



The Beacon

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NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY June 12, 2017

- Social hour from 7:00 to 7:30 PM
- Meeting: 7:30 PM
- CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D
- Speaker:
- Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org

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Congratulation Paul Rankin



Paul Rankin celebrated his 65th birthday on April 11th.

That also meant a close to his thirty year airline career, but not his lifetime of flying.

Paul flew for Pan Am, Express 1, Northwest, and finally Delta, retiring as Captain on the Airbus A320.



See the Chapter 54 Newsletters archives from July, Aug, Sept 2009 for an excellent series of articles by Tom Gibbons about Paul's start in aviation and airline career.

Due to problems with storms, scheduling, and mechanical issues, Paul's last official flight was on Monday April 10th. Family, friends, and co-workers anxiously tracked the ever changing schedule and were able to meet him at his arrival gate at MSP.



The airport rescue crew performed a ceremonial water cannon arch over his plane as it taxied to the gate.

Paul walked a gauntlet of streamers as he emerged from the jetway, then was presented with several awards and certificates by Delta executives.



After the official ceremony and many photos, we transferred the celebration to Paul and Billie's house, then went out for a late lunch.

This was also the day of the Chapter 54 April meeting, where we celebrated again with cake and champagne while projecting photos and videos of the earlier events.



Paul says the reality of retirement won't set in for awhile and still expects that call from Delta scheduling at any moment.

Meanwhile he is focusing on getting his Champion Lancer twin back in the air, restoring his Cessna 120, and doing a lot more GA flying.



EAA Chapter 54 Board Meeting Minutes — May 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Pearsall at 7:09 PM

Filling the role as secretary is VP Jack Miller

Members present: Jim Pearsall, Tom Gibbons, Dale Seitzer, John Renwick, Jeff Hove, Paul Hove, Jack Miller, Leif Erickson, Dave Syverson. A quorum was established.

Expenditures:

Treasurer Report

Summary 2017

Income \$320.00 Cash Summary

\$18,120.71

Air Academy: It was moved by Paul Hove and seconded by Tom Gibbons to authorize \$2,500 for scholarships. Passed unanimously.

Farnsworth Scholarship: Leif Erickson moved and Dale Seitzer seconded, a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Passed unanimously.

Chapter house Siding: Dale Seitzer moved and Leif Erickson seconded that up to \$3,500 be set aside to replace the siding on EAA 54 Headquarters. This motion will expire on 12/31/17. Passed unanimously.

Whiteboard: It was determined that a new whiteboard would cost less than \$200. Dale Seitzer moved that we purchase a White Board before the end of the year. Leif Erickson seconded. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

Carpet: Need for cleaning the carpet was discussed. Dale Seitzer moved to have \$200 for a professional carpet cleaner come in. Leif seconded. Passed unanimously.

Printer: Leif Erickson motioned that we replace our current printer, purchase extra ink and paper. Dale Seitzer seconded. A laser printer was recommended for cost and maintenance reasons. Passed unanimously.

Audio Visual: Cabinet sale was tabled until next meeting.

Recognition of Members: The board is exploring efforts to acknowledge membership participation and efforts in improving the Chapter building. No action

Aviation Day Need a Logistics Chair: Jim Pearsall will be gone the month of June, therefore a formal chair needs to be put in place.

Online Volunteer Registration: The availability of tracking, reminding and communication with members and non-members can be utilized by EAA 54 efforts. No action taken

Projects: Discussed that we have a number of tasks that need to be done that do not require EAA 54 money. No action taken.

Secretary Position - Contract: There is a need for a person to not only take minutes at board meetings, but organize, manage and keep records in order, and send out notices when needed. Discussed the possibility of a part time paid position. By-laws may need to be changed. It was determined that we need to strengthen our Nominating Committee to fill the needed board positions and not move toward a paid position.

Nominating Committee: President Pearsall stressed the need for a stronger Nominating Committee membership to fill in the needed board positions. Dale Seitzer volunteered to be a part of building that group.

Communications- New Online Presence: Jim Pearsall stressed that we need to have a revised website with proper links to EAA 54 activities. Discussed the viability of implementing. No action taken

Review of EAA boilerplate bylaws: Consider Adoption: Discussed the current by-laws as being too rigid. A sub-committee will be formed (via the EAA 54 board) in order to re-examine our current by-laws and their applicability to our situation. Dave Syverson moved and Jeff Hove seconded that the President establish a governance committee to review the by-laws and recommend revisions to the board. Dave Syverson, Paul Hove and President Jim Pearsall will comprise that committee.

Motion to Adjourned was unanimous at 9:04 pm

Submitted by Jack D. Miller, VP



New Windows Installed in the Chapter Clubhouse

Recently Chapter members installed new vinyl windows which will increase efficiency and make the clubhouse more comfortable. Thanks to Scott Hutchinson, Dan Bergstrom, Paul Hove and Ron Voelker for a high quality job—they look great and are tight and well sealed. The volunteers also refinished the interior trim, patched some sheetrock and caulked and sealed the window and trim.



May Young Eagles Event — Great Success

Thanks to pilots and ground Volunteers. It was a perfect day for flying and every family had a wonderful time.

Just look at those smiling faces on our website in the Young Eagles Photos file.

The next Young Eagle event is June 10. Please help us by sharing the Facebook Young Eagle postings.

Volunteers are always needed — we will provide training to help you contribute your skills and energy to the Chapter.



A Great Visit with Great Friends in Aviation Dave & Diane Syverson, Kitfox 7 Tri gear

Lowell is a retired dentist who describes himself as “a tinkerer”; his wife Kay is retired from United Airlines where she worked as a flight attendant visiting many parts of the world during her career. Lowell has two Kitfox model IVs to his building credit; and, has worked many terrific ideas into his birds. Such examples as a gimbal mounted outside video camera and a rudder trim system based on an electric servo controlling the shape of the rudder skin. That's just a couple examples of many modifications and improvements Lowell has created for his Kitfox. I can also attest to the fact that he is an excellent craftsman.



This was a road trip for Lowell to see several Kitfox aircraft in Colorado and Minnesota, the Kitfox factory, Kitfox Aircraft at various states of build progress, flying kitfox aircraft and a lot of scenery; arriving at K21D for his furthest east connection. Three completed Kitfoxes were on the schedule for Elmo including Jim's Continental powered S5, Eric's [912ULS powered](#) S5 and our 912ULS powered S7. All you have to do is get a bunch of pilots and builders together with their aircraft to have a great day. I wish to express our gratitude to Jim and Eric for sharing their time with our small group.

The Second day of Lowell and Kay's visit involved airplanes, but not Kitfoxes. A trip to a local private airport started with a visit with Bob and his Taylorcraft which was in the middle of it's annual inspection – always fun checking out the mechanicals; and, engines you don't see every day. Bob and his wife's hospitality are much appreciated.



One happening, which was not planned, and which would be impossible to coordinate given everyone's schedules, clearly demonstrates how connected we all are and how small the world is some days. As we were visiting with Bob, a very shiny polished aluminum and blue Beech Mentor landed and parked at the far end of the strip.

Lowell commented on the beautiful aircraft, and Bob explained, “Yeah, that's Julie Clark”.....then Lowell asks “you mean the acro/show pilot?”.....”Yup”. Turns out that Julie is a resident of the Airpark in California where Lowell lives and has his Kitfox hangared – so basically Lowell drove from California to Minnesota to see one of his neighbors! So we had to drive around to the other side and visit...you could not have planned that, particularly since Julie had just touched down returning from Sun and Fun in Florida.



Chapter 54 is an “Education Chapter”

Chapter 54 Members and Leaders:

I continue to be thoroughly impressed with the EAA ch. 54 newsletter. One thing I noticed: I make it my business to know what's going on with the metro chapters of EAA (as well as chapter 94 in Mason City, Iowa, Chapter 159 in Saginaw/Bay City, Michigan, and Chapter 1 in Flabob; I have connections to all).

One thing that chapter 54 does, better than anyone, is host and teach Private Pilot Ground School. The photo in the most recent newsletter drives that point home. I can't BELIEVE the effort, the leadership, and the results that this chapter effort demonstrates. I'm inspired by it.

I'm not yet a ground instructor, but that's a bit 'not yet.' The value of Chapter 54's ground school cannot be overstated; I'm working like a demon to educate kids on the value and efficacy of Experimental aviation, and all of general aviation, through my summer "Intro to Aviation" class, but Chapter 54 is doing REAL, tangible, outreach, by continuing to offer, spring after spring, a pathway for adults to enter aviation.

I just met a guy, today, who got his Sport Pilot's license, and bought a Tecnam, as a result of an EAAer reaching out to a newbie, and bringing him into the fold. THAT'S what chapter 54 is doing when it offers ground school. I'm very impressed.

John Schmidt

Good Morning John,

Thank you for the kind and supportive words about our ground school course. I think it is important to give a huge amount of credit for the success of this course to our Lead Instructor, Paul Rankin. Without him, we would not have nearly the necessary resources to run this course. Paul has infinity more knowledge about aviation than most of the our lecturers.

John Renwick is the only other person that comes close to possessing Paul's aviation knowledge. But Paul's value is not only his aviation expertise, but in the preparation he has done for developing PowerPoint presentations and exams. He must have spend as much time developing the course materials (and updating them each year) as he has accumulated flying over the years. He also shares relevant stories and anecdotes about his aviation career/background that add color, and humor, to the class. So, credit where credit is due!!! Thank you Paul.

Leif



I noted our clubhouse flag was pretty tattered so I donated a new one today. Please see attached photo. Dave Volker

Below: Another Photo from the May Young Eagle event.



Spring Chapter 54 Picnic

We had a new record for attendance to the Spring Picnic — there were 46 paid friends of the Chapter. It was a rainy night but we were warm, dry and well fed.

Unfortunately we ran out of food — we will never run out again.



Many spouses and families participated and there was constant chatter and laughter. I met a pilot from the Riviera airpark and had a informative conversation.

There was a nice variety of deserts available too — but we ran out of lemon bars.

We will need a new LP Gas canister before our next picnic in the fall.



Thanks to Bettie Seitzer and Linda Amble for organizing, Jim Pearsal for cooking and Dan Bergstrom for cleaning up.

The great prices and selection from the Restaurant Depot has allowed us to provide a delicious meal at a very reasonable price. We always break even with a \$5 donation



BasicMed Begins with Launch of AOPA Online Aeromedical Course

By [Stephen Pope](#) April 25, 2017

The FAA says private pilots may now prepare for the new medical certification rules that take effect on May 1. The FAA yesterday released the official [BasicMed Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist](#) that pilots must fill out and have completed by a state-licensed physician. The agency has also published a link to the free [online AOPA Self-Assessment Course](#) that satisfies the requirement for pilots to complete a medical education course before operating under BasicMed.

Pilots flying under BasicMed rules need only visit their personal doctor once every four years and take the online course every two years. Under BasicMed they can fly day or night, VFR or IFR in airplanes certified with as many as six seats at altitudes below 18,000 feet and speeds under 250 knots. Commercial flights are not permitted under the reforms.

Information from BasicMed doctor visits isn't shared with the FAA, and the exam costs should be greatly reduced since pilots need to visit a physician once every four years as opposed to every two years to obtain a third-class medical. Holders of special issuance medicals will especially benefit from the new rules, which take medical decisions out of the FAA's hands and put them into the hands of pilots and their personal doctors.

"We fought long and hard for this on behalf of our members and we're excited that pilots can now start the Basic-Med process," said AOPA President Mark Baker. "You're now cleared to take the necessary steps to get in the air as of May 1."

Pilots may now make their doctor appointment, have the FAA checklist filled out by their physician, and complete the free AOPA online medical course. Pilots must retain the completed exam checklist with their logbook, along with the certificate of completion from the online medical course. Once these requirements are met, pilots only have to wait until May 1 to exercise the privileges of BasicMed.

AOPA says it anticipates that BasicMed will affect hundreds of thousands of pilots and bring back many who have stopped flying for fear of losing their medical certificate or because of the cost and stress associated with seeking a special issuance medical each year. To help those who have been away from flying, AOPA has created a Rusty Pilots program to make it easier to get back into the cockpit.

"If you've been away from flying for a while, don't worry," Baker encouraged pilots. "AOPA's Rusty Pilots seminars will help you knock off the rust and boost your confidence so that you will be ready to act as pilot in command again."

EAA 54 Young Eagles

2017 Young Eagles preliminary check for volunteers. I'm updating the roster and would like an idea of your general availability for this year. If you've been involved with Young Eagles, or are kind of interested in Young Eagles, the 2017 EEA 54 event dates are:

June 10

July 8

August 11

September 8 and

October 14

Flights are held on the second Saturday of each month starting in May and going through October. We meet around 08:00 am to get set up, and start rides at 08:30. The events are held at Lake Elmo Airport, on the south side of the field, near the newly constructed observation area. Anyone interested will receive an email request one week before each scheduled YE date. If you could please respond, for Ground or Pilot, then we have an idea if there's enough help a week before the event.

Activities include: Greeter, registration, manifestor/ certificate printer, load master, ground support for safety and help with event flow, photographer, and pilots. Thanks and see you soon! Linda Amble EAA54 Young Eagles coordinator



LARRY PHILIPP

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In Memory Of
Larry Philipp

March 23, 1939 ~ May 9, 2017



Of St. Paul Passed away peacefully on May 9, 2017 with his loving wife by his side. Preceded in death by parents, Paul and Kay; sister, Judy; brother-in-law and dear friend, Boje; and niece, Sue Haaf. Survived by wife, Barb; daughters, Michelle (Kevin) and Janet (Matt) Olson; grandson, Tanner; brother, Paul (Kathy); and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He loved fishing and bowling with his buddies, but above all spending time with his family. He was an Air Force Veteran and a retiree from MnDOT after 42 years of service. Larry was a patient, kind, funny man who was always eager to help. He brought happiness and joy to everyone who knew him. His loving family will miss him always.

Funeral Service will be 12PM, Saturday, May 13 at BRADSHAW, 2800 Curve Crest Blvd., Stillwater. With a Visitation beginning at 10AM. 651-439-5511

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WOMEN AVIATORS WORLDWIDE TO GATHER FOR WOMENVENTURE AT EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2017

For the 10th straight year, the opportunity for women who love aviation to build camaraderie and open doors to mentorship and participation once again comes to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017, as WomenVenture activities will take place during the week. Beginning in 2008, WomenVenture has offered the opportunity to bring together women aviators from throughout the flying community. The activities are designed to encourage participation by women in aviation, as less than six percent of all pilots in the U.S. are female. "WomenVenture is a tremendous experience for women, particularly as it comes during the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration at Oshkosh," said Kelly Nelson, a pilot and executive editor for EAA publications. "These activities can be a springboard to motivate other women to get involved in aviation, either for fun or as a future career, as we'll present activities that motivate, inform, and inspire." The schedule includes:

- Monday, July 24**, 5:30 p.m. – The inaugural WomenVenture social, presented by Endeavor Air. This kickoff to the 10th annual WomenVenture schedule invites all women to meet and connect in a fun atmosphere of an ice cream social. Preregistration online at EAA.org/WomenVenture is appreciated.
- Tuesday, July 25**, 6 p.m. – Aviation Appreciation dinner at the EAA Nature Center, sponsored by The Ninety-Nines. Speaker is around-the-world pilot Adrian Eichhorn. Advance tickets required (\$30 each), available at www.99soshkoshdinner.com.
- Wednesday, July 26**, 7:30 a.m. – Women in Aviation International's Connect Breakfast at the EAA Nature Center. Speakers are Vintage Aircraft Association president Susan Dusenbury and EAA Warbirds of America president Connie Bowlin. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 on-site, available at www.wai.org.
- Wednesday, July 26**, 11 a.m. – Annual WomenVenture group photo on AirVenture's showcase Boeing Plaza.
- Wednesday, July 26**, 11:30 a.m. – The WomenVenture Power Lunch at Theater in the Woods. Tickets are \$5 each and pre-registration for this lunch is required at EAA.org/WomenVenture. This year's speaker is Dr. Janet Lapp, a flight instructor who is also a renowned teacher and author, and the creator of the Emmy-nominated CBS health series "Keep Well."

As in past years, a limited-edition WomenVenture T-shirt is available to all women who participate (while supplies last). Those T-shirts can be obtained at the AirVenture Welcome Center on the AirVenture grounds beginning on Monday, July 24.



Chapter 54 Directory

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| | 14-32 (2850' x 75') |

FOR SALE

Sporty's complete learn to fly DVD's covers private, sport, and recreational certificate options, used 2 times, passed my cheek ride, no longer needed, paid \$250 would like \$125, would like to see it used and passed on.

Garmin 196, works well with bag, mount, recharge batteries, manual, paid \$350 would like \$200 offer, could make a good backup. Questions please call or e-mail Jim 651-779-8611

Two Peltor Nordica Sport 6T aircraft headsets. \$75 for the pair, or \$40 each. Contact ddsyverson@comcast.net

Aircraft manuals for sale. All are used items, some are OEM printings and some are reprints. Priced each or make me an offer for the collection. Contact: ddsyverson@comcast.net

Piper Super Cub (PA-18) Owner's handbook.....\$5.00
 1972 Cessna 182 and Skylane Owner's manual (OEM printing).....\$7.50
 1960 Cessna 182 and Skylane Owner's manual (re-print).....\$2.50
 1980 Cessna 152 Information Manual(OEM printing).....\$7.50
 1985 Cessna Skyhawk Information Manual(OEM printing).....\$7.50
 Piper Arrow (PA-28R 200 B) SN 28R-7135001 and up Owners Handbook (Reprint) \$5.00
 Piper Cherokee Archer PA-28-180 information manual - Handbook part number 761-556 (OEM printing) 8.00
 Piper Cherokee Warrior PA-28-161 Revision July 14, 1975 (Reprint) \$7.50



Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members

Tailwinds Flying Club is based at Lake Elmo airport. We are a non-profit corporation of 39 pilots who equally own three aircraft and one hangar (25E). Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes safely and inexpensively. We currently have a Cirrus SR20, Archer II and Cherokee Six. Some of our members belong to EAA 54 and we love to fly Young Eagles. Please stop by and visit us anytime! North side, Fairchild Lane, Hangar 25E. To inquire about membership, please call 612-584-1740 or visit www.tailwinds21d.org.