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Speed Holman Chapter

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September Gathering

will be held on

Date: 9/10/2001

Time 7:00 pm Social

7:30 pm Meeting

Location: Christ Lutheran Church
of Lake Elmo

Topic: To Be Announced

materials arrived, there also arrived, eventually, at least TEN people. The work began and the deck took shape. There was an occasional discussion as to how it could better be designed and whether or not this should go here and that should go there and it would work better if we did this. There were compromises made and the progress continued. It was NEAT to sit back and watch the workers be absorbed in their work and to see their chests swell with pride as it began to take shape. It was evident that these guys were having fun working on this Chapter project. Wednesday brought the rains and work was suspended till after lunchtime. The afternoon brought higher temperatures and high humidity, however, these guys are tenacious and the work continued. Some of the volunteers escaped but the core stuck it out. They got a little over half the deck boards fitted and then decided Thursday is another day. By the time I left there today, Thursday, they had all the boards down and about half the screws in and were discussing the design of the railings and the ramp. As far as I know they're still out there working. Dennis Hoffman showed up and had a meeting with the Xcell energy people. It was decided that we have to dig a 300-foot trench to bury the power line to the building. Here is another opportunity for some of you other people to get in on the fun. Jerry Sarracco or Paul Leidl was going to look into the cost of renting a trencher. I don't know the result of that investigation, but you can find out just by asking Paul or Jerry and I'm sure they will be glad to let you take a shot at operating it. I think Jerry can give you some dual instruction and in no time at all he can indorse you for solo. I don't know where we stand financially, I haven't had a chance to talk with Marlon, but we need some more money. If you've made your pledge and haven't sent a check, please do so ASAP. If you haven't made a pledge, please give it some thought. If you had been there to see the pride of accomplishment on the faces of our volunteers, you would know what a worthy cause this is. As you drive into

President's Corner



I'm writing this on Thursday, August 30. I've just arrived home from the airport. I can report the status and progress of the Chapter building. The lumber and materials for the deck were purchased and delivered on Tuesday. The framing for the deck and most of the handicapped ramp is complete. The deck boards have been cut and installed and are in the process of being screwed onto the framing. All of this is being done by volunteer labor, which is the epitome of the EAA can-do spirit. It is so gratifying to see so many volunteers show up to help. On Tuesday, when the

the airport entrance, you can see the building and what a wonderful addition it is to the Lake Elmo Airport. The building has a fresh coat of paint on it and most of the skirting is done and there is enough of the deck there for you to get an idea what it's going to look like. I know when you see it, your enthusiasm and pride will equal mine.

Speaking of VOLUNTEERISM!! What about the pancake breakfast? I saw people there working that I had no idea who they were. Some guy came up to me, donned an apron, grabbed a spatula and started flipping pancakes. Who was that guy? I wanted to thank him! There were other people there; frying sausage, making coffee, cleaning tables and all the other chores. I didn't know them but they were sure welcome. All in all it was a very successful fly-in breakfast. I don't know the final count, there is some confusion, but I believe it's the biggest one yet. I heard the number for the total number of breakfasts served is around 850. Tim Reberg and Leif Erickson deserve a huge amount of credit for a job well done. It is a very difficult and tedious task to organize such an undertaking. There are thousands of details to be looked after, many errands to be run, many businesses to be contacted, licenses to be applied for and numerous meetings to conduct. A huge thanks to Tim and Leif and all the committee chairmen. This was the best one yet!

I'd like to schedule a board meeting for Wednesday, September 5th. It will be held at Dennis Hoffman's hangar at 7:00 in the evening. Our main topic will be the Chapter building, its finances and its construction. The general meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at the Christ Lutheran Church of Lake Elmo. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. For the program, we hope to have the recipient of the Chapter 54 Air Academy Scholarship address our chapter with a presentation on his experience at Oshkosh.

----- Bill Schanks

I would like to thank Dave Fiebigler and Gil Leiter for handling the aircraft parking and the car parking at the fly-in. Also the people who helped Dave and Gil. You all know who you are.
Jerry Saravaco

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Chapter 54 gathers at 7:30pm, on the Second Monday of each month, at an announced location (we lost our Chapter House during the storm).

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Chapter 54 Fundraiser Update.

We have taken in receipts of \$1400, \$1300 of which I turned over to the Treasurer at the last meeting, and \$100 of which came in the mail as a check since then.

In addition we have pledges of \$850.

If all of those pledges follow through, that would total \$2250 as of now, or exactly half-way to our stated goal.

Best regards,

-Marlon

Donations can be mailed to:
EAA Chapter 54 Building Fund Committee
c/o Marlon Gunderson
2986 Lake Elmo Ave N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
or hand delivered at an upcoming chapter meeting.

Pledges can be e-mailed to:
EAA Chapter 54 Building Fund Committee,
c/o meundy@mediaone.net
Snail mailed to the same address as donations,
or given by phone at 651-748-1448.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Marlon Gunderson
EAA Ch.54 Building Fund Committee member

EAA Chapter 54 Pancake Breakfast 2001

Income

Soda Pop Sales	\$206.12
Raffle Sales	\$64.00
Donations	\$56.00
Pancake Sales	\$3,195.60
Excess Food sales	\$110.00

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\$3,631.72

Expenses

Sysco Supplies	\$1,307.29
Soda Pop	\$113.79
Food Permit	\$25.00
Ice, Pans, PaperTowels	\$61.35

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\$1,507.43

Profit

\$2,124.29

Calendar:

Sept 5 Board meeting
at Hoffman's hangar

Sept 10 Chapter Gathering
Lake Elmo's Christ Lutheran Church

Editor's note

WWW.EAA54.ORG is our WebSite and is visited more than thirty times a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. We have access to information about who is accessing our site and what times they visit us. There is an increase in activity after the new Newsletter is published online, but there is a lot of activity throughout the month.

The Internet is truly global, and our WebSite is accessed from all over the world. Here is a list of countries that have accessed www.eaa54.org in the past:

France, Japan, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, United States, Sweden, Netherlands, Poland, Italy, Russian Federation, Mexico, Austria, Australia, Germany, Spain, Argentina, Belgium, China, Norway, Brazil, Korea (South), Israel, Switzerland, Finland, Hong Kong, India, Iceland, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Niue, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia.

Although I have been to about forty states in the USA and have spent time in Mexico and Canada, I have spent most of my life within our neighboring five states. I cannot even imagine daily life in most of these countries, and I have no idea where Niue is, or what it is.

This came in from Tom Marson

I'd like to sell a Maule 8 inch pneumatic tailwheel. It has 200 hours and is in good condition. Thanks
Tom Marson 715 386 3448.

Think You Know Everything?

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched"

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial, on the back of the \$5 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

NOW, you know more.

EAA Chapter 54 Building Expense

Purchase Price	\$7,000.00
Building Permit	\$363.00
Concrete for footings	\$341.82
Drill Holes for footings	\$45.00
Skirt Matl & Deck Posts	\$404.22
Deck Pier Materials	\$4.13
Deck Materials	\$1,580.22
Paint Primer	\$63.80
Paint	\$116.00
Dormer Wood	\$19.47
Trim	\$53.72
Caulk and moldings	\$2.03
Thermal Insulation	\$67.10
Electrical Work	\$0.00
Concrete footing tubes	\$0.00
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as of 8/29/01	\$10,060.51

Jim Montague receives EAA's Lifetime Achievement Award

Chapter 54's very own Jim Montague earned EAA's Lifetime Achievement Award. We are very proud of all that Jim has given us, and feel that this Award is well deserved.



Heard this from Pat Driscoll

You can let it be known that I have a Cylinder hone to give to the chapter tool bank for others to use.
Pat Driscoll

Treasurer's Report: 8/29/2001

Money Market	\$3,269.94
Operations	\$ 849.18
Cash	\$ 25.00
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Total	\$4,144.12

Collected \$140.00 dues. Received a \$2,124.29 profit from Pancake Breakfast. Paid \$3,500.00 for the last half of our new Building. Paid \$ 2,355.69 for Building Improvements. Received \$ 1,300.00 in Building Fund Donations that Marlon has collected.