



Chapter 54 NEWS

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JUNE GATHERING

DATE: 6-14-99
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: Wright Flyer project and Discover Aviation Days 99.

Speakers: Gary Specketer Building A Wright Flyer. As leader of the group on this project Gary can share the experience gained in putting together a group and controlling the project. Could be useful to 54 when project ideas come up.

Gary is the chair of DAD. Again his experiences in heading this very successful event could be helpful to 54 as our Aviation Day program grows. Another opportunity to learn from a person that has been there. The number that turn out for this event is staggering. The amount of work required to put it all together is equally staggering.

Where is the gathering going to be????????????????

Come early and check out the new place. Coffee & ??? will be served.

MAY GATHERING

Visitors & Guests; Kent Nord and Betty Isaacs (Of all things in a wheel chair. Betty had three (3) strokes while in AZ this winter. Good to see her doing so well.)

Attendance total for the evening was at least 30.

The President called the gathering together at just past 7:30 p.m

Reports

Secretary Rosemary Frank, Reported the minutes as published were correct. Motion made & seconded they be approved. Passed.

Treasurer John Thomas
Checking

Operating Fd.	\$3,789.03
Building Fd	2,657.45
Petty cash	191.00
TOTAL	\$6,637.48

Motion made, seconded to accept, Passed.

Announcements:

Jerry Sarracco announced he had 3 1999 calendars left. 12 good pictures and 7 1/2 unused months. These rare bargains were snapped up quickly.

Pres. Dick W. called members attention to page 97 of May issue Sport Aviation. V. P. Al K's picture and article regarding his Phillips 66 award. Bowing when he enters a room not necessary. Autographs on request.

Young Eagles, Coordinator Al K. reminded everyone that International Young Eagle day and Ch. 54 YE day is June 12, 1999. 7:30 for briefing.

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INTERNATIONAL EAA YOUNG EAGLE DAY

June 12, 1999 is Young Eagle Day, World Wide. EAA Chapter 54 will of course participate in this tremendous event by conducting YE flights from 21D.

Chapter 54 YE leader Al Kupferschmidt has set the hours from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon for the local event. Pilot briefing at 7:45 am.

The last conversation I heard was that Al had lined up about 10 youth and member Scott Olson had between 30 and 50 scheduled. **THAT OF COURSE DOES NOT COUNT THE MANY YOUTH THE REST OF THE MEMBERS HAVE LINED UP. YOU DO HAVE SOME LINED UP DO YOU NOT?**

Naturally in order for this event to work as smooth as they have in the past it requires cooperation from a number of people; weather man, ground crew, and pilots. Certainly the weather man with cooperate. So all that is required now is for you to call Al, after June 7th 651-777-9257, telling him the number of youth you have, that you will be able to fly or will be ground crew. Believe me the ground crew is very important.

Ground personnel are responsible for paperwork review, taking the youth on a walk around of an airplane explaining the various controls and functions and most importantly the safe movement of youth to and from the aircraft.

Save Al time. CALL

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Flying runs from 8:00 to 12 Noon. Volunteers needed from pilots to ground control. Al will talk to Gary Miller regarding publicity. Al made up posters to be put up in areas, but, he still needs some signs directing the way. Lots to be finalized.

YE points information requested by Al K. Please call him and tell him how many credits you have. As a single these credits are not worth much, but, as a group we can do something constructive with them. If you know of an interested youth let him know. (Pres. Dick W. has been contacted by Jennifer Rought regarding interest. She needs to know what assistance is available.)

Director - Education, Art Edlund indicated that Ch. 54's second Flying Start program will be May 22, 1999 at Jim Anderson's hangar on Fairchild Lane. Program runs from 9:30 am to 11 am. Hours are not firm. Instructors will stay to answer any and all questions. There will be prize drawings. It will be a very fast paced morning. Any one interested in flying lessons should attend. Tell your co-workers, friends, neighbors about this event. This is the first step to introduce people to how to start. Also introduction to EAA and Chapter 54. Posters have been distributed around the area. Art is looking for tables and chairs and VOLUNTEERS - anyone wanting to help should contact Art.

President Dick W. informed members that the Discover Aviation Days - DAD- at Anoka County Airport would like our help. They need volunteers to assist with the Ford Tri-Motor, aircraft parking and St. Paul R/C Club could use help with their youth program. Greg Speckter indicated this would be a good introduction to Ch. 54 members to DAD. There is potential for Ch. 54 to become involved in a fund raising project in 2000. Ch. 25 and 237 already have projects taking place there. DAD does not charge an entrance fee to the public. Good sized draw.

New Members

Paul Randall was the most recent new member. Some of the members that have been around for awhile might remember Paul, he was a member back in the 70's. Since that time he has moved around the country due to jobs.

John (Jay) Medelman became the newest member. John joined the chapter during the Flying Start event. One reason is to become active in the Young Eagle prog.
WELCOME PAUL & JOHN

Chapter housing was the big surprise announcement at the meeting. Stephen Ogborn - Director Housing was not even aware it was so recent. Ed Mayer, Mayer Aviation, told Housing Committee member Jerry Sarracco over the weekend that he felt Ch. 54 should make use of the building that used to be Elmo Aero until he bought them out a number of years ago. Only requirement was that a broken water pipe be located and repaired. That was done easily and quickly. Volunteers will be needed for clean up and moving chairs, tables etc. As the building is up for sale the length of time it will be available is unknown. But it is going to be enjoyable while it lasts. The June meeting will be held at this new location.

Pancake Breakfast/ Fly-In for Ch. 54 is set for Saturday August 7th. Paul Anderson and Scott Hutchinson are cochairs. They are taking names for volunteers, saves them making calls. If you have any of last years signs stored in you hangar get them to the Anderson hangar. Ed Pfeiffer has volunteered himself and his wife to do the cooking. (Bill S. you can stop hiding now.) Contact Paul at 651-430-0170 and Scott at 651-777-1872. Get involved. Have fun!

At this time Pres. Dick W. turned the remainder of the gathering over to Dan Parker, Director Programs who introduced the speakers.

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FLYING START

May 22, 1999 was the day. The day of the second Flying Start program conducted by Chapter 54.

The program enjoyed the cooperation and help of many 54 members. Posters were distributed over the East Metro area and as far

YOUR FIRST STEP IN LEARNING TO FLY
flying start

away as St. Thomas College. Press releases were printed in at least one of the local newspapers. Friends told friends etc. The only problem was a very low turn out -, likely due to the weather. Aviators often suffer setbacks due to bad weather but this time the problem was extraordinarily fine weather following monsoon rains. Five people attended. Three won door prizes of introductory flights donated by Wings and Mayer aviation. Steve Collins, from Mayer aviation, talked about ground school. Laura Randall, Flight instructor from Alpha Aviation, enlightened the prospective pilots on actual flight instruction as well as the wonderful feelings of flight. Jerry Sarracco expounded with his typical enthusiasm on the pleasures of this year round sport. Chapter president Dick Wicklund ended thing by describing the great support the local EAA chapter can offer to beginners.

Al things considered it was a great event for all. Again, thanks to so many members who hauled chairs, served food, set up tables, put up signs and banners and helped in ways we don't even know about yet. Special thanks to Jim Anderson for use of his hangar.

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

Spring highway pick up day was May 15. The rain had stopped, for a while. The ditches were wet if not full of water. Not a perfect day. In addition to not being a perfect day there was a major absence of volunteers. 13, out of a potential of 85, individuals showed up for the opportunity of bending and picking.

For the most part the pickup was not as bad as some years. Why was debated by at least one of the teams. We all felt that when the new high school was built it would get worse. It really has not. Good news.

Where were you. Visiting relatives, fishing, home enjoying the warm and dry atmosphere. Wherever you were you were missed. You also missed those wonderful low caloric rolls and donuts.

June 26, 1999 is the date set by MAC for the annual airport clean up day. Dumpsters will be by the MAC building. Be sure to check into the regulations regarding what is acceptable.

"I Forgot"

"I Forgot" is a popular theme these busy days
"I Forgot" to attend the annual EAA Work Party. When was it?
"I Forgot" to volunteer for Flying Start. May 22, that was?
"I Forgot" Young Eagles International Rally Day - June 12.
"I Forgot" to attend the regular gathering June 14.
"I Forgot" to pay my dues!

Dues and active membership is what keeps EAA Chapter 54 alive and strong.

Become an active member.
Attend regular gatherings.
Volunteer your time and talent.
Pay your dues!

Gene Frank
Membership Chair

*Remember that overnight
success usually takes
about fifteen years.*

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

The first weekend in May marks the beginning of the EAA Oshkosh Work Party weekends. As has become a tradition Chapter 54 was there.

Representing the chapter were: Dale Rupp, Jerry Sarracco, Dave Fiebigler, Jessie Black, Gil Leider, Jack Fleischhacker, Wayne Asp, Ryan Asp - 15 yr. old son of Wayne, Al and Rye Kupferschmidt, Art Edlund, Dick Wicklund and Ray Rought.

Friday afternoon a number of the members met with Chuck Larsen and Mick Manne. Chuck took the group for a walk through of the just about completed new Eagle Flight Leadership Center, NICE.

After the tour we settled down in a conference room and discussed the educational programs, present and future, with Chuck. He also took the time to answer some of our questions and jotted notes regarding concerns expressed.

Mick Manne stopped by and was introduced to us by Chuck. Mick is one of the new kids on the block. As Director of Program and Capital Gifts Mick will be working the new Campaign for Kids and the Chapter Grassroots Fund. By now most everyone should have received a mailing from Mick regarding the new programs and needs.

Toward the end of the session Chuck's wife stopped by. For those of us newer ones it was an opportunity to meet her. For the longer time members it was a chance to get reacquainted.

Having a chance to sit down in a small group and visit with Chuck and Mick was great. Brought back memories of the days when Paul Poberezny would stop in at the bunk house and talk EAA and aviation. One of the missing items from the past is visits with the leaders. Current leadership is too busy to take the time out to meet with the members as they pass thought and volunteer their time to EAA. Perhaps some day they will realize just what is missed. Will it be before the volunteers stop showing up.

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The speakers for the evening were Dale Rupp and Jerry Sarracco. Dale is the I.EAA representative to TORA. Jerry is alternate. Their topic for the evening was MN Legislative Proposals and TORA and MAC direction and its effect on Lake Elmo Airport. Every aircraft owner and pilot should stay on top of these situations. It is particularly important to hangar owners. Statements were well received, good questions and good answers.

As this was to be the last, at least for a while, meeting at Christ Lutheran Pres. Dick W. suggested dropping some green on the table to be given to the church for allowing Ch. 54 to use the facilities.

The gathering adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next gathering June 14, 1999.

Tentative Schedule of Programs

Dan Parker, Director - Programs has worked up some interesting programs for the next few months.

JULY

Bob Dickens, Midwest Regional Representative, AOPA, will speak.

AUGUST

Refresh of Oshkosh. What you saw, did, enjoyed, able to talk about.

SEPTEMBER

Ultralite Flyers Group. should be of interest to all Ultralite flyers and wannabes. Lets face it folks it could be in the future for many.

Dan is eager to hear what you want in the way of programs. He has good ideas, but are the programs what you want.

If not you only have yourself to blame. With out your telling him he does not know.

Young Eagles

Recently there have been discussions regarding the credits awarded to Young Eagle pilots. From these discussions it has been determined there is much confusion regarding, who, when, and use. Recently Steve Buss, EAA Young Eagles chief sent a e-mail to the pres. explaining the program.

Basically it works as follows:

1. To earn credits the pilot must reach the magic number of 10 eagle flights in a calendar year, credits received by about the 15th of January are considered the previous years.
2. Credits earned in one calendar year expire in August of the following year. If not used they are lost. There is no accumulation of credits from year to year.
3. Young Eagle pilots receive two letters from EAA prior to the issuance of the credits informing the pilots they will receive them.
4. The Flight Leader News and the Chapter Coordinator newsletter include reminders that the credits are coming.

Steve admits that there is a learning curve in the program. This is at all levels, EAA, Chapter, Young Eagle Coordinator, and pilots. Being the program is only two years old kinks can still be there to work out.



FOR SALE

74 Piper Warrior - PA28-151.
IFR. TTAF4,000, 1700 SMOH, all
logs. Tanis, Blue & White. \$36,000
OBO. Mike Schick W-715-247-
3500 H- 715-386-9356.

1971 Spezio Tuholer, canopy/
open cockpit, Lyc. 0-290-G, 1125
hrs. TTAE, 240 STOH, new fabric
1997, oil cooler, mode C, heater,
aux. fuel \$17,500 or trade for Witt-
man Tailwind. Dan Bergstrom,
651-777-2680.

WANTED

Gene and Rosemary Frank are
looking for an Aerial Photographer
to take pictures of their RV-6 in
flight. Contact them at 651-451-
8187.

CHAPTER NEEDS

1. A volunteer, or two, to serve as
photographer at chapter events.
Take group pictures of participants,
interesting happenings, members for
photo wall and new members as
they join to be added to the photo
wall.
2. Podium. Wood construction.
Woodworkers this would be an easy
project.

Interested members contact the
President.

Free FAA "WINGS" SAFETY SEMINAR

Saturday, June 12, 1999, 9:00 am -
11:00 am. Hennepin Technical Col-
lege Auditorium, 9200 Flying Cloud
Dr. Eden Prairie, MN.

Pilot/Owner Maintenance & Pre-
ventative Maintenance According to
the FAR's.

Call (612)9411-1212 for informa-
tion.

TORA

by Dick Wicklund

On May 27 I accompanied LEAA
Representative Dale Rupp and Alter-
nate Jerry Sarracco, President of
LEAA to a meeting of TORA. The
reason I wanted to attend was the
appearance of the MAC Chair,
Charles Nichols.

I'm glad that I was allowed to sit
in, by the way any member can, just
ask. Mr. Nichols is a very person-
able individual. He just briefly
touched on his back ground only to
make us aware of where he comes
from, education, aviation and busi-
ness. Should be a good mix.

Mr. Nichols stated some things
that he has asked be implemented in-
cluding visits to each reliever airport
by top management of MAC to meet
with the local association and ten-
ants. He also stated that he plans to
attend three of these meetings.

Which three he has not disclosed to
the MAC staff. His decision will be
made as he determines at the time.
Primary purpose of these visits is so
that the MAC top management team
can hear first hands our concern and
needs as well as explain MAC direc-
tion regarding each airport. Should
be interesting. STAY TUNED.

His approach to the job and re-
sponsibilities is refreshing. He real-
ize that MAC has needs and require-
ments that have to be met. Also,
that there is a need to meet needs of
the tenants, even at the relievers not
just the big red tails. The purpose of
relievers in the MAC system and re-
lated costs may have to be read-
dressed. Mr. Nichols did not dis-
agree that the survey conducted by
the firm from Atlanta was imperfect.
That was the feeling of may of us
general aviation types and apparently
MAC also has reservations regarding
the results. To bad they were not
big boys and girls and admitted their
feelings to the tenants. Some of the
bitter feeling between groups could
have been avoided.

How will Mr. Nichols work his
ideas and direction into the MAC
culture is to be determined. As he
stated he can always get in his mo-
torhome and head out of town.

DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors met on May
3, 1999 at the Anderson hangar.

Officers and Directors Present;

Dick Wicklund, Pres.
Al Kupferschmidt V.P.,
Rosemary Frank, Secretary,
John Thomas, Treasurer,
Dan Parker - Programs,
Open - Events,
Stephen Ogborn - Housing,
Art Edlund - Education,
Gene Frank - Membership.

Absent

Gary Miller - Publicity and Promo-
tions.
Dale Rupp - Past Pres.

Also in attendance was Mike Shick
representing the Publicity and Promo-
tion committee

REPORTS

The secretary's minutes were ac-
cepted as submitted.

Treasurer, no report - Absent

BUSINESS

1. Positive report on Oshkosh Work
Party made by pres. See On the Go
page 4.
2. Housing - Stephen Ogborn gave a
update on the status of our meeting/
hangar/bldg. He is working on it, talk-
ing on it, and will have a proposal for
July Board of Directors mtg.
3. Education - Art Edlund reviewed
Flying Start event on May 22. All set.
Needs volunteers who he will obtain by
telephone contact. Art also touched on
the many FAA programs, Air Acad-
emy, Scholarships, Visions of Eagles.
Many opportunities regardless of age.
4. Young Eagles - Al Kupferschmidt
set for International YE Rally on Sat.,
June 12. See YE page 1.
5. Membership - Gene Frank reported
on sending packets to visitors at April
mtg. Gene will follow up by telephone
before May mtg. Gene has requested a
list of prospective 54 members from
EAA. Pres. Dick Wicklund asked
Gene to come up with a proposal for
youth memberships in Ch. 54. This he
will do before July Board Of Directors
meeting.

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