

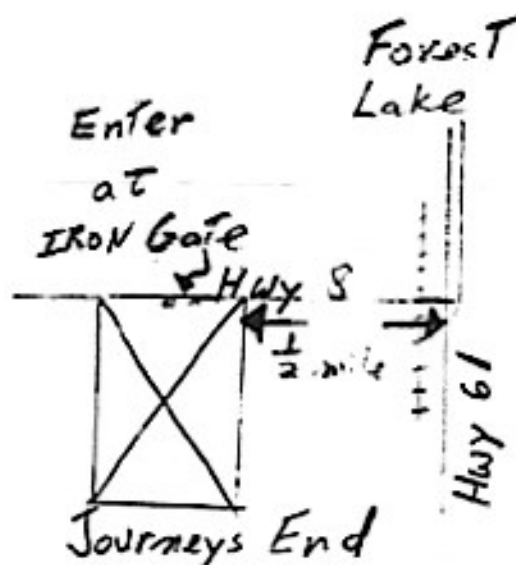
CHAPTER 54 NEWSLETTER

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PICNIC PLANNED FOR JULY MEETING

Chapter 54 will be having its July meeting at Journeys End Airport near Forest Lake on the evening of July 14. Families are invited to the mini-fly-in which will begin around 6:00 PM with a hot dog dinner prepared by the chapter chef, Gil Leiter. Charge for this dinner will be \$1 for adults, \$.50 for children. Anyone bringing a homebuilt gets a free dinner. At about 7:30 members of the Twin Cities Radio Control Club will put on a demonstration of RC controlled model aircraft, and several homebuilts, including Gus's Tailwind, will hop rides. Chapter 54 member Tom Doherty is the current owner of Journeys End and we appreciate having it available to us. Now while you're thinking of it, ask the little woman and then call Gil (774-7214) to let him know you're coming. Even if you don't call you're still welcome; also there is shelter in case of rain.



JUNE MEETING, Highlights - Gil Leiter's Stits has progressed well and workmanship is very good. Vern Clark has started a BE-4 and brought the plans to the meeting. The plans are certainly well done and the materials kits that are available through Bede are reasonably priced. Several of the members have seen the movie Wings, a real old-time silent type with WWI combat scenes, and recommend it. In his designer's report Florian pointed out that oftentimes the FAA officials who inspect our homebuilts for the first flight like to be present for the flight. Although we welcome FAA interest in our activities Florian felt that this caused pressure on the pilot-builder to fly on the day of inspection. This requires the builder to reassemble the plane, which may take considerable time, and perhaps fly the aircraft before he is really up for it; getting three years of work inspected must in itself be unnerving, without having to fly it. The alternative is to wait (several weeks if you live out state) until the inspector can get out again. Florian cautions all pilots to be sure that both they and the machine are prepared for the first flight.

GROUND SCHOOL - Any members interested in a private pilot ground school are urged to call Harry Pahlquist (484 4238) who has a special deal cooking.