

CHAPTER 54 NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST MEETING The next meeting of Chapter 54 will be held Monday, August 11, 7:30 PM in the main lobby of the Terminal at Holman Field. If the facilities are adequate we will make this our permanent meeting place. Discussion and pictures of the 1969 Rockford convention will be featured, so bring your slides. What we will exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair will also be discussed.

JULY PICNIC The July picnic at Journey's End Airport turned out to be a very enjoyable aviation filled evening. Tom Doherty and his wife purchased Journey's End last fall from the Duponts and have put the field in excellent condition, and he claims his aviation gas is the lowest price in town. He also gives flight instruction and has space available in some of the strongest hangars I have ever seen. Members of the Twin Cities Radio Control Club gave an impressive demonstration of their small crafts' abilities. John Foy's and Ron Zimmerman's T-18s were present as well as Gus Linbach's Tailwind. Tom Doherty's Maco and Meyer were on display.

ROCKFORD CONVENTION Rockford is over again for another year. There were no major incidents or injuries at Rockford and only a few minor ones involving malfunctioning landing gears. Bad weather on the Sunday of the AC Spark Plug Rally resulted in quite a few forced landings, including one by Otis Smith of Anoka Chapter 237 flying his recently acquired Cliff Mid-wing. After getting a farmer to drive 40 miles for aviation gas Otis took off and continued to Rockford. Outstanding aircraft at the convention included the new antique Potenpol recently featured in Sport Aviation, and a retractable tri-gear T-18. The builder was heard to remark that the landing gear was not worth the effort. Very little speed was gained, and it cost him three years of work plus his wife. The BT-4 was present, looks good, and appears to be meeting its performance specs. Block time to Rockford from Kansas was 172 mph with two men aboard. The Franklin Engine Co. has a new engine, which is the greatest thing since the G.P.U. -- a kit engine for homebuilders. Details will be available at the August meeting.

STATE FAIR TIME Bring your ideas.

Gary Wirth