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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 9, 1984 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIA.

Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

I apologize for the printing on last month's letter. Due to a change in jobs, I used a substitute typewriter and it was better than nothing, but not totally adequate. Now, as you can tell by the new typewriter, I have a new job, and can write in style again.

My first bit of news is sad. President Mike Fox announced at the last meeting that he has to resign, due to some extra moon-liting. The Board of Directors will elect a successor to complete the term. If anyone is interested in this position, please let me know. Meanwhile, V-President Ray Wyland will be in charge.

Headquarters is in desperate need of Volunteer Work Parties on any weekend prior to Oshkosh. If you want to fly/drive down with some of your friends, give Chuck Larson a call at 414-426-4800. i know you'll be treated royally, and you'll have a good time, too.

This will become a tradition: no newsletter for the August meeting due to the annual trek to Oshkosh. A postcard will be mailed to remind you of the August meeting. Don't forget to bring your pictures with you!

At the July meeting we'll be making plans for a chapter party at Oshkosh. Bring your suggestions, and we'll put together something real special.

AUGUST 19th is a big day for Chapter 54!! It's our Chapter Picnic!!!! The rain date is August 26th. Take careful note of the enclosed flyers, put it on your calendar, and get ready for the fun! Talk to Rosemary Frank if you have any questions.

FOR SALE: Plans for the Wag-Aero Sport Trainer (CUBy). Call Jim Micko at 429-1215.

Cal Jansen may still have his Cessna 172 for sale. 1116/E, 4000/A, 56 STOH, \$7850. Call him at 776-3618 to find out more.

SEE YOU ON MONDAY..... Eleanor

.....OR AT OSHKOSH!!

WHAT TO DO AT OSHKOSH WHEN (IF?) IT RAINS . . .

First of all it never rains at Oshkosh.

Please keep this in mind. There will always be a few grumbling oldtimers, with year badges hanging down to their navels, who will try to hem you up somewhere and tell you eye-rolling stories of great windstorms and rainfall and floods during an EAA Convention. Don't listen to them. These po' ole characters are always full of stories, their children are long gone from home, their wives have long since learned to tune them out. They want to tell you about flying P-51 over Europe during the Great War, or about rain at Oshkosh.

Do not treat them with contempt or be rude. Rather, you should remember that if you are lucky enough you will someday be an old man full of stories, coming back here year after year trying to find someone to listen. Instead of shoving them away, remember that most commendable Oriental characteristic of respect and veneration of the aged. Just lower your eyeballs until they are nearly closed, take little bitty sidesteps, and keep smiling in a polite manner until you are out of earshot or can duck around the side of the building or large bulky aircraft. Then run, but in a polite and silent manner.

Winter in Oshkosh you don't have to worry about. Unless the take-off lines are exceptionally long this year, you should not be here. We are only here in the gorgeous summertime. And it never rains at Oshkosh in the summer.

However:

In the rare event that a cloud full of precipitation should graze the earth while on its way somewhere else, perhaps even moving along the surface at a high rate of speed, remember Webster's first definition of precipitation is "abrupt or impulsive haste." It may not even be rainfall at all.

But there will be a lot of abrupt and impulsive haste and be careful not to get trampled by people rushing about blindly with tie-down ropes and hammers.

If you are caught in such a stampede, go with the flow. You may not have had a chance to fly all day, and may suddenly find yourself flying some rare and valuable aircraft just by hanging onto it.

Another great moment to add to your flying repertoire is sitting under the wing of some classic and listening to the precipitation drum on the fabric. All old timers include such moments of dreamy eyed ecstasy in their memories. Now will be your big chance. Try to think of it that way.

It never rains at Oshkosh, and most of us come away with memories of happy smiling faces. To get a lifelong memory of happy smiling faces, rush for a sales exhibit hall during encounters with precipitation and look at the faces of all those merchants, suddenly confronted with the sight of 18,000 of us crowded up against the display of wares with nothing else to do. At such times there is enough sunshine inside the big halls to last you all of your life.

Like I said, it never rains at Oshkosh, the sun is always shining there somewhere.

Stolen Oshkosh Chamber
of Commerce by Rosemary

MSAA PIG ROAST

Static Displays

Aerobatic Demonstration

Dinner

Dancing

Who: EAA Members and Guests
When: Saturday, June 16, 1984. Rain or Shine.
Where: Benson's International Airport (Unicom 122.7)
Highway 61
White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110

Price: \$15.00 per person. Price includes Aerobatic Demonstration,
Pork Roast Dinner, free beer and mix, dancing to live band.

Fly in Friday night or Saturday morning, camp overnight. Free
camping and tie down space. Car, R.V. and tent campers welcome.

Aerobatic demonstration begins at 5:30 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M.,
dancing at 9:00 P.M.

Reservations encouraged prior to June 1 1984.

Admissions thereafter are on Space Available basis only.

Make check or money order payable to Benson's Airport.

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Name _____ EAA Chapter _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Reservations _____ X \$15.00 = _____