



The Beacon

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY December 10, 2012

- **SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.**
- **MEETING AT 7:30 PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.**
- **AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**
- We will welcome Vince Parker, B-17 Tail Gunner with the 15th Air Force 301st Bomber Group in Italy 1944-45. This will be a great opportunity to hear, first hand from someone who was there.
- **THERE WILL BE A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING THE EXCITING PRESENTATION**

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FLYING FUN WITH A MEMBER

By Tom Gibbons



When I was the newsletter editor I always had a saying, "Get to know your fellow members!"

Well, when I joined the chapter I slowly got to know some of the members and when I became the newsletter editor I REALLY got to know a lot more members just by the job itself! When I got to know Dave Becker via the Young Eagles program he was running, so beautifully I may add, he would always comment on my newsletter work and it was appreciated. Then I started helping him with his monthly Young Eagles flights on Saturdays and it was so fun to do. Then Dave gave me a very nice position as "Load Master" where I would be out on the line and take the kids folder and assign them to the planes per the paperwork. I had to really know the members and their airplanes! What joy that was and still is as I try to help out Linda Amble lately on that too. Doing that job got me to know the members more and more too!

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY BETTIE SEITZER

What a fall!

The crystal blue skies and vivid colors of fall are giving way to the quieter colors of winter, I can't wait for the weather to settle down a bit – winter flying is so much fun!

Our annual election is complete and brings us new board members. Al Kupferschmidt, Dave Syverson, and Tom Gibbons were elected to fill the open board positions. Al and Tom will be serving as Directors at large, Dave has a special project assignment to assist the Chapter in determining how we will handle the EAA National "Eagle Program". He has already completed the first step of developing the wording that will appear on our website to let people know that our program is still under development. I am very grateful to Dave for his thorough research of the subject and well thought out suggestions for our approach!

We still have not found a director for the ground school; the bottom line is that we may not be able to hold a ground school this winter. We have provided an excellent service with Paul's leadership and will not compromise on the quality of the program. One suggestion that I received was that we offer ground school only every other year in order to reduce the load on our volunteers instructors. I would appreciate any suggestions you might have for resolving this challenge.

Effective immediately, Dale will be taking over the newsletter, I am looking for a volunteer to fill in as secretary for the remainder of his term. Secretary duties include taking the meeting minutes and the annual board meeting minutes.

In January the board of directors will meet to review the budget and annual plan for 2013; please submit any agenda topics, budget requests or activities ideas to me before Jan 1 so that I can get them on the agenda. We already have a request to purchase permanent name tags for members and a sign for the viewing area. Both great ideas!

We still need a coordinator for Aviation Day in August.

Smooth Skies;
Bettie Seitzer





Electric motor powered true ultralight



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Chapter members meet on the second Monday of every month at the Chapter House, Entrance B at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The House is at the base of the airport beacon. The newsletter is printed on the first Monday of every month. Parts of the newsletter may be reprinted with appropriate credit.
21D RCO 118.625, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS:120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

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

The Pitcairn Autogyro at Airventure



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Anyways, a reason for this story! I had to recently early retire from my job at American Airlines and was at home one day when Dave swung in my driveway as I was out working on something. We got to talking and I said if you ever want another person to fly with let me know because as of lately I have all the time in the world! So on Monday, December 3, Dave calls me about a flight he is planning to go on and was wondering if I wanted to tag along? I said SURE!!

We meet the next morning at 7:45am at his hangar to head out. Dave belongs to the Tailwinds Flying Club and from what I can see is a very nice organization, I just may join someday. Check it out at www.tailwinds21d.org. We depart around 8:00am from Lake Elmo on a beautifully clear, sunny day bound for Olivia, MN basically on time and after we get airborne Dave calls MSP approach for direct heading which would take us right over the MSP airport.



We get the approval and flight following and what a sight to see! Recently retired from there and it was nice to see it from above! Also we had beautiful sites of downtown St. Paul and also Minneapolis. It was such a nice day to fly although we did battle headwinds all the way there. At one time I said to Dave as I was looking out the windows, “How do you explain this to non-flyers?” It was a smooth flight there, just a few bumps down lower. We arrive at Olivia and fellow member Bob Waldron and his wife were already there, flying from a private strip called Sky Harbor just south of the Twin Cities, in their Taylorcraft. We walk over to the local restaurant nearby and have a very nice breakfast of eggs, sausage and hash browns. It was a chilly walk with the brisk wind but at least the sun was out!



With goodbyes to the Waldron’s, making sure they got fueled up and started, Dave and I head over to Hutchinson for a visit to the 3M Employee Store. This was very fun and Dave and I were like kids in a candy store grabbing anything and everything that we needed. Prices were so cheap but of course you have to have worked or working for 3M to purchase there. Gosh that was neat! Back at the airplane Dave grabs a picture of me carrying our two bags full of items, funny! Off we go for our flight back to 21D and Dave elects the southern route around the MSP air space. We flew over the private strip that Bob Waldron lives at, Sky Harbor, and circle to take pictures. That’s Bob’s house with the green roof and dark log cabin like

siding in the picture. Back to Lake Elmo after that to end the day but as we are flying back I talk to Dave about the Tailwinds club.



Just a beautiful day to fly and a great guy to fly with! I know this is sometimes been there, done that stuff with a lot of you veteran pilots but for us seldom flyers it is nice to be able to enjoy this kind of thing and to pass it along to fellow members so they know what it is like. That is what this club is about really, enjoying flight and enjoying fellow members! So Get to Know Your Fellow Members, it is way worth it! We have a great bunch at Chapter 54!

Pilots Lounge

For Sale: Best Offer: David Clark H10-30 Headphones. Brand new -- never used. Several years old in original box and plastic bag.

The total proceeds will go to the EAA Chapter 54 coffers for use, maybe, in our Young Eagles Program.

The STORY: The owner was going to learn to fly but was paralyzed in a snowmobile accident in 2008. As a result, the headset sat on a shelf until I visited him last Monday.

Many thanks, BOB Pittelkow
rpittelkow@comcast.net

For Sale: 60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling, and 5HP compressor.

Call Jim Michalski at 612-618-1011 or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo Airport (21D)

E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net.



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 send an [e-mail to Mark](mailto:Mark@tailwinds21d.org) or call 651-982-275. Visit us at www.tailwinds21d.org to learn more.

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door

Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humidistat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank. Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below. Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson perma-shield casement window. Door 2 3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica. Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet.

Price is \$64,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.

NORM DUPRE 651-439-7688

For Sale:

Hangar on 21D for sale -- \$45,000

35 x 75 feet with two 45 foot doors, electric openers, electricity and natural gas, two insulated workshop / office rooms, above floor storage,

Contact Chip Andrews 651 248 9708

21D Airport Brief Notices

Happenings and Events Around the Lake Elmo Airport



Jim Pearsal Explores a demo Alpha Trainer he is purchasing and then will lease back to Valters Aviation. He expects delivery this spring.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2012

By Dale Seitzer

EAA Chapter 54 November 2012 Meeting Minutes

11/12/2012

President, Bettie Seitzer called the meeting to order, Vice President, Jim Pearsall, were officers in attendance – a total of 25 people attended.

Patrick Hoyt reported, N63PZ, his Zodiac CH601 with a Corvair engine has completed its first flight. He presented his building experience at the club in April and this was a follow up. He spent 5 years and 11 months building +from first rivet to first flight. Pat took 20 hours of transition training in a similar make and model including emergency procedures and emergency landings. They also did precision landings on taxiways. He used video recorders to make notes during flight testing and brought his first flight video then introduced and narrated the viewing. The engine had 4.2 hours of time before flight doing fast taxi and crow hops. He has taken just two test flights so far and he is happy with the performance.

Eagle Program – Dave Syverson

The EAA.org site sends interested people to chapter websites but no information exists on our chapter 54 website. Dave has created 3 message options for the language and intent of the Eagle program through Chapter 54. Option one is longer and more prescriptive. Option two indicates we are not quite ready. Option three indicates we do not have an Eagle flight program.

The pilot requirements and release signatures form is very similar to the Young Eagle forms. The forms and promotion information is available on the eaa.org website. The EAA website has more detail about the plan and intent and we want to be consistent with it. We could also invite them to a Chapter meeting or to stop by on a Saturday morning and talk to the folks here.

We voted to place an announcement on our website to be consistent with the EAA.org announcement to give the prospective Eagle flight recipient “next step” information and invite them to a Chapter meeting. We will then ask for pilots volunteers to connect and provide the Eagle flight. We voted and agreed to the second version which includes a suggestion to review the information on eaa.org and invite them to a chapter meeting.

Business Meeting

Secretaries Report: Motion, seconded, No discussion, voted and approved.

Treasurers Report: The complete Treasurers report is available in the Members Only Section—the newsletter has just the high level reports. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Ground School Coordinator is still needed, should be here most of the time – do not need to teach all or any of the class. This is more of an organizational task than an instructing role.

Voting: For Class II Board of Directors – all voted unanimously.

Al Kupferschmidt

Jeff Hove

Tom Gibbons

Dave Syverson

Congratulations new Board members -- Term begins January 1, 2013 and lasts for two years

New Business

We need an Events Chair for the Spring Member Picnic – Bettie Seitzer and Gregg Adler both volunteered. This year we had a dinner on the deck and it was well received so the decision was made to do the same thing this year for our annual banquet– they will also considering additional entertainment options. Contact Bettie or Gregg

Also still need an event coordinator for Aviation day.

Need a coordinator for the Chapter Ground School – needs to be identified very soon so they can coordinate the instructors.

John Renwick – Membership Coordinator. Our membership is about 150 paid members today: a monthly announcement welcoming new members is nice and works well to introduce them to the members. Bettie will review the list provided by John of members who have asked for hard copy newsletters. She will verify their need and explore ways to fulfill the request.

T Shirts for Young Eagle flights would be \$6.00 each and available from a contact person at Harding High School -- \$8.00 for printed polo shirts for the chapter.

Jeff Hove, Historian asked the question if we could include additional notifications and announcements of other events to share with members. A broader view of History beyond the chapter and include all Minnesota and

regional information.

Newsletter Editor-- Randy Delfel: Please send articles and pictures and anything aviation and member related. Send to newsletter@eaa54.org. The new plan for the newsletter is to release the newsletter right after the meeting to make it more meaningful. Officers, Board members and other members should submit sooner than later.

Permanent name tags -- about \$3 per tag -- leaders are exploring the purchase and use of permanent name tags.

Agreed to continue working on getting a sign for the viewing area, or near the area, to announce the club and welcome visitors to the airport and invite them to our meetings.

The meeting ended with each attendee introducing themselves and describing how they became involved with Chapter 54 and what they like about the club.



Who has used Haynes manuals to work on cars? Check out these repair manuals for jets, space ships and tanks. I found them in the bookstore at Airventure.