

EAA Chapter 54

NEWS

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APRIL GATHERING

DATE: 4-12-99
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Anderson Hangar, Fairchild Lane

PROGRAM: Show and tell. R/C, Antique, War Era, etc.

Speaker: Various individuals currently working on projects.

For those members that have not had the opportunity to check out the activities within the Anderson complex this visit will be interesting. For those that have participated in some of the projects it will be an opportunity to participate in presenting the evening program.

How about a from plans scale model of a Bambo Bomber. Workman ship is fantastic.

Then there is the full scale Bambo Bomber and other various aviation items of interest.

Don't miss this interesting evening. It just might be the night that inspires you to get involved in a project of one kind or another.

*Did you note
the change of
location for the
April gathering?*

MARCH GATHERING

Visitors & Guests; Unknown.

As this was banquet time a sign in sheet was not used. There were spouses, significant others and members from EAA Chapter 1229.

Reports:
None

The annual banquet was held at Mancini's on the normal meeting night, March 8, 1999.

There were approximately 50 people in attendance, in spite of the 14 inch snow storm. There were a good number that decided to stay home and not brave the storm.

Fortunately the restaurant owner did not hold us to reservations and many checks were returned. A wonderful gesture on the part of the owner.

Many, many door prizes were given out. Dinner for two at Mancini's was won by Lee Weston. Congratulations to all winners.

Program

Mr. Ray Rought, MN/DOT Office of Aeronautics Director was the speaker for the evening.

Thanks Ray for spending the evening with 54. Your comments were enjoyed by all.

With the potential for blizzard conditions in Minnesota during the month of March perhaps the Directors should consider a warmer month.

DIRECTORS MEETING

(Minutes lost in mail- will be included in detail in the May issue. The following is a partial report based on conversations with directors.)

The March meeting was held on March 3, 1999 in the Anderson Hangar. Thanks Jim for allowing the directors to use your facility.

Directors

Tom Marson - Education

Tom indicated that due to his wife's health condition he was resigning from the director position.

Fortunately Tom came to the meeting with a replacement in the person of Art Edlund. Art was willing to step in and the board moved to appoint him to fill the remainder of Tom's term of office.

As the Flying Start chair for 54 Art already was deeply involved in the Education Committee. This makes the transition easier for all.

Thanks Tom for your work. Thanks Art for stepping forward and accepting this position.

Art recommended the date of May 22 for the next Flying Start program.

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Steve reported that the Amery building suddenly was available. He had talked to a number of members regarding the hangar project and the need for a work party to dismantle the building.

Storage for the parts was made available by member Tom Marson.

The board approved \$500.00 to cover any equipment rental, etc.

Late News from EAA

Its tax time. Did you remember to deduct your expenses for Young Eagle flights. Cost for fuel and aircraft rental are deductible items.

Did you know that repeat flights for eagles is OK. If an eagle has previously had a flight they do qualify for repeat flights. Oshkosh does recommend that it be with a different pilot. Their name will be entered the second time in the World's Largest Logbook and Flight Leaders will receive credit. Just wanting a free ride should be discouraged. Make it educational. Contact YE Coordinator Al K. for additional information.

1999 Fly-In

Recently received information from Paul Anderson, Co-Chair, that the date has been set. August 7, 1999 is the date. Paul and Scott Hutchinson, the other Co-Chair, have begun to gather volunteers to serve on the committee.

To volunteer to assist with the planning or to work the event contact either Paul or Scott, they will direct you.

New Member

At the Minneapolis Conference Chapter 54 gained a new member.

Bob Collins
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I presume that Bob was not at the March banquet. It would have been a great opportunity for members to have met Bob.

He has been added to the newsletter mailing list and so will be aware of the meeting location in April.

All members should be sure to introduce themselves to Bob and make him welcome.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Chapter 54 has expanded its involvement in educational programs during the past 5 years or so.

Al Kupferschmidt has done a marvelous job with the "Young Eagles" program.

Last year Art Edlund got the chapter involvement in the "Flying Start" program up and running.

As mentioned in the partial recap of the board meeting the chapter may subsidize the tuition for one or two local youth to participate in the FAA and MN/DOT Office of Aeronautics sponsored ACE program.

Last year at least two youths attended EAA educational events in Oshkosh. Dale Rupp sponsored one youth and Bill Shanks another.

These sponsorships were made possible by using Young Eagle credits earned by Dale and Bill for flying eagles.

pilots have the opportunity to have their credits applied toward the tuition of a student.

In addition pilots can pool their credits for the benefit of someone interested in attending one of the sessions.

If you have questions regarding these opportunities contact Art Edlund or Al Kupferschmidt. I am sure that Dale and Bill also would be willing to share their knowledge regarding the EAA Oshkosh programs.

WORK PARTY

Have you all marked your calendars for the first, or is it second, event for Chapter 54 in 1999.

Oshkosh Work Party Weekend.

Headquarters has been advised e-mail to expect Chapter 54 for opening weekend of 1999 Work Party.

May 1st and 2nd

If you have not participated with the 54 gang at previous work weekends you have missed out on a fun, but hard working, event.

Members generally car pool as much as possible. Or plane pool if the weather permits.

EAA furnishes a coed bunk house, separate showers, food. Three meals on Saturday and two on Sunday. Saturday evening EAA usually comes up with some interesting event. Either tours at the museum, Pioneer Airport or ????

EAA would like to know the names of those that plan on participating. At the April meeting there will be an opportunity to see that your name makes the list. If for some reason you will miss the meeting call President Dick Wicklund, 651-777-9142 after April 4th. If not home leave a message,

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

How things change. TORA has become active in support of MAC regarding issues at Anoka County airport and also the state legislature.

Bill 849 has been understudy by the legislative Transportation Committee. I have attended meetings held by the committee regarding the requirement that MAC get legislative approval for any airport improvements at airports with a runway at least 5,000 ft. in length. It appears that the Transportation Committee will be approving this bill and it will immediately move into the full house and presumably be approved. Unfortunately little weight seems to have been put on the testimony of those of us supporting MAC's opposition to this bill.

TORA representatives, myself included, have appeared in support of the Anoka Airport runway length issue. At a recent meeting held by the Blaine City we attempted to explain why the longer runway would not only be a safety issue but would reduce noise. With the longer runway and the resulting change in IFR approaches aircraft would remain higher longer. It remains to be seen what affect the testimony of TORA members will have.

Recently I have heard that the MAC Chairman has resigned. Apparently the result of just too much time and stress in the job.

Earlier this winter I sent a letter, as President of the association, to MAC requesting the following: relocation of 30th to conform to the airport boundary, construction of the talked about relocated and lengthened 13-31 runway, opening up of the south hangar area, construction of two rest room facilities. These topics have been discussed around the patch. It seemed like the proper time had arrived to formalize the member requests.

If you have questions about any of the above please drop by my hangar or give me a call. I will be only too happy to discuss these issues with you.

Renew the Spirit Spirit of St. Louis Replica Renovation Project

Interested in being part of an exciting project and learn about covering at the same time. Noel Allard, Coordinator of the renewal project sent your President the following information.

On May 22 from 10 am to 5 PM at the MN Air Guard Museum there will be a hands-on Fabric Covering Seminar taught by Jim Drometer, Belle Plaine using the Polyfiber method. Great chance to learn the technique of working with the fabric, including using glue, stitching, taping and Poly-Brush paint coat.

Cost is only a \$2.00 donation to the Air Guard Museum. If you have any questions contact Noel at 612-448-5047.

*Go to bed early and get a good
night's sleep so you feel great in the
morning and have resilience.*

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

Managed to spend some time around airplanes and airplane noise. First off was the opportunity to tour the Chandler airport with Vern Hahn.

Vern was visiting us for a few days while he shopped for a used motor home. Not sure if this method of ground transportation will be the replacement for the A-36 he sold last fall. Hope it is only a partial replacement.

Our tour did not come up with much. A good number of aircraft located at the airport. Some new hangar building and concrete poured for more. Presume they are being built by the airport owner which must be the City of Chandler. Nothing of interest for sale. No opportunity to visit with anyone. Guess being there on a weekday did not help.

On Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th of March I spent numerous hours at the Arizona Antique Aircraft Association Cactus Fly-In at the Casa Grande airport. Weather was perfect.

I was surprised at the number of aircraft that flew in on Friday afternoon. It appeared that over 50% of the show plane parking area was occupied by the time I left, around 3:00 pm.

Saturday did not arrive there until close to 11:00 a.m.. By then the number of show planes has increased significantly. There were also numerous visiting aircraft, some were campers. In addition there

were many motor homes of all types and prices.

This is a three day event. To make it attractive to those interested in attending more than one day the ticket price, \$5.00 for one \$8.00 per car load, pays for all three days. Come and go as you wish. No parking charge. I saw no signs that those arriving by motor home and camping at the airport had to pay anything extra.

Managed to see some very interesting aircraft. There were 3 or 4 Chinese CJ-6's that I mentioned in last months newsletter. An equal number of Yak trainers. One L-39 came in on Saturday afternoon. Caused quite a bit of excitement.

Also there was; 1 - Cygnet, 1-1941 Waco SRF, 1- Coll-Air, 1- Modified Ercoupe (plus 4 or 5 unmodified), 1 - 1941 Bellanca - 1941, 150 hp Franklin with a For Sale sign price reported to be \$36,000 no phone number listed N28974, 2 - Grumman amphibians that had been extensively and expensively restored, 1 - Beaver with a outstanding paint job leather interior that also was for sale but no information available, 2 or 3 Beech 18's, 1 - Lockheed twin engine from WWII that had been a bombardier trainer at Tucson, and numerous of the standard J-3's, Aerocars including one Tri-Champ, quite a group of RV types. The most unusual was a Hummer Bird that flew in Saturday. Powered by a 1/2 VW. Cruise sounded to be above 150 mph. The pilot was at least 6' tall. Must have been a very tight fit. This aircraft also drew quite a crowd.

There were very few vendors. Mostly selling trinket type stuff. Only one food location that needed the talents of Bill Shanks.

They did have a large number of porta potties scattered around the area. Being both days were a couple of the warmest of the season their use was somewhat limited.

Comments I heard were that most of the aircraft would be leaving Saturday late afternoon and evening. Hope they did. Sunday weather was windy and believe it or not RAIN.

Friday evening they have a dinner at the airport. Saturday evening a banquet is held in town. Awards are presented for the usual types of

awards. I did not attend either.

Other than the original entrance fee of \$5.00 and cost of one lunch my spending was limited.

My major expenditure, if you can call it that, was \$20.00 to join the Arizona Pilots Association plus an additional \$7.00 for a patch and a pin. No, sorry, this does not indicate your Pres is leaving MN for good. Just wanted to find out what all this group does. In talking to the member at the booth the association is about the same as our airport association. Purpose primarily to be involved in promoting aviation and becoming involved in any political activity involving airports. The benefit they have is a large membership base and watching out for all airports.

One other issue that some of the members are becoming involved in is flying out to some of the inactive airstrips around the state and making them safe to use again. To do this they have to have the approval of the state aeronautic office, which apparently is not difficult. With the numerous old strips around the desert there are lots of potential projects. The intent of the group is to use these strips for fly out picnic and camping events. As this is a new activity it will be interesting to hear more about it as things develop.

Dues also includes a one year subscription to Arizona Flyways magazine that has a normal subscription rate of \$15.95. From the one issue I have seen it appears to be the Arizona version of "Minnesota Flyer".

With only about 3 weeks left in AZ not sure how much more time will be devoted to aviation. Hope to make a EAA meeting or two and perhaps the upcoming airshow at Williams Airport (X Williams Airforce Base).



FOR SALE

74 Piper Warrior - PA28-151. IFR, TTAF4,000, 1700 SMOH, all logs. Tanis, Blue & White. \$39,500 OBO. Mike Schick W-715-247-3500 H- 715-386-9356.

1971 Spezio Tuholer, canopy/open cockpit, Lyc. 0-290-G, 1125 hrs. TTAE, 240 STOH, new fabric 1997, oil cooler, mode C, heater, aux. fuel, \$17,500 or trade for Wittman Tailwind. Dan Bergstrom, 651-777-2680.

Christavia MK4 project, 4 place, conventional gear, high wing. Also, Lycoming 0320-H at TBO. Matthew Stafford 651-699-1271.

Cessna 150G. No information. 520-926-2004.

Cherokee 180, \$29,000. Doug 602-654-4827.

Cessna 170B, 1953, 3850 TT, 300 SMOH 602-460-0639.

1943 L-2, TTAF 3,792, C-A65-8F) SMOH. Apart. \$13,000. 517-349-1753.

Pazmany PL-4A parts to be disposed of. Includes plans. Call Jim Mayer 612-469-2347.

Mohawk 1:1. Engine Type 1WW(Diehl Airplane Engine) 1600 cc-2180cc.

Kit Fox IV (Raven) Built 1995. Rotax 618 eng., Warp Drive 70" Prop.. Damaged. For sale by estate. Contact Lowell Amold. (612)421-2842.

Lyc. IO-360-C1E6 (200 HP/CS) 1376 TTE, "0" SMOH. Frank Hanish, 612-941-9671.

One set of RV6-6A plans with manuals, some newsletters. Call Merrill (319)732-2861

Geared starter & matching ring gear for an O-320. Good working order-came off a O320-E3D. Sale or trade. Make offer. Call Grant Radinzel, 715-549-6314. E-mail radinzel@win.bright.net

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

Wanted: Osprey II Project. Craig Miller, 514 Thomas Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN 55405

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Changes

As reported in the partial recap of the March Board of Directors meeting changes are happening.

With the resignation of Tom Marson and the approval of Art Edlund as his replacement as Director - Education, opportunities develop.

As chair of the Flying Start program within 54 Art has his hands full. Now he also has the responsibilities for the development and expansion of the total educational efforts within the chapter. Undoubtedly Art will be contacting members requesting assistance. When he call be sure to respond to his request with, Sure, what do you need. That type of response is what makes 54 the type of chapter that it is, and hopefully will continue to be.

This evening, March 22, 1999 the President received a telephone call from Jim Lund, Director - Events. Due to anticipated business changes, increased travel Jim has submitted his resignation. Until his replacement is named contact the president regarding Events.

FROM THE PRES.

For those that might be interested, pres. can be contacted at (520)868-4173. 3614 N. North Dakota, Florence Gardens, Florence, AZ 85232. e-mail wwick@juno.com will still work.

As of March 29, 1999 the pres. will be heading back to MN. Should be back in WBL no later than April 1st.

Is that an appropriate date to return. Certainly should be good for one last snow storm.

See you all at the patch, or at the April meeting. Lets see did I see some where that the gathering was moving.

