



Chapter 54 NEWS

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NOVEMBER GATHERING

DATE: 11-8-99
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Chapter House, Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance, Previous location of Elmo Aero.

PROGRAM: Ultra Lite Movement.

SPEAKER TBA

The comment we have all heard, and made many times is "we all just a heart beat away from ultra lite flying".

What is ignored is the changes taking place within this part of the aviation community. Designs have changed. Emphasis on safety has increased. Pilot training procedures have been developed.

Bob Waldron will make a short presentation on the topic of www.eaa54.org to the members.

Coffee & ??? will be serve with a liberal amount of —
Doors open before 7:00 p.

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Officers and Directors

- President
Bili Schrianks
- Vice President
Dan Parker
- Secretary
Wayne Asp
- Treasurer
Bob Waldron
- Directors - Three Class III and one Class II, to fill a current vacancy.
- Art Edhlund
Scott Hutchinson
Leif Erickson
Ed Peiffer

Class II Directors with one year left of their term are:

- Gary Miller
Dan Parker
Open

At the November meeting of the replacement will be named

PROGRAM: Computer & the Pilot

SPEAKERS

- Paul Anderson
Dan Parker
Bob Waldron

TOPIC

Whats out there to use
Benifits to the pilot
Needed, equipment, software, and

50th

The 50th can be a big event in the life of an individual. The celebration of their being part of this world for 50 years since their birth.

When it comes to an airport what is the proper time to celebrate. 50 years since the idea first came to be. 50 years since decision was made to go ahead with the project. 50 years since the first dirt was turned. 50 years since the first takeoff or landing.

For Lake Elmo airport October 1999 it was 50 years since the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission, now simply the Metropolitan Airports Commission, approved a motion to build the airport.

How did it all start. As they say, "in the beginning".

Year 1949

The commission determined the need for a public use airport east of St. Paul. A site was selected along what was than U. S. Highway 12, aka Hudson Road, north of 12 east of Manning. Due to opposition of the neighbors, sound familiar, two additional sites were selected as alternatives. Both of the alternate sites were toward Stillwater and known logically as B & C. Hearings on the sites began in February and continued until November when site B, current location, was approved.

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OCTOBER GATHERING

Visitors & Guests:

Attendance total for the evening was 44. Visitors were; Del Mag-sam - Pietenpol builder, Jennifer Rought-Speaker, Ray Rought, Jeff Hove - RV-4 builder, Mike Raykowski, Steve Anderson.

Reports.

Secretary - Accepted as published in newsletter.

Treasurer - \$4,215.84 operating, \$2,767.45 building, \$37.00 Cash = \$7,020.29.

Election.

Jim Anderson, member of the nominating committee introduced the candidates listed on the ballot. The required three requests for additional nominations from the floor was made by the president. As there were no further nominations a motion was made, seconded, and passed by the members present that the individuals listed on the ballot be elected to the offices as listed.

Those elected were;

President - Bill Schanks

Vice President - Dan Parker

Secretary - Wayne Asp

Treasurer - Bob Waldron

Directors

Art Edhlund, Leif Erickson, Scott Hutchinson, Ed Peiffer.

(One of the directors elected will be filling a vacant Class II director spot. The other three are Class III. Determination of class will be after drawing of straws at November directors meeting.)

(Directors will appoint a Class II director to replace Dan Parker.)

Program

Director - Programs, Dan Parker introduced the speaker for the evening; Jennifer Rought.

Jennifer spoke about her experience at the EAA AirAcademy at Oshkosh this past summer.

New Members

Required

Jennifer reported that the 10 days at Oshkosh were the best experience of her life and the hands on experience was invaluable. 30 in her group attended technical and hands on seminars. She learned all about the many, many aspects of aviation. One thrill she thought worth singling out was a Young Eagle introductory flight in an RV-6.

Jennifer circulated a scrap book she made up about her experience along with; wing rib, clock frame and other memorabilia.

Members asked numerous questions regarding the experience, all of which she answered with enthusiasm.

(Many EAA Chapter 54 YE pilots donated their credits towards her tuition. Jennifer encouraged the chapter to continue or expand this program in the future.)

Announcements.

Art Edhlund updated the members on changes to the Flying Start program at EAA.

Paul Anderson mentioned a new group being formed - MN Association of Flight Instructors. First meeting Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 p.m. at Hennepin County Technical College.

President Dick Wicklund reminded the members of our final, for 99, Pot Luck, Friday October 15, 6:00 p.m. at the Chapter Clubhouse.

Al Kupferschmidt reported no big Young Eagle events until spring. Pilots are encouraged to continue flying YE and turn in documentation to Al or direct to EAA.

President-elect Column

by Bill Schanks

Being an EAA chapter president carries with it a great deal of responsibility which I am willing to accept. There is a tradition of high standards which must be continued. We, as a chapter, need to understand the tradition and responsibility and work together as a group to continue improving what we have been given.

There are programs that have been initiated nationally, or rather internationally, that help to enable us to grow in our activity level. These programs are great opportunities that will allow us to grow in numbers and become more visible. Through these programs, i.e. Young Eagles and Old Eagles, we can make ourselves more visible to the public and also through the Old Eagles program we can generate chapter growth.

Through the hard work of the outgoing chapter officers, we now have a wonderful facility for a chapter headquarters. What a good thing this is! It is especially nice for me, as well as nostalgic, because I used to work there. I hope we can find a way to continue operating out of this facility.

These opportunities have been handed to me and I will do the best job I can to help continue and improve the chapter.

We are well on our way toward the goal of having a chapter website. There are some computer geeks among our chapter members and they have been working hard toward that goal. Paul Anderson has generously volunteered the use of his company's computer facility as a base. Keep watching your newsletter for more information.

I am looking forward to some exciting times. We can, through the strength of our common bond, aviation, accomplish any task we set our minds to.

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

Saturday, October 23, was the last highway pick up day for 99. To all of you that participated a GREAT BIG THANK YOU. To those that found that their schedule did not allow them to make this important event, there will be a next year, regardless of Y2K.

Presume that by now everyone has adjusted to the new runway numbers.

As cooler weather approaches don't forget to adjust your flying mind to things like pre heat, icing, as well as your airplane clocks for loss of day light savings time. Airplane treatment, flying weather, it all changes.

Chapter House

The continued opportunity provided through the generosity of Ed Mayer, Mayer Aviation, seems to bring forward additional needs and opportunities, to improve the gatherings. The October gathering brought up a major need. Unknown to the people at the front the sound was not reaching the standing room only crowd at the rear. Anyone having a set of speakers to donate to the cause they would be appreciated. If you do bring them along to the November gathering.

As you enter the lounge area there is now a table with the sign in form, handouts if any, and the secretary of the chapter. Good time to turn in any dues payments, ask if there are any visitors, get their names and introduce yourself. Very important to talk to them and make them feel at home. Find out their interests, encourage them to come back, and if they enjoy the evening consider joining the chapter. More importantly let them know the chapter needs them. Their talents, interests, experience. All that makes a chapter a worthwhile chapter to belong to. It's not you and me it's all of us combined.

Every person
that you meet
knows something you
don't; learn from
them.

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

On the go in more than one way. After four years as president I am on the go. Going to replace PP Dale Rupp as immediate past president. Sorry Dale, but, it is time.

On the go are files from my cluttered office at home. So far only one bag of stuff has been passed on to president elect Bill. Don't worry Bill there is more to come.

On the go are also some of the members of ch. 54. The Web committee has been on the go. As reported in this newsletter www.eaa54.org is not a fact. The Web Master is working on developing this site. Your help requested.

On the go is membership. Thanks to efforts made by all growth has occurred. Director-Membership, Gene Frank has certainly contributed to this effort. His replacement has a challenge ahead.

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Al also encouraged 54 pilots to lend a hand - airplane - on Saturday, October 23 9:30 a.m. to our neighboring Bensons Chapter.

Dick Wicklund informed members that EAA is planning on holding a Leadership Conference in the Twin Cities area in 2000. Chapter 54 has been asked to host this event; limited to assisting with location and a few other minor duties.

John Thomas indicated that the year 2000 calendar order is being processed. Jerry Sarracco has again volunteered to be the lead sales person.

Dan Parker stated that the November gathering program would be on Ultra-lites. A good time to bring some young people with you, not that all gatherings are not.

Meeting adjourned.

See you on November 8, 1999.

October a Very Big Month for Wayne Asp

Some people might think that being elected Secretary of the Chapter would be sufficient for one month.

Not Wayne. To do it one better he passed his instrument check ride.

As he stated in his e-mail message now he will have more time to devote to the chapter. Good thing. As Rosemary can verify he will need the time.

CONGRATULATIONS

November Board of Directors Meeting.

DATE: November 3, 1999

TIME: 7:30 p.m

LOCATION: Chapter House

This will be a joint meeting of the current officers and directors and the newly elected officers and directors.

Members welcome at any board meeting.



Pot Luck

October 15 was the date of the final, make that last, pot luck of the season. Talk was that April would be the kick off month for the next season.

No head count, make that stomach, was taken. If memory serves there were at least 16 plus two terrific youngsters whose presence was enjoyed by all. Once again the turn out of food was greater than the stomachs could absorb.

Rae Kupferschmidt has been the ring leader with assistance from Joan Clemons. GREAT JOB

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On November 28, 1949 the commission ordered acquisition of the property for \$38,300.00.

Year 1950

July 10 the commission applied for development funds from the Federal Government for a NW/SE runway 75 ft. wide and 2,300 ft. long.

Craig Alexander won the bid for development work. Cost to be \$94,614.43. (Presumably work was started soon after the bid was accepted.)

Year 1951

On September 10 the development work by Craig Alexander contractor was accepted and final payment made on the contract.

One wonders.

Who and on what date made the first takeoff, guess landing would have to come first, from Lake Elmo Airport.

Next month FBO's and growth.

Special thanks to Polly Holliday who furnished the material for this article.

FOR SALE

1946 T-Craft - 65hp. Show condition. \$22,000.00. Owner Ted Glasrud. Contact Jerry Sarracco for further details. 651-429-1049 or jsarracco@Image.Sensing.com

WANTED

Advice. Purchased kit plane project with a Rotax 912. Seeking advice on oil, gas, break-in method to use. Also, advice on fabric wings, clear coat? UV protection? Will be looking for seaplane instruction. Charles Meacham 651-784-3375 or rosemacem@aol.com

Web Page

As previously reported 54 had a web group working on development of it's own page. Scott Olson has been leading this effort with Nick Stolley, Bob Waldron and Paul Anderson contributing. Lee Weston had also participated until college called.

Recently Scott met with Paul and Bob to determine direction. Decisions were made and steps taken. The site is <http://www.eaa54.org>. Paul has submitted the registration forms, knowing the title was open. Cost to chapter \$70.00. WRMed has said welcome to use us (Some day the editor will learn what that is all means.) at no cost to the chapter.

A major decision was regarding Web Master. Bob Waldron volunteered. Nick Stolley has his hands full with college, or should have. Besides with only the treasurer job to do Bob needed more work. Near future, per Web Master Bob, mailing list of members for fast distribution of information to members with e-mail address, chapter officers list to make it possible for individual (member and non-members I presume) to forward requests.

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Experience of A Lifetime

By Jennifer Rought

My initial thought as I approach the massive lodge I will call home for the next ten days while I participate in the EAA Advanced Aviation Leadership Camp is one of excitement. I am 16 years old and I am taking part in what is said to be "the best experience of my life."

I live in Forest Lake, MN, I will be a high school Junior next school year. Aviation has always been a part of my life, but I would not call myself "experienced". Without local EAA chapter support, and from others, I would not have this opportunity.

There are 30 participants for this week. Every day we go to two classes. One class is in the Academic Classroom and the other is in the Technical Classroom. In the Academic Classroom, we learn all the "why's" in aviation.

This focuses around physics & calculus. In the technical classroom we get hands on experience and instruction where we have groups that do projects together. Each group works on a project then we switch projects. We work on making wooden wing ribs, a clipboard from composites, a clock holder from aluminum sheet metal, and covering a section of wing with fabric.

The Air Academy is a place for learning, but learning is not all we do. We have time for fun, and making friends. In the evening we get free time until 10:00 p.m. Some of the things we can do in the lodge, include: using the flight simulators, searching the web, or visiting with friends.

Outside we can take a walk or run around the grounds, relax, or fly model airplanes. Part of our experience includes a ride in either the RV-6 or the GlasStar airplanes. Depending on our flight experience, the amount of actual flying we get to do varies. We all get to experience different maneuvers and learn more about the way an airplane handles.

After experiencing camp and getting to know so many great and wonderful people, I know I will never forget participating in this camp. Someone once told me "You will get out of it what you put into it". As long as you go into something with a positive attitude, you will eventually get positive back out. Thanks to all the people who made this possible for me. It really was the experience of a lifetime.

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Some of the Chapter 54 Young Eagle pilots donated their credits to help pay the tuition for Jennifer.)

