



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY January 10, 2015

- **SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 6:30PM.**
- **Meeting at 7:30 PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.**

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Fagen Fighter Museum, Granite Falls, MN Dan Bergstrom

The newly opened Fagen Fighter Museum is located on the Granite Falls airport (GDB)



Roger Westerberg and I flew over the first week in June, 2014 to attend the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Landing . The museum houses a collection of WW II air-



craft and equipment.

Among the more notable aircraft displayed are a pair of North American P-51's, pair of Curtiss P-40's, a Lockheed P-38 and a North American B-25.



The collection also includes many WW II trainers including a Piper Cub, Stearman biplane; PT-19; PT-22; PT-26; BT-15; AT-6 and others. All of the aircraft are flyable and each one flew during the day that we were there.



There is also a fully restored WACO CG-4A glider which is one of the few that remain. To go along with the glider is a collection of WW II armored cars, trucks and other equipment. The entire collection is first rate and very interesting.

The D-Day Landing holds a special place of honor in the

Museum. Mr. Fagan's father was part of the invasion force, going ashore on Utah Beach.

If you are looking for a rewarding flight next summer, I would recommend a visit to the museum. I think you will find it well worth the trip.

Chapter Photo Contest Winners

Best Photo of People with Planes Winner

Marlon Gunderson

Happy—proud people. I think they are waiting for their turn to fly it.



Chapter Photo Contest Winners

Photo From a Plane Winner

Vienette Olson

This photo is on Downwind for runway 22 at Lake Elmo Airport — nothing's better than coming home—like the last corner you turn before you are at your safe and warm house



Best Photo of a Plane in the Air Winner

Marlon Gunderson

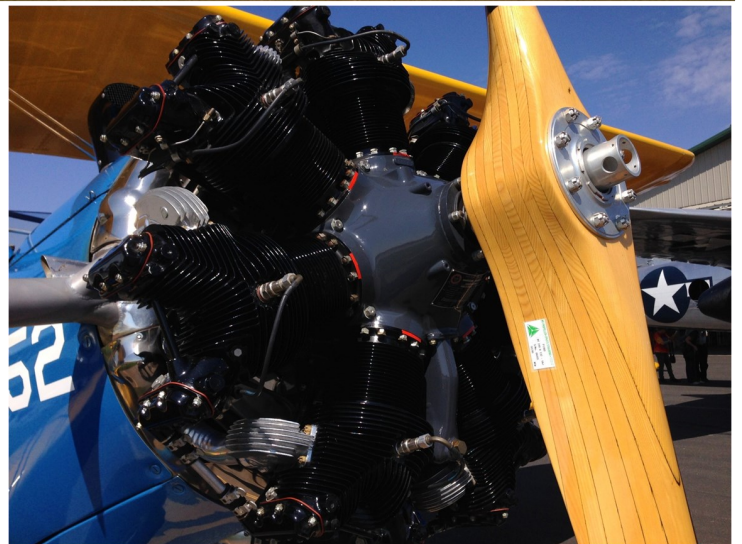
The colors of the plane and the leaves blend together.

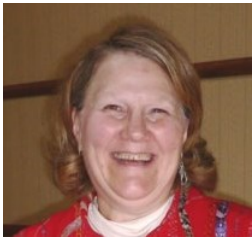


Best Photo of Plane on the Ground Winner

Roger Westerberg

Roger said the plane flew over 100 miles and there not even one bug anywhere on the engine.





Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

By Bettie Seitzer, Chapter Secretary

I wish you all a peaceful and beautiful holiday season; these winter days give us a chance to gather indoors and enjoy the warmth of friends and family.

Chapter 54 kicked off the holiday season at our December meeting with a ham dinner. 35 members of the chapter dropped in on Monday night. The aroma of ham and parsley potatoes welcomed everyone to a lovely party setting decked out with the bright colors we love so much in the winter season.

I have to thank my favorite EAA member – Linda! She helped decorate, cook and brought the greens for the table. But the most fun is shopping and planning a great event. Judging by the pleasant buzz of conversation we succeeded!

Our chapter is also blessed with some serious dessert talent! Thank you to all of you who brought the fabulous and delicious assortment of cookies, cupcakes, bars, candies, and cakes.

If you missed the party, don't worry, we hope to do it again next year, but we need menu suggestions!



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/MEMBERONLY



Annual Holiday Banquet

Wonderful meal ham, potatoes, corn broccoli, buttered bread and hot apple cider



Ample opportunity to network, share stories and learn from other members in a fine social event



Jim Pearsal lead the recognition of officers, Board members and volunteers.



Desert table with a great variety of items brought by members





FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

JIM PEARSALL

Merry Christmas from Chapter 54,

I am reminded today how I love to be in Minnesota at Christmas time. To have the opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations reflecting in the snow, enjoy winter activities, maybe consider some time on skis be it attached to landing gear or feet. Wait, 40 degrees, 4th day of IFR with <500ft and 3? Well maybe a nice long walk, look at the to do list.

After the walk and checking the Christmas gift list, I need to look ahead to next year and think about materials for our Ground School which kicks off Feb 5th. I also need to find a host for the Jan 17 Tailwinds Flying Club/Red Wing Soaring provided FAST seminar we will be providing the facility for. Last I need to plan for the board meeting January 24th.

The Ground School has a new feature this year. Leif Erickson has set up a service, Eventbrite to accept registrations and payments for the Ground School. This allows us to track registrations and most importantly collect the course fee at the same time. No more sending a paying student away for a no show. The class will again feature a diverse set of instructors to keep things fresh, allow instructors to keep other commitments and not make such a large commitment.

The event at our clubhouse on Jan 17th, titled *Powered Aircraft Cohabiting with Gliders -How Powered Aircraft and Gliders can safely cohabit* is in keeping with our mission to educate people on aviation. A few years back, as a frequent user of Stanton Airfield, I attended a safety briefing put on by the club there. I found it very informative and encourage everyone to attend especially anyone who plans on visiting Osceola this year. The event will provide WINGS credit, I will send out a link to register and a request for a host to say a few words about the Chapter.

For our January Board Meeting the 24th, I have already received several agenda items. The focus is to review the schedule and establish a budget for 2015 and provide a general forum to discuss Chapter business. We want to have all our board members attending and welcome all members.

Well back to the to do list. I think JP's GPS needs an update, have an XC to plan, and oh yeah then non-aviation world, where was that Christmas List?



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