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54's Aviation Day & Other Local Fly-In Events
Flying on Automotive Fuels
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SEPTEMBER 2012 CHAPTER MEETING



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2012

MEETING, 2nd MONDAY
of the month - 7:30 PM

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM

AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH ENTRANCE ROAD OFF MANNING AVE (GATE "B"). .

• AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

STEVE SCHULTZ FROM ION AIRCRAFT WILL BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER AT OUR SEPT 10 MEETING. STEVE IS A DEVELOPER OF THE ION AIRCRAFT DESIGN BASED IN THE TWIN CITIES.

IF YOU WANT TO PRESENT OR SHOW SOME PICTURES LET YOUR CHAPTER LEADERS KNOW SO WE CAN BE READY TO PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT.

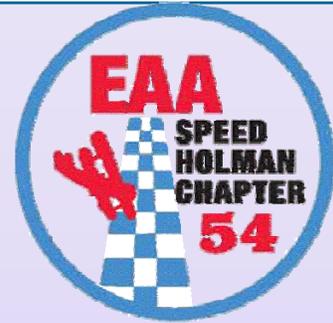
MORE ABOUT THIS MONTHS COVER PHOTO:

In our September spotlight, Robert Westerberg, from Hastings, MN is posing with his Luscombe. You have to love this picture!

For more info, please read the article about Robert in our coverage of EAA54's Aviation Day on page 15.

[The back page of the newsletter has the complete photo \(along with the quote of the month\).](#)

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14-32 (2850' x 75')



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

Once again our chapter can celebrate a *very successful Aviation Day!* We had good weather, a great turn-out and a delicious breakfast. In fact, some of our guests commented that we had the best pancake breakfast that was more than they expected! Jim is collecting suggestions for making next year even better.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who turned out to help; it takes a whole village to put on a breakfast. I especially want to thank those folks who were willing to serve as committee chairs; at the August meeting they were each awarded a pair of work gloves – every hardworking person needs a good pair of gloves! If you get a chance to thank each of them personally, that would be great.

THANK YOU COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Jim Pearsall: Aviation Day Chair
Saturday Setup: Lynn Riggs
Cooking & Serving (both shifts) AND Young Eagles: Linda Amble
Auto Parking: Dale Seitzer
Flight Operations AND Finance: Paul Rankin
Aircraft Parking: Tom Gibbons
Logistics: Leif Erickson
Young Eagles: Linda Amble
Volunteer Recruitment: Jeff Hove
Kid Venture: Bettie Seitzer

Volunteering is definitely a great way to meet people in our community and help them to learn more about aviation, our chapter and what great folks we are. I believe that there is no such thing as too many friends; having our neighbors support General Aviation is a good idea.

As stated in our by-laws, the **Chapter's annual business meeting will be held in October**, at that meeting we will elect the Class 2 directors and solicit agenda items for the board meeting which will be held in January. According to our by-laws we will have 3 – 5 class 2 directors and they can be assigned specific areas of responsibility or serve "at large". Each Class 2 Director serves for a 2-year term. At our September meeting we will be accepting nominations and reviewing the slate of candidates for Class 2 directors.

Our current Class 2 Directors are:

Jim Pearsall – Events
Jeff Hove – Historian
Tom Gibbons – Director at Large

Any member in good standing may run or nominate another (with their consent, please). I strongly urge each of you to review our chapter by-laws which are published on our website in the members' only section. The by-laws were carefully reviewed and revised a few years ago and govern the operation of our chapter. Concerns, questions, or suggestions for revision should be submitted directly to me; include a complete description of your topic and indicate whether you would like this added to the Board Meeting agenda or simply discussed in a private conversation.

As always, it is my privilege to serve as your chapter president and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on September 10th

May you find clear skies, calm air and unlimited visibility!

Bettie

EAA CHAPTER 54 MEMBERS HELP FOUNDING MEMBER JESSE BLACK

By Dale Seitzer

We learned that a Chapter 54 founding member, **Jesse Black**, was the victim of some serious weather damage. We agreed to meet together at his place to help with the cleanup. I left work a little early because I knew it was about 2 hours drive to stately Black Manor. When I arrived, Al Kupferschmidt and his wife Rae and Al (Jesse's hired man) and his wife and Jesse were already working on the tree line between the runway and Calhoun Lake.

Jesse's hangar was hit hard by falling trees, 75% of the roof must be replaced and one side was seriously damaged. A very large cottonwood tree fell on the hangar during a strong storm. Luckily, the door and the end frame were undamaged. The insurance company totaled the building and gave Jesse enough to repair it to a functional state. The replacement trusses and steel siding are ordered and he has several men lined up to make the repairs to the hangar. His plane was repaired well enough to fly it over to the Paynesville airport for storage in a hangar there, but it needs some permanent fabric repair.



Jesse also had his Ford Model A destroyed and a 1963 Ford Fairlane totaled. The only other damage was to the trees in his grove around the farmstead. More than 30 large trees were downed by the straight-line winds and there was damage to the tops with unreachable hanging limbs on at least another dozen very large trees.

Al and Rae arrange for a motel room in Spicer and arrived a couple hours earlier than I arrived. We made a plan of where we would be working, the priorities following Jesse's suggestions.

Jesse, Al, his wife, and I ate fried chicken, cole slaw, carrots and rolls which I picked up on the way. Brian Huberty arrived after supper and we cut down trees until near dusk.

Jesse hired a family to clear out the massive trees and they cut down two other cottonwood trees that threatened the hangar.

There was plenty to do and we stayed away from where they were working.

On Saturday, we started early cutting up the trees and brush. The plan was to fell the trees in the grove and let them lay there where they would decompose. There were plenty of smaller ash, box elder and willow trees that now will have an opportunity to grow. Downed trees, not in the grove, were cut and moved to a staging area. Norm and Sandra Weston came to help Saturday morning so we had quite a crew.

For lunch, Bettie sent a meatloaf and potatoes and a neighbor brought over some fresh sweet corn and everyone had a good meal. We even had an airshow – a neighbor with a blue and white Piper Super Cub made three low passes down the runway. The first at cruise speed, then a fast pass then a slow flight demonstration.

By 6:00 PM, I was the only one left, so we took a break, ate leftovers and Jesse showed me New London and Spicer with Jesse acting as tour guide and chauffeur. I noticed large numbers of tall healthy oak trees everywhere. We also noticed buckthorn bushes everywhere including Jesse's grove. Instead of calling the county Kandiohi County, I suggested calling it Buckthorn County.

Jesse's family bought the farm in 1936 and he lived there and went to school in New London, apparently, there is some bad blood between Spicer and New London – Jesse stated that there is nothing in Spicer worth noting!





Jesse worked in communications during WWII and continued working for the military on electronic communication equipment for many years, followed by Univac, and Control Data.

He started flying in the mid 1950's and fondly described his first plane, a Piper Clipper. He also described many flights in Pipers and Champs he either rented or borrowed. He currently own a Bellanca 14-13 with a 150hp Franklin 6 cylinder engine.



Sunday morning I woke early and worked a couple hours before I left for home and Jesse went to church. There is much more to do but some tasks must wait until the corn is harvested and the workers will be able to maneuver larger machines around the backside of the grove. The work we did saved Jesse several hundred dollars that he would have paid to the neighbor crew. The people from Chapter 54, who helped, sped up the cleanup, so Jesse can continue to do light work around the yard. The storm damage affected almost every farmstead in his local area. Jesse was very thankful to everyone who came to help. He enjoyed having visitors and seeing friends and offered an open invitation to anyone who wants to come and visit.





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes August 13th, 2012 *By Dale Seitzer*

EAA Chapter 54 August 2012 Meeting Minutes 8/13/2012

President, Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order, Vice President, Jim Pearsall, and Treasurer Paul Rankin were officers in attendance – a total of 28 people attended. Bob Bankers new member, student pilot lives in Woodbury 22 hours so far. New members -- Matt Cooper, he is a CFI, Instrument Rated, Land and Sea and other ratings. Eric Johnson, former aircraft mechanic at Northwest for 20 years working in IT now and interested in getting pilots license including ground school this winter. Guests: full house for the seminar. 60 people total, 27 chapter members.

The Chapter sponsors 2-4 young people each year to attend the EAA Aviation Academy. This year Preston Roberts (pictured on the right) attended the Air Academy and represented EAA Chapter 54. Presented his experience, Flew with Bob is Piper Aero hour and 20 minutes. He stayed 5 days and 4 nights at the Air Academy Lodge.

His presentation included about a hundred photos of his trip. This was his first ride is a helicopter the Bell 47. All the participants used flight simulators, attended three different building workshops including building wing ribs.

In this session, there were 23 other people from all around the country (four girls) with him in the camp. Everyone stayed in the dorm, four people per dorm room. He also said he enjoyed the tour of museum and the flight in the Cessna Skycatcher. He will always remember the part where they flew with zero G. His favorite plane of the entire week was the P-51.



Business Meeting

Secretaries Report: No discussion, voted and approved.

Treasurers Report: The report was listed online -- no questions, the report was voted on and unanimously approved.

New Business

Big thanks to everyone who helped out at the Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast. All Committee chairs were recognized with a set of work gloves. Everyone received applause and cheers

Jim reported a very smooth event, again thanks to everyone—the experienced people and the new volunteers.

Any ideas with thoughts and suggestions should email Jim Pearsall and he will compile and organize the recommendations.

404 paid adults, 83 children, 16 Pilot In Command, 7 Valters employees and 18 under 5. All solid numbers. \$3231.75 gross income – we have to reconcile and we will make about \$1700 which is average earnings.

Calendar of Upcoming Chapter events

September 8, Young Eagle event and picnic for all Young Eagles of the year.

Newsletter Editor:

Please send articles and pictures and anything aviation and member related to newsletter@eaa54.org

Events Director:

Jim Pearsall— Report on Aviation Day see above.

Dave Fiebiger -- Housing:

September 15 is the next exterior yard work day – tasks include replace plants, trim shrubs and trees.

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT MAINTAINED BY PAUL RANKIN

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND THE TREASURER'S REPORT ONLINE IN OUR MEMBERS ONLY AREA AT:

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

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Al Kupferschmidt purchased a new Aussie Brand Grill on sale. It is larger and has an extra burner. Al improved the work area and handle to make it more sturdy and portable. Thank you Al.



Young Eagles – Linda Amble Young Eagle Coordinator. 18 young eagles including the CAP volunteers. Next Event is scheduled September 8, 2012. Eagle programs were kicked off at Oshkosh AirVenture. There are signup sheets available.

September 8 is our Young Eagle Day Picnic: Linda Amble and Bettie Seitzer will organize and provide a reasonably priced meal (\$3-\$4). Invite past Young Eagle, Air Academy participants, volunteers, parents, Farnsworth students. Volunteers please contact Bettie or Linda.

Tom Gibbons received a very high quality pen for his dedication to the chapter and the newsletter. Everyone cheered and applauded. And he made a long thank you speech. Pictured on the right.



Jesse Black had a lot of storm damage and we organized a small expedition to go out to help cut trees, the hangar was damaged and many trees were blown down. Neighbors are helping rebuild the hangar—he has ordered the trusses and sheet metal. Some damage to the plane, totaled out his 1963 Ford Fairlane, and Model A. His house, barn and other buildings are OK.

Newsletter Randy Delfel asked for the funding to purchase a new High Definition camera—we will discuss at a board meeting. Randy will put together a plan for how he would use the camera.

Paul Rankin cannot run the ground school so we need a CFI to sign them off the ground school next year. He can help teach some sessions but cannot be the primary person. Volunteers talk to Bettie Seitzer or Paul. Typically we have a class in Feb. March and April. The classes are very effective-- everyone who took the test passed.

Suggestion for a sign on a post at the airport, "Welcome to the Lake Elmo Airport 21d Airplane viewing area by EAA Chapter 54, Visitors welcome". Tom is checking on prices for the sign. Goal to have it complete by fall.

EAA Leadership is visiting Anoka EAA Chapter 237, August 27, 2012 and everyone is invited, please RSVP by any method. Jeff Skiles will be the featured speaker.

Meeting adjourned.

EAA WALLPAPER OF THE MONTH

Brittany Lueth, EAA 1086282, captured this photo of a 1936 Lockheed Model 12 Electra Junior at Thunder on the Lakeshore in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Of the 126 Electra Juniors built, there are only approximately eight still flying. Brittany calls this photo *Amelia's Vision* as this airplane stood in for Earhart's Model 10E Electra in the 2009 film *Amelia*.



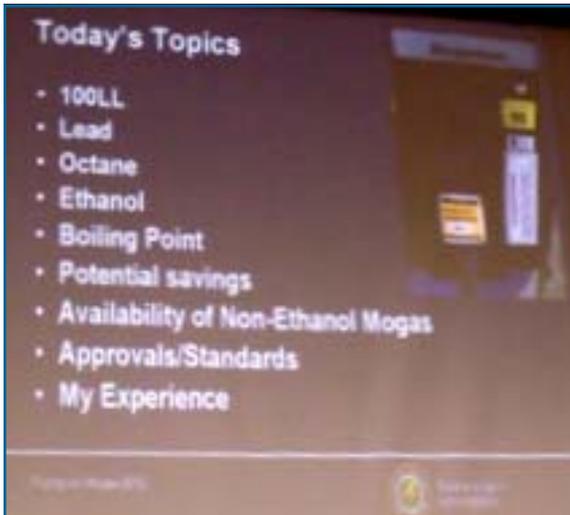
August Presentation: "Flying on Automotive Fuels"

Wings program by Dan McDonald (an extension of the meeting minutes by Dale Seitzer)



Jim Pearsall introduced Dan McDonald from Alpha Zulu Flight School. He has been flying with auto fuel in 3 planes for about 10 years and shared his experience. He also wrote the book, *Owner Assisted Aircraft Maintenance*.

Older planes are designed to run on 80/87 LL octane fuel which was replaced with 100LL. Power stroke detonation develops excess heat and melts the piston therefore octane prevents detonation. Octane is a measure of fuels resistance to knocking.



80/87 Octane had .5 gram of lead per gallon, 100 LL has 1.2 to 2 grams of lead per gallon. Low compression engines were designed to run on .5 gram per gallon and we now use 1.2 to 2 grams per gallon. Auto fuel up until 1986 had 1 gram of lead per gallon.

Any lead causes damage to humans, especially to children – well documented and clearly linked to lower IQ in children. There is no safe level lower limit of lead for children. Elimination of leaded gasoline is imminent.

Lead – Prevents detonation, acts as a cushion on the valve seat

Peterson Aviation suggestion for old non hardened valve engines to use 100LL for first 25 hours after cylinder valve work and 75% auto fuel and 25% 100LL.

Continental has some conflicting recommendations related to leaded vs. unleaded fuel. Lead is made by just one company in England and they are supporting the phase out of leaded aviation fuel. Lead deposits create sludge (TCP has worked to keep lead in suspension) in the engine and may also cause valve sticking.

Higher compression engine does provide more power but cannot use auto fuel. STC from EAA or Peterson For low compression about 7.5:1

Ethanol - He recommends no ethanol

Fuel is a mixture and can distill—when auto fuel the lighter mixtures boils first and does not pump. Vapor lock is boiling, fuel pumps cannot pump vapor and carbs need liquids not vapors. Summer blend non ethanol auto fuel has about the same boil off as 100LL so resistance to vapor lock.



Upcoming Events

- Saturday lunches at Fleming Field: Noon – 1 pm
- Seminar at Fleming Field: September 1, Subject TBD
- Madeline Island Fly-Out: September 15



MSRA has a list of non oxygenated fuel www.mrsa.com and www.Airnav.com can indicate where they have auto fuel and www.aviationfuelclub.org

115,000 airplanes are eligible for auto fuel STC, www.eaa.org or www.autofuel.com

Shelf life is an issue –use a fuel stabilizer such as Seafoam to treat fuel in the entire airplane system—it prevents evaporation and extends shelf life. Long term storage of planes with 100LL is better than long term auto fuel.

FAA allows the right to self fuel and but they may give directions. Everyone is invited to Saturday Lunches at Alpha Aviation at noon, they also sponsor FAAST team meeting once a month, and are coordinating a Madeline Island Fly out September 15, 2012.



TAXI TALK

{The wacky ramblings from your editor}



Hello chapter members! First I would like to apologize for the newsletter not getting out on Wednesday as I had hoped for. Wednesday night as I was going to the board meeting for EAA Chapter 237 about 6:50pm I was on 694

west bound just after 35E (just past Rice St.) traffic came to a stop, but not the full-sized pickup truck, he was distracted and didn't notice we were all stopped. Well, I remember thinking as I was looking in the rear-view mirror "Here we go!" as I calculated his point of no return for stopping in time and braced for impact. He hit me in the back end forcing my car into the next and into the next... 4 total cars in all. Well, needless to say the insurance company declared the car a total loss as. Becky and I went to the hospital to make sure we didn't have any injuries that couldn't be seen, such as internal bleeding or broken anything. After a clean bill of health and being told we will feel it in the morning we were released. We then got a ride with a good friend, who lived in the area, back home arriving after midnight, then it was after 2am by the time I got done making the claim to my insurance company. So... I did not get the newsletter done Wednesday or Thursday. In the future, I am hoping to have the deadline for all submissions on the 2nd day before the end of the month so that I can release it on the 1st of the month. It takes about 10+ hours to assemble the newsletter into what you see each month. Thanks to everyone who submitted ideas, articles and pictures for this newsletter, if it weren't for you the newsletter would not be what it is every month. I will be following up on some ideas for articles that several members submitted to me, as well as, I will be starting to add the new article ideas I discussed last month as we start hitting the off flying events season. Until next month, stay safe and I will see everyone at the Monday 9/10 meeting. ~Randy



Chapter 54's **YouTube channel** is at: www.youtube.com/user/EAA54Video

This month's YouTube video highlights are not ones that I made, but rather two very nice in-flight videos which I will discover what they are. Hope you enjoy them!

The links below are hyperlinked (as with all the links in the newsletter) and you can go to them without typing it into your browser if you perform a hitting CTRL & click on them

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3NyptGJzLo&feature=g-vrec>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMJplYX2djw&feature=fvwp&NR=1>



You can also scan the QR codes into your smartphone and directly go to the videos.



Glaring Omissions from the September edition.

You may have noticed that the Chapter's Who's who is still missing from the newsletter. It will return as the winter months start taking hold. Once again we have plenty of content for this month's newsletter, so I am pacing myself on this.

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LOCAL EAA CHAPTER CONNECT (WHAT LOCAL CHAPTERS AND THEIR MEMBERS ARE DOING)

Steve Schultz from Ion Aircraft will be our featured speaker at our Sept 10 meeting. Steve is a chapter 237 member and is the developer of the ION Aircraft design based in the Twin Cities that has recently received some press by Dan Johnson.

You can find the video by Dan Johnson here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmGE0XIk1II>

You can also scan the QR code below with your smart phone.

Steve own words for his upcoming presentation, "A brief background on how and why Ion Aircraft came into being (not a typical circumstance); the process of 'regular folks' getting an airplane designed and engineered from a blank page; the experience of building a prototype airplane with no instructions or anyone to ask for guidance; flight testing a brand new design, and what the hell do we do now."

Having seen his presentation on his custom fuel injection system for the Rotax 912 during an EAA 237 meeting this summer was inspiring and I look forward to Monday's presentation.



More pictures of the ION aircraft





EAA Eagles Flights & Young Eagles Report by Linda Amble



EAA EAGLE FLIGHTS

Young Eagles Monthly Update for September

First, a little bit about Eagle Flights.

The first official Eagle Flight was completed during the show at Oshkosh last month. I've included a portion of the description/guidelines for you to look over.

If this is something that any of you are interested in and you would like more information please let me know. I have Pilot guidelines as well as Eagle registration forms. The guidelines will be available at the EAA54 building. I can also send Eagle information to you by email or regular mail.

What is Eagle Flights all about?

The Eagle Flights program is about sharing a hands-on flight experience with an adult who has already expressed an interest in aviation. It is not a program for adults to simply get an airplane ride during a Young Eagles rally. Eagle Flights gives you the resources and organizational support to share the fun of flying with friends, family members, and co-workers-something many of our members already do. EAA chapters should view this program as an opportunity to invite new participants into their local aviation community.

How is this program different from Young Eagles?

The Eagle Flights program focuses on introductory flight experiences for adults, which includes offering them support and mentorship after the flight to help them achieve their dream of becoming a pilot. As with Young Eagles, the success of Eagle Flights is up to us as volunteer pilots, chapter leaders, and field representatives. With that said, Young Eagles and Eagle Flights will remain two separate programs and you do not have to participate in Eagle Flights to participate in Young Eagles.

Will Eagle Flights be handled like Young Eagles rallies?

No. With Eagle Flights we want to emphasize quality over quantity. Some chapters may choose to organize Eagle Flights rallies. However, we envision this program as a one-to-one, hands-on experience for the Eagle including extensive pre-flight, in-flight, and post-flight counseling. If the parent or legal guardian of a Young Eagle requests a flight during a rally, we recommend arranging a time outside of the rally to conduct an Eagle Flight.

There are 2 Young Eagle events remaining this year.

The next Young Eagles event is September 8 and the last one is scheduled for October 13. There are 28 kids signed up for our September date. If you have someone that would be interested in a Young Eagle flight there is still room available. We'll find a spot for them before the year is up.



Pictured on the left.

The first Eagle Flight was given to Diane Thornton (center). Photo is just before her Eagle Flight with Rod Hightower (left), EAA president and Jeff Skiles, VP of Chapters and Youth Education.

This Saturday is a Young Eagles day, if you have not been to one of these great events, this would be a good one to make. It is so much fun to see the excited faces of children who are getting to experience the wonder of flight. And as an added bonus, there will be a picnic lunch at about 11:30 with Dogs and Beans on the deck. Looks like it is going to be a gorgeous day. I hope you can make it!

Here are some really good pictures from the August 11th, Young Eagles flights. Thanks to everyone who participated. Now it is your turn to volunteer! ~Randy



Forest Lake 11th Annual Open House & Fly-In on Aug. 18, 2012

August 18, 2012 Daniel Deponti Memorial Airport (25D)

Article by Jeff Hove

Today Paul Rankin and I exercised the EAFB's N3N and J-3 on a formation flight to the Forest Lake BBQ lunch. Dennis Hoffman also joined us in his L-4 for the outbound flight.

We flew in a 3 ship "vic" formation en-route, then closed up for echelon right and an overhead break ([photo >>](#)) to landing on 31 at 25D. I was lead in the J-3, with Paul Rankin and Linda Amble in the N3N ([<< photo](#)), then Dennis. Dennis did a smooth job of flying wing and it was great to see his nice warbird Cub ([photo >>](#)) from the air. I hope he'll join us on more of our flights.



Each of the planes attracted crowds on the ground. I let one small girl sit in the Cub ([<< photo](#)) and she was extremely happy, but I could see that could turn into a full-time job, so let the other kids look but remain outside. One overzealous father managed to plop his boy into the N3N rear cockpit just as Paul was climbing in to depart - that was an odd moment.



Despite a light sprinkle as we approached the field, the weather was excellent and the fly-in was a good time. There were a wide variety of aircraft there including a helicopter, two Stearman's, two amphib biplane homebuilts, and two Pietenpols - one of which was painted in the Minnesota Air Guard colors of the 109th Observation Squadron. The other Pietenpol had a Rotax radial engine and a gorgeous "antiqued" paint



job. ([^photo^](#)) Greg Herrick landed his Stinson Tri-motor (the high-wing one), stayed a while, then gave us a fly-by pass before departing.

([the weather above passed quickly and then gave way to clear skies](#))



There were also some nice classic cars on display and a live band.

([<<photos>>](#))

We saw several other Lake Elmo pilots and aircraft such as Bruce Olson with his C-172, Marlon Gunderson's & his Piper Clipper, Danny Bergstrom and his Tailwind, Jim Persall, Randy Delfel and Becky Buhn. Just missed Jerry Chapman who



had already left in Dan Burch's Champ. John Schmidt, a member of EAA54 and several other chapters, was running a very successful Young Eagles program with at 5 airplanes that must have flown almost a hundred kids. [\(photo >>\)](#) **(editors note: 167 Young Eagles were flown, with the help of 14 pilots)**



Randy took a lot of photos that should be better than mine and I look forward to seeing those. **(editors note: All but one photos in this article are by me (girl in plane is Jeff's), I have over 430 photos. I will be posting them online. I'll update via email the photos link within the next week ~Randy)**

Dennis left after lunch, so it was just the J-3 and N3N on the way home. I took off first with Paul just a few seconds behind and he joined on me in the cross-wind turn so we could give a formation departure, but then split up so Linda and Paul could maneuver in the N3N. Later we re-joined with Paul in the lead to give me more wingman practice. Flying wing in a 65 hp J-3 is HARD and Paul gave me a good workout with multiple turns, cross-unders, and in-trail steep turns before we returned to 21D for an overhead break to landing on 32.

Unfortunately the video from my new GoPro head-band camera didn't turn out - apparently I didn't press the right combination of buttons. I had been looking forward to sharing the sight of that big N3N just off my wing-tip. Guess we'll just have to do it again! Blue Skies, Jeff Hove

Article by Randy Delfel

Welcome to your coverage of the Forest Lake Airport's 11th Annual Open House & Fly-In.

The Daniel DePonti Memorial Airport in Forest Lake was the hub of family fun, which took place on Saturday August 21st, 2012. For those of you who could not or chose not to come to this event, well... you missed out! The Forest Lake Airport Commission, the Forest Lake Lions Club, Skydive Forest Lake and our own EAA Chapter 237 helped to create an event that appealed to many and had much to do and see. Other participants to the show were The Spinners Car Club, a local group, brought a large fleet of classic hot rods. The Civil Air Patrol provided aircraft marshalling and kept them moving safely and quickly to and from parking and to the Young Eagles staging area.

For those not familiar, the airport sports a grass strip for its main runway, but it is long enough to support even the arrival of the Stinson Tri-motor from Greg Herrick's Golden Wings collection. I did not see Greg at the event, but I ran into him at the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association's pig roast the weekend before. Pilots from all over flew in for the event and the air traffic was steady and safe.

The knowledge of Chapter 237's famous pancake breakfast had limited exposure, yet the turn out was rather impressive with a steady stream of customers from 7-10am. As usual our pancakes were super fluffy, extraordinarily delicious, hot and a big hit with the public. The sausages were done perfectly! The milk, ICE COLD! \$6 for an all you can eat breakfast is hard to beat at any restaurant, let alone an event such as this. A little after the 10am the BBB Combo a Jazz Orchestra setup and started the mid-morning music.

The Forest Lake Lions Club took over with several lunch options which including brats & burgers, starting about 10:30am. I had the cheeseburger and it was rather good & moist with a nice smoky bar-b-cue aroma. I added the onions, pickle, ketchup, mustard and then let the cheese get all melted before I dug into mine, although, I was still a bit full from the breakfast earlier. Daniela's Cioccolato, located in Forest Lake, was on-hand again this year serving up gelato ice cream cones and floats for the sweet tooth in us all.

Several EAA Chapter 54 members showed up to the event. They even did a formation flying maneuvers upon flying over the airport upon their mass arrival. Paul Rankin brought in a beautiful Stearman (N3N) that garnered it's fair share of attention from the crowd.

The Forest Lake Fire Department brought a fire truck and ambulance which kids and adults alike got to sit in and ask questions. The Minnesota DNR showed an airplane that had antenna's on each side of the fuselage. While some might think it is for the ultimate in High Def TV viewing it is, rather, for tracking animals in the wild that are radio ID'ed. [\(photo >>\)](#)

Droves of people came to the event throughout the day. ~Randy



EAA Chapter 54 Aviation Day Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Welcome to the coverage of the EAA Chapter 54's Aviation Day event
August 12th, 2012 located at the Lake Elmo (21D) airport.



Newsletter coverage of fly-in events like Aviation Day you will hear of how good the food was, the number of people who attended, who flew in, what rare or different airplanes appeared or the number of Young Eagle flights that were taken up. Now don't get me wrong, those are all great things to read about. However, every once in a while you find a story that no matter if you attended or not, whether it was your first time or a seasoned veteran, you are inspired, intrigued and in some ways makes you look at life in a unique way. Is this one of those stories? Maybe. It will depend on how I tell the event, my thoughts, and your experiences in life.

But first... the expected overview. The weather was good. I was not there right at the beginning of the event as, I arrived about 10am or so. This year's event seemed to me to have less airplanes than 2011's event.

The event featured was to feature a drive-in along with the fly-in, which usually produces plenty of classic cars, but I only saw a hand full of cars at the height of the show. I could be wrong but it did seem as the general parking was busier this year.

The food was excellent which consisted of our new menu that included Sturdiwheat pancakes, scrambled eggs, and breakfast sausage from Brine's Meat Market in Stillwater, and usual milk, orange juice, coffee and other types of beverages. There were plenty of people eating and enjoying good conversations. PIC's got the best deal, they were able to enjoy flying in and get a free meal!

A new event, for the young ones was the new paper airplane making & competition in several categories. All over the grounds I found kids enjoying their airplanes that they had made. Several design books were available to inspire people from doing the familiar triangle/wedge style airplane. I must admit I felt like making an awesome airplane and enter it into the contest, but then I remembered it really wasn't for adults.. darn it!

After the excellent breakfast, I went out to start taking photos for myself and the newsletter. I have over 200 photos of the event (in case you were wondering) and I will try to get a good assortment in the newsletter and post the rest online for viewing. I haven't had a chance yet to get any of them online but I will send out an email and a link to it in the next newsletter.

Now here is where it gets interesting. As I was photographing airplanes and such, I saw an older gentleman staring at a 1939 Luscombe model 8A. He was just looking and looking and I thought the two of them made a good pair, they just looked made for one another. It was almost like watching someone trying to recognize an old friend or loved one after many years of not seeing each other, not being sure if they remember their name or if it really is even them due to aging, but yet being so familiar to one another. Or... maybe it was like when you see a photo of a farm kid looking at planes taking off out of the country airport, then in the twilight years of their life seeing a plane that looks like the one they used to watch so many years ago.

So, I took some photos with him and the airplane. Afterwards, I approached him and we talked about the plane and he mentioned it looked like one that he had. I wasn't sure if he was referring to it being the "actual" plane or "like" the plane he had, but he went on to noticing how the cowl looked very similar. Then he did something I didn't expect! He pulled out a photo of his plane with him standing next to it and started comparing it to this airplane. He looked really "young" in the photo when he showed me. I was struck and amazed that he carried that old photo with him and judging from the condition it had been in his wallet for many, many years. It didn't seem to me that he had other airplane photos in his wallet, so this was indeed a special airplane to him.

Turns out it was Robert Westerberg, from Hastings, MN. He is 91 years old and I think he is still a pilot as I caught a glimpse of his Pilot's License. Now if I make it to be 91, I think I will be doing the same thing he was, reminiscing about the airplanes I had and wondering what ever became of them. It was surreal, kind of like watching yourself when you are 91 or like seeing oneself in the future. I have not experienced this before and it really caught me of guard.



Eventually, the owner of the aircraft Harold Wighton of Bloomer, WI came by while we were talking and the two talked at length about the different model years. He opened the airplane for Robert to have a better look. So many time we focus on the young people at events and passing the aviation "bug" along, it is refreshing to find the elders can inspire and leave a lasting impression as well without really "doing" anything.

BIRTHDAY NOTICE!!

Tom Gibbons at EAA54 Aviation Day Fly-In.

IT WAS HIS BIRTHDAY!!!

Linda Amble surprised him with a birthday cake!

-info submitted by Paul Rankin



Robert mentioned that he will occasionally stop in at our chapter meetings. I hope so, I would love to get his reaction to this article and his picture on the front cover of the newsletter. There were so many photos that would easily qualify, but this story was so compelling that it won me over. Hopefully, you get a sense of what I experienced at the event that day and maybe it has even happened to you at some point? ~Randy ([Robert and the "Little Mulligan" Luscombe pics are below at the very top](#))





UPCOMING LOCAL FLY-INS & EVENTS

Compiled by Chapter 54's News Editor Randy Delfel

There may be changes, cancellations or editing mistakes.
Please call ahead to verify that the event is taking place as scheduled.

SEPTEMBER 2012

EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In

September 8, 2012 12:00 PM (noon) - 3:00 PM
Bowstring Airport (9Y0) Bowstring, MN 56631
FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere
at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip
in beautiful Northern Minnesota setting.
Fly-In and join us!

For more information, please contact Ken Reichert
218-244-6328 or email ken206jf@gmail.com

Osceola Wisconsin's - Wheels & Wings Fly-In/Drive-In

September 8, 2012 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
L O Simenstad Municipal Airport (OEO), Osceola, WI 54020
Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks & family fun for all ages. Air
Show, Helicopter Rides, New & Classic Aircraft Display, &
Classic Car Show with hundreds of Classic & Antique cars.
There will be a shuttle to the Craft Fair & Carnival in town!
For more information, please visit: [Wings & Wheels](#) or
[Osceola.Wisconsin - Wheels & Wings](#)

EAA Chapter 272 Annual Fly-In, Drive-In Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally

September 8, 2012 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Richard I Bong Airport (SUW) Superior, WI 54880
Young Eagle Rides beginning at 10:00 AM
For more information, please call: 218-348-4033

RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit

Saturday, September 8, 2012 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Shiloh Temple International Ministries
1201 West Broadway, North Minneapolis, MN 55411
The goal of the Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron
is to share the inspiring legacy for the Tuskegee Airmen,
America's first black military pilots & crew.
For more information, please visit: www.redtail.org
[Official Flyer](#)

2012 Fall Bomber's Moon Ball Hangar Dance

Sponsored by the Minnesota Wing of the Commemorative
Air Force & the Red Tail Squadron
September 8, 2012 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM (midnight)
South St Paul Airport - Fleming Field
Commemorative Air Force, MN Wing Hangar 3
1725 Henry Ave., South St Paul, MN 55075
\$15.00 per person at the door, \$12.50 presale. To purchase
in advance, please go to
<http://bombersmoonball.eventbrite.com>
Music by the Roseville Big Band, & Free Dance lesson
from TC Swing & The Swing Cats

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

Doors Open at 6:00 PM, Dance lesson at 7:00 PM, Dance
starts at 8:00 PM and goes until 12:00 AM (midnight)
Music, Dancing, Food, Aircraft Tours, Door Prizes, Prizes
for best WWII era dress & more.
Proceeds from the dance benefit the museum!

EAA Chapter 878, Maple Lake

September 9, 2012 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
26th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, "we proudly serve
the best pork chops in Minnesota at an airport!"
EAA Chapters 237 & 54 are encouraged to come!

Maple Lake's 26th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 878 & Wright Aero
September 9, 2012 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Maple Lake Municipal (KMGG) Maple Lake, MN 55358
The best pork chops in Wright County!
For more information, please call: Wayne 763-670-6021

Lions Club of New Ulm 39th Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 7:00 AM - 12:30 PM
New Ulm Municipal Airport (KULM) New Ulm, MN 56073
Serving Pancakes, Sausages, Apple Sauce, Coffee, Milk &
Juice. PICs eat free!
ATTENTION PILOTS: The main runway is closed due to
construction. The taxiway is being use for the taxiway, take-
offs and landings. PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION!!
For more information, please call: 507-354-8940
or email bbschir@comcast.net

Moorhead Airport Fly-In and Car Show

Sunday, September 9, 2012 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Moorhead Municipal Airport
PIC and kids 10 and under eat free!
For more information,
please call: Steve Edner 218-287-1400

Mora Fall Colors Fly-In/Drive-In Chili Fiesta

Saturday Sept 15, 2012 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Mora Municipal Airport (JMR) Mora, MN 55051
Starting at 11:00 AM the Mora Volunteer Firefighters once
again serving up their soon-to-be famous Fire House Chili!
Free-will donations graciously accepted.
Beautiful 4800 ft. runway (17-35) with full length taxiway
(Sorry, no grass runway yet) CTAF 122.8
Planning again to have the AT6 "Texans" arriving in forma-
tion. Airplane rides by Hawk Aviation. Come join us!!

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Hector Lions Club 70th Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Sunday, September 16, 2012 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Hector Municipal Airport (1D6) Hector, MN 55342

PICs Eat Free! Sponsored by Hector Lions Club and Newberg Sky Spray, Warbirds, Classics, Antiques, Homebuilts, Helicopters, Ultralights & Factory New Aircraft on Display

For more information, please call Ed Newberg 320-848-2745

Thief River Falls Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Sunday, September 16, 2012 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thief River Falls Regional Airport Thief River Falls, MN

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast by Kiwanis

For more information,

please contact Joe Cornelius 218-681-5585 [Official Flyer](#)

Duluth Air & Aviation Expo

September 22-23, 2012

Duluth International Airport (KDLH) Duluth, MN 55811

Canadian Forces Snowbirds, United States Army Golden

Knights Parachute Team, United States Army Golden

Knights Parachute Team, Air Shows, and much, much

more! For ticket information, schedule & list of performers,

please see our website: [Duluth Air & Aviation Expo](#)

Minnesota Chapter 99s Aviation Poker Run

September 22, 2012 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (noon)

Participants can collect a total of 5 cards drawn from a stack of sealed envelopes at any of the participating airports, Albert Lea (AEL), Hutchinson (HCD), Mankato (MKT), New Ulm (ULM), Owatonna (OWA), & St. Cloud (STC). The sealed envelopes are brought to Faribault (FBL) to be opened by officials to determine the winning hand. Please see the [Official Flyer](#) for more details.

Madison Fly-In Breakfast

Sunday, September 23, 2012 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (noon)

Lac Qui Parle County Airport ((DXX) Madison, MN 56256

Freewill pancake & sausage breakfast sponsored by the Madison Lions Club. PICs eat Free!

Radio Control aircraft demonstrations & more.

Benson's Airport (6MN9)

Sat, Sept 22, 2012 5:00 pm until the bonfire goes out White Bear Lake, MN

For more information,

please call (651) 429-0315

EAA Chapter 1446 2nd Annual Fly-In/Campout

September 29-30, Sat 12:00 PM (noon) thru Sun 3:00 PM

Bowstring Airport (9Y0) Bowstring, MN 56631

Saturday: Lunch & Dinner, Beverages, Entertainment, Underwing Camping

Sunday: Breakfast - Sausage & Cakes, Lunch, Chili &

Dogs.

Come enjoy fall colors and good times!

For more information, please contact Ken Reichert 218-

244-6328 or email ken206jf@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2012

Red Wing Fall Bar-B-Que

October 6, 2012 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Red Wing Regional Airport (KRGK) Siefert Skyways Bay City, WI 54723

Members, friends & anyone interested in General Aviation welcome! Meat & fixings supplied by EAA Chapter 1518.

BYOB & a dish to pass. For more information,

please contact: Dan Johnson 715-441-1790 or visit

www.1518.eeachapter.org/

EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In

October 13, 2012 12:00 PM (noon) - 3:00 PM

Bowstring Airport (9Y0) Bowstring, MN 56631

FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful Northern Minnesota setting.

Fly-In and join us!

For more information, please contact Ken Reichert 218-

244-6328 or email ken206jf@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2012

EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In

November 10, 2012 12:00 PM (noon) - 3:00 PM

Bowstring Airport (9Y0) Bowstring, MN 56631

FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful Northern Minnesota setting.

Fly-In and join us!

For more information, please contact Ken Reichert 218-

244-6328 or email ken206jf@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2012

EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In

December 8, 2012 12:00 PM (noon) - 3:00 PM

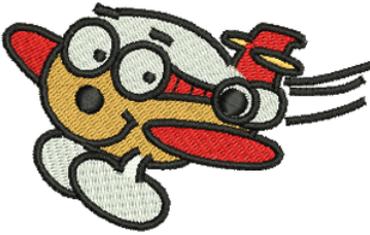
Bowstring Airport (9Y0) Bowstring, MN 56631

FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful Northern Minnesota setting.

Fly-In and join us!

For more information, please contact Ken Reichert 218-

244-6328 or email ken206jf@gmail.com



The Pilots Lounge (your place to buy, sell and post information)

For Sale:

60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling,

and 5HP compressor. Call Jim Michalski at **612-618-1011** or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo Airport (21D) E-mail: Jmkreps@comcast.net.

For Sale:

Hangar on 21D for sale -- \$45,000

35 x 75 feet with two 45 foot doors, electric openers, electricity and natural gas, two insulated workshop / office rooms, above floor storage,

Contact Chip Andrews **651-248-9708**

For Sale:

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door, Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humidistat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank.

Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below.

Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson perma-shield casement window. Door 2

3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica.

Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet. Price is \$64,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.

NORM DUPRE **651-439-7688**

UL Items Wanted:

Looking to purchase used ultralight airplanes, plans, parts and engines. Give a call to Randy Delfel at **612-360-8253** and let me know what you have and maybe we can work out a deal. Email me at AVsites@yahoo.com

EAA Experimenter Magazines Wanted:

Looking for donations or to purchase EAA's Experimenter Magazines and/or EAA Ultralight Magazines. Call Randy Delfel at **612-360-8253** or email me at AVsites@yahoo.com

For Sale:

Barb Leiter has decided to sell a plans built Stitts Playmate built by her husband and former EAA Chapter 54 member Gil Leiter. The plane is a unique aircraft with folding low wings and side by side and tricycle landing gear.

The plane is almost completed, not registered, and never flown. It has a Lycoming 0290-D, 140 HP at 2600 rpm.

Barb is assembling all the documentation she can find.

The plane has been sitting in a hangar for the past 30 +

years but needs to be moved to someone who will

complete the project. Asking Price is \$9,000. Contact Dale

Seitzer to inspect it.. Email: dalemseitzer@yahoo.com

For Sale:

Garmin Aera 560 GPS with weather and accessories.

Best acceptable offer.

Contact: Bob Pittelkow

Email: rpittelkow@comcast.net

If you would like to place a free ad to sell something or you are looking for something aviation related contact

Randy at AVsites@yahoo.com



Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and a Cherokee Six.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:) or call 651-982-275.

Visit us at www.tailwinds21d.org to learn more.



For Sale: Rans S-12 Airrale aircraft. Fresh annual. Extreme fun and economical to fly. 582 Rotax engine, new prop. Mode c transponder, ELT, full instruments. N numbered. \$23,500.00 Call Dick 612-919-1409



*She had
3 trips to
Ashkosh and can
not wait to go
back this year!
Thank you!*

*To All Members of EAA Chapter 54,
Thank you so very much for
your support with the bus
to Ashkosh. The experience is
so great for our students but
it would not be the trip
it is without the exciting
bus ride to Ashkosh and
the restful return trip.
Thank you again, Jane Vega*

Newsletter submission by Leif Erickson

On the left is the **thank you letter** that I received from Jane Vega at the pancake breakfast. She is a 4th grade teacher from Farnsworth Aerospace K-4 and the thank you letter is for our donation of \$1000 to Farnsworth. They use the money to charter a bus to take the 4th grade kids to the Air Academy for a weekend – on a field trip.

Please welcome our newest members

By John Renwick your EAA54 Membership Coordinator

Noah Pruzek. Noah is Director of Technology for Thomson Reuters. He and his wife Renee live in Hudson, WI. Noah is a private pilot, and owns a 1974 Cessna 150. His other interests are triathlons, boating, and his family.

Bob Bankers is a student pilot who lives in Woodbury. He's a self-employed property manager.

Matt Cooper is a cardiovascular surgeon working for Health East. He lives with his wife, Nina, in Afton. Matt holds Commercial land and sea, instrument, and CFI ratings. He's also a senior AME, and special consultant to the federal Air Surgeon. He's between airplanes right now. He enjoys aerobatics, skiing and cycling.

Eric Johnson also joined us last month, Eric is a programmer for TEK Systems, who lives in Lakeland, MN.

Joerg Pfeiffer lives in Austria, but visits the US several times a year, and when he's here, he flies out of Valters Aviation. He's soon going to be flying his own RV9A from a hangar at Lino Airpark. Joerg is a mechanical engineer who works on engines; he owns JP Powersports Engineering, and works with Polaris, Arctic Cat, and other recreational engine manufacturers. He specializes on crankshafts, connecting rods, cylinders and cylinder heads. He's a licensed Private Pilot in Europe and the US.

Returning member: Randy Delfel, who has taken over for Tom Gibbons as newsletter editor. Welcome back, Randy, and thanks for a terrific newsletter with a snappy new look!

Please say "Hi!" to our new members when you see them!

Mark Holliday Crash Report & Update

Here are headlines from the media and some random updates from Mark's CaringBridge site. There is too much info there include all the updates as they post updates at least 2 times a day.

WWI replica plane crashes, pilot seriously injured—ARAPAHOE COUNTY, Colo.

A pilot was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries after his plane crashed outside of an Aurora subdivision around 9:45 a.m. The pilot, identified by multiple sources as Mark Holliday, underwent emergency surgery and remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit. According to the owner of the plane, Andy Parks, Holliday is a former airline pilot for US Airways. He retired in 2005. Holliday was en route from Centennial Airport to Platte Valley prior to the crash, which occurred near E-470 and Ireland. Fire officials say the aircraft appears to be an experimental kit made to look like a vintage World War One aircraft. Parks told FOX31 Denver the plane is a Folker DR-1 tri-plane. Witnesses say they heard an unusual noise like a pop just before the plane went down. Mark is just out of surgery (5:45 p.m. MDT Aug 26). Had to cut part of sac around heart away; monitoring brain swelling; broken arm & ribs on top of other issues. Will be in ICU.

Mark was ferrying the Vintage Aero Flying Museum Fokker Dr.I tri-plane on 8/26/12 from Centennial airport back to Platte Valley. All we know is that apparently he had some engine issue shortly after takeoff from Centennial. Mark put the Dr.I down in a field about 3 miles E of Centennial.

Mark is currently in critical but stable condition at this time, they are most concerned with his heart and lung function and getting oxygen to his brain at this time. According to the doctors, Mark is in the "middle of the woods" at this point. There is the possibility that his condition will get worse before he gets better and his recovery will be a long process. He is responding to external stimuli and is able to move his arms and legs and squeeze Marilyn's hand, although he is not able track with his eyes. They will be monitoring him throughout the day and will be conducting some further tests today. We will continue to provide updates today as they are available.

Good evening everyone. Mark had a fairly peaceful day today. Finally a chance to just stay put and not have to make any preparations for surgery or groggy recoveries after surgery. He has had the speaking device on him all day, and it has been delightful to hear him speak to us each time he wakes. It appears he's adjusted to the breathing techniques, and the device will most likely remain in place. His conversation ranges from the very lucid to the somewhat amusing.

Mark's CaringBridge site:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/markholliday>

There has been a tax deductible fund set up to aid with Mark's recovery and associated expenses.

Please make checks payable to:

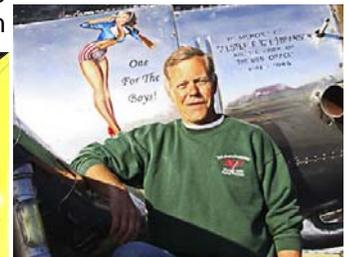
The Mark Holliday Recovery Fund

C/O Valley Bank & Trust

Valley Bank & Trust, 580 Dahlia St.,
Hudson, CO 80642



Mark & Andy working on museum Fokker D-VIII



Mark in front of Museum Vultee BT-13A



Mark with his Swift



MN Seaplane Pilot Association Fly-In & BBQ at Surfside August 12, 2012

Surf's up at SurfSide! The same day as the EAA Chapter 54 Aviation Day event was the Surfside BBQ sponsored by the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association, of which I happen to be a member. Now after a full morning of pancakes and airplanes we go over to the Lino Lakes area for an afternoon watching seaplanes takeoff and land. They do have a grass runway as well for those who are not amphibian enabled.

The BBQ was delicious, with pulled pork and turkey, corn on the cob, and the usual salads and pastas followed by cake and desert. At this event you also get free beer. Now the membership price alone (\$15/yr & \$25 /2yrs) is worth joining this club as the spread is free to members. How they pull it off is somewhat of a mystery to me.

It was a really nice low-key venue which allows you to relax and talk airplanes to fellow members. I noted several airplanes at the event that were at the Aviation Days (21D) event earlier in the day. Greg Herrick showed up for the event, not in a fancy or antique plane, but rather a healthy sounding Cessna (N725MB) which sounded even better on the low pass flyby they did. You can find out more about the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association at: <http://www.mnseaplanes.com/>



Included here are many photos of the event for your enjoyment.
Maybe see you there next year?



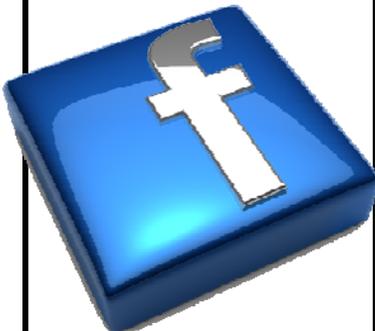


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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The strength of the turbulence is directly proportional to the temperature of your coffee.” -*Gunter's Second Law of Air Travel*

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