



# Chapter 54

## NEWS

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### AUGUST GATHERING

DATE: 8-9-99  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Chapter House, Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance, Previous location of Elmo Aero.

PROGRAM: AirVenture 99

Speakers: Members

Oshkosh 99 will mean many things to many people. There will be things each of us like and things each of us dislike.

AirVenture 99 will also have an affect on our wallets, besides cost of entry and camping. What did you buy for yourself or your bird. What do you wish you had bought. What did you see that created interest on your part.

That is what will be discussed at the August gathering. Considering member comments from previous years there should be no shortage of things to talk about, crowds - affect of the 99 admittance policy, vendors, camp ground condition, etc.

Coffee & ??? will be served along with a liberal amount of ----- (talk).

### EAA TALL TOWER WEB PAGE

EAA has announced an addition to the EAA web page.

As a service to EAA members they are developing a site to help members respond to FAA notices of proposed tall tower construction. EAA is seeking member assistance to ensure all available information and points of concern are addressed in this site.

The web site will focus on attacking the issues through local zoning boards and how to effectively respond to FAA Notices of Proposed Tall Tower Construction. EAA indicates with "lessons learned" they already know that a petition with 200 signatures and matching form letters count as one response. EAA also knows that if our letters don't contain specific aviation "facts" (traffic counts, defined flight routes, nonstandard traffic pattern, etc.) they won't have an effect on the FAA approval process.

Randy Hansen is the EAA Government Programs Specialist. Randy can be contacted via E-mail: [rhansen@eaa.org](mailto:rhansen@eaa.org)

### EARLY ADDITION OF NEWSLETTER

No doubt you wonder about receiving this addition earlier than normal. Cause - AirVenture 99. Pres/Editor heading for Oshkosh.

See you there????

### Pot Luck Revived

On Sunday July 11, I think that was the correct date, president Dick Wicklund received a phone call from Rae Kupferschmidt, wife of V. P. Al, requesting permission to reinstate the lost tradition of Friday night pot lucks. After a discussion of who would chair, it was decided that Dave Fiebiger would, forgot to ask him, and that it was a go. For case of remembering the day and time the Friday after the monthly gathering would be best. Monday night the pres. announced the event would take place. It would be a BYOF&C. One dish to share with others.

July 16 at 6:00 p.m. arrived and so did 6 or 7 couples. Not a huge turnout. However, with the short notice and inability to publicize, it was not bad. Major comment heard was, lets do it weekly. Committee members said, too much to fast.

At the present time the next one is scheduled for August 13. Again at 6:00 p.m. at the new chapter digs. Rain or shine.

This is a family event that is open to any and all. To join in just show up. For information or to offer assistance call Rae Kupferschmidt at 651-777-9257.

There is still a discussion about a Pig Roast. No decisions yet. If held it also will be open to all. Probably will have a cost involved.



## JULY GATHERING

### Visitors & Guests:

Attendance total for the evening was 34+ . Visitors were: Betty Isaacs, Ray Rought, Corey Onderick, Heen Waldron, Paul Hove Jo Anne Driscoll and Mike Schutt.

Members PLEASE sign in and invite visitors to do so, also.

The President opened the gathering at just past 7:30 p.m

### Reports.

**Secretary** - Moved minutes of June meeting be approved as published. Seconded and passed.

**Treasurer** - Absent, no report.

### Announcements

President Dick Wicklund made the following announcements.

1. August program, August 9, will be a tale about Oshkosh, AirVenture 99. What we did, what we saw, what we spent money on and what we wished we had spent money on. Always a fun, entertaining evening. Mike brought in some books on "Special Flight Procedures" for membership taking. Thanks Mike.

2. Two volunteers for chapter photographer, Leif Erickson and Stephen Ogborn. Welcome. May your new job be photogenic!

3. At the July board meeting Stephen Ogborn brought up the topic of a family oriented Pig Roast in September. Good idea.

4. Rae Kupferschmidt, has started the ball rolling, along with Joan Clemens and Dave Fiebiger to return to the Friday evening Pot Luck. Friday August 16, 6:00 pm at chapter quarters. BYOF, chairs, something to share. Open to all airport bums.

5. October meeting is Annual meeting. Elections take place. Nominating chair Dale Rupp, and associates will be talking to members soon. Positions Positions on the slate will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

## New Members

None to WELCOME this month.

### Why?

One Class II Director, to fill current vacancy. This will be a one year term. Three Class III Directors. Anyone wishing to be on the ballot call Dale at 651-653-1054. Everyone considered!

6. EAA Chapter 54 web page. Please contact Scott Olson at 651-770-2035 or Nick Stolley at 651-714-5313 to help.

7. LOST. Lyle Jensen and Mike Jehlicka. Anyone knowing their current address contact the president at 651-777-9142.

Paul Anderson, Pancake Breakfast cochair reported that everything is set for the August 7 event. Paul reminded volunteers to be on the job. Paul brought posters and flyers for all members to circulate.

### Program:

**Speaker - Bob Dickens, Midwest Regional Representative of AOPA.**

Director, and program chair, Dan Parker introduced Mr. Dickens. Bob has been a military pilot - with numerous decorations, FAA person, and now AOPA.

With all the letters in his back ground it is little wonder that Bob would occasionally get them confused.

AOPA serves and protects the rights of general aviation pilots. Bob spoke to us on the loss of airports. In the 70's there were 6800 airports across the country. Today there are 5400. The average number of general aviation airports in a state is 110. Minnesota has 129.

The public concept of general aviation airports is that airports do not pay their own way, they are a drain on our taxes, and they are just a place for rich boys to keep their expensive toys.

Issues involved are economics, safety and noise.

As general aviation pilots we need to change the public concept by promoting the airports and making them a valued part of the community. The local Chamber of Commerce should be brought in. We need to educate the press and teachers. Work hand in hand with real estate people. "They" (the public) are organized "We" (the pilots) need to catch up.

General aviation pilots can catch up by being prepared, start thinking like tax payers, citizens not pilots. We must be educated, organized, funded and ready to defend general aviation.

Our local AOPA liaison is Jerry Sarracco, President of the Lake Elmo Airport Association. Anyone with concerns or positive suggestions may contact Jerry at 651-429-1049.

The meeting was then adjourned for further conversation, coffee and cookies.

Respectfully submitted; Rosemary Frank - Secretary.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

Rosemary has Chapter 54 patches available. Cost is only \$3.50 each.

One member paid up dues, Pat Driscoll. Funds forwarded to the treasurer.





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# LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

By now hangar owners, renters and members of the association have received a letter from Dave Fiebiger (651-738-0921) as our representative on the newly formed tax committee. The purpose of the requested \$100.00 is to build up a fund to finance lobbying at the legislature for a new hangar tax classification. Please let Dave know how you feel so he will be able to advise the steering committee.

I have made contact with our new Airport Commissioner, Nancy Speer. Chapter 54 President Dick Wicklund and I will meet with her on Wednesday 7-21-99. This is a get acquainted meeting. Will keep you posted.

On 7-20-99 Dick and I met with Gary Schmidt, Director of Reliever Airports, MAC. Many items were discussed (too many to write about in this small space). I will write more in my next newsletter.

At the airport, the A entrance is complete and the crack repair team is working on the north taxiways.

## NEW DIGS

As reported last month some members have compared the lounge area to a doctors waiting room because of the chair style. Another area of comparison could be the date of magazines available. Each member can help improve the magazine issue. After you have finished reading your aviation magazines or newspapers donate them to the lounge. At least than they should be no more than a few months old.

The pres. has been asked by members if there is need for donations to the chapter library. Yes, is the simple answer. What is needed. Check with Gene Frank he is the current librarian. In fact the trunk of his car is the current library. Gene has indicated that he soon will begin moving the material into the library room. Challenge is how to control the material available. Who takes what out. For how long. This challenge was given to Gene by the pres. (sure is good at handing out those challenges, isn't he)

At the July gathering Norm Weston donated a 23,000 btu air conditioner to the chapter. Further investigation indicates it is too large for the intended location. Norm gave permission to the chapter to sell it if it would not work in the area. Anyone wanting a large air conditioner for their hangar or work shop check with the president.

Thanks Norm. Wish it could be fit in.

*Self-discipline is persistence  
in action.*



# On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

Heading for AirVenture 99, great. Certainly each member attending this annual event has their thoughts about what they want to see and do: aircraft type seminar, equipment to consider purchasing, airshow to watch. Don't forget one vital group of seminars, the ones regarding your EAA, your chapter operations, responsibilities of chapter officers, Young Eagles, Flying Start, Vision of Eagles, and other new programs being introduced. Oh almost forgot the seminar for newsletter editors. You just might be convinced that it is time you volunteered to take over as the chapter editor. The recent issue of Spot Aviation listed the following schedules:

**Chapter Newsletter Editor's Workshop; Thursday, July 28, 8:00-9:45 a.m., Vette Theater (Lower Level of the EAA AirVenture Museum)**

**Chapter Web Editor's Workshop; Thursday, July 28, 10:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Vette Theater.**

**Chapter Leadership Workshop; Saturday, July 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Nature Center Pavilion.**

These are all worth while. Why should you be interested in all these boring programs - because. Because chapter success requires YOU. You to bring the knowledge gained back to Chapter 54 - YOUR chapter.

You to prepare yourself for the future of the chapter. As has been stated many time, perhaps to many times but never enough, the success of the chapter is determined by YOU.

At the July gathering I mentioned that the Nominating Committee in the form of Past President Dale Rupp and Associates would be contacting members regarding opportunities available in chapter management. I suggested that the answer to their request that you allow your name to be placed on the ballot should be; "I thought you would never ask - YES - of course. I was very serious about that statement.

In order for the chapter, or any organization, to succeed it takes effort by YOU. Yes, it is easier to let Pete or Joe do it. But, how many are satisfied with the job Pete and Joe do. As listed in the gathering minutes there are numerous positions available for YOU to apply your talents.

## E-mail for Members

Based on currently available information the following members have e-mail available

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## JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 7, 1999

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Chapter House

**PRESENT:** Pres. Dick Wicklund, Directors, Dan Parker, Stephen Ogborn, Gary Miller

**ABSENT:** V. P. Al Kupferschmidt, Sec. Rosemary Frank, Treas. John Thomas, Director Gene Frank.

### REPORTS

**HOUSING - Director Stephen Ogborn.**

1. Committee report & recommendations regarding Amery bldg. None.
2. McNeely hangar. In June Mr. McNeely contacted the pres. and requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss the thoughts and ideas of the chapter for usage of a hangar. Pres. Dick and Past Pres. Dale met with Mr. McNeely to review chapter history and direction. It was requested of them that a proposal be written regarding usage and submitted for review.

A few days after this meeting Dick and Dale met with Stephen Ogborn, Director - Housing and requested that his committee meet, discuss the proposal need and draw up such a document.

At the present time Paul Liedl has drafted a outline for the proposal. It was reviewed at the directors meeting and a few changes suggested for consideration. Paul will soon have a second draft prepared and submitted for review.

3. Bldg. Operations - current location

No decisions were made regarding the potential use other than for meetings.

**EDUCATION - Art Edhlund, Director.**

1. YE program discussed. Success of June YE day outstanding.

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# FOR SALE

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

Cont. 0-200, 100 SMOH w/logs, \$5,500.00 OBO. Chester Ellingson 651-423-1452

Lyc. 0-235C ~ 115HP. TT 2930, ) SMOH, w/Logs, no accessories.  
John Curry 612-469-2910.

## WANTED

RV-6A, Guy Benson, 612-938-5037 or 612-202-5933.

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

*Just in case you neglected to submit the requested information the sample request form has been repeated below.*

*Make like easier for the web crew - RESPOND.*

**Now**

*to Scott Olson, 4150 Irish Ct., Lake Elmo, MN 55042.*

July Board continued YE leader V. P. Al Kupferschmidt had mentioned that 97 youth were flown. Pilot volunteers did an outstanding job. Scott Olson and Lee Weston handled the ground school effort which was much appreciated by the pilots. More ground support people could have been used. Everyone feels flying is all it is about. No paper pushing and question answering is also required.

Discussed was the potential for additional YE days this summer and promotional opportunities. Increase the membership promotional efforts. Options were considered. Publicity and Promotion committee was given the challenge to review ideas

2. Flying Start event turn out was satisfactory. Sudden good weather could have been a negative. Some member participants and interested individuals did not appear. Time of year and possibility of more than one a year was discussed.

3. Educational Assistance Program discussed. YE pilots have supported the EAA Air Academy with most of the credits awarded being used in 99. Discussion was held regarding development of a academy promotional effort making use of the YE list from 97,98 & 99. How and what not determined.

There was brief discussion regarding creating a budget line item for financial assistance for youth.

4. Vision of Eagles not discussed in depth. New new.

**MEMBERSHIP - Gene Frank, Director.**

Limited discussion as Gene was absent. Delinquent dues and lost members discussed.

**Publicity and Advertising - Gary Miller, Director.**

1. Web page progress reviewed. Scott Olson has indicated that the project is moving forward. Recently Bob Waldron volunteered to help with some input needs. Intent is to be running prior to AirVenture 99

**Program - Dan Parker, Director.**  
Fall schedule roughed out. August will be AirVenture in review. September is scheduled to be on Ultralite flying. Oct. is annual mtg and election time, will be put on by Dan Parker and Paul Anderson. Topic the new methods of flight planning.

**Events - Position open, Pres. lead discussion.**

1. Pancake Breakfast is on track. Gary Miller will be contacting them regarding status of posters.

2. Other. Stephen Ogborn brought up topic of pig roast late Aug. or early Sept.

**Old Business**

1. Name tags. Cost high. Member photo wall first.

2. Historian. Absent.

3. Library. Absent

4. Director vacancy. Will be filled during fall elections.

**New Business**

00 Calendars. Decision made to again order 100. Price to be determined later.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m**  
**Respectfully submitted by Dick Wicklund, Pres.**

Name _____	EAA # _____
Pilot Ratings _____	Hours Logged _____
First Lesson - Date _____	, Location - _____, Aircraft - _____
Aircraft owned _____	Currently _____
Aircraft built and or restored _____	
Most memorable flight _____	
Favorte restraurant destinations _____	

# YOUNG Eagles

Recently received an e-mail from headquarters that another mile stone has been reached.

**Young Eagle number 500,000 has been flown.**

## YOUR HELP REQUESTED

On the bulletin board in the chapter lounge area there is a membership roster. Please check for errors or updating of your address, telephone number(s), e-mail address, etc.

Missing for most members is EAA membership number.

Your taking the time to review and update the information helps keep chapter records in shape. Anyone with need of a roster contact treas. or newsletter editor

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

28-Aug 3 EAA AirVenture 99. Have you scheduled your vacation, kitchen pass or what ever.

### August

7 Lake Elmo, MN - EAA Ch. 54 Annual Fly-In B'fast. 651-777-1872.

9 EAA Chapter 54 monthly gathering. Program is after AirVenture 99. What you saw, what you did, what you purchased, and other stuff.

13 EAA Chapter 54 potluck at 21D. 6:00 pm. BYO food, chairs etc. Aviation conversation furnished.

13-15 HOGANAS, SWEDEN - European RV Fly-In. email kansliet@eaa.se

15 BROOKFIELD, WI EAA/VAA Ch. 11, Ice Cream Social. 414-962-2428.

21 SPEARFISH, SD. 16th Annual Fly-in EAA Ch 806 info. Bob Golay 605-642-2311 or c21golay@tato.com

22 Mankato, MN. Mankato Mun. Airport (MKT) Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, EAA Ch. 642. Call Bob Reichel, 507-243-4164.

### September

13 EAA Chapter 54 monthly gathering. Program will be

25 Civilian Fly-in, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ. Info: Mah. Gregoire 623-856-6942

### October

7 - 10 Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-in, Williams Gateway Airport, Mesa, AZ. Info: 602-770-6420 or web: www.copperstate.org

11 EAA Chapter 54 monthly gathering. Program will be

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