

EAA Chapter 54

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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: 2-8-99
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Come any time after 6:45 p.m. for coffee and conversation.

LOCATION: Christ Lutheran Church, Lake Elmo, MN.

PROGRAM:

Speaker: Marion Perhus, FAA

JANUARY MEETING

22 members and 2 visitors signed in.

Visitors & Guests; Ilene Waldron and the speaker Bill Atkins. (Weather apparently affected the turn out. Heavy snow reported.)

Reports:

Secretary - Minutes approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer

Operating Acct. \$ 3,398.98

Building Fund \$ 2,643.06

Cash on Hand \$ 61.00

TOTAL. \$ 6,103.04

Directors

Dan Parker, Program - Speaker at the annual Banquet will be Ray Raught, Director MN/DOT Office of Aeronautics. Date is March 8, 1999. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Greg for reservations.

Steve Ogborn, Housing - No report.

Tom Marson, Education - No report.

Gene Frank, Membership - Rosemary has EAA Chapter 54 patches available \$3.50 each. Would look great on that new jacket you got for Christmas.

Jim Lund - Events - Absent

Gary Miller - Publicity & Promotion - Gave a quick up-date on Flight Expo 9 in February 13 & 14 in Mpls. Chapter is sharing a booth with two other chapters. Cost to Ch. 54 is \$100.00. Volunteers needed to staff the booth. (Presume you can contact Gary to volunteer. This is a good promotional effort for EAA programs and chapters.)

Other Reports

Al Kupferschmidt - YE - Nothing happening until spring.

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Time for Annual Banquet.

Greg Bauer, Banquet Chair reports that the event will again be at Mancini's Char House. March 8, 1999 is the date. 6:30 p.m. Happy Hour. Cost per person is \$15.00. Based on reports from past banquets this is a great location and a fun night.

Reservations can be made directly through Greg by calling at 651-292-9497.

CALL SOON

Remember gang that is the regular meeting night. Don't forget and show up at the church.



On The Go

On Wednesday evening, January 13, your president and spouse attended the meeting of EAA Chapter 128 Goodyear at the Glendale Airport. Chapter 128 meets in the board room of the Administration Building. Plus, cost them \$15.00 per meeting. To small for 54. The meeting started at what seems to be the traditional hour of 7:30 PM. President Terry Dillion called the meeting to order. First on the agenda was introduction of visitors, of which there were 6 snow birds. When Jane and I were introduced as from Ch. 54, Lake Elmo Airport the couple next to us looked surprised. He asked if we knew a Jim Anderson. Jim, Ronald Vandervort sends his greetings. Turns out he also knows a church friend of ours Bert Schauer from CAF days. His friend Carol also knows the daughter of a church friend, from her kids clothing sales days. Ron just finished building a RV-6, has 25 hours on it to date. Ron is a retired NW Captain. He of course knows Bill Atkins.

Next on the agenda was a report from the Treasurer. He reported a bal. of about \$12.00 in the account. Needed some dues to pay off a few bills from Christmas party.

Following the Treas. was a report by the TC. He reported on a recent first look at a RV-8 just getting underway. Also, a recent inspection was made on a Harmon Rocket project. During this time discussion began on a SB on RV-6A nose gears. Guess there have been some cracking problems. Inspection re-

quired. Presume that Gene Frank received notification of this SB.

The rest of the evening was spend in general discussion.

One item was the shortage and cost of airplane space. Even outside tie down areas with a roof are not cheap.

In closing the Pres. asked for program suggestions. Need to get his address so that a list of our recent programs can be furnished them. Might be of help. They need a Bill Steier or Dan Parker.

MEETING continued

Jerry Sarracco, Pres. Lake Elmo Pilot Assn. - Nothing to report.

Jerry also indicated that there were 40 1999 EAA Calendars available.

PROGRAM

Bill Atkins retired from Northwest Airlines September 1, 1992 with Seniority #1 on a list of 5,556 pilots. Total hours in his log book are 33,197:34. Of this total 29,512:59 were as a pilot for NWA. Bill began flying in 1940. First aircraft a Piper Cub. In 1941 Bill joined the many individuals going on military duty. With his background he went into the Army Air Force and flew numerous types including B-17 and B-29.

On Dec. 10, 1945 Bill rejoined NWA with Seniority #307. He was checked out on the DC-3. During his years with NWA he flew the following; Martin 202, B-377 Stratocruiser, DC-4, DC-6, DC-7C, L-188 Electra, B-727, B-720B, B-320, DC-10 and B-747.

During these years Bill also invented and received original patent on the Wing-Tip Strobe Lights - 1955. He also was on of the top ten (10) photographers in the World from 1974 - 1977.

Wild Bill is also an Astronomy Lecturer and Consultant.

Obviously a many talented individual. For those interested Wild Bill and Raci Gracie Atkins have a web page: www.goldengate.net/~watkins. E: mail: watkins@goldengate.net

(Appoligize for lack of info. regarding program. Minutes did not include.)

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Charles Ames, guest at December
meeting, has an assortment of air-
craft cables, bullies, fabric, etc. This
is remnants of his father-in-laws es-
tate. For more detail call him at
Ames Mechanical Development Co.
Inc. 651-430-2761.

WANTED

Need an ELT for Osprey 2. Also,
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SOFTCOMM

Recently The Arizona Republic
newspaper ran an interesting report
on SOFTCOMM. Robert Oberdear
the developer was in the computer
industry in California. Apparently
successful as he returned to flying
because he was getting too many
speeding tickets with his Mercedes.

He was frustrated with the inter-
com system used in the training air-
craft and felt he could build a better
one. He did build his own voice ac-
tivated intercom in a couple weeks.
His instructor liked it. Wanted one.
Word spread. His computer com-
pany employes expanded it to also
play music and record conversations.

Robert found his requests for bet-
ter equipment expanding to head
sets, etc. Soon he sold computer
company, moved to AZ and it has
been steady growth from there.

Same old story "Build a better
mouse trap and !!!!!."

FROM THE PRES.

Weather. Something we all
talk about, fret about, enjoy.
Why does it always seem to be
unusual. Summer, unusually hot,
dry, long. Fall never seems to
end. Flyers and golfers enjoy the
extended fall which seems to go
on, and on, and on. Early De-
cember had to diferenciate from
September, except no leaves on
the trees.

January bring more unusual
weather. Cooler than usual.
Warm days, night cool. Yes, that
is not Minnesota it is Arizona.
Sorry gang, did not miss the be-
low zero temperatures. Did have
to wear a Minnesota jacket when
walking after dark.

Enjoyed watching the Vikings
win over the Arizona Cardinals.
Minister on Sunday refrained
from wearing purple vestments
for the benefit of locals.

So far no aviation involvement.
Did have squadron of four F-16's
flyover today at about 2,500 feet.
The other night while taking a af-
ter dark walk we enjoyed seeing
the line of about 6 or 8 aircraft
on final for Pheonix airport.
Great view.

Soon it will be tax time. Pre-
sume that all EAA Volunteers re-
ceived the mailing regarding what
expenses are legal tax deductions
regarding volunteering at Osh-
kosh. If you did not receive the
letter and feel you might have
some legal deductions available
contact EAA Oshkosh, Chapter
office.

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