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SPEED HOLMAN CHAPTER-54
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

August 1979 Meeting: Monday, August 13th, 7:30 P.M., Sanborn Aviation
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We congratulate Gerry Spiess for his successful voyage across the Atlantic. The White Bear Lake sailor who was a member of Chapter 54, up till 1977 when he had to give up his project of building a KR-2. Spiess, who sailed the Atlantic from Virginia to Falmouth, England alone in a 10 foot sailboat he had designed and built himself. He made the voyage in a record breaking 54 days for that size boat. The city of White Bear Lake will set aside Sunday, August 12th, as Gerry Spiess Day in White Bear Lake. The city's residents are expected to gather in Matoska Park for a welcome home celebration for Gerry and Sally Spiess which is located by Manitou Island. A car parade will form at the Spiess home at 2:30 P.M. to bring the couple into the park for the ceremony. The celebration will begin at 3:00 P.M. Gerry's address is 2387 Floral Drive.

The annual Chapter 54 picnic will be held Sunday, August 19th at 2:00 P.M. till ?. The picnic will be at Ray and Joan Wyland's hanger which is located at Lake Elmo Airport. Their hanger is located as you enter Lake Elmo Airport take a 140 degree bank to the left and follow that down to the 4th or 5th row of hangers, third hanger from the end.

The chapter will supply the refreshments for everyone who attends, also will pay for the gas that is used for giving airplane rides for those who wish to go flying. So if you have a one, two, three, four, five or six place plane, I think you know what I'm trying to say. So bring'em on over.

For the people that havn't been to one of these picnics, for food you can either bring a grill and cook franks, (SORRY GENE) or you can bring Kentucky Fried Chicken or whatever your taste buds desires.

Please park off the service road not between the hangers so you won't block the traffic.

The EAA convention in Oshkosh was another good one. With all the newly built and restored aircraft on the field one feels right at home. There were new designs and old designs to look at, grand champions to not so grand champions, there were Rotocraft, Custom Built, Antique, Classic Warbirds, and the new in thing the powered hang gliders. The Airshow event which is held at 4:00 every day had a few new performers that I have never seen before. They are the Sonic Aerojets which I think are a modified Bede 5J. The famous Red Devils flown by Gene Soucy, Charlie Hillard and Tom Poberezny made a switch to the Christen Eagle I which is a one heler biplane with 260 HP on the firewall. So now when you hear the Eagles Aerobatic team you'll know who they are.

Sunday morning at Oshkosh we had a walk over breakfast at Laundry Camper trailer, about 12 of ust chowed down on pancakes, eggs and bacon. Food was good because we had Bill (YumYum) Shanks on the eggs and bacon and myself on the pancakes. This is a true aviation event, that all airplane enthusiast should take part in. If you didn't go this year start planning for next year.

AC SPARK FLUG RALLY WINNERS

Al Amsden, won 1st place in the homebuilt classification, which he was flying his midget Mustang. Al collected a trophy and some cash which paid for his trip to Oshkosh and then some. Al said there was no trick to it, he just plotted the course and flew the best he could and won. CONGRATULATION AL!

Chuck Larsen, placed 15th out of 28 flying the chapters club plane L-2 or Elvira, which is not to bad considering he completed the Rally before his instructor. Dave Florey and Bill Shanks flew Dave's pacer which placed 23 out of 28. Better luck next year. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

WOMAN TAKES OVER LEADERSHIP

That's right Bob Hilliard (Texas Flash) was down in the dumps when his wife said she wanted to go to the lake. He was 300 miles from reaching his goal, Oshkosh that broke through with a holt. ~~stop~~ Bob I'm sure Bob enjoyed himself in Minnesota seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Bob and I took time to look at my KR-2 and Bernie Huseth's KR-2 out in Anoka which is progressing at a usuall pace, you know what I mean. If any of you are ever down in Texas stop at the Hillard's Resturant and Club. Bob will be happy to see anyone.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

