



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2011.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT. (21D).
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

TO BE ANNOUNCED SO STAY TUNED OR CONTACT OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Exciting Chapter Events Coming Up

Compiled by Editor

EAA Chapter 54 Golf Outing

Applewood Hills Golf Course Monday, May 9

Tee Times

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Banquet at

6:00 PM



Join us for a fun 18 holes of golf at beautiful Applewood Hill Golf Course in Stillwater. We'll play a four-person scramble event. Form you own Chapter's team, or enter as a single and we'll assign you to a team. All skills levels welcome.

Forget about the airplane and enjoy your other passion—playing golf. Invite your right-seat companion and enjoy a round of golf and banquet.

Applewood Hill is a par 62 executive course laid out in an apple orchard just east of Stillwater along Highway 36. Following golf, enjoy our evening banquet featuring key note speaker Ben McQuinlan from Inflight Training at FCM.

Contact:
president@eaa54.org for tee times.

Applewood Hills GC
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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

I realize this is the April newsletter issue, but because we've got so many things going on in May, most of this article will be devoted to next month.

Jim Pearsall is doing a fantastic job organizing our annual banquet. As you are likely aware, our banquet has been poorly attended for many years. In response, we were faced with either finding a different spring family event or doing major modifications to our banquet format. The approach chosen was to expand the banquet invitation to include other chapters in the Twin Cities area and to make the event an opportunity for more of us airplane enthusiasts to get together and share our passion. Jim arranged Applewood Hills Golf Course as the banquet venue. It is a very nice banquet facility and is conveniently located on the NW corner of Highway 36 and Manning Avenue, just west of Stillwater. Brines Meat Market will be catering the food and they have prepared an excellent buffet menu with many options. Jim has also arranged for a dynamic and entertaining speaker, Ben McQuillan. Ben is the owner of In-Flight Training Center, a flight school at Flying Cloud Airport, and is a top-notch flight instructor. Ben's topic will be very important to those of us who fly with someone in the right seat – "Keeping the Right Seat Occupied". Basically Ben will give us insight on how to encourage that person to become a cooperative and effective team member in the cockpit. I think it sounds like a great evening of entertainment and I highly encourage all chapter members, their spouse and/or right seat partner, to attend.

Applewood Hills offered to let us use their banquet room for free if we find twenty four people interested in playing a round of golf before the banquet. Twenty four players could make six foursomes to compete in a four-person scramble event. Scrambles are fun golf events because they allow for players of varying skill levels to compete on a more even playing field. I would like to see all the Chapter 54 golfers, their spouses, family members, friends, etc to sign up for the event. It should be a lot of fun. After all, life is more than just having fun flying an airplane. We will also advertise the event to other EAA chapters in the Twin Cities area. If we attract at least four players from each Chapter, we will sponsor a friendly competition and crown a Twin Cities EAA Chapter Golf Champion. I can't play golf anymore because of my lower back. I've had two back surgeries and am no longer good at lifting and bending. But if I could play, I would be the first to sign up. I used to love to golf! Applewood Hills is an 18-hole golf course carved out of an apple orchard and is very scenic. Perhaps all the apple trees will be in bloom about this time. The par is 62 so most of the holes are par 3's with a few short par 4 holes. Golf carts are available.

Later in May, Chapter 54 will host our second International Learn to Fly Day. We will co-sponsor the event with Valters Aviation again this year. Jim Pearsall is also organizing the event. He did a spectacular job last year and will duplicate that effort for 2011. Watch for more information about the event to be forthcoming and start thinking about how you will be able to participate. The event is Saturday, May 21.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to include Young Eagles. Young Eagles flight will resume on Saturday, May 14. Dave Becker will be sending out reminders to all volunteers. YE flights are scheduled on the second Saturday of each month from May though October.

With the coming of spring – even though agonizingly slow – we will need to spruce up the grounds around our clubhouse. I suspect there is someone in the chapter that is interested in landscaping and horticulture as well as airplanes. If you are that person, we need your help. We need someone to trim grass, control weeds in the planting beds around the clubhouse exterior, and trim our shrubbery. If you are that person, or know of someone who is, please let me know. I think it is important for us to keep the grounds around our building looking good.

So, thanks for reading this and thanks, in advance, for your continued support of Chapter 54. Our next meeting will be the golf event and banquet on Monday, May 9. FORE!!!

P.S. Next time you see Jim Pearsall, thank him for his hard work and dedication to the Chapter.

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Chapter members meet on the second Monday of every month at the Chapter House, Entrance B at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The House is at the base of the airport beacon. The newsletter is printed on the first Monday of every month. Parts of the newsletter may be reprinted with appropriate credit.
21D RCO 118.625, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS:120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

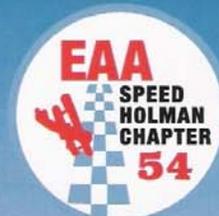
BY PAUL RANKIN

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

Editors Note: These great pictures/calendars are pulled from the EAA website, www.eaa.org/wallpaper. They can be used for your screen savers!



EAA Chapter 54 Banquet



Join us for our Annual Banquet.

Monday, May 9, 2011

Cash Bar 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

at

Applewood Golf Course

11840 60th Street N, Stillwater,
(Manning Ave and Highway 36)

Guest Speaker: Ben McQuillan

of

In-Flight Training Center

"Keeping the Right Seat Occupied"

Ben will talk on how to build a cooperative effective team in the cockpit.

Bens background and accolades:

Airline Transport Pilot, Business Jet & Turboprop Captain

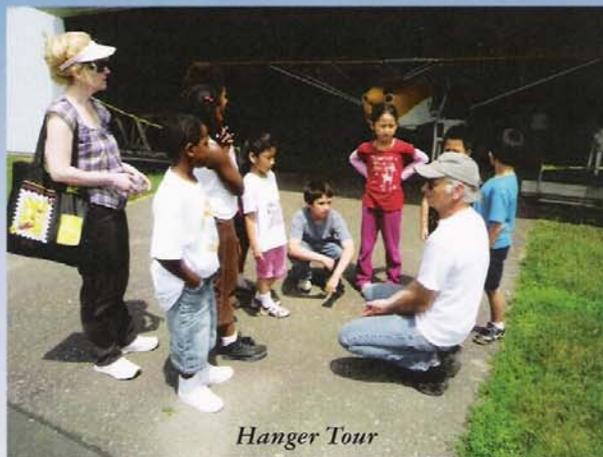
Over 9,000 Hours total flight time

Over 4,000 Hours as a flight instructor

Gold Seal CFI, CFII, & MEI

FAA Minnesota Flight Instructor of the Year, 2010

TICKETS \$32 PER PERSON



Hanger Tour

Buffet Menu

Hand Carved Roasted Prime Rib

Potato Crusted Cod

Meatless Tortellini Pasta

Sides

**Buffet Catered by
Brines Meat Market in Stillwater**

Contact

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651-494-4579 or

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Mobile QR Code-Contact Info



Pancake Breakfast 2010

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Saturday, May 21, is International Learn to Fly Day. Make plans now for your chapter to share the fun of flying with friends and neighbors in your area.

You're encouraged to organize your event around adult orientation flights. Think of this year's Learn to Fly Day as the first step towards a year-round adult version of our successful EAA Young Eagles program. **Jim Pearsall is our chapter contact for this information, phillip.pearsall@comcast.net .**

Your chapter members take participants for a short local flight. Afterwards, you can offer them a free EAA membership. It's a full EAA membership, good for six months. That makes it even easier to welcome new chapter members.





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For March 14, 2011 *By Dale Seitzer*

President Leif Erickson called the meeting to order, Vice President Bettie Seitzer and Treasurer Paul Rankin were in attendance – a total 22 people were in attendance.

We have been using name tags to help everyone get to know each other. It seems to be working—no one complains about being able to get to know each other. We welcomed 4 ground school students to the meeting.

Topics: Dale Seitzer, Rotax Engine prep after winter storage and Lief Erickson, Aviation Weather Treasurers Report, Paul Rankin reviewed the report. Motion accepted and seconded: Unanimously approved.

Old Business

New Technical Counselor Applicant – Roger Westerberg has applied. He is an experienced builder and a certified Airframe and Power plant technician—we expect he will be approved by EAA headquarters and will be a great resource to members.

We are looking for Flight Advisors—if you are interested please talk with any officer.

Dale Rupp Memorial, Bronze two line plaque will be posted at Oshkosh, one page biography will be posted in the permanent book. The dedication for all those recognized at the Memory wall will be the last event on the final Sunday.

New Business

Donation of 3 Airplane Construction Techniques book available in the chapter library. We have plenty of old and new aviation magazines—feel free to take some home. Take them to your workplace and put one in the break room or to a Dr. office in their waiting room.

May 9, 2011 Banquet Planning —Jim Pearsal. Arranged for a speaker Ben McQuinlan, runs In-flight Aviation at Flying Cloud. He is a flight instructor and does FFAST events and is a dynamic, experienced speaker and also a charter pilot. Topic for the banquet will be a general aviation talk that everyone would be interested in.

We will be going to the other chapters and inviting other EAA members to attend out banquet. The location for the banquet is the Applewood Country Club, Hwy 36 and Manning Ave. Price \$32.00 each, menu Prime Rib or Cod fish and Tortellini Pasta Salad. Any amount brought in more than our expenses will be used to pay for EAA Air Academy and Young Eagles.

International Learn to Fly Day May 21, 2011. Meeting to plan learn to fly day are coming up—watch the internet groups email messages.

Aviation Day is Sunday August 14, 2011. Be prepared to help out.

Dave Becker, Young Eagles. The chapter website is open for reservations for Young Eagle rides. We need volunteers for pilots and ground crew—second Saturday of the month Starting in May—talk to Dave to volunteer. We are planning to sponsor three students for Air Academy at Oshkosh.

Jeff Hove, Historian, no news.

Ground School Report: Dave Becker and Paul Rankin reported. They are almost halfway through and there is almost a full house. Several students / new members were at the meeting.

Newsletter Editor: Tom Gibbons. Tom is planning on a formal presentation for an upcoming meeting about his trips to visit airplane builders. He is always looking for any news from members or anything related to aviation—even stories or adventures are welcome. It would be beneficial to get an article about members activities and obituaries.

Housing Director: Dave Febiger. Volunteers needed for lawn mowing, trimming and weeding. We need an extension cord for the weed trimmer, a lawn mower and hedge trimmer in working condition.

Proposed clean up day on the Saturday before Young Eagles Saturday. A leader is needed to help coordinate

Membership -- 151 active members

Meeting Adjourned

Pilots Lounge

Tailwinds Flying Partnership, based at Lake Elmo Airport, has new membership openings available. Visit www.tailwinds21d.org for more information.

We are a partnership of 38 pilots and own three Piper aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. To inquire about membership, please send an e-mail to Mark or call 651-982-6275.



For Sale:

4130 Gas Welding rods - 36" X 1/16" - I have 7 pounds of new rods I can part with. Each rod stamped with alloy ID. \$10 per pound or offer for the 7 pounds.

Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004 \$50 or offer.

Dave Syverson dsyverson@comcast.net or see additional contact info in Membership List.

For Sale:

60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling, and 5HP compressor.

Asking \$80,000.00 or best offer.

2006 CT-SW Light Sport with about 200 hours Total time. Has everything on it. Asking \$90,000.00.

Call Jim Michalski at 612-618-1011 or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo Airport (21D)
E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net .

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door

Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humid stat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank. Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below. Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson permashield casement window. Door 2 3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica. Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet.

Price is \$69,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.

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Chapter Billboard
Special ads allowed by the chapter

LAKE ELMO MN (21D) SLSA
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Looking for individuals interested
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March 30, 2011

Mr. Leif Erickson
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Stillwater, MN 55082

Dear Mr. Erickson,

In all of our lifetimes, we will be called upon to cope with the passing of our loved ones. The pain and grief that surrounds this loss can be balanced by recalling and celebrating achievements, personal memories, and the impact of their life. We are honored that you have chosen to remember Dale O. Rupp by placing his name on EAA's Memorial Wall.

For years to come, EAA, its members and friends will work to preserve, nurture, and grow the environment in which dreams can and do become reality. It is an environment that nurtures innovation, inspires determination, and motivates achievement.

We remain very grateful that you have chosen to acknowledge and celebrate the life of Dale O. Rupp by supporting the spirit of aviation with a donation of \$350.00 to EAA's Memorial Wall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elissa".

Elissa Lines
Vice President, Donor and Business Relations

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Young Eagles Report
by Dave Becker



Another month of no Young Eagles flown, but that will change soon. We are all excited to get into warmer weather and up into the air. The on-line signup schedule is filling up so we will have plenty of eager Young Eagles to experience the thrill of flight come May 14.

Chapter 54 will be sponsoring three youths to attend various EAA Air Academy camps this summer. One cancelled and I had another kid who was eager to go. EAA headquarters issued us 148 Young Eagle credits from our last year's program worth \$740 which will go towards this year's Air Academy sponsorships. The remainder of our sponsorship money comes from our checking account. The EAA Air Academy is a fabulous experience for children who have an interest in aviation. Each of the three kids will be reporting back to us at a monthly meeting after their return from camp.



Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of each month from May through October starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents should pre-register their children for an event ahead of time by going to www.eaa54.org and clicking on the Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight. To view the many great Young Eagle photos, go to: <http://www.eaa54.org/YEPhotoGallery/YEGallery.html>

If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the second Saturday of the month and see what Young Eagles is all about. You can also indicate on your yearly chapter renewal form that you want to be involved with our Young Eagles Program.





TAXI TALK
{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

HAPPY EASTER to all our members and their families!

Maybe by the time Easter does come we will have our nice weather with warm temperatures and lots of sun for some nice flying. So now is the time to wash those planes, get those annuals done, clean out the hangar, get that aircraft project going, checking over the whole aircraft and of course getting that medical current and those bi-annuals done so we can enjoy the summer with out a hitch.

Speaking of aircraft projects...

Yes, I too have to get going on my long time aircraft kit, my Pulsar. I am planning on getting it painted this spring/early summer. Only thing is I am planning to do it myself! Last year I started playing around with my paint booth set up and using some chemicals with good results but I still need some more practice.



Sun-N-Fun News.....

For many years I was always looking forward to going down to Florida to visit my Dad and making the normal trek over to Lakeland, FL , about 45 minutes from Dad's place, to take in the Sun-N-Fun airshow. I managed to go at least twice when I was down there and really enjoyed it. Since Dad passed away in 2007 I have not made the trip since but miss going to this fun event. I got a lot accomplished getting stuff for my homebuilt and attending some really neat forums. I hope all are aware of the nasty weather that hit the show this year on Thursday March 31. Many woke up the next day hoping it was just a April fools joke but reality sunk in. Check out the below links if you have not seen them yet.



Links: <http://www.youtube.com/user/grassrootsnewsintl>

<http://www.theledger.com/>

http://www.avweb.com/podcast/podcast/AudioPodcast_SunNFun2011_DangerousStorm_204382-1.html

I hope you noticed the changes to the Chapter website courtesy of our fantastic web-master Paul Leidl! When you see him say Thanks!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I take the paraglider to the mountains or I roll Daisy out of her hangar and I pick the prettiest part of the sky and I melt into the wing and then into the air, till I'm just soul on a sunbeam.

*-Richard Bach, Running From Safety, 1994.
Daisy is Richard's Cessna 337.*