



The Beacon

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THE NEXT PROGRAM WILL BE ON MONDAY

November 11, 2013

- **Regular Monthly Meeting**
- **7:00 PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.**

Board Meeting: 9:00 AM Saturday 10/19/2013

Chapter Meeting Agenda: Elections

The "\$37 hamburger" By Dave Syverson

A great fall day dawned in the Midwest on Sunday September 29, 2013 for a lunch trip and leaf inspection survey with my favorite flying companion. A totally CAVU day. (Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited, Editor)

My Wife and I decided to fly our Kitfox from Lake Elmo, MN to Chippewa County Airport (Eau Claire, WI) to check on the fall color and get some food. I can't call it a \$100 hamburger because I really like the baked codfish awaiting us at Eau Claire and you simply cannot spend \$100 for fuel flying a Kitfox that way!



Chippewa County Airport is a Class D environment and extremely GA and EXP friendly. The runway is so long that you could probably land 10 Kitfox's on the runway in nose to tail, with room to spare...so it is not a short field experience.

There was a Citation about 11 miles behind us on approach to Eau Claire so we kept up cruise speed all the way down to the runway and landed long to keep from lingering while taxiing up to the turn off.

While this fine airport is serviced by feeder airlines,

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there are three gates with one of them dedicated to GA & EXP at the terminal (that would be Gate C of A, B, C). There is a row of transient parking spaces right next to Gate C. Be sure to remember the punch code when going through the door — you need it to get back to your plane gracefully. Although, if one does not want to be bothered with the entry code, it is entirely possible to get back to your plane in a less than graceful manner while enhancing one's exercise program.

Just on the inside of the Gate C entrance to the right is The Farm On Starr.... the restaurant which was renamed within the last year, refurbished and re-menu-ed with "Wisconsin old farm" decor. Alert: Starr is the name of the street the



restaurant is on. Glen and Sarah Hein are the owners responsible setting up this place for gracious hospitality. It is not overpriced at all — you can get basic pilot food and certainly better. For those who have been there a while back, this is the same restaurant location previously known as Connel's.

The Farm on Starr is open 6 am to 9 pm daily except an hour later on Friday and Saturday. Our wait person was Amanda who made sure we did not leave hungry. Notice that the entire restaurant is decorated with seed corn signs, tractor photos, pictures of cows and other agrarian artifacts.

After lunch, a short walk to the plane via the keypad door exit on gate C got us on our way. We were off the runway well before the first stripe and climbing past pattern altitude after turning west over the field. We even found some fall leaves on the way home. I hope that someone steps up to the plate and updates the food destination part of our website. I can see myself doing more research trips to get the data, someone else has to update the website.





FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

Summer is slipping away!

Our Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. All members are welcome to attend and may participate in discussions; board members vote on the issues and do appreciate input from the membership. Topics to be covered are: Officers up for election and their responsibilities; preliminary budget requests so that our treasurer has input before preparing the 2014 budget; timing of newsletter publication; review of by-laws; ground school planning; charitable donations; member recruitment and retention; facilities projects; social events; and any other topics brought forward by the membership.

I am very grateful for all of the time and energy that our members donate to the chapter. We have a great chapter house, fun events, and generous members who make it all happen. In December we will have recognition for those officers who are ending their terms, the new officers coming in and the new members who have volunteered so much – more to come on



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Our elections have been postponed to November, I will send a reminder before the meeting including the roster of candidates, you may send your vote by email if you choose. Thank you again for all you do to support the chapter and aviation! Bettie Seitzer

Below is the flight line during an aerobatic airshow at OshKosh 2013





Norm Weston described his new glider design.

The glider is an updated version of his glider he flew as a youth. It is designed to be an ultralight vehicle so no pilot license is needed.

He wants to share the same excitement and accomplishment he experienced when he was young. Who can argue when he says the future pilots can learn to fly in a simple machine like this.

He designed it to be able to be hand launched by 3 or 4 strong youth with a pair of ropes and pulleys.

It is safe up to 5 feet off the ground and would fly about 200 feet.

Aileron control is made with a pair of electric motors in the wings which would pull on

wing up and the other down to create the bank angle.

The batteries would be re-positional based on the weight of the pilot to keep the center of gravity right over the wings. Continued on page 6

Pilots Lounge

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)

Contact Chip Andrews 651 248 9708

For Sale: Challenger I \$7,000, Rotax 503 DIDC, electric start, wood prop, EIS, 5x5 Azuza wheels and brakes less than 10 hours, built by Gil Leiter. Contact Dale Seitzer 651 329 2229 or Barb Leiter

For Sale: Hangar on 21D for sale -- \$45,000. Recently painted siding and roof. 35 x 75 feet with two 45 foot doors, electric openers, electricity and natural gas, two insulated workshop / office rooms, above floor storage,



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:mark@tailwinds21d.org) or call 651-982-275. Visit us at www.tailwinds21d.org to learn more.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013

EAA Chapter 54 October 2013 Meeting Minutes — October 14, 2013

Vice President, Jim Pearsal called the meeting to order. Paul Rankin, Treasurer, and Dale Seitzer, Secretary were officers in attendance – a total of 19 people attended. No visitors. Linda Amble provided root beer floats for everyone and everyone had a good time during the social period. Secretaries Report was approved and after reviewing but the Treasurers report was not published therefore it needs to be reviewed before being approved.

Business Meeting

The newsletter publication and communication with members was discussed. We agreed to publish an agenda for the upcoming meeting with the topic and speakers listed – it will be posted on the website and within the email list group. The newsletter will continue to be published as soon as possible after the meeting. The announcement will be made with a link directly to the newsletter so members do not have to go to our website or see any other club information.

The last Young Eagles event was cancelled due to high winds on October 12, 2013
Board meeting is October 19 at 9:00 AM. Board members are requested to attend.

In November we will have elections for the following offices:

President—Jim Pearsal

Vice President – Open

Treasurer – Tom Gibbons

Secretary—Bettie Seitzer

Newsletter Editor – Dale Seitzer

Board openings

Housing Board Member -- Dave Fiebiger

Education Board Member – Leif Erickson

Membership Board Member -- John Renwick

Young Eagle Coordinator / Board Member -- Linda Amble

Ground school will be offered, recruiting instructors now. Need 15 students. Start in January, third Thursday and be a Monday and Thursday. Advertising and promotion is crucial. Paul Rankin will coordinate. Members can attend refresher sessions during the entire class. Also need a class administrator for attendance and other duties. Need instructors the most. Need at least two key instructors who have classroom experience. Talk to Paul.

Newsletter Editor—Dale Seitzer: Please send articles and pictures and anything aviation and member related. Send to newsletter@eaa54.org. The new plan for the newsletter is to release the newsletter right after the meeting to make it more meaningful. Officers, Board members and other members should submit sooner than later.

EAA Chapter Leaders Academy, recommended for officers or board members. November 15 – 17, 2013. Reserve your spot online or email chapters@eaa.org.

Entertainment:

Dave Volker made a high quality video of a typical Young Eagle day – everyone enjoyed the show and agreed it should be made available on our website.

We also viewed the EAA Chapter Video Magazine. The first half was a tribute to Paul Poberezny with interviews and remembrances by EAA staffers. We paused the video and everyone gave their favorite memory of Paul. It was good to hear everyone's perception of a guy who had a good life.

The nest section was interviews and video of Yves Rossy, the Jetman and his wing technician. The images of his flight over Oshkosh was awesome. The label on his jet wing says "Experimental" so he fits in very well at Airventure.

Finally, we met Sean Tucker the new Young Eagle Coordinator—he certainly has energy and passion for the Young Eagle program.

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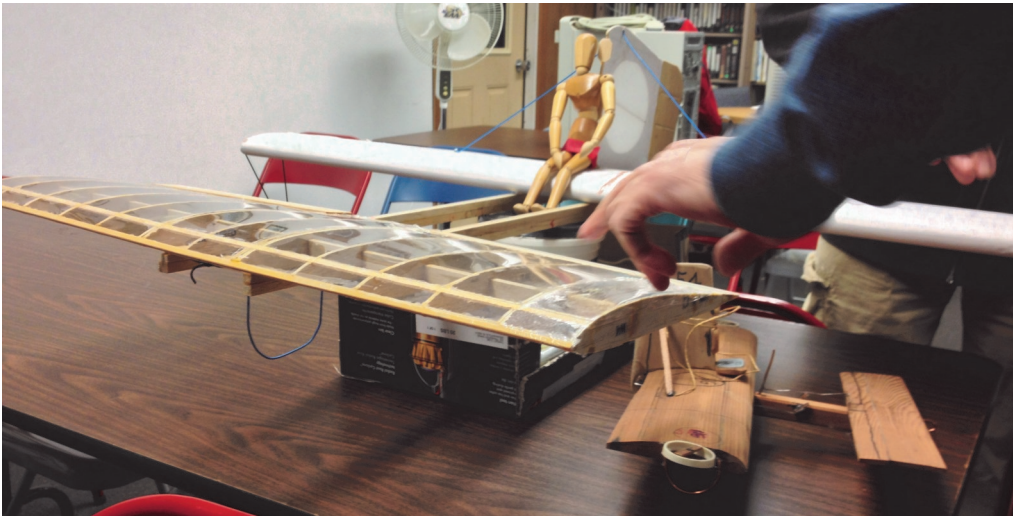
What is a Chapter Leaders Academy?

An EAA Chapter Leaders Academy is an interactive workshop weekend focused on topics important to you as chapter leaders. Participants stay at the EAA Air Academy lodge and immerse themselves in a wide-range of chapter related subjects such as recruitment, fundraising, public relations, EAA resources, programs and more!

The academy provides an excellent opportunity to network with other chapter leaders as well as interact with EAA staff. The sessions begin on Friday evening where participants enjoy a social hour and special dinner. Saturday is a full day of classes which conclude at noon on Sunday.

In order to participate reservations are required. To inquire about upcoming sessions and reservations please send an e-mail to chapters@eaa.org.

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Norm's glider uses a fixed wing in front—pitch is controlled with an electric motor and propeller in front of the pilot

The glider is designed to fly with a hand launch and is designed to be repairable and easily transported.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT *BY PAUL RANKIN*

EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT
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