

# EAA Chapter 54

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## APRIL MEETING

Date — April, 1998  
Time — 6:45 PM Coffee and  
7:30 PM Meeting

Location — **Christ  
Lutheran Church,  
Lake Elmo**

Program — Aerobatic  
Competition.

Speaker — Loren Smith.

Loren Smith, is a local St. Paul businessman. Loren was mentioned in the November 1997 article "International Aerobatic Championships at Fond du Lac", on page 80 *Sport Aviation*. Loren placed 2nd in the IAC Intermediate championship class. He started flying competition aerobatics in 1993 after purchasing a new Pitts S-2B. He competed in eight national aerobatic competitions in 1997 and will be speaking on "The Different Facets of an Aerobatic Contest and what it's like to participate in one."

Sounds like a don't miss program. Editor glad he should be home in time for it.

## March Meeting

Reports: None

March meeting was held on the 9th in the form of the annual banquet. Location was Mancini's Char House, West 7th St, St. Paul. Vice President, Al Kupferschmidt did an excellent job as MC. Approximately 75 people attended. Unfortunately, Guest Speaker Sherm Booen took ill and could not attend. Social Chair, Scott Emkovic, came through with 2 very good videos. Jim Olson's, World Funniest Video's on Chapter 54 activities at Oshkosh. The second one was a very good informative video on the exploits of Richard Bong, Poplar, Wisconsin. They were both very good and well received.

Banquet Chairman, Greg Bauer had many door prizes. Half the group received something. The "BIG" door prize, a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Mancini's was won by someone other than Rosemary Frank.

The party broke up at 10 pm with Greg saying "Same time, same place next year". Response overwhelming "YES".

## CHAPTER 54 TOUR

April 25, 1998.

Our very efficient Program Chair, Bill Steier, has scheduled a interesting tour for this day.

A guided tour of Polar Aviation Museum. Saturday 10:00 a.m.

The Polar Museum, Wally Fisk's, is located at Anoka County Airport, Blaine, MN. Trunk Hwy 11i between Central and 35W. The museum contains a B-25 Mitchell, TBM Avenger, Mig 21, Hawker Hunter, BAC Strikemaster, AE1 Skyraider, C-123 Provider and many other interesting aircraft and displays.

Normal admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6-18. Groups of 25 or more, \$3.50 each. So-bring your friends and be sure to tell them you're with EAA Chapter 54.

In October Bill has arranged another museum tour. That will be of the Minnesota Air Guard Museum.

More on this tour later.

# CHAPTER 54 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Date:** March 4, 1998

**Location:** Jim Anderson hanger.

**Present:** Al Kupferschmidt - V.P., Jim Anderson, Steve Ogborn, Rosemary Frank - Sec., Eugene Frank.

**Absent:** Dick Wicklund - Pres, John Thomas - Treas., Directors; Tom Marson, Bill Steier, Scott Emkovik & Past Pres. Dale Rupp.

**Reports:** Membership, Jim Anderson. Jim has come up with new forms for New Members, and Renewals. Jim will talk with John Thomas about use.

**Education,** Tom Marson. No report.

**Programs,** Bill Steier. No report.

**Housing,** Steve Ogborn. Steve has been working on a proposal to put a 32X40 bldg. at Lake Elmo Airport. He has 3 feasible sites located. A relocatable bldg. is available. Location being worked on with MAC.

**Publicity & Promotion,** Gene Frank. Feb. mtg. published in Stillwater Gazette. Will also submit for April mtg. Gene stated that 40th Anniversary Party is listed in calendar of events in MN Flyer, plus additional paragraph on this event.

**Social,** Scott Emkovik. Scott phoned report to Rosemary. Banquet at Mancini's has 75 people signed up. All is set. Sherm Booen will show a brief video on old aircraft. Chapter paying for 6 guests, Sherm Booen plus invitees from Valter Aviation, MN/DOT and MAC. Scott is planning a fly-in, drive-in to Little Falls MN early in Oct. He is also looking into other museums for trips.

**40th Anniversary report** by Rosemary Frank, chair. Flyer designed announcing Pig Roast. Motion made and approved accepting flyer with change of cost to \$6.00. Motion made a passed to purchase "cloud" paper for printing of flyers. Motion made and approved to reimburse Rosemary for postage to mail flyer to additional interested guests. Rosemary passed around outline describing various needs and activities. Numerous jobs still needing volunteers.

Steve Ogborn brought up biggest job will be putting on the feast. Steve submitted a proposed budget for \$800.00 which was not acted upon. We, all chapter members, need to back Steve 100%+ in making event successful. Steve proposed selling additional cans of pop and chips. Desert will be bars, to be donated by chapter members.

Meeting adjourned, time not indicated.

Submitted by Rosemary Frank, Sec.

## CASA GRANDE FLY- IN

On March 7, 1998 Chap. 54 Pres. Dick Wicklund attended the above fly-in. Gordy Stobb, Little Falls, MN, who along with wife Mary Jean were visitors at the Wicklund's new lake home in the desert, and Ted (Joe) Wagner completed the party.

The day turned out to be a windy, cool, day in Casa Grandy. Landings and take offs were cross wind adventures for the pilots flying in. For some it took a couple of approaches to get on the ground. Lots of aircraft to be looked at. We saw numerous interesting examples of home built as well as factory aircraft that had been restored.

Unfortunately notes as to just what aircraft were there was not taken. It was a good fix for the three of us. Gordy, flies out of Little Falls. Ted, as some will remember, used to fly out of Benson's, WBL.

*When you set a goal,  
you program it into the  
subconscious; than the  
subconscious takes  
on a power of its own and  
starts moving you  
rapidly  
toward its goal.*

## EAA CHAPTER 54

### NEWSLETTER

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## EAA IN AZ

Old habits die hard. During his other life the 54 Pres./Editor was a Rotarian. Rotarians pride themselves on attendance. That means that while traveling you find a local club and make up the meetings you are missing back home. So, being gone from Chapter 54 for two months there were meeting needing to be made up.

**CHAPTER 81** was the first make up meeting. It was held on Tuesday Feb. 17 at 7:00 pm. 81 meets at the Pima Community College Aviation Technology Center, Downtown Campus, Tucson, AZ. A little difficult to find. Fortunately Jane insisted on a phone call to one of the officers for directions. Being the cautious pilot there was also a early flight (drive) by the location in daylight.

Great bunch of aviation types. It seemed like half of their were either building or had built their airplane. One member has both a Vari and a LongEZ. Other aircraft mentioned were Q200 - Tailwind-Velocity-T211- RV-6 (3) - Emerald- Zenair 601 - Fisher 404. I am sure that I missed a few.

Program was on Garman GPS.

Great night. On alternate months they visit member projects. I believe this happens on Saturdays.

**CHAPTER 228** was next. They met on *Feb. 24* at Falcon Field, CAF hanger.

This meeting was like the old days at 54. Small room large turn out.

Program was to be on II Marrow GPS. Unfortunately the speaker failed to show.

## FOR SALE

Nothing ??????????????????

## FOR RENT

Last update there was still a T-hanger unit available at Lake Elmo Airport. South side between Lema and Mike lanes. Contact Bill Murphy, 430-9043

## WANTED

Osprey II needs and engine. 0320-E with dynafocal mounts. Grant Radinzel needs this for his recently purchased, damaged Osprey. He is willing to purchase engine or will take partner with engine.

Grant is also willing to sell 1/2 interest in the Osprey for \$8,000.. Call Grant at 715-549-6314.

## A Texas Flash and a KR-2

**Hey, members!** Remember the TEXAS FLASH? Well, BOB HILLIARD is alive and well in CROSBY, TEXAS!

Bob joined EAA Chapter 54 in 1972 when dues were \$5.00 a year. Meetings were held at the St. Paul Downtown Airport. Jack Hickey was President. Bob was Newsletter Editor for 4 years.

Bob does not have any military time in, but, says that as a private pilot, he and Jack put a lot of "time in" in Jack's SE5A.

Bob learned to fly in Baytown, Texas in 1948. He flew everything. The Piper Cub, a Cessna 140, 170, and a 180.

Bob met and married a Minnesota gal which brought him to Minnesota and Chapter 54 in 1972. He remained a member for about 10 years. During that time Bob built and flew a KR-2.

Family and family business brought Bob, his wife Marilyn and their KR-2 back to Crosby, Texas in 1982.

The KR-2, however, was not to be. Flying around one sunny Saturday, Bob forgot to put down the landing gear, landed belly-in and caused serious damage to the under carriage of the plane. It took a year to make the necessary repairs.

Tragedy struck again. During routine take off and landings, the canopy flew open causing the wing to hit the ground resulting in a big hole. Back to repairing and rebuilding.

At this point Bob decided he was spending more time on the ground than in the air. The KR-2 was sold to a young Swede from California, who arrived in a Corvette towing a two wheeled dolly. Bob was happy to report they did make it to California and the KR-2 was in good hands.

Bob has joined a flying club in Crosby for his air adventures.

Always in the restaurant supply business, Bob, has broken into the book publishing business also. He has written a 45 page book selling very well for \$47.00 a copy. He does not expect it to be on the best seller list. Why? The title of the book is "A Food Service Source Book". It is like a yellow pages problem solver. Good luck with the book Bob. Anyone wishing to contact him may do so by calling 1-713-328-2828.

We will see Bob at the 40th Anniversary party on June 20th.

The above was submitted by Rosemary Frank, Chair of the Chapter 54 40th Committee.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

4-5 MINNEAPOLIS, MN - EAA SportAir Workshop.

5 FT. MYERS, FL - EAA Ch. 66 Pancake B'fast. 941/945-7000.

13 CHAPTER 54 MEETING NIGHT.

25 CHAPTER 54 TOUR. SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS.

### MAY

2-3 CHAPTER 54 ANNUAL WORK PARTY WEEKEND. EAA OSHKOSH.

6 CHAPTER 54 BOARD MEETING. Jim Anderson hanger.

11 CHAPTER 54 MEETING NIGHT.

31 KENOSHA, WI - IAC Ch. 8 Fly-In B'fast 414/282-3250.

### JUNE

6-7 OSHKOSH, WI - Acro Sport Fly-In. Pioneer Airport. 920/426-6530.

8 CHAPTER 54 MEETING NIGHT.

13 INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY.

20 CHAPTER 54 40TH PARTY

## GENE AND ROSEMARY FRANK

Herb and Vivian Krause send their greetings. They meet with a group of aviation types at the Coolidge, AZ airport for week-end camp outs. Dick and Jane had hoped to meet with the group on Saturday, but, as with most plans things did not work out. Perhaps in 99.

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## CHAPTER GROWTH

The other night your absentee Pres./Editor remembered to check his MN telephone answering machine. Found an interesting message.

Alan Ralston from Mendota called requesting information on Chapter 54. This required an immediate call from AZ to Alan.

Alan is a Northwest employee working in Bldg. F. He has a Er-coup that presently is located in Ill. He hopes to soon move it closer to his present location.

Told him about the April meeting, work party week-end and the 40th party. Alan hopes to make the April meeting. Did remember to tell him the meeting would be at Christ Lutheran Church. Unfortunately did not have street location.

Jim Anderson, perhaps you could call Alan Ralston, 686-8932, and give him directions to the meeting. THANKS.

## A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Almost forgot one GREAT OPPORTUNITY that presented its self.

Gordy and Mary Jean Stobb, Little Falls MN, wanted to visit the Pima Air Museum. Naturally Dick was easy to convince and Jane was willing to tag along.

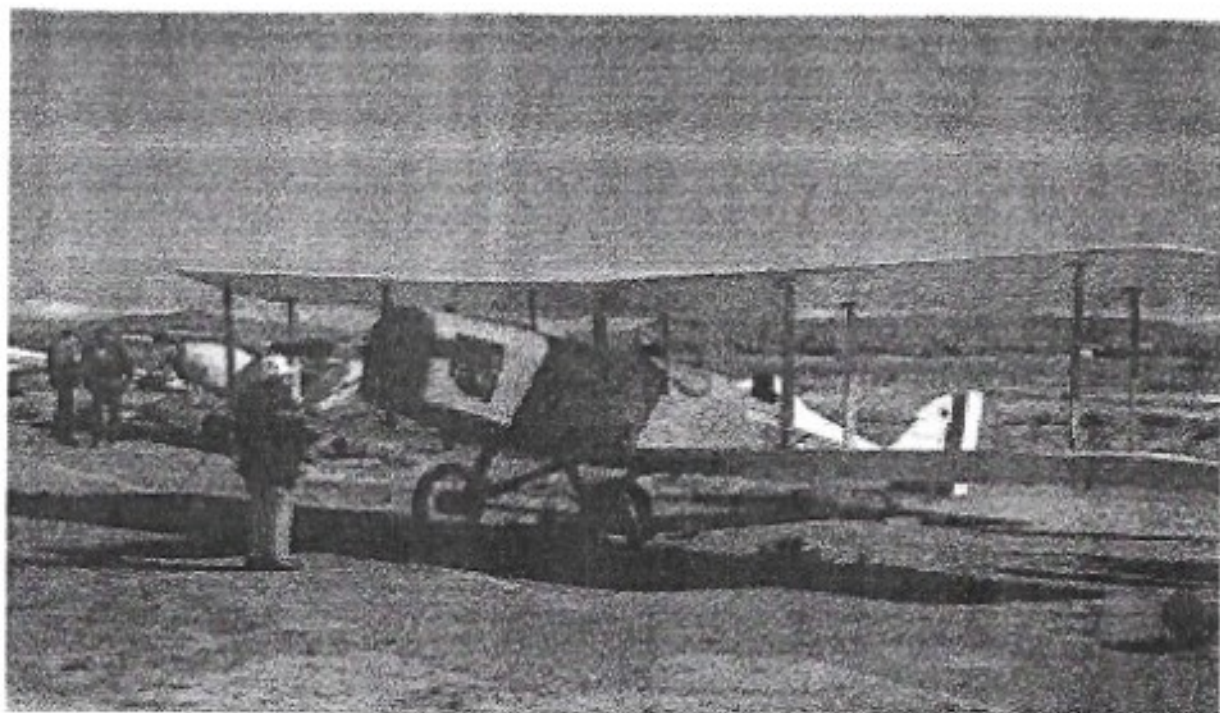
The group, minus Dick, sat in on a program about the B-29 "Sentimental Journey" that is on display in one of the buildings.

Special tours for the flight deck, had to remain on a step ladder, were arranged for some. Jane fetched Dick to take part in this opportunity. A young Air Force member, volunteer, was in the cockpit to answer questions. Since Dick's oldest brother was a co-pilot in B-29's this was a wonderful opportunity.

THANKS GORDY FOR  
YOUR MAKING THIS TOUR  
POSSIBLE.

Once again Mr. Jelik was not present.





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