



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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## July 2012

**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY July 9, 2012**

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

### • **AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**

For the program Monday night we will be sharing our AirVenture arrival experiences and taking a look at the NOTAM for same.

This is not intended to be a formal briefing or technical review of arrival procedures although such a thing may break out. Intention is to share experience, discuss plans if you are flying in this year. I am very interested if you can relate an experience from the early days, first experience, etc. I will have the NOTAM ready to project.

If you want to present or show some pictures let me know so I can be ready to provide the equipment. Jim Pearsall

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## EAA Chapter 54 Cookout/House Concert



**Featuring**  
**Aviation/Texas**  
**Singer/Songwriters**  
**Alex and Marti Whitmore**  
**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cookout Picnic 6:30 P.M.**

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## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

July has come in like a fire-breathing dragon – just keep reminding yourself “It’s summer, it’s supposed to be hot!”

We are seeing the end of an era, Tom Gibbons has been our newsletter editor for 6 years! Proof once again that time really does fly when you are having fun. I clearly remember Tom’s somewhat quiet offer to “give it a try” when we were looking for a newsletter editor; he embodied one of my favorite quotes from the wise Yoda “Do or do not....there is no try”. Tom may have entered into the role with a little bit of caution, but he definitely did a wonderful job. Thank you to Tom and please plan to attend on July 9<sup>th</sup> for a special thank you to him.

The news that Tom was retiring from his editor role caused a few of us to worry that we might not be able to replace him, it is a volunteer position that requires regular activity and effort to make sure that the newsletter gets published on time and has interesting content for all of our members. The call went out to the membership and Randy Delfel was quick to respond; I am looking forward to working with Randy, he will be at our next meeting and have an opportunity to introduce himself to the group. Randy is also a member of Chapter 237 (where he serves as Vice President) so there may be some new opportunities for inter-club activities and events!

AirVenture is only a few weeks away now, I am sure that the grounds are buzzing with activity as grass is mowed, displays are set up, flower pots, benches and picnic tables get set up. The busiest airport in the world is getting ready to once again earn that distinction. If you go to AirVenture, please take photos and notes for a newsletter article, our members really enjoying reading about your aviation adventures!

The next big event on the calendar is our own Lake Elmo Aviation Day! Committees will begin meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> (right before our regular meeting). A meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> (after young eagles) will focus on the food planning. The final planning meeting will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> – all committee chairs are asked to attend. Please let Jim Pearsall know how you will be helping out this year – the event is always a huge success because our members make it a success! We definitely want to see you there!

In the spirit of the WASPs – CAVU  
Bettie




 Just some of the highlights of AirVenture '12! Night Airshow, Jet Day, Cub Anniversary and of course warbirds galore!
 

**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/MEMBERSONLY](http://WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY)

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



Bruce Cooke, EAA 1082698, of Cambridge, New Zealand, took this photo of a Van's RV-6A as it landed on Gibson's Beach, located on New Zealand's North Island. Each year, if the tides allow, there is a beach landing workshop during the annual Sport Aircraft Association Black Sands Fly-In, based out of Raglan Airfield.



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Chapter Historian: Jeff Hove

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')

## Music at 7:30 P.M.

### Lake Elmo Airport: Chapter 54 Chapter House

Join us **Thursday July 19th** for a Pre-Oshkosh, Picnic/Barbeque/House Concert with Texas Singers/Songwriters/Aviators Alex and Marti Whitmore. Chapter 54 will provide burgers and hot dogs. Members and guests are asked bring a dessert or small dish to share. Soft drinks will be provided by the chapter. **Open to all EAA Members and friends.** Please RSVP so that we can estimate for food, drink and seating. No alcohol please. RSVP to Gregg.adler@q.com. **Chapter 54 Members:** we could use a few volunteers to help set the tables, grill burgers, cleanup and set chairs. If you would like to help please contact: Gregg Adler [Gregg.adler@q.com](mailto:Gregg.adler@q.com) or 651-998-1977.

**About Alex and Marti Whitmore:** Alex is a retired airline pilot, aircraft builder and long time EAA Member. Marti is a classically trained vocalist, music teacher and licensed pilot as well. Alex and Marti have been bringing their light-hearted storytelling, humorous songs and master guitar playing to folks around the country for years. Alex is a regular performer at the EAA Oshkosh Songwriter's in the Round performances. Their songwriting spans the topics of love, families, cars, airplanes, space travel, aliens and general observations of life. More info can be found at: [www.alexwhitmore.com](http://www.alexwhitmore.com)

#### What some respected people in Texas Music have to say about Alex's music:

*"Alex Whitmore is one of a kind. He's witty, funny and unpretentious...very intelligent lyrics and melodies...not your run of the mill average singer-songwriter."*

**Tommy Alverson, Performer and Texas Music Legend**

*"Alex is a serious songwriter with a great sense of humor, and one of the best fingerpickers I know"*

**Kevin Deal, Singer/Songwriter.**

*"Alex Whitmore has a lyrical and instrumental style that I've admired for many years. When it comes to inventive finger picking and alternate tuning, he's the one I watch to keep me musically motivated."*

**Terri Hendrix, Singer/Songwriter**

**What is a House Concert? For those of you who have not yet experienced the growingly popular phenomena known as a "house concert"; it is a throwback to the days of parlor concerts where traveling musicians performed before intimate audiences in homes and other small venues. Where the music is the focus and you don't have to turn the volume way up or try to listen over the noise and conversation of a bar setting. This is perhaps the best way to experience live music, performed up close by highly talented artists that you won't normally hear on radio or see on TV. To stay out of trouble with the Lake Elmo Liquor, Entertainment Licensing and Port Authority, suggested free-will donations of \$5-\$10 are the customary honorarium for house concert performers.**

## Pilots Lounge

### For Sale:

Best Offer: David Clark H10-30 Headphones  
Brand new -- never used  
Several years old in original box and plastic bag.

The total proceeds will go to the EAA Chapter 54 coffers for use, maybe, in our Young Eagles Program.

The STORY: The owner was going to learn to fly but was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident in 2008. As a result, the headset sat on a shelf until I visited him last Monday.

Many thanks,

BOB Pittelkow  
[rpittelkow@comcast.net](mailto:rpittelkow@comcast.net)

### For Sale:

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

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](mailto: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 humidistat, 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 perma-shield 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 \$64,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.  
NORM DUPRE 651-439-7688

### For Sale:

Hangar on 21D for sale -- \$45,000  
35 x 75 feet with two 45 foot doors, electric openers, electricity and natural gas, two insulated workshop / office rooms, above floor storage,  
Contact Chip Andrews 651 248 9708



## Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and a Cherokee Six.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:mark@tailwinds21d.org) or call 651-982-275.  
Visit us at [www.tailwinds21d.org](http://www.tailwinds21d.org) to learn more.

# AVIATION DAY

SUNDAY AUGUST 12TH

## *Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast*

Lake Elmo Airport 7am - Noon @ Valters Aviation

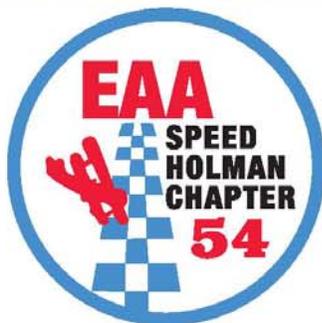


Adults \$7  
Children \$3

**PIC's Eat Free!!**

### Breakfast Menu

Sturdiwheat Pancakes,  
Brines Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Orange Juice, Coffee, Milk.



Sign up for a  
Young Eagles Flight



*Proceeds help fund scholarships to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI*

**Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 54**

**On the web at: [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org)**



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

### June 11, 2012

*By Dale Seitzer*

President, Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order, Vice President, Jim Pearsall, and Treasurer Paul Rankin were officers in attendance – a total of 19 people attended. New people, Chip Berniard already a member, Pilot since age 18, wants to get involved with the club and Young Eagles.

Jonathon Yeakel wants to join – he completed the chapter ground school, flies with brother and wants to get more involved, perhaps take the ground school again.

#### **Business Meeting**

Treasurers Report: The report was listed online -- no questions were asked so the report was voted on and unanimously approved.

#### **New Business**

Calendar of Upcoming Chapter events

Next Young Eagle July 14 2012

August 12, Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast

September 8, Young Eagle event and picnic for all Young Eagles of the year.

Dave Fiebiger -- Housing: Replacement of the exterior doors complete.

Replacing the annual banquet with the cook out was a large success; 52 paid attendees. In years past we would get 30 to 40 people so this can be counted as a success.

We decided to retire the grill because the lid was broken, modest grills are on sale at Menards so a vote was taken to purchase the new grill. We need to get a functioning grill because we have several grilling events planned.

Outside Maintenance Day was rained out so we need to coordinate with Dave Fiebiger to arrange another date.

Young Eagles -- 23 youth, 6 pilots, very successful, photos posted on our website.

Two young people lined up for Air Academy.

August 11 is our Young Eagle Day Picnic: Linda Amble and Bettie Seitzer will organize and provide a reasonably priced meal (\$3-\$4). Invite past Young Eagle, Air Academy participants, volunteers, parents, Farnsworth students. Volunteers please contact Bettie or Linda.

Farnsworth Hangar Tour, very successful but hot and windy. 130 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students took the tour at the 6 hangars equaled about 15 minutes per hangar. The school organized a scavenger hunt – the students collected the items by identifying them in the hangars. Roger had an engine apart and used that to describe the engine operation, Dave Syverson had the students fly the airport pattern in formation. Thanks to the people who sponsored their personal hangar tours.

We have a parent that will coordinate students who will help with the Aviation Day.

Oshkosh work party – May 18 and 19. We had one volunteer, Pat Moore, attend the Weekend Work Party at the Airventure grounds in Oshkosh. He worked on the Vintage Hangar and did plenty of mowing.

Planning meetings are starting soon for Aviation day -- we need volunteers for many tasks.

EAA sponsors a ride share to and from Airventure, look on the Airventure website for rideshare.

Suggestion for a sign on a post at the airport, "Welcome to the Lake Elmo Airport 21d Airplane viewing area by EAA Chapter 54, Visitors welcome". Tom is checking on prices for the sign.

Newsletter – You may send articles in any format to Tom. Ask ground school and Farnsworth students to write about their plans and experiences for the newsletter. News and updates are always interesting. Always looking for any photos too. Send what you have to [newsletter@eaa54.org](mailto:newsletter@eaa54.org).

Instrument IFR Ground School. Two students and two meetings so far with one more scheduled -- one class will be held at Anoka and use the IFR simulator. They will use the Jeppeson IFR course and some of it is study online.

Jeff Hove indicates it is much more work than expected.

New Business – Community Outreach for the Lake Elmo Rotary (Rotary International), looking for a donation of an airplane ride. Marlon Gunderson is looking for a volunteer 500 hour pilot and inform FISDO for a raffle and a flight. He suggested Valters FBO donate the fuel to the pilot and it would be very good public relations – maybe a combination to share expenses sometime in September.

Airport runways will be resurfaced June 20 to June 29, runway 14 / 32 first and depending on the weather -- all will be closed June 25 to 29

Meeting adjourned.

## Chapter 54 Speaker Information

Notes Taken by Dale Seitzer



### Guest Speaker, Jeff Hove,

April 28, 2012 flew a charter flight National Air and Space Museum. Flights fill up by the end of the day it was announced. They had a 6:30 AM take off with 156 people on a Boeing 737 nonstop to Dulles Airport, the Udvar Hazy museum. First officer was Curt Brown a NASA pilot who flew the space shuttle that replaced the Enterprise that was there. He flew 6 mis-

sions – the most on anyone. He gave a two hour presentation on his career as a test pilot, he also flew A10 in morning and F16 in the afternoon, doing weapons testing.

The hangar is huge jet airliners get lost in the building with the hundreds of significant, firsts, and unique one of a kind aircraft from jets to space craft to experimental. They have a list of all the artifacts available online. Jeff showed about a hundred photos of the planes on display. They had a short day there and flew back that evening. Jeff reported it was worth it and is looking forward to the next one day trip.



# Who's Who In Chapter 54?

*Compiled by the Editor*

Name: Dave Syverson  
E.AA #: 734110

## **What aircraft are you building/flying?**

We have completed construction of a Kitfox Series 7; and, have been flying it for a bit over three years. N128DD is configured as a tri-gear (a Kitfox can be easily set up as either a tail wheel or tri-gear) with a Rotax 912ULS and warp driver tapered tip propeller installed. The plane is set up for day night VFR with standard panel instruments and wingtip strobes/position lights, one communication radio with a flip-flop, transponder and 406 ELT. A simple, inexpensive GPS provides far more useful navigational support than anything I have used in the past – amazing stuff compared to the time honored VOR and ADF. Modifications to the basic aircraft include a dual electrical system with a cross tie, a large custom baggage bay (for camping gear) and under seat storage. While many Kitfox builders strive for the ultimate minimum empty weight, even with the extra items, N128DD can carry full fuel, Pilot, passenger and 140# of gear in the baggage bay.



Richard Marr provided the DAR inspection services; and, my experience pretty much parrots Paul Hove's inspection other than the fact the we have quite different airplanes. Richard's thoroughness and helpfulness were much appreciated.

## **If you could fly any aircraft, what would it be?**

This is a difficult question to answer; and, would certainly be easier to answer concisely if the question was voiced in the negative. If I have to pick one I would really want to fly, I would say the Helio Courier; mostly because this is a plane designed as a really neat off road vehicle with the ability to carry all the camping gear a person would ever want and get into/out of pretty much any little strip out there.

## **Fun Aviation Story**

Not long after receiving my Private Pilot's certificate some time back, my wife accompanied me on her first trip with her newly minted pilot. Near the conclusion of the trip I reduced power as we approached the airport. Her curiosity about what was going on was answered in fairly casual terms which I had become accustomed to using with instructor pilots; the answer prompting a quick follow up question.... "Exactly what do you mean, we are going down?".... New pilot quickly responds... "OK....We are descending to a lower altitude".....

## **Who is an inspiration to you in Aviation?**

First of all, I have to include my father. Not because he was a pilot but because his intense interest in aviation certainly inspired me to have an interest and discover what it was all about. He helped me get my first hours of instruction with a local instructor in a C-140. My father died way too young.....this will be my sole personal editorial comment in this writing.....if you smoke....quit now and don't ever do it again. Smoking.....bad!

I think all of us have to agree Wilbur and Orville are an inspiration – beyond being inventors and self-taught pilots, the Wrights were extraordinary in their application of the scientific method and investigations to the tasks at hand, skills that serve homebuilders well to this day.

One individual I really want to call out as in inspiration is Clarence ("Kelly") Johnson. Not many folks speak of Mr. Johnson; but, if you consider the framework under which he was involved in aviation it is clear to see his experiences in aviation exemplify a person who recognized his good luck and proceeded to make the best use of it. His autobiography, "More than my Share" says it all when you consider that he was an aircraft engineer and aeronautical innovator who had the tremendous fortune of being a member and first team leader of the Lockheed skunk works. His involvement included everything from the P-38 to the SR-71 and included a total of at least 40 aircraft with such examples as the F-80, B-37, F-104, C-130 and U-2. The place we know as "Area 51" was initiated during his watch under a CIA contract. How's that for an experimenter?

## **What person/s in aviation would you like to have lunch with?**

The name which comes immediately to mind is John Glenn. Maybe this is a generational thing; however, those of us who grew up during the space race couldn't get enough of the happenings of the time which progressed from upstaging Russia and its first little satellite known as Sputnik to our culmination in landing on the moon with less computing power in hand than a person now holds in their little PDA.

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**Describe your first airplane ride:**

Back in the 60's my father contracted a local commercial pilot for a business trip to small Midwestern towns serviced by municipal airports. I felt lucky to ride the right seat of the C-180 which seemed like a really large airplane to me at the time. The view was fantastic and I was totally sold on the experience.

**What is your favorite airplane to fly?**

My favorite airplane to fly is the Kitfox that we currently have. In part because of the personal experience of building, testing and maintaining it and knowing the plane better than any plane I have ever flown. I think a person could like a lot of airplanes; but, face it – it isn't bad to be satisfied with what you have and enjoy. The Kitfox has proven to be a particularly good combination of utility and economy features for the type of flying we do.

**How long have you been a pilot; and, what do you fly?**

I first flew as a student pilot during my college years; however, finances, raising a family and schedules delayed attainment of my Private certificate until 1991. After getting my certificate, I flew primarily rental aircraft until completion of the Kitfox 7 which is now my aircraft of choice.

**Unique airplanes you've flown/taken a ride in?**

I don't know that any aircraft I have flown or been in would be considered unique; unless consideration is given to the unique personalities aircraft can develop due to their age/treatment such as the somewhat out of rig C-150 trainer instructors liked to use for acquainting new students with stall/spin characteristics..... Otherwise I have ridden in a number of aircraft including a DC-6 B from Duluth to Helsinki, numerous trips in just about any of the commercial jets starting with the B-707, a few Convair 580's. During my stay in the Military I rode several helicopters including the Huey, twin rotor Chinook, LOH (Light observation Helicopter) as well as the DH Caribou twin radial engine STOL. Probably the "most unique" aircraft I have been in was a Bell helicopter fitted with a 60 foot spray boom for killing bugs (and one jackrabbit through lower bubble while spraying a pea field for aphids – glad I was not the pilot so I could laugh about it rather than try to explain it!). My original foray into being a student pilot back in the 60's involved C-140's, a C-170 and C-180 which I occasionally caught a ride in. Interesting thought, but the FBO at that time was talking about those "new planes with the training wheel on the front". Once I got back into flying in 1991, the planes I flew included the ones with the "training wheels" like the C-150, C-152, C-172, C-182 and Piper series including PA 28 warrior, Archer and R200 Arrow both Hershey bar and tapered wing versions. I have had some stick time in a Piper Super Cub, an Aeronca, and a Tripacer. I have also had some stick time in other experimentals including a Challenger II, a Christavia and three other models of Kitfox. At least in my mind, each of these aircraft has been a unique experience for me even they may not be considered "exotic" by other measures.

**What do you like about chapter 54?**

What I like about chapter 54 is that it is an involved chapter which reaches out to people to promote the interests of aviation. Introverted organizations eventually die, one which is involved with outreach activities like Young Eagles, a program involving educational institutions such as Farnsworth, the airport activities at Elmo and many other outreach activities will better insure that there will always be a vital component that keeps general and especially experimental aviation alive. We know flying is great, it is best to share that with others who would otherwise never understand why it is great.

Here is my opinion: The future of aviation for the common person lies with homebuilt experimentals or homebuilt light sport aircraft. This brings with it the fact that we need to keep our collective house in order. This is about the only way an individual of average or middle class means can have a new aircraft. The ¼ million dollar four place planes are nice for those who can afford them, and while sharing an airplane or clubbing will help some with cost sharing, a lot of people who are interested in aviation cannot afford to purchase and own a new aircraft alone. Experimentals also provide a person with a tremendous amount of learning in the construction and testing of their aircraft. Admittedly, not everyone is that much of a techno-science-geek (a banner which I will proudly wear forever) but a lot of folks are; and, identifying and supporting those people with the interest is an extremely important mission of organizations like Chapter 54.

We live in a better time than we think – consider how many years our ancestors looked to the skies and thought about what the birds can do. There are costs and effort required to fly; but, the deal is, we live in a time when we can do this; and, it's good to share the gravy.

## LOCAL FLYING EVENTS

Compiled by Chapter 54 member Paul Hove

The event dates and locations listed here come from a variety of sources. There may be changes, cancellations or editing mistakes. Please call ahead to verify that the event is taking place as scheduled.

### July

**July 7 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Starbuck MN Pancake Breakfast Fly-In**, Starbuck Municipal Airport ,(D32), Starbuck's Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. Part of Starbuck's Heritage Days. Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast. Camp under your wing. , , ,

**July 8 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Two Harbors MN EAA Chapter 1128 Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast**, Richard B Helgeson Airport,(KTWM), Serving an endless plate of pancakes with sausage, juice, milk, water, or pop. \$5.00 per plate, PIC's eat free. So come on out and enjoy beautiful Richard B Helgeson Helgeson Airport and test out our award winning newly paved runway and taxiway., Bill Fieldson 218-834-4784 , 218-834-4784,

**July 8 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Winona MN Annual Fly-in/Drive-In Breakfast & Free Airshow**, Max Conrad Field,(KONA), A great catered breakfast at a great Airport along the Mississippi River with a Free Airshow (weather permitting) at 10:30 AM. (The airport will be closed during the airshow.) New this year will be parachutist starting off the airshow event! Come enjoy a great family event & have a great breakfast! PIC Free., , ,

**July 14 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Eden Prairie MN AirExpo 2012**, [www.airexpo-mn.org](http://www.airexpo-mn.org), Flying Cloud Airport,(KFCM), 7/14-7/15/2012. AirExpo 2012 features many of aviation history's biggest names of all time, and the magnificent aircraft that helped make history over the past 80 years! Meet the Tuskegee airmen, Doolittle raiders, Black Sheep squadron members, and other aviation heroes! Come and see vintage, warbird, and historic aircraft on display and in flight! There is something for everyone at AirExpo 2012. There will be food, exhibits, classic cars, military vehicles, a free children's activity area, historical reenactors, and of course lots of flying!, , 952-746-6100,

**July 14 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Detroit Lakes MN Water Carnival Fly-In**, [www.1498.eaachapter.org/](http://www.1498.eaachapter.org/), Detroit Lakes Airport,(KDTL), Wonderful day for a fly-in which will be in concert with the annual Detroit Lakes Water Carnival. Fly-In pilots receive a gift and free pancake breakfast and opportunity to win an iPad2 or

Bose A20 headset. Wonderful display of aircraft, antique cars, static display of older aircraft and many exhibitors, and more.... Come visit us!, Richard McCrady Sr., 651-245-4571,

**July 14 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Hinckley MN Field of Dreams Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast**, Field of Dreams Airport ,(04W), Pancake and sausage breakfast, airplane and helicopter rides, aircraft and helicopter display, landing and flour bag drop contest, under-wing camping, popcorn, ice cream, refreshments and more. , Matt Johnson, 320-384-6667,

**July 15 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, East Troy WI Fly-In Breakfast and Open House**, East Troy Airport,(57C), Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs & more. Served 7:00AM-1:00PM Adults \$6.00 Children 8 & Under \$4.00 Airplane & Helicopter rides Homebuilts, Warbirds and Antique Aircraft, Antique & Classic Cars, Model Trains on display. Skydiving Demonstration Rafle with cash prizes.Free Admission. Please bring non perishable food item for donation to East Troy Food Pantry., Mark Frey, 262-391-5177, mark-frey1@yahoo.com

**July 15 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Hallock MN Fly-In Breakfast**, Hallock Municipal Airport,(KHCO), Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee. PIC's eat free. Young Eagle rides ages 8-17. All proceeds go to Kittson County Veterans Memorial. , Bill, 218-843-2593

**July 15 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Marshfield WI Breakfast**, Marshfield Municipal Airport,(KMF1), Breakfast, , ,

**July 21 2012, 1900/ to 1900/, Siren WI Burnett County Airport Fly-In**, [www.burnettcounty.com/airport](http://www.burnettcounty.com/airport), Burnett County Airport,(KRZN), Visit the annual Burnett County Airport Fly-In/Drive-In breakfast on your way to AirVenture. KRZN is located approximately 200nm Northwest of Oshkosh, a convenient and friendly stop on your way to Airventure. Breakfast features "UNCLE JACK'S WILD RICE PANCAKES" as well as ham, cheese, drinks, and dessert. All fuel types will be discounted \$.25 during the day of the event. , Jeremy Sickler, 715-349-7076,



# Young Eagles Report by Linda Amble



The next Young Eagle event is on Saturday July 14, 2012. There are 23 future Young Eagle flights scheduled. If you'd be interested in participating just respond to the volunteer request that will be coming out on Sunday July 8. The flights are only for a couple of hours and it's also a chance to catch up with other chapter members. We ask that volunteers arrive to help with minimal set up around 8:40am. There was good weather for May and June flights. So far this year 35 kids have had the experience and introduction to aviation. With any luck, weather wise, we can try for 3 good months in a row.



The Young Eagle flights are every second Saturday of the month from May through October. I would like to thank everyone for your assistance and patience while I'm trying to figure out everything that's involved in your Young Eagle program





**TAXI TALK**  
*{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}*

**WOW!! July is here already! The temps have been high and so has our anticipation of AirVenture! Of course Happy 4th of July and Happy Birthday to our nation!**

**Time to Step Down.....**

With this issue or the next I have decided to step down as your newsletter editor. It has been a great 6 years doing the job but with work issues and other issues happening in my life I just need to take time away from doing the monthly chores of editing the newsletter. Gosh it has been fun but I am at a point where I am just running out of neat ideas and stories for the monthly editions. I love aviation as I said in my first issue, Jun'06, and I eat, breathe and live aviation at my home near the airport. I work at the MSP International Airport and have a 20 year plus homebuilt aircraft project in my basement. It is just time for another editor to take over and offer some really different views or stories that happen around our very great chapter. So do me a favor and send whoever takes over your fun and neat flying stories! It really does make the job easier!

**Heading to OSH.....**

As I said at the beginning, WOW! It's July and I plan to leave for Oshkosh in two weeks already! I just today, July 5, finally got the vacation week from work I needed so the hook is set and the planning starts! I am excited this year as again American Airlines is sending one of it's 737-

800's to AirVenture to take 80 World War II vets to Washington DC on Friday the 27th. I work for AA and two years ago they sent the same air-



craft there I worked hard to be able to assist in what ever I could do since I camp there all week. I did and the AA crew was very appreciative of it that this year they requested my assistance again and of course I will do what I can. Rumor has it I just may get to ride with them to DC to help with the flight. That would be so special as my Dad was a WWII veteran and I love being around these so humble gentlemen.



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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**The great bird will take its first flight.....filling the world with amazement and all records with its fame, and it will bring eternal glory to the nest where it was born.**

*--Leonardo da Vinci*