, Acronautical Engineer, NWA Pilot - Retired. Inventor of strobe lights.

Invite others to join you, and the chapter, at this meeting. Bill Steier, Director - Programs, has come up with another interesting speaker and topic.

## AUGUST MEETING

26 members and visitors signed in. Visitors & Guests; Only one, Betty Isaacs. Great to see you each month Betty.

Reports: Secretary

Accepted as reported in newsletter. Treasurer - Operating Acct. \$1,697.96, Building Fund \$1,344.45, Cash on hand \$81.00.

Directors
Bill Seier - Absent .
Steve Ogborn - Waiting for MAC.
Tom Marson - Discussed in mtg.
Gene Frank - Fly-In adv. out.
Jim Anderson - Members should all
have Membership Application forms.
Scott Emkovik - Absent

Other Reports - Jerry Sarracco, Pres. Lake Elmo Pilot Assn. up dated members on TORA actions regarding the MAC Rates and Charges changes.

1999 Calendars now available. Contact Jerry Sarracco to purchase. PROGRAM: Post Oshkosh Discussion.

As Bill Steier was out of town the Pres. served as moderator.

OSHKOSH 98, Members had many items to discuss. Only a few bought big items. Jerry Sarracco purchased new headsets.

Most purchases were of the small variety. Dick Wicklund purchased a replacement inspection plate, Dave Fiebiger, as usual, found a few interesting items he needed.

Tom Marson ordered a Challenger Ultrlight.

# AVIATION DAY 98

# It's history. A GREAT big CONGRATULATIONS

to Cochairs Dale Rupp and Jim Anderson. Also, to their committee. Who ever was chairman of weather did a superb job. Difficult to ask for a better day.

Turn out of pilots, looking for the usual PIC's free meal was much improved this year. Estimate is that there were at least 40 that flew in. A interesting variety of aircraft that helped keep the people around to see what might be next. Walk in, drive in count was also up.

The Sod Busters R/C Club had a display that attracted much attention. Sure wish I could build model's that looked that good.

Art Edhlund was kept busy at the chapter table. Lots of interest in the Flying Start program. Enough that I heard Art talking about the need for a fall program. Sounds good.

Art also talked to the youngsters, and parents, about the Young Eagle program. Again lots of interest, so much so that Art ran out of forms. Ended up taking names to mail material out. Could this also indicate a need for a fall event. Vacations over, school starting. People staying in town weekends. Might be a hot time to give it another go.

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# SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

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Seen in the crowed were MAC Commissioner John Kahler and MN/ DOT Director of Aeronautics, Ray Rought, their participation and interest appreciated. Managed to discuss a variety of topics with John Kahler. Lost tract of Ray Rought and so did not get to visit with him, unfortunately. Hopefully other members of the chapter were able to do so.

A new exhibitor for the later part of the fly-in was from Powersport Aviation. Ray Richardson Jr., President asked if he could bring down their rotary aircraft engine for display. He had to drive up to Osceola to pick it up. It appeared to generate interesting conversation. His interest in participating was appreciated. A invitation was extended to him to attend chapter meetings and have a display at the 99 fly-in.

Comments were heard that the efforts of Gary Miller to push publicity with local radio stations worked. Conversation was heard over one of the stations, that went on for about 10 minutes, "what is a free PIC". Gosh, Gary can you get them to broadcast from Air Adventure Day 90

So what you really want to know is how did the chapter do. Preliminary numbers indicate a net of just under \$2,000.00. NOT BAD GANG.

There will be a committee and or chapter meeting in a month or so to discuss the event and next year.

Stay tuned for later announcements on this meeting.

On September 2, 1998 the chapter Board of Directors meet at the Anderson hangar.

Report:

Secretary - Rosemary Frank, absent

Treasurer - John Thomas, reported bank balance of \$4,981.51, cash on hand \$65.75 and two checks to deposit of \$200.00.

Directors:

Activities - Scott Emkovik

Aviation Day, see report on page 1. Motion made by Dale Rupp and seconded by Scott Emkovik that 50% of profit from event be transferred to building fund. Recommendation by Jim Anderson to modify the motion to have the transferred amount be \$1,300.00, which would double the current balance in the fund. Dale and Scott both agreed to this change to their original motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote of those present.

Education - Tom Marson - absent.

Young Eagles, Al Kupferschmidt

Al reported that there has been a request from the Boy Scouts to have chapter members participate in a Scout Jamboree to be held at Lake Elmo Airport on October 3 & Approximately 400 scouts will be involved. Of this group 100 will be working to complete their Aviation Merit Badge requirements. Also, participating in this event will be members of local R/C club, rocket club, FAA, military units, hot air balloon club, etc. On September 8, 1998 there will be a meeting of participants from all invited groups at the Woodbury Lutheran Church. Time of the meeting is 7:00 p.m. Attending will be; Al Kupferschmidt, Gary Miller Dick Wicklund and possibly Jessie Black. All interested are invited to attend this meeting.

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# **GROWTH**

Chapter 54 has experienced exciting increase in membership in 98.

Why, numerous reasons; members talking about the great programs, thanks to Bill Steier, chapter activities, Young Eagles, Flying Start, 40th party, Fly-In, plus new members spreading the news.

Another terrific opportunity lies out there. Have you noticed the ad's AVEMCO has been running. A policy holder that belongs to a EAA Chapter gets a annual discount of \$100.00. After paying chapter dues there is still a savings each year of \$80.00. This offer helps both the insurance company and the chapter. Some of the growth within 54 is because of this offer. These new members will become active by participating in the meetings, working at events and also spreading the word about YOUR chapter.

Participation of all the new members is welcomed by all. New ideas,

new energy.

Be sure that you great these new members when y see them.

# New to Chapter 54

Michael Jehlicka, Joseph Koch, James Michalski, William Stovall, James Torseth and Richard Danielson.

There are two or three potential members that have indicated to the president their intent to join at the September meeting.

The current roster indicates 78 members. Very few are delinquent. What is your status.

# Young Eagles

There is the possibility of a BIG flying job facing the chapter in carly October.

MAC has authorized the local Boy Scouts to have a Jamboree at 21D. All of the facts have yet to be worked out between the various groups and agencies involved.

If it happens as scheduled there will be the possibility of the need to fly from 100 to 400 Young Eagles that day, or weekend. If it goes another chapter will be helping out with the flying.

Hopefully by the September chapter meeting Young Eagles coordinator, Al Kupferschmidt, will have further details. At the least he will be asking members to sign up to help out either flying or on the ground.

On September 8, 1998 there will be a meeting of all participating groups to review schedules, etc.

An interesting opportunity to add to your list of eagles, or begin your list

The chapter president recently had the opportunity to fly his first eagle. First for him, not for his airplane.

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Dale Rupp spent time running back and forth between Shell Oil and Lycoming. Wanted to learn the correct way to prepare engine for winter storage. Also, investigated the proper way to preheat an engine. Most important, do not leave heat on continuously, even Tanis does not recommend it.

New ventures toward diesel engines by both Continental and Lycoming created interest.

Youth Educational programs. Improving each year. Recommended by Dale Rupp and Bill Schanks that chapter look into promotion of programs and perhaps sponsor scholarships. Board will take up at September meeting.

Good comments:

Metal work shop was great. Anyone that missed it missed a interesting tent.

Type club tent a must. Lots of in-

teresting conversation.

Fly Market, new location a big improvement.

Youth education programs continue to improve. Tour of new lodge very worth while.

New Port-a-potty program WON-DERFUL.

Increased number of food tents, including some in the campground. Appreciate not having to stand in such long lines.

eact.

Negatives heard:

Convention booklet. Why does a member have to shell out \$5.00 to get the detailed events list. Mostly advertising in booklet. Need daily events detail to plan the days.

Annual patch. Size and shape and design changed. Fine change design to go with new logo. Leave size and shape alone. Many, many EAA members have each years patch sewn on jackets. 98 does not mix well.

Food and drink on flight line. Not good. Non aviation types can not understand the problems associated with this mix. Volunteers hesitant to call people on policy violation. Not only does spilled pop and catchup look bad on aircraft, there is possibility of spill creating a hazard to pilot.

Smoking on flight line. EAA directors smoking on flight line, even if they are in a vehicle, sets a president that others feel it is OK to smoke on the line.

Purpose of EAA Oshkosh. Seems to be more for general public than for the aviation enthusiast. At least the flight line, evening program in the woods, and airshow. Yes, most displays in buildings are aviation. Just seems to be slipping away for average aviator. (Noticed an increase in chapter members looking for an alternative.)

Awards. It seems that there is an increase in the number of awards going to restorations or experiments built or rebuilt by professionals. The award winners of years ago would not stand a chance today. Perhaps there needs to be two separate categories. Professional build, rebuilt, amateur built or rebuilt.

Camp ground. As this area expands the need for more shower buildings increases. Perhaps some temporary units could be secured.

People movers. There seemed to be confusion amount chapter members regarding use of various transportation methods available around convention site and camp grounds and bus to city shopping areas.

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### LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION NEWS

by rww

The latest from MAC would seem to indicate no changes in the proposed lease rate for non-commercial tenants. Those leasing a lot for their private hanger should be set for increases.

TORA Steering Committee will be giving consideration to becomming involved in the hangar tax issues. This move could be a plus.

Peter Coyle, Attorney that works with TORA has requested some of us send copies of tax statements. Local taxation situation will be compared with other airports on public land to determine the tax situation at these other airports. As the information becomes available and has been evaluated a committee within TORA will be formed to determine direction.

Contact Dale Rupp or Jerry Sarracco if you have questions regarding TORA, want to join TORA, or wish to participate in the work of TORA.

# WHATS NEW WITH MEMBERS

Had problems with your hangar telephone lately. Finding repairs difficult to happen. Don't blame member Al Kupferschmidt. Al is one of the U. S. West people that was on strike. Since Al is the person that usually handles line repairs in the area he has always taken good care of the airport. Management working the field found it a difficult task.

Dale Rupp, Past President, has recently spent another nine days, or so, down at Oshkosh flying Young Eagles at Pioneer Airport. Dale is a good example of a volunteer for the EAA cause. More of the chapter members should follow his example.

Rumor has it the quite possible President Dick Wicklund has sold his "Little Bird". Good new is that the potential buyer will soon joining the chapter.

You have a healthy personality to the degree to which you can get along with the greatest number of different types of people.

## FOR SALE

RV-6A Quick build kit. 90% completed. New 032oD1A. Medisal causes sale. om Marson (715)386-3448.

Mohawk 1:1. Engine Type IWW(Diehl Airplane Engine) 1600 cc-2180cc.

Kit Fox IV (Raven) Built 1995. Rotax 618 eng., Warp Drive 70" Prop. Damaged. For sale by estate. Contact Lowell Aamold. (612)421-2842.

Tennie 2, single seat, Tri-gear. \$8,000.00.

Soneria 2LT. \$9,000.00

Acro Sport II project. Fuselage on gear. Wings nearly ready to assemble. Fittings cut out. Most material to finish, \$8,500.00. Warren Lacey (319)462-4009.

Audio-Comm self contained intercom. 2 headsets. Operates on own power source. \$399.95 new, sell for \$120.00. Ken Godsell (515)444-

Pober Super Ace project. Fuselage needs sheet metal work. Have gear and tailwheel, tail feathers, wings and ailerons ready to cover. \$8,300.00. Bill Flynn (715)359-

Spezio Tuholer, all you have to do is climb in and go. Noel Hoopes (319)263-5682.

# WANTED

Ken Pauley, wants, 150/152 Club newsletters:

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if you have please contact Ken email Ken Pauley@alliedsignal.com (BOARD continued from page 2)

Al reported that the scout leaders are hopeful that all 400 scouts will be able to receive airplane rides. Al indicated to the leader that this could be an impossibility.

The scout group was also made aware that participation of chapter pilots involved the Young Eagle program of EAA. For this reason Al has furnished the scouts with the necessary consent forms to be signed as required. No form, no ride. Also, any scout that has previously participated in the YE program will not receive a second ride. Question asked of Al by one of the directors was; "Will those scouts not working on their Aviation Merit badge, currently, be allowed to use this ride as one step towards their qualification for the badge." Al will follow up on this question at the up coming meet-

(Another question might be "If a scout has previously participated in the YE program does it count as the

required flight.")

Al Kupferschmidt, Gary Miller and Jessie Black are the only known chapter members that have been qualified by the scouts as a badge counselor. If any other members are qualified counselors please call Gary Miller, (651)774-0456.

Program - Bill Steier - Absent Bill called the President to report that the programs for the September meeting and also October have been confirmed with the speakers.

Membership - Jim Anderson Chapter continues to grow. (77 reaching for 80.) Jim asked about the interested individual form from the fly-in. President Dick Wicklund admitted he had neglected to bring the form along. Dick reported that only two names on the list, Mike Schick and Greg St. Claire. Mike has indicated he plans to pay dues at the September meeting. Greg St. Claire will be mailed a newsletter and invitation.

Housing - Steve Ogborn Has met with MAC representative and reviewed the potential locations still available on which a building could be put up.

Steve will be asking members, with hangars, for input as to the operating costs involved in ownership.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee - Dale

Rupp

Three director positions up for election this fall. Has talked to incumbents regarding their interest in standing for reelection.

Dale has also contacted other members regarding their willingness to have their name on the ballot.

Web page - Dick Wicklund. Reported that Paul Anderson has it on his busy schedule. Nick Stolley has also indicated interest in assisting with the project. Director Jim Anderson suggested that due to Paul's busy schedule withe the company that Nick should be encouraged to work on the project. Dick will follow up on this effort.

1999 Calendars

Have arrived and Jerry Sarracco is currently selling them

#### NEW BUSINESS None

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

### RANS OPEN HOUSE & FLY-IN.

Recently received a brochure from RANS regarding this event. It will be held Saturday September 19, 1998 (Rain or Shine) at their facility. Hays Municipal Airport

If you are interested in learning more about their aircraft this would

be a good event to attend.

R.S.V.P. requested 0 (785)625-6346. e-mail rans@media-net.net

A full schedule of events has been put together.

The newsletter editor has the brochure if anyone would like further information.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

#### 2 Chapter 54 Board Meeting

5-6 Sleepy Eye, MN - EAA Ch. 642 Picnic/Young Eagles. 507-257-3884.

6 Dubuque, IA - EAA Ch. 327 Fly-In Breakfast. 319-582-3105.

6 Ft. Myers, FL - EAA Ch. 66 Pancake Breakfast. 941-945-7000.

12-13 Flymarket, Willmar, MN Airport. New & used items, individual & commercial vendors welcome, consigned sales service. Ed Schweitzer, EAA Ch. 1172, Spicer, MN 56288

12-13 Hartford, WI. Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally. Info 414-63-5350.

### 14 EAA Chapter 54 Meeting Night.

27 Madison, MN Fly-In. Lions Club Fly-In breakfast.

23 Cottage Grove, WI - EAA Ch. 93 Brat & Bean Fly-In. 608-837-4632. 23 Boyceville Mun. Arpt (W120); Boyceville, WI. 7:30a-12n, Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast. 1:3p, Parade. Sponsored by Arpt. Booster & Club, Lions & Nor-Wes Avation. Info 715-643-3324.

29-30 Cumberland Mun. Arpt. (UBE); Cumberland, WI. Conjunction with Rutabaga Festival. Sat - Skydiving, tandem jumps avail. Sun - 7a, Fly-In Breakfast. Island City Aero CLub. Info 715-822-8321

30 Windom Eagles Model Airplane Club Fly-In/ Drive-In French Toast & Pancake Breakfast, Windom Mun. Airport, 7:30am-1:30 pm. PICs free, 507-831-6120

## OCTOBER

12 EAA Chapter 54 Meeting Night.

8-11 Mesa, AZ - Copperstate EAA Fly-In. 520-228-5480

11-12 10th Annual Tail Dragger Club Fly-In, Saturday, Emmetsburg, IA, Airport: Annual flight breakfast 7am-12 30pm Sunday. Pilots & copilots free. (712)852-3810.

For those that might be interested Ch. 25 runs a great list of events on the web. http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/frankh/calendar.ht