



Chapter 54

NEWS

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JULY GATHERING

DATE: 7-12-99
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance, Previous location of Elmo Aero.

PROGRAM: The Loss of General Aviation Airports.

Speakers: Bob Dickens, Midwest Regional Representative, AOPA

This is another of those don't miss evenings. The topic is one that should be of concern to all.

An invitation has been sent to Mr. Charles Nichols, MAC Chair. Is there someone you feel should be invited please do so. In fact bring a hangar neighbor, pilot friend, etc. A good time to introduce them to the chapter.

Come early and check out the new digs. Coffee & ??? will be served along with a liberal amount of ----- (talk).

INTERNATIONAL EAA YOUNG EAGLE DAY

The morning of June 12, 1999 was a perfect morning for Young Eagle flying, or any flying.

Chapter 54 eagle pilots turned out for briefing at 7:45 am. Nine aircraft were present at the start a couple had to drop out along the way and a couple more showed up to fill the void. Those from 54 that flew were Al Kupferschmidt, Paul Liedl, Dan Parker, Dave Fiebiger, Jerry Sar-racco, Bob Waldron, Dennis Hoffman, Gene Frank, Art Edlund, Dale Rupp and Ed Peiffer. In addition Bob Lee brought his Tri-Pacer down from Benson's to help out. During the morning two or three non chapter members dropped by to see if help was needed.

Scott Olson handled the ground training portion of the event, with help from Lee Weston. Having the walk around done in advance along with other discussion prior to the actual flight was a big help to the pilots. Norm Weston handled the to and from activities and kept the flight line safe.

There was a shortage of ground crew people. Parents had questions and wanted to take pictures. Some of this activity could not be accommodated due to the lack of help.

According to the count received from YE coordinator Al Kupferschmidt there were 97 eagle rides given between about 8:15 am and 12:30 p.m. Not a bad count. At least one pilot got his 10 for 99 in that morning.

Good job gang.

WEB PAGE

54 web page project is once again rolling along. Scott Olson has taken lead, with approval and assistance of Nick Stolley. Lee Weston has also indicated an interest in participating. There is room for more volunteers. Scott has a computer with scanner at the hangar and would like a volunteer or two to scan in pictures. Eventually the newsletter will be either scanned in or, if the editor can learn how, transferred computer to computer. Might be beyond his skill and computer.

Now it is time for the members to participate. Information and material is requested. At the Young Eagles event on June 12 Mike Raykowski, non-member, took pictures of the participating aircraft with his digital camera. Mike turned the disk over to the web folks. For those members that did not fly that day bring a picture of your plane(s) to the July gathering.

They request the following also:
Fly-out restaurant destinations
Your flying history. When and where started. What aircraft and ratings in your log.

What aircraft you have built or restored or have flown.

Most memorable flight.

To help record above information a brief form is furnished at bottom of page 5. Not enough use space use extra paper.

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JUNE GATHERING

Visitors & Guests;

Attendance total for the evening was 31+ . Visitors were; Michael Newman, Mike Raykowski, Betty Isaacs. Hope to see you in July.

The President called the gathering together at just past 7:30 p.m

The speaker for the evening requested being first on the agenda. This is reason for change in sequence of items in the minutes.

Program:

Wright Flyer and DAD.

Speaker; Gary Specketer

Gary finds himself involved in numerous aviation related projects. Discover Aviation Days, Anoka Co. Airport, AOPA airport representative (Jerry Sarracco is 21D rep.), Sport Aviation Conference committee, etc., etc.

Gary refreshed everyone's memory with the fact that as early as 1900 man has tried to fly like the birds do but with very little knowledge of flight and at a cost of much life. Orville and Wilbur Wright set their minds to it and studied wind tunnels, air foils, and gliding. The terrain and wind at Kitty Hawk was a perfect setting and they made 4 successful flights before the wind dismembered the aircraft. The Wright Flyer flew one day only!

Gary has obtained a complete set of plans for the Wright Flyer from the Smithsonian Institute and is head of a non-profit group of volunteers willing to build it. Much labor and many, many volunteers are necessary. Completion date is set for February of 2003, but could be sooner. To date, no one has successfully built and flown a Wright Flyer. Polar Aviation will house and store this project.

Gary then went on to DAD. 7,000 cars - 20,000 people stopped for this weekend event. Most successful advertising was word of mouth and a huge banner on the airport fence.

New Members

None to WELCOME this month. Work on that situation gang.

On Highway 35, 135,000 cars drive by daily! 198 people were surveyed and 15% heard about it from "other" advertising.

The EAA Ford Tri-Motor was there and the EAA is very strict and specific in their involvement. No contract. No promotion. No documentation. Last minute notice that the Tri-Motor would appear. The approach of EAA is you hold the bills, we'll hold the money, and settle up later.

For DAD a lot of things were donated, ask or you don't get it! Their goal is not to make money but to help others make money. Any chapter can participate in this annual event. Any profit belongs to the group doing the work.

Gary has indicated there are opportunities for aviation groups to become involved in DAD. His suggestion is 54 think about it.

This event takes a ton (lots) of volunteers providing entertainment and food. But, Gary says, don't expect it all to happen at once.

For further information or pertinent questions, Gary may be reached at 612-757-4353.

It was noted that 54 Fly-In cochair Paul Anderson was rapidly taking notes.

Reports

Secretary Rosemary Frank, Reported the minutes as published were correct. Motion made & seconded they be approved. Passed.

Treasurer John Thomas

Checking

Operating Fd.	\$3,378.83
Building Fd	2,657.45
Petty Cash	61.00
TOTAL	\$6,097.28

Motion made, seconded to accept, Passed.

Announcements:

Pancake Breakfast - Paul Anders reminded everyone that August 7 is the date. Sign up sheet passed around for our "ton" of volunteers. Need to make publicity signs. Looking for an airplane to park down by Manning Ave.

Young Eagles - Al Kupferschmidt announced that 97 YE rides were given at Lake Elmo airport on June 12. Nice day and very successful by any count! Al is collecting 98 YE credits for use by a student at EAA Air Academy. Al has received forms from most pilots. Any who have not found a use for their credits can either volunteer for them to be used by a local youth or turned back to EAA for their use.

Rush City fly-in on June 13th was well represented by 54 members.

Local pilot, Norm Dupre arranged for a large chair donation to the chapter. Some have commented that the new lounge looks like a doctors office. As there are more chairs than the chapter can use Dave Fiebigger has volunteered to handle distribution. All it takes is asking to see what is available and making a contribution to the chapter.

Remaining needs are one or two TV's, Norm Weston responded he has some available. A few small coffee tables, Three have already appeared.

Major concern is collecting to much stuff and than having to move out on short notice.

July program will be AOPA. Midwest Regional Representative Bob Dickens speaking on the loss of general aviation airport.

Meeting adjourned

See you on July 12.

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

June 26 was airport clean up day. Once again MAC furnished dumpsters, which hangar owners and renters soon filled up. Filled up was the problem (per MAC) not the dumpster attendants but the airport manager. That is another whole story which I will not go into at this time (because of space).

As you probably have noticed there have been changes made to the A entrance road. No more snake dance.

Watch your mail box for a letter from the reliever airport tax committee. This is a new group that will be taking on the hangar tax issue. Serious consideration should be given to joining in, with your contribution at the minimum, as this project takes shape. With out your interest and the time contribution of Dave Fiebiger and others nothing will take place. There is a definitely a need for the tax situation to change.

NEW DIGS

As you visit this new location take the time to enjoy the place. Than drop by and thank Ed Mayer for his contribution. As previously indicated Ed is covering all the costs for the chapter. NO RENT.

You will no doubt notice some additions have been made. New chairs, to the chapter, in the lounge area. Thank Norm Dupre for them. He arranged for them to be contributed to the chapter. Some say they feel slightly uncomfortable in the lounge. Just to much like a dental office waiting room due to the chairs.

Al Kupferschmidt has brought over some items for use. Sun screen roller curtains for the south windows. A TV stand for the conference room. Plus labor.

Yes labor. Gang the work setting up and arranging the place did not just happen. Al and Dave Fiebiger did much of the set up work. Except for a few changes that the hard nosed president did not agree with. Oh well in just a few months he will be out of our hair.

At any rate be sure to enjoy the place. Consideration is being given to having it open on weekends, and perhaps a few evenings during the summer. The chapter Housing Committee will tackle those considerations. Be sure to discuss your thoughts and ideas with them. As with any chapter item if you do not comment regarding needs and opportunities you should not be to critical when you disagree with the end results.

*Make a list of twenty-five things
you want to experience before you die.
Carry it in your wallet and refer to it of-
ten.*

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

June certainly was a busy month around 21D. Kick off was the first gathering of the chapter in the new location. Sure was great to be able to look out and see an airport. While the church location was comfortable it just was missing that one item. Airplane noise.

Even before the gathering there was the Young Eagles-day. This showed the advantage of having a airport location for the chapter.

One of the YE stopped me to discuss aviation opportunities. Sarah Sweeney and her mother had numerous questions. Sarah is interested in receiving material about EAA Academy for year 00 and other such opportunities. I told her that the chapter would add her to the newsletter mailing list and that she would be more than welcome to attend any or all meetings as a guest.

A surprise visitor to 54 on YE day was Andy Green. Andy was a charter member of 54. He presently lives in Rosemount. Unfortunately did not get much time to talk to him. Did manage to take a picture of Andy and Norm Weston, also an charter member.

Than it was airport clean up time. Timing was certainly opportune as there were a number of items, scrap, that could be eliminated from around the old Elmo Aero location.

Presume you have all noticed the relocation of A entrance road. No longer is it a test in turning ability to enter and exit.

Some of the local pilots wonder if it is really necessary to have so many "No Parking" signs along the A entrance road way. Also, if MAC is still concerned about Snowmobiles running around on the airport. Seems out of place in June.

Grass cutting has certainly gotten behind. Many areas still badly in need of attention. Makes one wonder if it is lack of interest on part of crew and management or wrong equipment.

MAC in person of Jim Diamond arranged for the delivery of a water cooler for the new 54 location. Thanks Jim and MAC. Hot water

makes instant coffee available, if coffee is ever purchased.

During his presentation Greg

Specketer commented that a representative from Ch. 54 would be a welcome addition to the planning committee for the February Sport Aviation Conference. After things broke up Joe Koch indicated his interest. Gil Leider and your pres. both encouraged Joe to attend the next meeting and see what he thought. It will be interesting to get his reaction. Hope he felt welcome and interested in participating. Just one more opportunity for the chapter to be part of the larger aviation community.

The more members participate in these various events the more we learn from others.

Received word from Ray Rought, Director, MN/DOT Office of Aeronautics that Gordon Hoff would be leaving the department in June to accept a new position in Hennepin County education program. Gordon will be missed. It will be interesting to hear about his new position. I have had the opportunity to work with Gordon in my volunteer position of treasurer for the ACE program.

Donald Brown, Airworthiness Safety Program Manager, FAA sent your pres. a very informative note book covering the program offered by the local office. Will share the book with a few others within the chapter before returning it to him. Some interest might be there to help put on a program at 21D.

Sitting around the new 54 digs and just talking the thought came to me, a rather rare occurrence some say, about history of 21D. When did it begin, why. When did MAC get involved. Who have been in the FBO business over the years, when. Started to make notes. If you happen to have any information let me know. Perhaps it is all written down somewhere already.

Thinking about the airport history caused me to dig out my copy of "Minnesota Aviation History" by Al-lard and Sandvick. Wonder what is now on the location of what was the Flynn Farm strip east of the Lake Elmo Airport. Both Flynn Farm and

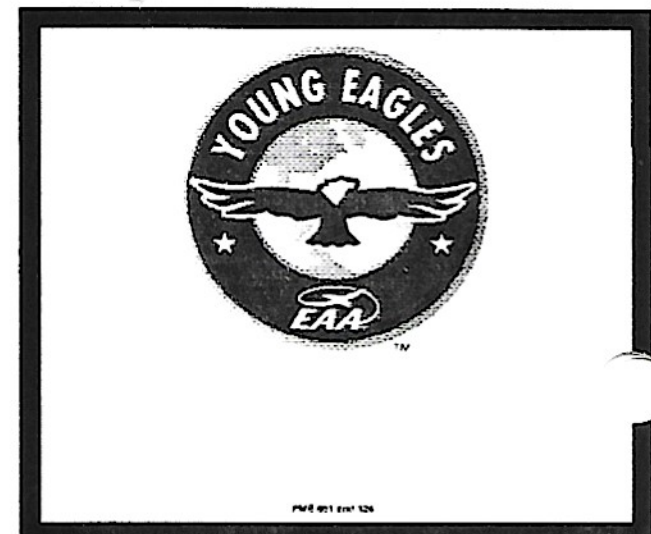
the current Lake Elmo Airport were satellite fields for the Northport training site. I remember many a Sunday afternoon stopping by Northport to watch the training activities with my mother and father. guess since my oldest brother, Glenn, was in CPT training in either Austin or Hibbing and later in the Army Air Force it was a natural stop during Sunday drives.

Young Eagles

The June Young Eagles day was a good example of a local civic organization getting into the act. I believe it was the Lake Elmo Lions members that did some last minute promotion. Not sure of how it all developed but one of the parents mentioned that they had received a call from another member of the civic organization regarding this terrific opportunity for kids to get a free airplane ride at Lake Elmo Airport.

The group soon had a call a friend program in operation. A couple of parents even used the chapter presidents cel phone to call others.

This should be a reminder to all. What organizations do you belong to. Civic, work related, church, neighborhood, what ever. Spread the word about the opportunity by making announcements, have information printed in newsletters, on bulletin boards, etc.



FOR SALE

74 Piper Warrior - PA28-151.
FR, TTAF4,000, 1700 SMOH, all
logs. Tanis, Blue & White. \$36,000
OBO. Mike Schick W-715-247-
3500 H- 715-386-9356.

1971 Spezio Tuholer, canopy/
open cockpit, Lyc. 0-290-G, 1125
hrs. TTAE, 240 STOH, new fabric
1997, oil cooler, mode C, heater,
aux. fuel, \$17,500 or trade for Witt-
man Tailwind. Dan Bergstrom,
651-777-2680.

WANTED

Hard to believe there is not a
member with a want.

I guess the president still has a
void in aircraft ownership. If only
he could decide what he wants.

CHAPTER NEEDS

1. A volunteer, or two, to serve as
photographer at chapter events.
Take group pictures of participants,
interesting happenings, members for
photo wall and new members as
they join to be added to the photo
wall.
2. Podium. Wood construction.
Woodworkers this would be an easy
project.
3. 1 or 2 TV's 19" color.
4. A TV table for lounge area.
5. Other is always needed.

At the present time there are nu-
merous youth summer programs un-
derway through school districts,
YMCA, churches and others. When
you talk to the leaders of these pro-
grams mention the opportunity avail-
able through the YE program.

Where would the pilots come from
during the work day hours. At 21D
there are a number of retired pilots
around the patch during the day, or
could be if needed, to organize
flights.

Got ideas. Got some group inter-
ested. Contact Al Kupferschmidt so
that he can work out necessary de-
tails. Al has the necessary forms
available that need parent or guard-
ian signatures before flight.

Rosemary please bring along a
copy of your 54 history project.
Update as needed

If for some reason you will not
be able to attend the July session
mail the requested information to
Scott Olson, 4150 Irish Ct., Lake
Elmo, MN 55042.

As Scott and Nick have stated,
you are what will make the web
page OUTSTANDING.

Member column

Recently purchase some thing
new for your bird.

Have a good experience with a
repair shop.

Have an exciting trip, preferably
by small aircraft. But, big bird trips
accepted.

Read a good book and wish to
share.

Got a complaint about something
that other members should be
aware of.

Thinking about a cross country
trip that would be more enjoyable if
it was a group flight.

Have a airplane repair or main-
tance tip that could benefit us all.
And than there is the usual, other.

The newsletter editor has need
for your contributions. Afraid to
write the article. Don't be. Just
look at the product you are reading.
Far from perfect.

YOUR HELP REQUESTED

On the bulletin board in the
chapter lounge area there is a
membership roster. Please check
for errors or updating of your ad-
dress, telephone number(s), e-
mail address, etc.

Missing for most members are
EAA membership numbers.

Your taking the time to review
and update the information helps
make the treasurer job easier. He
keeps the membership log info.

Name _____ EAA # _____

Pilot Ratings _____ Hours Logged _____

First Lesson - Date _____, Location - _____, Aircraft - _____

Aircraft owned _____ Currently _____

Aircraft built and or restored _____

Most memorable flight _____

Favorate restraurant destinations _____