



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY October 10, 2016

- Social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
- CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D
- Speaker: Jay Schrankler from the University of Minnesota Venture Group will speak on the topic of aviation technology and start up companies
- Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org

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Upcoming Events

1. Chapter 54 Meeting—October 10
2. Chapter Young Eagles Event — October 8
3. Girls In Aviation Day — September 24

Congratulations Al!

Al Kupferschmidt started giving Young Eagle rides to kids from age 8 to 18 years old from the very first days of the Young Eagle program. He is recognized for giving Young Eagle rides to more than 500 young people.



Al was the Chapter Young Eagle Coordinator for the first 10 years. Under his leadership we established the method and process we use today to share the joy of flight to kids and their families during the Young Eagle events at the airport.

500 missions means 500 take offs and 500 landings with a young flyer in the back seat of his trusty Citabria. Some rides were given as needed but most flights were a part of our normal and regular Young Eagle events. He could not have done it alone—the ground crew that prepared the child and



family, handled the parent permission forms and printing of the certificate. Young Eagle flights supports the Chapters Mission and Strategy — the kids have a fun and educational introduction to aviation and the parents and siblings get introduced to the rewards of being a pilot. Congratulations Al!



Volunteers Needed

St. Paul Johnson HS has a full time CTE Aviation Program. Every career program has an advisory council that meets 3 or 4 times a year to share industry information, provide guest speakers, advise and support the programs in a variety of ways. Anyone can participate and we usually have a hard time getting enough volunteers to participate.

We should have an EAA presence in that group. Young Eagle opportunities and whatever else you can offer. You don't have to be an industry professional to participate.

(My guess is you could volunteer to help in the classroom and sneak in a little sim time on their very nice simulators, better than Farnsworth's)

I will be in the Automotive meeting on Wednesday August 31st for part of that session in the same building the MNDOT Aviation Building at STP airport then slip over to the aviation meeting.

There is a general (all disciplines) donuts and coffee session at 7:30AM and then they break into industry groups. Usually done by 9:00 AM. Let me know if you would like to attend. The other meetings during the year are scheduled randomly by each teacher at each school; usually 2 other meetings during the year, mornings, evenings or late afternoons what ever works best for each group.

Gregg Adler 651-998-1977

Young Eagles Report



Dear Young Eagles Volunteer, THANK YOU

We want to take a moment to stop and say thank you. Thank you for freely giving your time, talent, and resources to the next generation of aviators. It's because of your passion, teamwork, and steadfast dedication that together we reached the 2 millionth milestone.

THE CHALLENGE

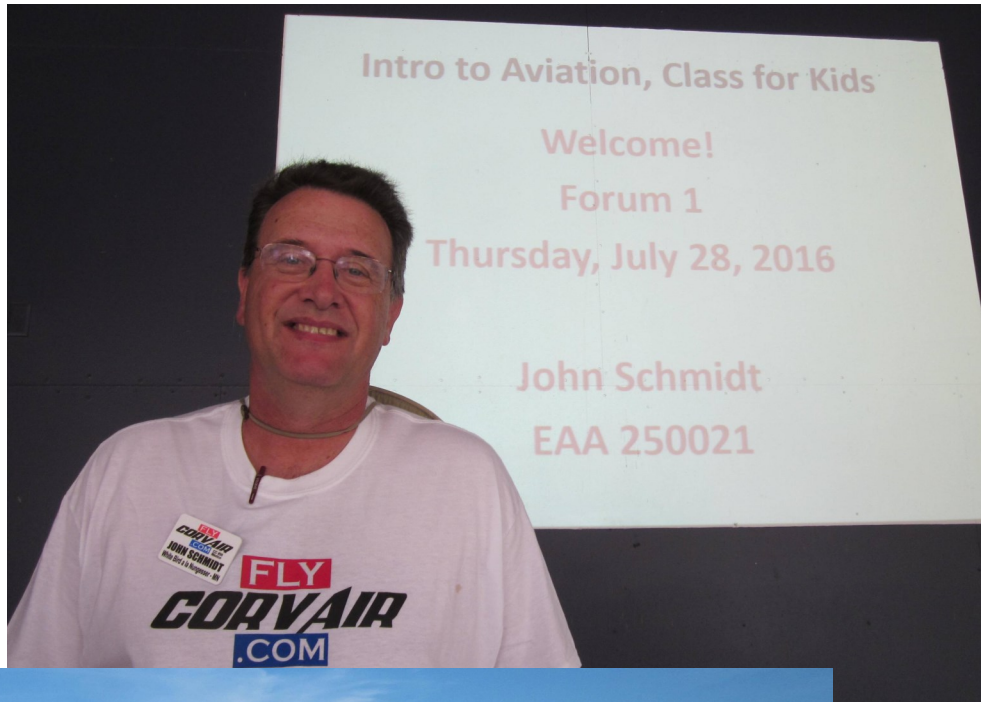
Let's continue to stir curiosity, spark imaginations, and turn today's youths into tomorrow's pilots. Each year we challenge our volunteer pilots to fly at least 10 Young Eagles. That challenge continues in 2016. Fly 10 or more and you'll earn valuable credits that can help your chapter send a young person to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI. You will also receive a custom "10 for 2016" lapel pin, and be recognized on our website.

ACHIEVE THE GOAL

There's only four months left, and we want to help you achieve the "10 for 2016" challenge.

Airventure Photos

John Schmidt gave a forum presentation on aviation educational programs for youth. (Right)



(Below)

Jim ran in the 5K race, Marlon and John met early to plan their day at Airventure



The best parts of camping are friends and good food — Elaine and Bettie (Below Right)



(Left) Dave Volker has the best volunteer gig— helping pilots move their camping gear.



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Aviation Day Financial Report

I just made the deposit for this years fly-in and I thought I would inform the members on the early results after counting the money and all the tickets. Total income take in was \$3035.

Break down as follows:

- Donation cash: \$54 I heard from the ticket takers someone gave \$20 towards the next person in line to “pay it forward”. Then that next person did the same thing for the next person. Very nice!
- Valters Aviation wrote a check for \$280 which amounted to about 40 adult tickets and they only used 17. Thank you Gatis.
- We tallied 400 adult, 62 child and 29 kids eat free tickets. (4 adult tickets were charged only \$6 due to no sausage left.)
- We counted 78 PIC cards for the planes that flew in. Pilots who fly in get a free breakfast.
- Three WWII Era Jeep group free meal tickets and 1 ticket for Brad with the MAC.

So some early numbers, but be aware there will still be some costs coming in for various services and charges.

\$3035.00 Total take in
\$1183.91 Early food supply
 cost
 \$1851.09 Profit so far

Thanks go out to all volunteers and we were all grateful for a wonderful weather day for the event. I want to personally thank all my airplane parkers, we had fun but were very busy. I never had a chance to go thru the hanger to see what was in there much less eat anything but that was ok.



I have to recall one of my parkers Pam, whom I stuck on the point, as I call it – right in front of cones straight out from the hanger. She was worried after a couple of planes that she wasn’t qualified enough to do it and said maybe I should get someone more qualified and I said nice try and that she was fine after I showed her a couple things. Later after everything was winding down she said she had fun along with a couple of other guys. I kept saying to them keep your head on a swivel and be aware out there but I also said have fun. So THANK YOU AIRCRAFT PARKERS, you were the best.



I would also like to thank the ticket takers and Jim Pearsall for keeping good track of the money and tickets. I think it worked better than the tally count we have done before on paper. When we did the final count it sure came closer than past years.

Hope all had fun and of course the weather sure helped. We deserved that for once!

Tom Gibbons
 EAA Chapter 54 Treasurer



Chapter 54 Logo Shirts and Hats

The Chapter will buy embroidered patches that can be sewn onto your shirts and hats. Look for a notice of when the patches are available for sale.

For now any member or friend of the club can go to their website and order anything with our logo at wholesale prices.

“We do have a web site: www.allstarwarbirds.com click on the custom link that will get you into the store. Your pricing would not be the pricing that is on the web. (Your chapter is on wholesale pricing with us)

I can also plan to come to your meetings or meet you some place in the Twin Cities area.

Let me know how we can help you.

Sharon Sandberg

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Wanted: Four place airplane, fixed gear, Mid time engine, STC for auto fuel or approved engine and airframe. Also looking for hangar to rent at Lake Elmo. Please call 651-246-8028

For Sale: 1965 Mooney M20C 4600 total time 1090 since major overhaul 165 mph cruise Please call 651-429-5569 for more information Please email newsletters@eaa54.org if you have an aviation related item to sell or looking to buy.



Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Club is based at Lake Elmo airport. We are a non-profit corporation of 39 pilots who equally own three aircraft and one hangar (25E). Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes safely and inexpensively. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and Cherokee Six. Some of our members belong to EAA 54 and we love to fly Young Eagles. Please stop by and visit us anytime! North side, Fairchild Lane, Hangar 25E. To inquire about membership, please call 612-584-1740 or visit www.tailwinds21d.org.



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

JIM PEARSALL

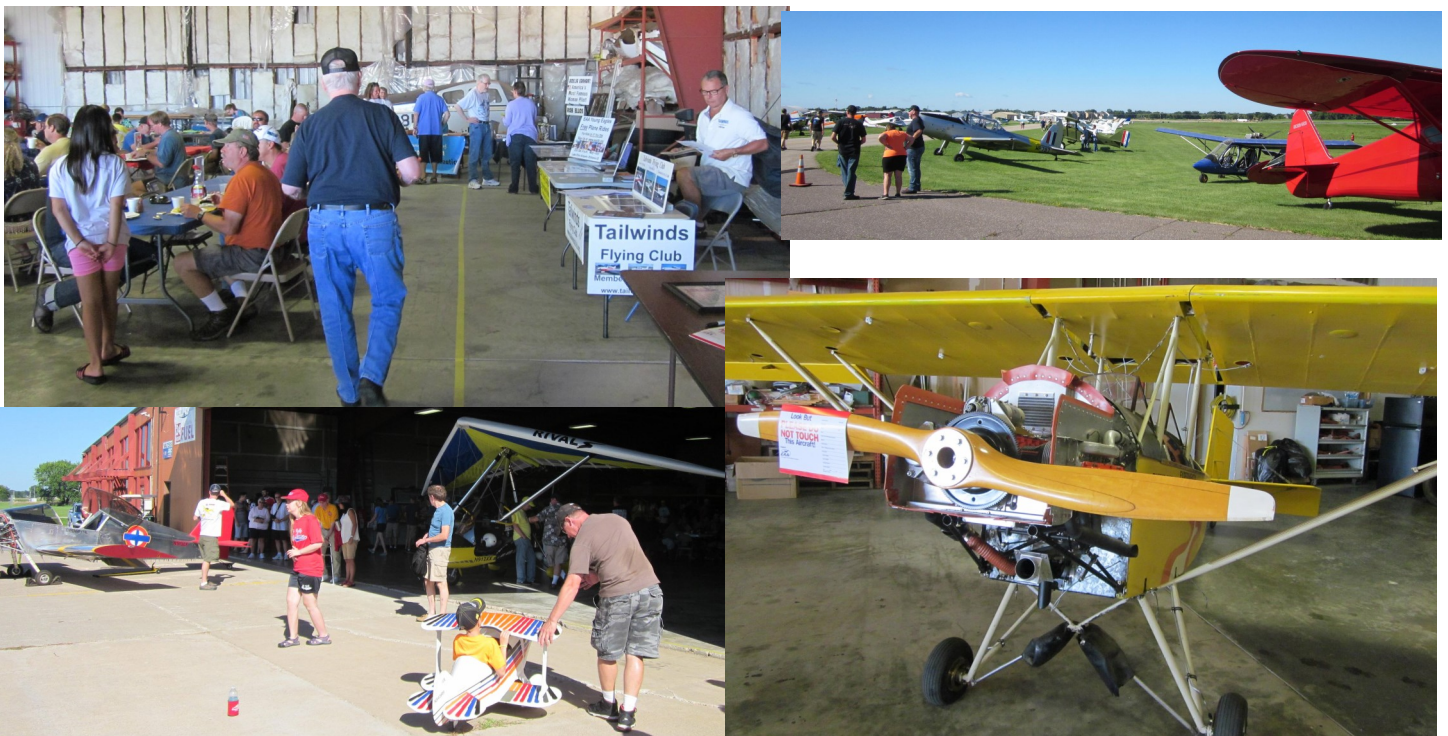
Another September rolls around on the calendar, which means we have an Aviation Day behind us. The numbers and feedback are in, and both are great. Over 400 people served and 78 Pilot in Command (PIC). Add to that, the locally based aircraft, and we had just short of 100 aircraft on display. Feedback I heard included “Smoothest Event Ever”. Not to redo last months thanks, I need to emphasize again the work Leif did on supplies — making sure we had excellent planning. As was reported in the meeting Monday night, the fact we only had four guests who did not get sausage. Wow.

All the prep and publicity for this years event, presence of the MN CAF wing, word of mouth and other promotion I am sure helped the attendance this year, but I am a firm believer that WEATHER is the #1 factor for successful event. I think this is a great reminder to keep operations and implementation lean. I think this is wise form a financial aspect but also for the people resources. Keep it SIMPLE, Sam.

This time of year, I like to bring up the joys of fall flying and now is no exception. With luck, we get some crisp days where comfort is high, along with clear visibility and marvelous scenery. Best part is, for about the next month, colors will be in reach of an hours flight. Wonderful to see from an airplane right? If you get a chance to take such a flight, please bring a passenger to share.

Along the lines of sharing our flight experience, we get a fair number of aerial photos postings to our Google Group. I challenge members to post more: particularly of fall colors, bridges, towns, green strips of grass with cute yellow airplanes, whatever. Bring a camera for your passenger to operate, think about posting to our Chapter Facebook page in addition to the distribution group. We picked up a fair number of followers from our outreach for the pancake breakfast, nice to provide some fresh content.

Well there is your seasonal references for this month. Stay tuned to see where this goes next time around.



FOREST LAKE AIRPORT (25D)



CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: RUNWAY 13-31 CLOSED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

ALL CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT, DATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
POSTED NOTICE WILL BE UPDATED IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN SCHEDULE.

NOTAM WILL BE ISSUED UPON RUNWAY CLOSURE.



September Chapter Meeting Speaker

Kevin Szalapski spoke about flex wing weight shift trikes at our September meeting.

He used a detailed slide presentation to provide some historical background to flex wing delta type aircraft.



Your photo could be on the cover in 2017!

Submit your photos by
September 30, 2016



Preferred minimum sizes:

Portrait:

6 megapixels

(2000 x 3000)

Landscape:

12.2 megapixels

(4288 x 2848)

Submit your photos to:

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Stillwater Bridge nearing Completion



Motorcycle at Airventure with a radial engine

Below, balloons departing from the Ultralight LSA runway due to a rare North East wind that would take them away from the airport.



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