

## November 2014

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

**MONDAY December 8, 2014**

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 5:30PM.
- Dinner AT 6:00 PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
- December 8, EAA Chapter 54 Annual Holiday Dinner and Recognition

## Holiday Banquet

Everyone is invited — bring a friend or neighbor!

**The menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli and Corn.**

Members are invited to bring desserts to share if they like.

**Social time will begin at 5:30, dinner will be served around 6:30.**

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## Annual Meeting Elections Results!

**Congratulations to the elected Board members:**

**Class II Directors** - Directors serve two years and assist in guiding the direction of the chapter

Jeff Hove

Dave Syverson

Jack Miller

**Newsletter Editor** – Produces monthly newsletter reporting on Chapter 54 meetings, activities

Dale Seitzer

**Web Master** — Manages the content and function of the [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org) web site

Bruce Olson

Below is a photo of new Board Member Jack Miller. Jack was also the Chair for the Annual Aviation Day this year.



# 2015 Private/Sport Pilot Ground School Planning Meeting Summary Nov 1, 2014

**Attendees:** John Renwick, Paul Rankin, Jim Pearsall, Leif Erickson Not present: Bettie Seitzer and Paul Randall.

## **Go/No Go Decision**

The decision to offer a 2015 course was agreed to by all in attendance.

## **Course Schedule**

Paul Rankin will prepare a course schedule for 2015. Suggested changes for 2015 include:

1. Add an extra class session for Chapters 2 and 3. In previous courses, two class periods were allotted to these two chapters. Chapter 2 was 1.5 sessions and Chapter 3 was 0.5 sessions. Paul Rankin felt that these two chapters contained too much important information to cover in only two sessions. He proposed adding a third session.
2. Paul suggested adjusting the class schedule so exams would be administered on Mondays rather than Thursdays. That allows students to have a weekend to prepare for each exam.

The proposed schedule will be distributed to the people listed above for review.

## **Instructors**

Paul Rankin, who did the majority of the instruction in 2014, said that his work schedule will likely change for 2015 and limit his availability to cover as many lessons as he did last year. This will present a major challenge for the remaining instructors to cover the open class sessions. When the 2015 schedule is published, it will be distributed to all the potential instructors. They can select or bid on the sessions they would like to cover. If any open sessions remain, we will have to search for other potential instructors outside the chapter.

It was suggested we should also have a backup instructor for each session in the event the main instructor is absent for any reason.

## **Text Materials**

There was a discussion about whether we should use the Part 61 or Part 141 course materials. The suggestion was made that we should use Valters as the primary source for students to purchase the Jeppesson Kits. Paul Rankin and John Renwick will make the decision on which kit and who the vendor will be.

## **Facilities**

Jim Pearsall said the chapter will purchase a new data projector for the course. The new projector will be compatible with our new computer and have HD capability. The new projector will require a new screen to accommodate the 16:9 format of HD. Jim suggested hanging the

new screen diagonally in the corner of the clubhouse where the video library is currently located. This location will allow instructors to use the screen and white board simultaneously.

### **Cost**

The tuition will remain at \$100 per student.

### **Registration**

A suggestion was made to require a \$50 deposit to reserve a seat in the course. The deposit will be part of the enrollment process and guarantee a seat in the course. The deposit would cut down on the number of no-shows, people that register but do not show up for the course. The decision to require a deposit will be made at a later date.

There was also a discussion about using PayPal for tuition payments. No decision was made in terms of PayPal but Jim Pearsall will investigate the possibilities and requirements to do so and report back at a later meeting.

### **Publicity/Recruitment**

Bruce Olson is the chapter's new webmaster. The chapter's website will be updated with current information on all registration and course information. Jim Pearsall will update our Facebook page and suggested a separate Facebook page for students and instructors.



### **Saturday Hangar Flying**

Every Saturday we offer unlimited hot coffee and unlimited flying stories at the Chapter house on the Lake Elmo Airport. Enter Gate B, the club house is on the left, across from the airport beacon and introduce yourself.



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

### By Bettie Seitzer, Chapter Secretary

November 17, 2014

Annual Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Jim Pearsall at 7:34. Guests: Jay Schrankler and Pamela York currently in light sport training at Valter's using the Pipistrel.

There will be a board meeting in January; topics should be submitted before that meeting to any board member. Jim will publish the date and agenda in advance. The board will determine the 2015 budget and calendar.

We received a donation of a large set of Flying aviation magazines, going back decades. We realized that we need a librarian to handle the materials. There are materials that are not readily available on the internet, this asset is valuable to chapter members, but we need someone to keep them organized and to manage removal of outdated material.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved; funds are available for education and clubhouse maintenance. The board will consider recommendations for projects at the January Board meeting.

#### Reports:

**Newsletter:** Dale. Requested members to submit articles, photos, and information. Members who are not able to attend meetings really appreciate having a great newsletter! Dale will be interviewing members to include a "who's who?" section in the newsletter.

**Education:** Leif. A ground school is scheduled beginning Feb 5, the first meeting is for the welcome and sign up. The first class will be Feb 12th, the final exam is Mon May 4th. Leif is scheduling the instructors and back-up instructors for each of the sessions. Valter's is not offering a ground school this year so we will be providing a valuable service to the aviation community. Paul Rankin has prepared excellent materials for our use. The course is suitable for both the private license exam and the sport pilot exam. Ground school participants receive a one year membership in the chapter, including the newsletter.

**Young Eagles:** This year we took 101 children! 2 people flew 20 kids: Dan Bergstrom and Al Kupferschmidt. Sean Tucker is the new chairman of the Young Eagle program.

**Eagle Flights:** anyone is free to provide an eagle flight; there are benefits to the person being flown. There is paperwork in the clubhouse or on the EAA national site.

**Housing:** Dave Fiebiger has installed audio improvements! We are now wired for sound and have rearranged the audio/visual equipment. The board will be considering a new projector and screen at the board meeting. We want to have the new equipment installed before the ground school. There was a suggestion that we consider re-siding the clubhouse to eliminate the need for annual painting. The board will consider the recommendation at the January meeting.

**Elections:** The ballot: Class II Directors: Jeff Hove, Dave Syverson, Jack Miller

**Newsletter Editor:** Dale Seitzer

Class II directors are board members and help in directing the chapter, approving expenditures. They attend board meetings. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations, motion carried. A motion was made to vote as a white ballot with a single vote for the slate, seconded and carried. All in favor of the slate was called and passed unanimously.

Jim thanked Al Kupferschmidt for his long and dedicated service as a board member, he has retired. We will recognize Al at the December meeting.

December meeting will be a dinner and recognition ceremony, Sunday, December 7th in the afternoon, we need a few volunteers to help set up the room and prepare for the dinner. The menu is ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, corn. Members are invited to bring desserts to share if they like. Social time will begin at 5:30, dinner will be served around 6:30. Dale signed up to be a technical counselor for Rotax engines, Roger Westerberg and Bill Shanks are also technical advisors for the chapter. A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. Respectfully submitted; Bettie Seitzer, Secretary.

### Another Donation (Photo right)

“Somebody” from EAA Chapter 54 noticed a need and silently and without regard to recognition changed the world. One of the best qualities of EAA members is their ability to just get it done when the need arises.

The public restroom for the airport is in the maintenance building near the clubhouse. The code is 513 and the \*. Be sure to close the door tightly as you leave.



### STOL Contest winner photo below

The Valdez and Oshkosh STOL contest winner has a 65 horse power engine, huge flaps, is very light, and was specially built for short take offs and precision landings.

Single seat, notice the seat back is duct tape and the control stick has lightening holes drilled in it. Minimal instruments



## Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and a Cherokee Six.

To inquire about membership, please call Mark 651-983-6206

## Young Eagle Report — End of Year

Chapter 54 flew 101 Young Eagles this past year.

Dan Bergstrom and Al Kupferschmidt flew 20 kids each.

Bruce Olson gave 15 rides.

Dale Seitzer, 9.

Scott Hanson, 8.

Josh Tocko from Tailwinds, 13.

Dave Syverson, 3.

Chip Berniard, 3.

Dan Giossi, 1.

Paul Anderson, 5.

and Nathan Ruedy, 4 flights.

Sean Tucker, the newest Young Eagles Chairman, donated a Sea plane rating, a week of aerobatic instruction, and a watch to three people that gave Young Eagle rides in the first half of the year.

After the third quarter there was a Light Speed head set donated to a pilot.

All pilots that participated in Young eagle flights through December are eligible for the fourth quarter drawing.

Thank you to everyone that faithfully made an appearance at the Young Eagle mornings.

Those people include:

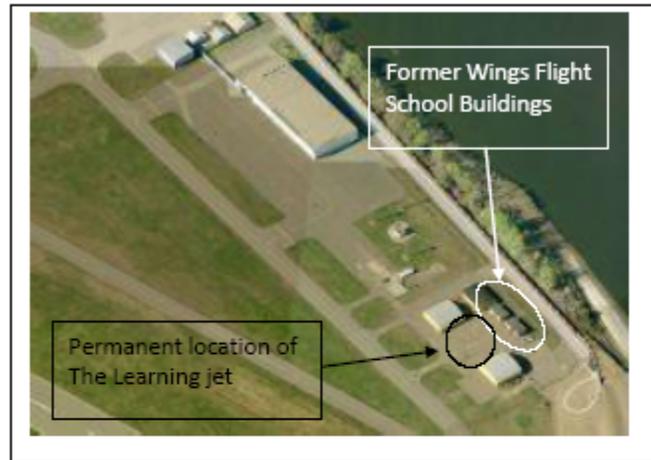
Leif Erickson, Karen Bergstrom, Gene Hawkinson, Tom Gibbons, John Haggerty and the Dewman,

Jim Pearsall, Dave Kenan, Roger Westerberg, Bill Shanks, Norm Weston, Ray and Kyle Bissonnette, Scott Hanson, Dave Volker, Michael McKinnon, Dave Fieberger, Paul Hove, and the ever popular, Dave Becker.

If I've neglected to include someone, let me know.

## Progress at Timothy, The Leaning Jet

The Leaning Jet project recently leased two buildings from the MAC at KSTP that formerly housed Wings Flight School. The buildings have been vacant since 2009, when Wings went out of business. The buildings will house a Welcome area and meeting/orientation space for students that will use the classroom learning environment on the Jet. The students will receive their "Boarding Pass" for access to the Jet. The buildings will also house office and storage space.



The former aircraft parking area in front of the buildings was also leased. This area will become the permanent location of Timothy.

I spent the most of the afternoon on Saturday, November 1, along with a dozen other volunteers, cleaning the building's interior and reconfiguring the left over furniture to accommodate the projected use.

Since the building have been vacant for the past five years, the St. Paul building inspectors have been on site to assist with turning on the electrical system. Once the electricity in on, the heat can be turned on and then the interior walls will be painted, The building inspectors will also be looking at the plumbing and HVAC systems in the building to make sure they are functioning properly.

It was a fun day!!

Follow the progress of The Learning Jet at <http://mnawa.org/>.

Leif Erickson

The Young Eagle sign that hangs on the fence each year may be retiring this winter. Not sure where it landed after Dave Becker took it down this fall but at any rate, Bruce Olson, has the capability of making a banner with grommets as a replacement.

If anyone is interested in a couple more Young Eagle flights, there are a few stragglers that didn't quite make it out to the airport this past season.

Thanks for the fun summer. Linda Amble Young Eagles coordinator.





## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

*JIM PEARSALL*

Thanksgiving Greetings Chapter 54,

I expect to be writing this as we transition from Fall to Winter. We do celebrate the harvest now after all. Well this late fall Mother Nature had different ideas. When it comes to practicing my favorite transportation activity I am giving thanks this month to the technology of hard surfaces and tax supported snow removal.

For Chapter 54 and to our mission of promoting and educating folks, especially young people, I am thankful for everyone who has helped with the hundreds of tasks over the past year. To celebrate all of the accomplishments and the people please consider attending the Chapter's Annual Awards Banquet. If you feel so inclined, also consider helping out at this event. Opportunities are available to set-up on the 7th, during and after the event. Contact Bettie or myself if you need direction on how to help.

Last month I announced an election slate for renewing our field of Class II directors. As I noted in a communication in the last month, and as we voted on in the November Meeting the slate had a change, that Bruce Olson was offering to work with the website and as such wanted to withdraw from the election. Bruce has now started his work with the website but I am happy to report not in replacement of Michael McKinnon, but in addition. The two plan to work as a team, Michael on the deep technical and Bruce on the content, presentation side. This is a marvelous development and speaks to the creativity of the people in the chapter to think outside of the box.

Another great idea came at the last meeting from Jeff Hove with the suggestion we hold a photo contest at our banquet. With idea by Jeff, and follow-up by Dale Seitzer and content by YOU, we will present and vote on your submissions. Winners will be garnered pride and knowing who is involved here probably publication in a certain widely read and esteemed newsletter.

To round out the creativity theme this month, Lief Erickson has organized the Ground School that will start the first week in February. To manage the issue of scheduling instructors, ensuring coverage, staffing included backups. With this clever bit, we can confidently produce a schedule while permitting folks who are not sure of their schedules participate when able. For an enhanced presentation for classes Dave Fieberger relocated AV equipment and installed speakers we had "laying around". The new sound infrastructure had its inaugural run at our November meeting and the reviews were all positive. Next a new screen and projector are planned to be in place for the first Ground School class.

I have a lot more I want to say about the people of the Chapter and what we have accomplished as well as plan to do in the coming year. I would love to go on but need to round up dining chairs for Thursday and consider how to use the fine plowed airport to enjoy the warmth of lower latitudes. Let's see to print the Jacksonville sectional I may need ink...



## Reprinted from 1998 Newsletter

In 1998 EAA Chapter 54 celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a pig roast; the archive includes notes from every planning meeting and details of committee chairs and volunteers. The event had an official weatherman – Dale Rupp! There are 38 names on the list of volunteers; this is one detail that we need to recapture, some We all appreciate our volunteers and all of the work that they do, but we also need to recognizes them formally. We will do that at the December meeting.

The agenda included a report from each of the officers. Dick Wicklund began the formal meeting at 12:30 with a welcome and introductions. There were two visiting dignitaries from the national chapter: Bob Mackey, Executive Director of EAA chapters and Chuck Larson, Executive Director of Education. Chapter dignitaries included Al Kupferschmidt, Young Eagle Program Director; Art Edhlund, Mentor Program Director; Noel Allard, Minnesota Aviation History Program; and Richard Coffey, Minnesota Flyer.

The net financial return for the event was \$436.17; a pretty good return for that time! The notes from the wrap up meeting included a suggestion to create better signs for future events, a reminder that electric hook-ups were required for the roasters, and a proposal to give Brad McDonald two free tickets to the pancake breakfast as thanks for donating the use of tables and chairs.

A newspaper clipping (from an un-named newspaper) reported the event and included chapter details. The article included some interesting details about Eugene Frank who had his RV-6 on display at the event. Eugene spent 3,000 hours over three and a half years to complete the plane. He took welding classes at Saint Paul Technical College to learn to weld. Before he built the RV-6, he had completed a gyro copter and a “Breezy”. If I am not mistaken, there is a photo of that Breezy on the Chapter House Wall of Fame!

In 1998 the Chapter was making plans for its sixth annual pancake breakfast which was held in August. That would make this year’s pancake breakfast (2014) the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual pancake breakfast! We can be very proud of that tradition which continues to earn money



to support scholarships for young aviation enthusiasts.

Some things change, some things remain the same; at the pig roast a can of pop cost 50 cents – sound familiar?

In 1998, the past presidents gathered for a group photo, left to right Jim Olson, Roger Westerberg, Gene Frank, Pat Driscoll, Dick Wicklund, Gil Leiter, Dale Rupp, George Mathieson.

## EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER’S REPORT

*By TOM GIBBONS*

*EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, THE TREASURER’S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY](http://WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBERSONLY)*



## Lake Elmo Airport Long Range Plan

A large group of interested people attended a briefing at the Maintenance building at the Lake Elmo airport. The Metropolitan Airport Commission was sharing their long range vision for the airport. Neil Ralston was the primary presenter and Gary Schmidt was also available for questions. The plan covers from 2015 to 2035, and includes aircraft census and forecast activities.

Neil reported maintaining the current runways and taxi way would cost \$5M. They are proposing extending both runways for safety reasons and to accommodate larger aircraft. They admit the number of airplanes at Lake Elmo have declined and will stay stable until 2035. They believe the larger aircraft will be itinerate planes.

The plan is to relocate runway 32 / 14 North East of its current location and extending it to 3,600 feet. This would require moving the road at Gate A North and relocation the County Road South of the field around the end of the runway. The old 32 / 14 would be the taxiway for the new runway. Mac already owns land across the road from the approach end of 32.



They also expect to extend 04 / 22 to 3,200 feet.

Neil also indicated they would request grants from the FAA and Minnesota Department of Transportation. They sidestepped the question about how they would pay for it when there would be no additional revenue, the tenants do not want the expenditure to increase rents.

They would like pilots and supporters to participate and actively speak up for the plan. I suggested building in some community amenities like walking or biking path and dog park.



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