

October 2015

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY November 9, 2015

- Come at 7:00 pm and socialize.
- **CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.**
- Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org

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Upcoming Events

1. **Next Meeting** — November 9, 2015
2. October 26, 6:00 PM Lake Elmo Airport Long Range Planning
3. Holiday party social event December 14, 2015

Faribault Fly-in -- 2015 by Dan & Karen Bergstrom

On Sunday, September 13, we took off from the Lake Elmo airport on a beautiful, cloudless morning at 7:30 a.m. We were headed out on a breakfast flight to Faribault, about 50 miles away. Our early morning departure usually ensures a smooth ride, which is really important to Karen as a passenger.



Heading south away from St. Paul we crossed the Mississippi River and were treated to a lovely view of the backwaters and channels, as the river wandered on its way to the Gulf.



When we arrived at Faribault, we were greeted by Charlie Hoover and his shiny Globe Swift. A short time later Mark Holiday arrived with his Knight Twister, a small bi-plane with a really big engine.



The fly-in was sponsored by the Faribault CAP Chapter. They were well prepared for parking aircraft and provided a good breakfast. There was a steady flow aircraft arriving all morning.



Lake Elmo folks at breakfast, visiting and catching up on the summer's events.

After breakfast the guys wandered the flight line looking at airplanes from southern Minnesota, while the ladies visited over a 2nd cup of coffee.

(Thanks to Dave Becker for this photo)



By 10 a.m. the wind was beginning to increase and it was time to head for Lake Elmo. We always try to be back at our hangar by 11 a.m. to avoid the turbulence and roughness of the afternoon air. (Karen hates bumps!) The flight home was one of the smoothest rides of this summer season.

On the way back to Lake Elmo, we flew over miles of ripening corn, plowed fields, and Bailey's Nursery near Woodbury.



Final Thoughts for a smooth ride:

1. Look for the "Big Blue H". Best rides usually occur when a high pressure weather system is over the area.
2. Fly early in the day. The air gets rough in the afternoon.
3. Puffy clouds in the sky indicate a bumpy ride. Smooth air is usually found above the clouds, if your plane can climb that high.
4. Don't fly when winds are expected to exceed 20 M.P.H. on the ground. Turbulence often accompanies high winds.
5. Keep the cabin cool for passenger comfort.

Enjoy the fall colors on your next flight!



Sweet Ride

Paul and Vienette Olson attended the ground school a couple of years ago with a dream of flight.

They were patient—they waited for the right hangar, one large enough with running water and they bought it.

Then, patient planning to remodel the hangar to meet their needs and their unique vision. As you can see from the photo, their style is whimsical and practical. Notice the design on the wall with the runways and the North compass symbol.

The hangar has hot and cold running water shower and kitchen. Very comfortable party areas and even a mirrored disco ball.

Their recent purchase is a cherry 1982 Cessna 182T. It is like new inside and out, leather interior and clear shiny Plexiglas.

The engine block and cylinders are painted metal flake maroon with chromed head gaskets — it is beautiful.

The plan is to fly the plane as much as possible, finish and clean up the interior and paint the exterior next spring. There will be an Open House sometime in May 2016



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

BY TOM GIBBONS

EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY





FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

JIM PEARSALL

November, hmm what does that bring? Sticks and elections!

Elections have for the last several years with our Annual Membership Meeting have been moved from October to November here at Chapter 54 which seems to fit the rhythm of the chapter better as well as fitting a society theme.

The slate of this writing is below. I am honored to maintain my role as President and have responses for the others named below that they are willing to serve. Paul Randall, current Vice President and Bettie Seitzer, Secretary would like to give others an opportunity to serve.

Officers, Class I Directors - Current

- Jim Pearsall - President
- Open - Vice President
- Tom Gibbons - Treasurer
- Open - Secretary
- Class III Directors - Current
- Housing Board Member - Dave Fiebiger
- Education Board Member - Leif Erickson
- Membership Board Member - John Renwick
- YE Coordinator Board Member - Linda Amble
- Newsletter Editor - Dale Seitzer

The open positions official responsibilities as documented in our charter are:

The **Vice President** shall be vested with all the powers and authority of the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the case of the President's absence, disability, or inability, for any reason. The Vice President shall also perform such duties connected with the operations of the Chapter at the suggestion or direction of the President.

The **Secretary** shall have the responsibility to take and publish minutes of all meetings. The Secretary is responsible for publishing notice of all regularly scheduled Membership and Board of Directors Meetings. Additionally, the Secretary is also responsible for publishing notice of Special Membership Meetings. The Secretary, with the assistance of the Membership Chairperson, shall keep a Membership Book, Roster or Record showing the name of each Member. The Secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining the currency and security of the original copies of the Chapter By-laws, Non-profit Incorporation documents, tax-exemption documents, Federal Employer Identification Number, minutes of all meetings, and any other documents, books, papers, and records as the Officers or Board of Directors direct. The Secretary shall jointly execute, along with the President, all contracts and instruments that have been first approved by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to the Office of Secretary, subject to the control of the President and the Board of Directors.

Note that under the Vice President, "shall also perform such duties connected with the operations of the Chapter at the suggestion or direction of the President." are currently to provide programming as needed for our regular monthly meetings.

Attendance to any meeting for any of these roles is not required but encouraged especially for board meetings as a quorum is required for actions to be binding.

If you have any interest in either of the open positions or any position at all including mine (it is an election after all) please let me know president@eaa54.org.

I want to take this time of transition to thank Paul and Bettie for their service. Paul for his great council for the chapter and me and programming over the last couple of years; Bettie for her many years of service. Continued Page 6

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Regarding that service, by way of a bit of bylaw trivia, I will remind her she is by caveat automatically empowered as a special Class IV director. Quoting bylaws definition for this role “ The most recent past President shall be the Class IV Director.” Welcome Bettie as our newest Class IV director!

Away from annual meetings for a moment. November will also have our first meeting to plan our 2016 Aviation Day. Yes, we are starting! Lots to tell on this item, look for an invite soon. The invite will include by the way a conference line to join remotely. I hope to extend this remote capability to all our meetings. Call this a Proof of Concept.

As I was surveying the landscape from 2000’ AGL yesterday, we are not quite to sticks yet, but we will be very soon. Likewise election season...

Young Eagles 2015 by Linda Amble

Thank you to everyone that volunteered this year! Thank you for sharing your time, fuel, airplanes, enthusiasm and sometimes showing a bit of patience with the kids and their families.

With efforts by ground support and pilots this past season 59 kids had the opportunity for an introduction to aviation! I would like to say that Chapter 54 had another successful Young Eagles season despite the low ceilings, rain, and then higher winds. Historically 59 flights is half the number of flights given during a season.

The chapter sponsored two campers at Air Academy in Oshkosh. They are Gabi Damiano and Hannah Krueger.

Hannah and her family stopped in at the September Fall Picnic to say thank you for providing the opportunity. Hannah also spoke about her great time at camp and has expressed her interest in a return visit next year. Her parents are very proud and happy.

Gabi attended Air Academy two years in a row. Bruce Olson flew Gabi to camp as well as the return trip with his 172. Gabi’s family has since moved to Iowa Falls and we hope to hear if she continues with her interest in flying.

Thank you again for your loyalty to Young Eagles. It’s so helpful to know that there is a core group available to run these events. (It’s also fun to spend a couple hours on a Saturday morning at the airport.)

If you are interested in volunteering for Young Eagles events, next year, please let me know. Suggestions are welcome. And criticisms.....but not too much.

If you would prefer that your name be removed from the volunteer request list let me know that as well.

Young Eagle dates for 2016 are:

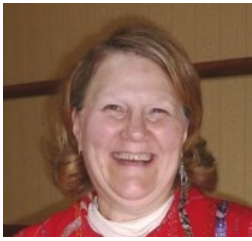
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10

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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.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

By Bettie Seitzer, Chapter Secretary

EAA Chapter 54, October 12th Business Meeting Called to order at 8:06.

Annual meeting is scheduled for October, Jim called the meeting to order. Paul Randall moved to recess the annual meeting until November, Al Kupferschmidt seconded. Annual meeting in recess until the November meeting.

Tim Mitchell is a new member in attendance. Jerry Cornish also dropped in; he is a neighbor and has always been interested in airplanes. Rod O and Roger Marcus also dropped in for the first time.

Elections: At the November meeting we will be voting for the following positions:

- **Elections Current Class 1**
 - Jim Pearsall – President – willing to continue
 - Paul Randall – Vice President – would like to resign
 - Tom Gibbons – Treasurer – willing to continue
 - Bettie Seitzer – Secretary – would like to resign
- **Elections Current Class 3**
 - Housing – Dave Fiebiger – willing to continue
 - Education – Leif Erickson – willing to continue
 - Membership – John Renwick – willing to continue
 - Young Eagles – Linda Amble – willing to continue
 - Newsletter – Dale Seitzer – willing to continue

Anyone interested in a position should contact Jim Pearsall. Anyone stepping forward to fill a position will receive support from the chapter and previous holders of the position. We need people to take turns at the various positions and we all contribute our talents in different ways.

Aviation Day:

Jack Miller has facilitated a couple of debrief meetings to collect insights and reports from members and participants and will use that information to make improvements for next year.

There have been some great ideas to enhance the event, but most of them cost money. The conclusion is that we would like to develop some sponsorship in order to fund those ideas. We would have a budget equal to whatever sponsorship we are able to get. Businesses could sponsor in exchange for advertising on t-shirts, fliers, etc. We would like to get sponsorship for \$2,500 to fund the event and we would like to net \$2,500 from the event. (This year we netted about \$1,200). Sponsorship money would go toward more signs and advertising and t-shirts that would be worn by the volunteers and include advertising for the sponsors.

We would be looking for sponsors who could donate goods (like sausage, pancake mix, coffee). We would also like to find sponsors who would donate funds. We need to continue to improve our organization and continue to improve the management of the volunteers. The idea is that there would be instruction cards for each activity so that each volunteer receives a card detailing what they would be doing in that area. Jack will send the planning checklists to committee chairs and asking them to review their list and update as needed.

The team also agreed to have more planning meetings that will begin November 10, 2015. The meetings can also be on a conference call so that people who are not able to attend in person would still be able to participate. The team will want to get started now on requesting support as most businesses are doing their budgeting for 2016. Brainstorming a list of businesses that might be good sponsors is a top priority. Suggestions should be shared with Jim or Jack. We want to remember that a big part of the event is the community outreach with the opportunity to make friends and help to build support for 21D and general aviation.

Building upgrades:

We need to look at our siding, re-painting has been required almost every year. The suggestion is to go to a maintenance free siding that would not require painting. We need to investigate options and get some estimates so that we can do it in the spring.

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Meeting Minutes Continued

New Members:

Timothy Mitchel

Richard King

There will be a meeting for MAC to share long range plans for the Lake Elmo Airport on October 26, 2015, 6:00 at the maintenance building at 21D. Meeting is open to the public.

Al Kupferschmidt moved to adjourn, seconded and approved by proclamation.



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2015 Young Eagle Photos.

Everybody had fun. An equal importance is the volunteers talking with the family and parents while the Young Eagle is on their flight



Construction Around Lake Elmo Airport

It looks like major excavation along Manning Avenue. They are burying large concrete culverts, making roads and maybe a lake and what could be housing pads. What are the plans? How big?



HELP WANTED

This sign was posted at the FBO at Stanton. Having a job at the airport sounds like a wonderful job. No stress, no traffic jams, no office politics, just you and your mower. One-ness with your snow plow.

Imagine getting paid to watch planes take off and land! Use your creativity to maintain the buildings and runways—who needs a day off.

Very tempting to turn your back on the responsibilities and live at the airport.

A green sign with white text advertising a job at Stanton Airfield. The sign is posted on a green background, possibly a fence or a wall. The text is as follows:

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE
AT STANTON AIRFIELD?
A JOB IS WAITING –

- Mow grass, plow snow, maintain buildings
- Provide on-site security in exchange for apartment

Also need

- A&P/IA
- Part-time CFI (tailwheel and glider towing included)

for details see or call
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