

Chapter 54 NEWS



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FEBRUARY GATHERING

DATE: 2-14-00

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: TBA

SPEAKER: TBA

Due to confusion created by
the newsletter editor telling
Dennis Hoffman, Director -
Program, the incorrect date
for publishing of the February
newsletter.

Rest assured It will be worth
attending.

DECEMBER GATHERING

Visitors & Guests:

Attendance total for the evening
was 30.

Visitors were; none reported.

Reports.

Secretary - Accepted as pub-
lished in newsletter.

Treasurer

General Funds - \$ N/A

Building Funds - N/A

Cash N/A

Total \$ N/A

Treasurer, Bob Waldron, dis-
cussed the treasurers report and
encouraged members to stay
current on dues.

Announcements.

Chapter banquet was discussed.
V. P. Dan Parker will chair the
committee to look at a spring
banquet. Will try to stay in vicinity,
perhaps have fund raising as
minor goal, Good time, food and
fellowship as major goal.

Jerry Sarracco - LEAA, Pres.,
gave update on MAC status. St.
Paul leases are not being re-
newed. No detailed data at this
time. Jerry will monitor. Dave
Fiebiger indicated that a petition
would be distributed to ask input to
MAC.

Al Kupferschmidt - Young Eagles
Coordinator, indicated no plans
this winter. Keep up the individual
efforts.

Art Edhlund - Director, Educa-
tion, discussed preliminary Flying
Start Plans for April 29,00.

see January page 2

February Board Meeting

DATE: February 3, 2000 is the
date for the next meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TIME: The meeting begins at
7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Chapter house.

Topics on the agenda for the
evening are: Spring Banquet,
Director Job Descriptions.

All interested members of Chap-
ter 54 are encouraged to attend.
Input from members is encouraged
as the officers and directors dis-
cuss the business and direction of
the chapter.

Recruitment

As reported in the Presidents
column (see page 2) and minutes
from the January gathering (see
Announcement) Chapter 54 Direc-
tor Scott Hutchinson - Membership,
is currently busy developing the
direction for the Membership
Committee.

In Volume 2, Number 1 of the
EAA Chapter E-Gram some basic
Membership Recruitment ideas
were listed and are worth repeat-
ing.

1. Have every member bring
along a guest to your next gather-
ing. This brings your Chapter the
potential of doubling its member-
ship.

see Ideas page 5

January continued

Paul Liedl updated the group on his Kitfox project.

Ed Peiffer discussed pedal plan project and homebuilt, Fisher Biplane. Also, discussed problem with Cessna 172 engine failure with only 50 HSOH.

Jim Anderson announced that he is seeking space for Bamboo Bomber.

V. P. Dan Parker shared his Young Eagle experience.

Scott Hutchinson - Director, Membership asked for membership committee volunteers.

PROGRAM

Dennis Hoffman - Director, Programs introduced the speaker for the evening, Shari Odenwald, Registered Nurse.

Shari is the coordinator of cardiac rehabilitation at Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater, MN.

Excellent talk that included discussion of anatomy and origin of heart trouble. Heart disease is number 1 killer in U. S. she reported. Shari emphasized there is no need for an actual heart attack if we heed warning signs and get medical care.

She discussed artery blockage and importance of exercise and diet. Three times a week, exercise, for 30 minutes will make a difference.

Four biggest factors in heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, no exercise.

Other factors, heredity, gender, high stress, diabetes.

Shari also discussed Angina, its symptoms and importance of paying attention

She also discussed the value of aspirin a day, vitamin E, Vitamin C, and antioxidants.

Key points of presentation: You don't have to have a heart attack, take care of yourself, recognize symptoms, get help.

Shari received a 2000 EAA calendar as the group expressed appreciation for program.

Gathering adjourned.

New Members

NONE??

See page 1 for ideas.

Special Offer by EAA

Easy money for Chapters. From Dec. 20, 1999 through February 28, 2000, EAA will provide a \$20.00 rebate on new annual memberships in EAA recruited by Chapters. That means that out of a \$40.00 annual membership in EAA, \$20.00 will be rebated back to the sponsoring Chapter.

Best of all, the rebate money is put directly into your Chapter treasury to be used as the Chapter sees fit. EAA suggests this special rebate offer be promoted as a Holiday, New Year, or Spring Fever membership drive - the possibilities are endless.

EAA suggest obtaining a list of aircraft based at the airport and promote to them the benefits of EAA membership. Another is to check and verify that all chapter members are annual EAA members as well.

Forms are available from <<http://members.eaa.org/home/chapters/images/rebate.jpg>>

Additional information available from Jennifer Wagner-Mauk - 920-0426-5907.

Sounds like a great offer for the new Membership Committee to use as a kick off effort.

Chapter use of funds could include the bldg. program or tuition assistance to EAA programs.

Presidents Column

Our Chapter, Chapter 54, will soon have a total enrollment of over 100 people. It may have already surpassed that number. That just overwhelms me! I would never have imagined that could ever happen! My chapter experiences were of a small meeting of a dozen or so people in the employee break room at Northern Airmotive at Downtown St. Paul Airport in the old Northwest Airlines hangar. After the meeting we would go up to the Savoy Inn for pizza and beer. God! I loved those meetings. I would look forward to them every month. I met some great people and formed some lasting friendships which I still cherish to this day. It was grass roots aviation at its best. This recent growth and vitality is both surprising and gratifying. It brings with it a greater responsibility and a great need for wisdom and vision.

Recently, some fellow members have asked me if "I have a vision?" "Where do I see the Chapter going?" "What do I see happening in the next five years?" "How large of a membership would I like to see?" Well, I don't have definite answers to those questions. I still haven't caught up with this explosion of growth that we're experiencing. Where will we put them all? It is a great problem to have though, isn't it? I really believe that it is a positive happening.

Where I would like to see the Chapter going, is in the direction of the technical part. That is, in the building and restoring of aircraft, whether it be homebuilt, vintage or ultralite. The Chapter was chartered for that purpose. We have a good strong nucleus of knowledgeable and skilled craftsman. These people are willing to share their knowledge and skill. With this resource we can attract members. This is our most important building block.

see PRES. page 5

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

Recently, I received a call from Greg Fries, Manager of St. Paul and Lake Elmo Airports. Greg advised me that the MAC is in the process of starting a airport tenant group. The group would consist of a tenant representative from each Reliever Airport and one (1) commissioner along with the MAC staff. This group would meet every other month. The representative of each airport would bring to the meeting problems and concerns generated at each representative's airport. Greg requested I be the representative from Lake Elmo, which I have accepted. I will request LEAA member input so I can carry your message to the group. I will keep members posted when the group starts in motion.

I have received many good reports on the plowing this year. If you feel the MAC is doing a good job, stop by and tell them so. If not and you have complaints and concerns, stop by and express yourself. If you have concerns and are not able to make contact because they are gone, call them on the phone. Number is 651-777-6300.

Chapter House

As the chapter board reviews long range plans, and cost control, one item being considered is publishing the Chapter 54 News on the Web Page. By so doing there would be the savings of postage, currently 33 cents heading for 34, and printing, which is approximately 10.8 cents per month per member. It is thus estimated to cost about \$10.00 per year per member. Not expensive, but could be reduced.

For those members that have internet access and would prefer, or accept, the newsletter via the Web Page please take the time to let the Newsletter Editor know.

How, since he prefers sitting in the sun in stead of attending monthly gatherings. Simple: e-mail him at <wwick@juno.com>.

Yes I would prefer to receive via chapter Web page.

No I have access, but prefer to receive hard copy.

It's that simple, gang. Once the results are received the board can set the direction for the future. THANKS for your input. EDITOR

**Practice empathy.
Try to see things from
other people's
points of view.**

Chapter EAA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting 1-5-00 Minutes

Present: Wayne Asp, Bill Schanks, Gary Miller, Dennis Hoffman, Bob Waldron, Dan Parker, Scott Hutchinson, Art Edhlund, Ed Pfeiffer.

Meeting called to order by Bill (Schanks - President) at 7:38 P.M.

Review of FY2000 Budget by Bob (Waldron - Treasurer). Net of \$1034.00. We need to form a budget committee. (Budget & Finance is a standing committee based on by-laws, consisting of Pres., Treas. one Class II and one Class III director + one non-board members Pres. chairs. - EDITOR.) Budget is based on expenses as incurred last year. Dues based on member roster. Other income based on last years numbers too. Need to also budget for grill project (Gary Miller) for \$600.00. Adjust Flying Start to \$30.00. Bob (Waldron - Treasurer) also presented a simple budget which shows in balance even if some income is removed. The Chapter is in good shape financially.

Half of expenses are in the newsletter. Using e-mail for half of newsletters could reduce this cost by sixty percent about \$500 per year. More than seventy five percent of members now have e-mail. Various options of implementing this policy were discussed.

The chapter checkbook is in balance. We are now running on Quicken. The 1999 books have been submitted to the Auditor.

Discussion of increases in dues. How much? When? This will impact the members, but allow the chapter to get involved in more projects, such as a hangar. This will benefit the Chapter. How do dues affect recruitment? Why do members join the Chapter? We will need to evaluate this. Need to use the Chapter Handbook as a resource. This needs to tie into the goals of the Chapter. What are they?

Scott (Hutchinson - Director, Membership) discussed various ideas for increasing membership and participation.

Discussion of officer attendance at the EAA Leadership Conference. Bill has written an e-mail note to get more information.

Possible to do two pancake breakfasts to increase the available funds for a hangar. We made \$800 last year even though the weather was poor.

Chapter data is now being stored in a database, thanks to Bob (Waldron - Web Master). All the various membership functions (e.g. mailing labels, rosters) can be listed from this.

Bob (Waldron) reviewed the revised membership application, which will collect all the data we need. The forms can be pre-printed with membership information to speed the process up and keep the information more accurate. Scott moved to accept the new application and it was approved by the Board with minor modifications to the back page. Dennis (Hoffman) moved to add the member's hangar number to the application, which was approved.

The by-laws indicate a membership category called "special", which allows a person to be a Chapter member exempt from dues. This can also be done at the national EAA level. Also, the bylaws indicate that the spouse of an EAA chapter member is also a chapter member, but this does not match current Chapter policy. We need to review this and make sure that the policies are consistent.

The main order of business is to decide what the Chapter wants to do. The membership is growing and the interest is there. We need a place to hang out, learn, and work on airplanes. Also more of a technical direction, e.g. how to weld. This could be in a workshop format during mid-month. Could this also be a fund-raiser? There is a lot of talent in the Chapter. We need a long term plan and a short term plan.

Many of the chapter plans focus around a hangar. Cost could be \$35000 to \$40000 for a shell. Discussion of various financing options. \$250 per month to operate (maintenance, insurance, etc). We would need about \$9000 per year income to support a hangar with financing. The alternative is to build up a cash balance and pay for the hangar outright.

A preliminary estimate and costs for the hangar on a 5 year plan was discussed and needs to be developed. We should also invite EAA Chapter members from Anoka to understand how they funded their hangar. Auctions, pig roasts, steak feeds were all mentioned as fund raising possibilities. Need to develop 5 year goals for the Chapter.

Bob (Waldron) proposes each member has a folder including Young Eagle and Flying Start blanks, library listing, video listing, roster etc. This would be useful information to the membership.

Annual Banquet. Where and when. Who will handle the door prizes. What will the program be? Need somebody to head this up. Dan (Parker - V.P.) will coordinate and seek volunteers. Hopefully, we will not get snowed out this year!

Art (Edhlund) reported that Flying Start program is changing. In the past, more of an informational event. Now will be patterned after Young Eagles, a sort of an "Old Eagles" program. The paperwork is also changing to match.

Discussion of Class II and III directorships and terms served. Class II Directors are Leif (Erickson), Dennis (Hoffmann), Gary (Miller). Class III Directors are Art (Edhlund), Scott (Hutchinson), and Ed (Pfeiffer).. This will need to be reflected in the masthead of the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Asp
Secretary

FOR SALE

WANTED

IDEAS continued

2. Bring your spouse/children along. Yes I know, this is your time. But maybe the Chapter is a unique activity which could bring your family closer together. Let's face it, we need all the help we can get in today's busy world.

3. Bring your newsletters to work with you and post them on an announcement board. You'd be surprised how many people may not know you exist.

These three are just the beginning of ideas that are out there.

How could we expand on these ideas. What ideas do you have. Let 54 newsletter editor Dick Wicklund know your ideas. Let's share them with each other, in particular with the Membership Committee - better yet volunteer to join the committee.

Pres continued

What I see in the very near future, (this spring and summer) are workshop Saturdays. It has already been discussed. We have the space and the tools and the people to assist with the instructing. It is just a matter of picking the days and the times and organizing a curriculum. The plan is to have hands on welding demonstrations, a sheet metal demo, a little woodworking, maybe some fabric work and engine overhauling and repair.

I also see the social side expanding. Our potluck meals were a great success this past fall. I see that happening more frequently with the coming of warmer weather. We will be planning an annual banquet soon too.

I also look for us to expand our fly-in pancake breakfast to maybe two events a year. Dave Fiebiger is working with Gary Miller on the design and building of our own grille to facilitate that program. The pancake breakfast is a great catalyst for promoting the social and business side of Chapter activities.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, there will be a board meeting at the chapter house. The meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome. Two issues I would like to address are the planning of the annual banquet and to set up job descriptions for the Directors. At this meeting we will kind of gang up on Scott Hutchinson, the Membership Director. We will try to define what his direction should be and what his responsibilities are. This way we will have a written understanding of what each director is expected to do. Everyone will have the opportunity to express an idea, including Scott. In subsequent meetings we can discuss the other Directors.

Give it some thought and bring your ideas to the meeting. We can do a little brainstorming.

Leaders Conference

Members of EAA Chapter 54, in fact all chapters in the area and their members, will have an opportunity that has not been available before. EAA will be conducting a "Leaders Conference" in our area on May 6.

Many have attended while at the annual Oshkosh event.

Over the years EAA headquarters has been asked why not have one in the Twin Cities area. Finally they have agreed to do just that. NOW it is up to each and every member, not just the current elected leaders, to attend. Why. To better prepare your self to be a leader. If that is not your direction, to prepare your self to be a better member.

Topics include: Creating a Mission, Vision, Goals & Objectives for your Chapter; Effective Leadership Skills; Promoting Volunteerism in the Chapter; Chapter Fundraising Ideas; Membership Recruitment; Community Relations; 501(c)(3) IRS Status; and "Chapter CPR" (Continuous Positive Renewal).

Now, think about discussions between membership in recent years: We need a hangar; 54 needs to continue to grow; 54 needs to retain members; Should we be a 501(c)(3).

The May 6 conference will be a place to find out how, why, disadvantages, what have other chapters done that has worked, not worked.

Another important feature is the opportunity to meet other chapter leaders and members from around the area. A great big plus.

In addition Chapter 54 has been asked to be the liaison chapter for this conference. 54 Pres. Bill and the other leaders have been asked to suggest potential location, create a transportation crew to move fly in attendees from the airport to the site. Certainly there are other areas where the chapter could assist reduce the work load for the headquarters staff. Volunteer. Call headquarters and ask - - Where can I help. Surprise them.

Women with Wings - Oshkosh 2000

JULY 26-AUGUST 1, 2000

Judy Dixon and Kathie Richey, both from OR, have a vision. This vision is to organize a group that will consist of all Women Pilots In Command. It is their hope to gather together Woman Pilots from all regions of the US for a Fly In to Oshkosh Air Venture 2000. Purpose is to generate excitement, create awareness and demonstrate the unlimited possibilities for Women in Aviation.

They are considering caravans from the NE, NW, SE, SW and Central Regions. These caravans would join others en route to Janesville, the central meeting place. Interested or know someone that might be interested check their web site www.ccountry.net/~chicks. Also information is available at: jpaul.gwdi.com/caravan/ and www.tempomusic.com/b2ostv/

54 unfortunately is short members that would meet the requirements, female, for this exciting opportunity. Does that give an indication of some potential new member direction for the chapter. Does that indicate some potential need for more female pilots at 21D.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

3 EAA Chapter 54 Board Meeting.

12-13 Sport Conference/FlightExpo. Mpls. Conference Center.

12 Phoenix, AZ. EAA Lite Flyers Annual Ultralight Fly-In and flying contest at McGill Airfield. 602-272-4254. falcor@uswest.net.

14 EAA Chapter 54.

27 Warroad, MN. Warroad Lion's 22nd Annual Skiplane Fly-In Breakfast. 218-386-1818.

27-28 Chandler, AZ - IAC Chapter 69 Akrofest. 602-840-9075.

March

3-5 Casa Grande, AZ. 42nd Annual Cactus Fly-In sponsored by the AZ Antique Aircraft Assoc. 480-891-6012.

5 Lake Jackson, FL. So. Florida Seaplane Fly-In. 561-393-8509.

13 EAA Chapter 54. Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance. Talk time 7:00 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

25-26 Marathon, FL., Seafood Fly-In, Ch. 1241. 305-743-6040. waco89@aol.com

April

1 6th Annual Twin Cities RV Forum, Red Wing, MN. 9am-5pm. Evening banquet 7 pm. Guest speakers, vendors, demos, plus the 2nd RV Air Race from Red Wing to Winona & return. Doug Weiler, 715-386-1239 or Jim Lenzmeier, 651-633-8488.

10 EAA Chapter 54. Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance. Talk time 7:00 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

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