



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY August 14, 2017

- Social hour from 7:00 to 7:30 PM
- Meeting: 7:30 PM
- CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D
- Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org

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Lake Elmo Airport 21D



[HTTP://WWW.EAA54.ORG](http://www.eaa54.org)

First Flight Success

Marlon Gunderson completed his project, Cozy. It has a 150 engine and a brand new propeller.

Most of the work was done at his garage but he started and finished the project at his hangar at the Lake Elmo Airport.



Below is a photo from the

cockpit as he landed at New Richmond. The longer runways will provide the safety margin for practicing take offs and landings as he goes through the testing phase. See Page 3





FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

JIM PEARSALL

First of all, a big thanks to Jack Miller, who handled last month's meeting wonderfully while I was out touring Eastern Europe.

Well, not exactly a quiet month since around Chapter 54. Young Eagles Media - the great segment on Channel 4 on Saturday, the teak in the ground at Camp Scholler this weekend, Aviation Day planning - not to mention the actual Young Eagle event last Saturday, which was bolstered by our social media presence and the meeting Monday night. No shortage of things to talk about so here goes.

I'll start with the energy behind the Social Media presence and the WCCO coverage. I think we have a new, if unofficial outreach person in Josh Taco. I have for a long time thought in addition to someone with direct responsibility for things like newsletter and website, we should have a "messaging person." With one act by me - giving admin of our Facebook site to Josh - viola! I think we should consider making this role official. More on this to come.

As a result of the outreach, we had a full complement of Young Eagles including some walk-ins for our July edition. The walk-ins were an inadvertent experiment, and while they made for an exciting day and the full complement, we at least for the moment are considering the situation a one-off.

I believe we represented the Chapter, EAA and Young Eagles very well. Notable were the variety of aircraft, the presence of a ground marshal, orange vests, and, not to be overlooked, the airmanship from the cockpit - obvious from the ground shots of landing and aircraft movement.

At our meeting last Monday, Dale Seitzer brought up that many of the kids that we have flown as Young Eagles and hosted for hangar tours over the years are now grown up, starting careers, raising families. Just think of the multiplying effect of all that. One word: Compounding.

With that, please consider compounding your effort: sign up to help out with the Pancake Breakfast or just show up, hang out. Talk to folks, be an ambassador. Make an investment.



From Page 1. For the first flight he had a very small crew of experienced pilots.

After a very thorough preflight and planning of the mission, Marlon was ready to depart.

Marlon reports the plane flew well, no surprises. It is a quick plane 140 to 160 knots. It can hold two plus luggage. The Cozy is a composite fiberglass construction, tricycle gear pusher with a canard. Marlon said his goal now is to fly off the 40 hours over Western Wisconsin.



Chapter 54 is updating it's By-Laws

Dave Syverson, Chapter 54 By-Law Committee Chair

The Chapter 54 Board of Directors determined that considerable time has passed since the Chapter 54

By-Laws were last reviewed for updating. The Board established a committee of three, including Jim Pearsall, Paul Hove and Dave Syverson (committee chair) to shepherd the process of reviewing and producing a recommended product for consideration by the full board of directors to ultimately bring to the full membership for consideration.

Let it be known that the most important part of this project is to assure that communication, due process and consideration of the chapter membership is fully taken into account. The By-Laws are the rules by which we agree to play in our ongoing activities as a chapter of EAA; and, it is essential that this governance document is also in compliance with our charter, our parent organization's requirements, and the laws/rules governing charitable organizations in Minnesota. There is no established time line for completion because we cannot accurately predict the time needed at this point. It is far more important to get it right than it is to get it done by a particular target date.

This is the first newsletter update to the membership on this issue; and, additional updates will follow as we proceed. For the present, the committee is gathering resource information including previous versions of the chapter [By-Laws](#). While our parent organization does provide model By-Laws which a chapter should use as a template, we also need to consider that the chapter may have established unique language in previous versions that is important to the chapter but not included in the EAA model language. Finding and reviewing existing documents is the present task of the committee; and, is expected to take a while.

Once the committee has completed its job, recommendations to the board of directors will proceed for further consideration by the full membership.

AVIATION DAY SUNDAY AUGUST 13

Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Lake Elmo Airport 8am - 1pm @ Valters Aviation



Adults \$7
Children \$3
PIC's Eat Free!!

Breakfast Menu

Sturdiwheat Pancakes,
Brines Market Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk.



Find us on Facebook
for Event Updates



Sign up for a Young Eagles Flight



Proceeds help fund scholarships to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 54

On the web at: www.eaa54.org

Finally, Local Media gets Aviation Right

Josh Tocko, our new Chapter Social Media coordinator, has been promoting chapter activities like our Fly In Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles through Facebook and other promotions.

He invited all the local TV stations and WCCO 4 showed up.

Members can help promote the club and its' mission by commenting, posting and sharing Chapter posts on Facebook.

The screenshot shows the CBS Minnesota website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'NEWS', 'SPORTS', 'E.S.P.', 'VIDEO', 'AUDIO', 'WEATHER', 'TRAFFIC', 'HEALTH', 'EVENTS', and 'MORE'. A weather widget shows 'COLD', 'NO CHANGE', 'WARM', and 'RAIN/SNOW'. A main banner reads 'COLUMBUS IS NOW THE 2ND LARGEST CITY IN THE MIDWEST.' with an Ohio state graphic and the text 'We've grown 9.3% since 2010. Learn why.' Below this is a 'WEEKEND BREAK' section with links to 'Smoothie Smackdown!', 'Muscle Car Mania', and 'Knockerball Soccer...With A Bull?'. The featured article is titled '‘Young Eagles’ Program Gives Aspiring Young Pilots Free Flights' by Rachel Slavik, dated July 15, 2017. The article includes a video player showing a woman in a pink top speaking, and a sidebar with 'Watch & Listen LIVE' and 'THE NEW YORKER' advertisement.

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2017/07/15/young-eagles/>



Who is Ready For Airventure?

There is almost aviation for everyone. There are planes and activities around just about every type of aviation from out space travel to ultralights.

People sometimes forget that it is the EAA Annual Convention with many resources for chapter leaders and members.



Some people just go for the “people watching” People interested in aviation come from across the country and across economic and political divides.

We can talk about airplanes and not mention politics!

You can spend a little or a lot. Camping is fairly inexpensive — especially if you bring your own food.



It is tempting to spend too much on stuff in the Fly-mart or exhibition buildings. I suggest make a list of needed items and stick to it.

Supplies and material sources tend to offer discounts for purchases made at the show/ I always buy my consumables there and haul back instead of paying for shipping.





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FOR SALE

Sporty's complete learn to fly DVD's covers private, sport, and recreational certificate options, used 2 times, passed my cheek ride, no longer needed, paid \$250 would like \$125, would like to see it used and passed on.

Garmin 196, works well with bag, mount, recharge batteries, manual, paid \$350 would like \$200 offer, could make a good backup. Questions please call or e-mail Jim 651-779-8611

WANTED — TO RENT

Hangar space to rent at Lake Elmo Airport for final assemble of Zenith 750. High wing about the size of a Cessna 152. Ed Trudeau 651-303-4936. N750ET@gmail.com

CFI WANTED

CFI needed to train 2 students in their own plane at Valters Aviation. The airplane is a Quicksilver GT 500. Contact Gaitus Valters Directly



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.