



# SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 11, 1983, 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION  
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Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

The MSAA Pig Roast at Benson's International seemed like a good way to be introduced to the place I'd heard so much about. My friends were right, and I was not disappointed. It's got to be no less than my own vision of heaven with Cubs and assorted taildraggers everywhere, and wings hanging from ceilings. Now I ask you.....how can anybody who spends 9+ hours a day at an airport fall in love with another airport?

In a few brief conversations with Sandi LeMire, I got an inkling of the amount of work that went into preparations for a pig roast. The actual serving of 200 starving persons was no small feat either. I watched at least 3 men carve "peeg" for 1½ hours. My compliments to all of Chapter 745 members who worked long and hard to make the occasion a success. The hi-lite of the evening was the presentation of the Speed Holman trophy to John Benson for his many outstanding contributions to aviation over the years. The crowd responded with a standing ovation. John Benson remained speechless.

SPRUCE GOOSE TOUR: November 10-13, make reservations with Gregg Nelson Travel Agency, \$100/person will hold. Total Cost is \$550/person. Tour features: round-trip air transportation, transfers including motorcoach between L.A. and San Diego, 2 nights accomodation aboard "Queen Mary", tour of Hughes' Flying Boat plus exclusive visit to flight deck, 1 night accomodations in San Diego, gala dinner event in San Diego, tour of San Diego Aerospace Museum. Reserve early--- response is tremendous.

CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE: appearing at Holman Field, August 5 - 7, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donation: \$4. adults, and children under 12, FREE.

Reserve Monday, August 8th for our regular meeting, and a chance to show off your OSHKOSH pictures. I am reminding you now, since I plan to be in Oshkosh during newsletter writing time.

It is also time to think about the people you want to have as officers of Chapter 54. To volunteer for a position, call Rosemary Frank. Elections will take place at the October meeting.

A Chapter picnic is planned for July 24th at Lake Elmo. August 7th is the rain date. Details will be decided at the July meeting, so come and be informed.

FOR SALE: Benson Gyrocopter. For details call Gene Frank, 451-8187.

LOOKING: Jim Sorenson at Elliott Beechcraft, 944-1200, is looking for a Volmer, Coot, or Osprey project. If you can help him out, give him a call and tell him you saw it here.

CHUCK THREET has purchased plans for the WAg-Aero Sportsman 2 + 2. He has begun the project and a lot of us are anxious to see the real thing some day.

At our last meeting we had one guest who has a lot in common with many of us. He is called GOMEZ, because he says no one can pronounce his first name, and he is the new owner of an Aeronca Champ that needs work. I can empathize with him and wish him lots of good fortune on his project.

If you plan a trip into Canada or Alaska, may I suggest that you check into the supplies available in the bookstore located in the terminal building at Holman Field. There are WACs and sectionals to help you find your way just about anywhere up yonder. The person who runs it would appreciate a visit from you and your business.

The Science Museum of Minnesota's new Omnitheater film "Flyers" will be showing in July. The advertisements I've seen, along with promises of being left breathless, are making me impatient for the opening day. Times and dates can be obtained by calling 221-9454. I hope you get the chance to see it.

A reminder will be mailed for the August meeting, but don't forget to put it on your calendar, too. That's August 8th.

SEE you at the meetings. *Elmer*