



Chapter 54 NEWS

Speed Holman Chapter

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DECEMBER GATHERING

DATE: 12-13-99
TIME: 7:00 P.M. Talk
7:30 P.M. Program

LOCATION: Chapter House,
Lake Elmo Airport, B En-
trance, Previous location of
Elmo Aero.

PROGRAM: Ultra-lites.

SPEAKER: Dennis
Waner.



Young Eagles

EAA sent out the following news
release.

!!!!!!NEW FLASH!!!!!!

As many of you read in the latest
Flight Leader News, there is an op-
portunity for Flight Leaders to win
prizes if they fly Young Eagles be-
tween October 1 and December 31
- including Garmin GPS units and
a chance to win a trip to Daytona
for the 500.

We are a little behind where we
should be at this point in the year,
so it is hoped the contest will give
some of you a reason to go out
and fly a few extra Eagles this fall.

In addition to the prizes for the
pilots, we don't want the Ground
Support people to feel left out, so
now you can enter them in a sepa-
rate contest. Any Ground Support
volunteers who help at a Young
Eagles event held between Octo-
ber 1 and December 31, 1999 are
eligible to win in their own contest.
We have shirts, hats, flight sims
and other goodies waiting for your
volunteers. But remember, this is
for events held between October 1
and December 31, 1999. To enter
you Ground Volunteers, send their
name, address and the date(s) on
which they volunteered to us at the
Young Eagles Office. Winners will
be announced in January.



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In addition to things like runway
and hangars and traffic a major
need is for one or more fixed base
operators. With the development
of Lake Elmo Airport this need was
recognized by local operators.

Year 1949

First to apply was A. R. Metzger
from Northport airport. His applica-
tion was discussed at the February
14, 1949 meeting of the Mpls/St-
Paul MAC. The commissioners re-
ferred it to the Lease Committee.

On or about Dec. 2, 1949 Max-
well Aircraft Service of White Bear
Lake submitted a formal applica-
tion for space at Lake Elmo Airport.

Year 1951

March 12, Maxwell Aircraft Ser-
vice submitted a proposal for spa-
ce at Crystal Field. This request was
superseded the December request
for space at Lake Elmo Field.

In September A. R. Metzger of
White Bear Flying Service, North-
port Airport again applied for a
lease at Lake Elmo Field to con-
duct a general aviation fixed base op-
eration. The lease would allow for
the following:

- nine "T"-hangars which could
be converted to multiple "T" hangars
- one hangar 36' x150' which
could house nine airplanes
- an office 18'x36'
- a workshop 18'x36'

Lease approved in October.

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NOVEMBER GATHERING

Visitors & Guests;

Attendance total for the evening was 38. (Obviously a few did not sign in as it was standing room only.) Visitors were; Paul J. and Paul A. Linnerooth, Joe Condon, Don Black and Gary Schmidt. Gary is new to Lake Elmo Airport.

The monthly gathering was called to order by the Pres. at 7:30 p.m.

Reports.

Secretary - Accepted as published in newsletter.

Treasurer - \$3,867.79 operating, \$2,767.44 building, \$37.00 Cash = \$6,672.24.

Announcements.

Pres. Dick Wicklund introduced the newest member of 54. Dan Bergstrom joined earlier in the evening.

00 calendars available for \$10.00 from Jerry Sarracco. Call Jerry and get yours reserved, NOW.

Incoming ch. officers were again introduced by the president. Members were encouraged to help make the transition simple.

Membership, Gene Frank - Director reported he continues to send membership information to recruit new members. Each month someone new joins the ch. and this is good. Gene expects at least 3 Nov. guests will join in Dec.

Paul Anderson announced the meeting of the MN Assoc. of Flight Instructors on Tuesday. Subject: Legal Issues.

Gary Miller related facts on building our own grill. Dave Fiebiger is helping and other members who wish to volunteer should contact Gary at 651-774-0456. Donations of or leads on good prices for steel appreciated.

Bob Waldron announced a Pot Luck lunch at Ch. 54 clubhouse at noon on Saturday, Nov. 13.

New Members

Dan Bergstrom, Joe D. Condon and Paul A. Linnerooth, joined 54 in November.

Be sure to greet them at the December gathering.

Dan Parker said "bring your friends" to our December gathering. Dennis Wagner will speak on Ultra Lights. There is a lot of interest in this part of aviation.

Education, Art Edlund - Director. Art is working to make a Flying Start program happen on April 29, 00. Art enlisted the support of all pilots as he intends to offer airplane rides as an incentive to attend and to join Ch. 54.

Program: Computer and the Pilot.

Speakers: Paul Anderson and Bob Waldron.

Dan Parker introduced the evening program.

Paul Anderson spoke on computer and the weather. Ways and means of obtaining any weather information a person may desire. Paul demonstrated one or two sites. He also discussed other options available; maps, filing of plans, and more.

Bob Waldron discussed ch. 54 Web Page. As Web Master Bob has accomplished much. He talked about the current status, things to come and need for member input. Check it out, give him your comments and furnish ideas for things you would like to see. It will be only as good as members help it to be.

Bob also asked that any member that has not received an email message from him or Paul regarding the web page, please call him. It is a obvious indication he does not have your address.

Gathering adjourned at 9:00 pm

President-elect Colum

by Bill Schanks

Have you all had the chance to view the Chapter 54 Website lately? If you haven't please find the time to take the opportunity. It is continually being improved. It is turning out to be a very classy part of our chapter image. I see it as a very strong catalyst to help attract new members. The folks that are working on the development of this website are doing a fantastic job and are very deserving of our support. Please check out the website when you have a chance.

One other thing that is happening within the website is that Don Carlson, a retired commercial artist, (among many other skills and credentials) is developing an improved Chapter 54 logo. It will be interesting to keep an eye on the progress of that project. Incidentally, Don is also the official photographer for the website.

There have been several people ask me, "what are we doing about assigning duties and areas of responsibility to the directors?" My thoughts about that is to not make any changes in what now exists. Whatever duty or area of responsibility a director or chapter officer has had in the past, it would only make sense that that person continue with the same responsibility in order to have continuity within the chapter organization. Except, of course, what is dictated by a recent election. The chapter has been making great progress in the past few years concerning the enthusiasm of the members participating in all of our activities. I think this is due to the efforts of the chapter officers and the board members who were in office throughout this period. This is the direction in which I would like to see us continue. For the assignment of duties to our newly elect and appointed directors,

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

Perhaps, by the time you read this hangar owners, renters and interested people will have received a newsletter from Dave Fiebiger pertaining to the Airport Tax Relief Coalition (ATRC). Maybe you were part of a meeting at the chapter house with our legislators. ATRC has collected \$39,725 of its targeted \$40,000.

Hopefully, hangar tenants have received the draft pertaining to the new lease policy. Please take time to review and send your comments and concerns to Kelly Gerads at MAC. This is your chance to make a difference, don't let it slip by.

Some good news. Ramsey County District Court Judge John Finley granted summary judgment in favor of MAC and Met Council in a lawsuit brought by the City of Moundsview. Lawsuit sought to halt MAC's planning for runway extension from 4K to 5K at Anoka County Airport. This allows MAC to move forward.

Happy Holidays.

Chapter House

Ask and you shall receive. In the November newsletter it was stated that additional speakers were needed for TV sound. At the November gathering Norm Weston brought not one set but two for chapter use. Thank you very much Norm. Now it is up to volunteers to instal them.

House cleaning is needed. The "I prefer not to do it type" jobs. Vacuum, clean bathroom, mop conference room floor, wash windows, dust and so forth. Perhaps pres. elect Bill will have that added to his position description, the current pres. says he does not know how to start or drive a dust rag.

Chapter library material is now in the library. Gene Frank - Librarian with the encouragement of Rosemary moved everything from their home to the Chapter House. Please use the material. Sign out for what you take. PLEASE RETURN WHAT YOU TAKE. Do you have material that you wish to donate to the library. Probably most of us have books and video's that are taking up valuable space in our homes. Bring to the next gathering. Give to Gene Frank for the library.

Whatever you seem to enjoy the most is a very good indication of where your strengths lie.

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

If you have anything for the January issue it had better be in the hands of the newsletter editor early. Press time for January issue will be December 28th. Mail time will be either the 30th or 31st. That will allow the editor time to pack up, load up and head southwest around the 3rd of January. Providing the world does not end with Y2K.

Material for the February, March and April newsletter should be mailed to the editor at; 3614 N. North Dakota, Florence, AZ 85232. Phone is; 520-868-4173.

Generally items should be in the hands of the editor by the end of the third week of the month for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

With any luck at all the editor, and past president, should be back in time for the April gathering. Tax time you know.

Board Meeting November 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President - Dick Wicklund.

Present: Pres. Dick W., V.P. Al K., Sec. Rosemary F., Treas. John T. Directors: Gary Miller, Art Edlund, Dan Parker, Gene Frank.

Absent: Director Stephen Ogborn, P.P. Dale Rupp.

Visitors: Jerry Sarracco, Dennis Hoffman.

The following newly elected were in attendance; Pres. Bill Schanks, V.P. Dan Parker, Sec. Wayne Asp, Treas. Bob Waldron, Directors, Leif Erickson, Scott Hutchinson, Ed Peiffer.

REPORTS:

Sec. September bd. mtg. canceled due to lack of quorum.

Treas. No report.

Directors:

Education - Art Edlund.

Art is watching headquarters to see what they have upcoming. Ch. 54 Flying Start event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 29, 2000. The Education committee will encourage Flying Start participants to attend a monthly chapter-gathering and offer them free rides for attending.

Art reported that the chapter will again participate in the February Flight Expo in Mpls. Volunteers needed to work the event.

Membership - Gene Frank.

EAA has furnished address labels for their members that indicate no chapter affiliation. Conscious is that to make a major mailing is to costly. Membership is better based on keeping contact with current members, encourage them to be active, and each individual bringing in new people. Members should concentrate on youth membership which will be offered at a reduced rate.

Dick Wicklund encouraged outgoing officers to meet with incoming officers to make transition smooth.

Gary Miller, Director - Publicity & Promotion. Gary would like to have a video available to media for promotion of ch. events. Art Edlund will work with Gary. Gary offered a winter project. Build our own grill for pancake breakfast and other uses. Dave Fiebiger and Scott Hutchinson have volunteered to help. Motion made, seconded and passed to allocate \$600.00 for project.

Dan Parker, Director - Programs. Dan feels we need a minimum of 3 people on committee. Focus is on entertainment and needs of ch. members. Return of mid-months being considered. Technical hands on type programs. Nov. Computer program, Paul Anderson. Dec. Ultra Lites, Jan. State Patrol and their involvement in aviation.

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The estimated investment for Mr. Metzger was \$10,000.00.

At that same session the commissioners directed the Executive Director to proceed with necessary drilling of a well with the understanding Mr. Metzger would furnish the necessary pump.

November 24, 1952

Stillwater Manufacturing Company presented a request for proposed lease for a hangar area at Lake Elmo Field, for construction of a private hangar. It was determined that this was a standard lease and so was approved by the commissioners.

Although approved this lease was not completed until June 6, 1955.

September 14, 1952

Communications were presented to the commission requesting a lease amendment between the Commission and White Bear Flying Service. Area reduction for not needed space would reduce annual rent. Request was approved.

September 13, 1954.

July 9, 1956

The name of Ward E. Holliday appears in the commission records. On that date Ward was approved for a standard private lease at Lake Elmo Airport.

White Bear Laying Service again requested their lease be amended. Requested was increase in size of Lot 3 which would result in increase of rental payment of about \$120.00 per year. Request approved.

Things continued to look up for White Bear Flying Service. January 1957 additional space was requested for another hangar. This pole type building would be leased to the Clinton Company. Approved. In May 1958 the lease assigned to Pankhurst and Moulton was transferred to White Bear Flying Serv.

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FOR SALE

1946 T-Craft - 65hp. Show condition. \$22,000.00. Owner Ted Glasrud. Contact Jerry Sarracco for further details. 851-429-1049 or jsarracco@Image.Sensing.com

WANTED

Advice. Purchased kit plane project with a Rotax 912. Seeking advice on oil, gas, break-in method to use. Also, advice on fabric wings, clear coat? UV protection? Will be looking for seaplane instruction. Charles Meacham 651-784-3375 or rosemacem@aol.com

Web Page

It has arrived. www.eaa54.org is up and running. Lots of effort by the committee consisting of Scott Olson, Bob Waldron, Nick Stolley, Paul Anderson and Lee Weston before college called.

Congratulations and thanks.

Web Master Bob Waldron continues to seek membership help. What Links would you like to see. What chapter information should be added or deleted.

If you have an email address but have not received any messages recently from either Bob or Paul contact Bob. It is an obvious indication they do not have your email address. Contact Bob.

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Year 1960

March saw Ward Holliday make a request to the commission. This for construction of a 5-place T-Hangar. Approved

Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Commission members granted the transfer of a lot assigned to a Howard Lake to Ward Holliday in December for construction of an additional hangar

Year 1962

A request for a commercial operator's lease at Lake Elmo Field was received in April from Joseph O. Michaud. Commission agreed to the standard commercial lease. August 6, 1962 was a big day for Lake Elmo Field. On that date the commission granted a standard commercial lease to Ward E. and Pauline E. Holliday. (Thus began the long history of Elmo Aero FBO.)

Year 1963

In May the lease held by Ar. R. Metzger as White Bear Flying Service was approved for transfer to James A. and Raymond J. Moe.

Year 1964

On July 7 the commission recognized the name of Elmo Aero Inc. by transferring the leases under names of Ward and Pauline Holliday to Elmo Aero Inc.

Year 1964

A commercial lease was approved at Lake Elmo Field to Mr. John P. Foy on August 17. Approved. (Wonder who he was.)

Year 1966

Lease matters at secondary airports were discussed by the commissioners. One of the items discussed, and approved, was the transfer of the lease held by Raymond J. and James A. Moe to Lake Elmo Aviation, Inc.

Year 1967

On July 17 this date another name from the past entered into the minutes of the commission. That date transfer of lease from Robert Little and Edgar Nill to Decca Aviation, Inc. was approved.

Year 1967

In November the lease with Lake Elmo Aviation was changed to Lester E. Fournier.

December 4, 1967

After discussion it was moved that the commission authorize the transfer of lease to Lake Elmo Aviation to Mr. Rex Myers. Again on condition of payment of past due rents and a processing fee.

History is always interesting. How things started, Growth and changes caused by growth.

There have been many changes since December 1967. Ed Mayer, Mayer Aviation arrived on the scene. Bob Twet arrived and left. A few years back Gatis Valters, Valters Aviation built a maintenance hangar. Hopefully the missing events from the last 30 years can be traced down and included in this series.

Once again special thanks to Polly Holliday who furnished the material for this article.

Air Academy

Have you checked out the EAA Air Academy Year 2000 Education Programs. See page 126 in the November issue of Sport Aviation.

Parents, Grandparents, those interested in youth. It is not to early to talk to those in the 6 - 17 age group about attending one of the summer 2000 Youth Camps.

In fact you might take a look at a program for yourself. Aircraft Owner Maintenance, Family Flight Weekend Camps, Wright School of Building & Restoration. Lot's of opportunities for everyone.



PRES cont'd

I have given it some thought and have discussed it with several people and this is what we have come up with. For the area of events, it will be Leif Erickson. For housing, or what ever we choose to call it, the person will be Ed Peiffer. For the position of membership Chairman, we have chosen Scott Hutchinson. Dennis Hoffman, who will be completing Dan Parker's term, will continue in the same capacity that Dan Parker vacates, that is; Chairman of programs.

The December meeting will be the final meeting of our present Board while still in office. Let's all try to attend the meeting in order to express our appreciation for a job WELL DONE!

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to recognize that this will be a very special occasion for one of our members. Ever since I have been a member of Chapter 54,, which I joined in 1972, Rosemary Frank has been a part of the Executive Board. For many years she served a dual role as both Secretary and Treasurer. It has only been in the past few years that she has been just Secretary. I think she is due some special recognition. Rosemary Frank, THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!!

It's Over at Last

by Dick Wicklund

Yes, "It's Over at Last". I am sure that comment can be heard around the patch. One of the areas is 11A3 Alpha Lane. The hangar of your soon to be past president.

It has been a wonderful four years. The assistance of the other officers and all the directors has been great. Not to skip over the guidance furnished by P. P. Dale Rupp. Have all things gone as each of us would like at all times. Certainly not. But, overall things have happened that we never expected. Things have happened that we wish had not. Things have been left over for the incoming officers and directors. A long time ago some one I replaced as a president of an organization told me never leave with nothing for the incoming board to do. They will get complacent. Chapter 54 has many things left to do.

Members "Thank You" for the opportunity to have served as president of your chapter.

In recapping 1999 the accomplishments by you have been outstanding.

Young Eagles. Coordinator, V. P. Al Kupferschmidt has not given me the final count for the year, he is to busy hunting deer at this time. What ever the count it has been a good year.

Flying Start. Coordinator and Director of Education Art Edlund and his committee, with member assistance put one program in the spring that was well received.

Art is already thinking about year 00 programs.

Director - Housing, Stephen Ogborn and his committee came up with a donated building to be removed from its location in Amery, WI. With lots of help from members the building came down. Presently it is still in storage at Tom Marson's farm. About the same time Ed Mayer, Mayer Aviation, decided that the old Elmo Aero FBO could be put to use as a temp. home for 54. This has been a good fit. It has presented the opportunity to see just how much space is needed for the various areas, gathering place, lounge, library, storage, restroom, office. The class room area is OK for up to about 45 people. With attendance sometimes hitting 50 or more it is tight. Not a bad problem to have and as I indicated it has been a great help in deterring just what space is required.

Is the dream of our own home out of the question. No. What will it take, EFFORT. Thanks to Stephen and his committee steps have been taken heading in the right direction.

Events. Fly-In. This, now annual, event again was a success. For 99 it was determined to do it on our own. Bottem line about the same in the dollar area. Publicity and Promotion, Director - Gary Miller worked hard to get the word out to locals. The Stillwater newspaper and radio played a bigger part than in past years. Results increased participation of locals, a big plus. With all the negative comments we hear about airports it is vital to get the locals out to see just what Lake Elmo Airport is all about. Who are those crazy people that fly airplanes. Why do they enjoy the sport. Good direction that needs to be expanded.

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Membership Director - Gene Frank has worked to see that the chapter numbers continue to grow. Results have been good. The direction has been set by Gene, now the new director has to carry the ball into the future. This is another area where members play a very large part. Invite friends, hangar neighbors, family members, to be your guest at a monthly gathering or Pot Luck lunch or supper.

As mentioned earlier attendance has been up. The number of visitors has been up. Why? Because of the work of our Program Director - Dan Parker. Dan took over a successful area from Bill Steier and has done an outstanding job. The trend was set by Bill and Dan did not let the members down.

To come up with interesting programs month after month is not easy. It takes participation from the membership. What do you like what don't you like. Who can you get to put on a presentation before the chapter. YOU are an important part not just by showing up and listening to the program but helping to arrange it.

Changes will happen. One of the biggest and hardest to adjust to is the change in the Secretary position. After, what, 25 years or so Rosemary Frank has pulled the plug. Her financial advisor reviewed the retirement options and advised her that staying on in this position would not increase her retirement income one bit. Over these past 25 years Chapter 54 was held together through the dogged determination of Rosemary. Her contributions are to many to name. Fortunately she will stay on in one position, Historian.

Wayne Asp the newly elected Secretary will have a good teacher and will no doubt do an outstanding job in this sometimes thankless job. Always hounding someone to get some report completed for headquarters. Newsletter editor constantly wanting the minutes quicker.

Treasurer John Thomas helped get membership information on computer with the ability to more easily track dues status, print labels, and keep the member information current. Also, bailed the newsletter editor out a time or two when that ***** machine would not do what it was told.

Almost forgot two important positions within the chapter structure; Flight Advisors and Tech Counselors. Again the chapter members are fortunate to have well qualified individuals in these capacities. Besure to take advantage of their expertise.



Whats left. Let see. Any volunteers for the position of Newsletter Editor. I have been told that the chapter will either double or triple the pay of the current editor. Qualifications; likes deadlines, ability to raise their hand and say yes at the wrong time, not to bright. Interested parties please contact Bill Schanks. If there are no volunteers you will be stuck with the current editor for an unknown length of time. Let's see, are there any hands up.

Projects

Suddenly the number of projects underway within the chapter has increased. Those know about for sure are:

Paul Liedl's Kitfox Observer. Paul seems to spend a 40 hour week on this project and so is coming along nicely. Fuselage has the doors on, including windows, storage compartment in place, wings have main ribs in place and currently is working on the strut mounting brackets.

In a recent conversation he indicated that one learns more than expected. The hows and whys for everything. Tool needs and very ~~important~~ to read, reread, and reread instructions. Takes patience.

Dale Rupp has taken the plunge and started on an RV-6. Guess his hours in one at Oshkosh sold him on the bird. Last I heard he had his brother on the other end of some ribbits.

Dale has Jerry Sarracco walking around with drool running off his chin. Not for a 6 but an 8. Only problem he has found with the 8 is the lack of living space.

Only other know project is only airplane related. Dennis Johnson purchased Dick W. hangar on Bravo when Dick moved east one unit. Dennis has painted, carpeted the place to very nicely show off his C-140 gem.

