

Chapter 54

NEWS



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Speed Holman Chapter

JANUARY GATHERING

DATE: 1-10-00
TIME: 7:00 P.M. Talk
7:30 P.M. Program
LOCATION Chapter House,
Lake Elmo Airport, B
Entrance, Previous location
of Elmo Aero.

PROGRAM: Risk Factors,
Early Warning Signs, and
Maintaining a Healthy Heart.

SPEAKER: Shari Odenwald,
RN.

The speaker for the evening,
Shari Odenwald, RN is the
Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilita-
tion Coordinator at Lakeview
Hospital, Stillwater, MN.

*Members this is one that should be on
the don't miss list. Unfortunately the
newsletter editor shall be way down in
Arizona taking care of his health by
avoiding exposure to cold weather.*

Board Meeting

EAA Chapter 54 President, Bill
Schanks has determined that
the chapter board should meet
monthly in 2000.

MEETING: 1-5-00

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: CHAPTER
HOUSE.

TOPICS: TBA.

The monthly meetings will be
the first Wednesday of the
month until further notice.

Note: All chapter members
are welcome to visit.

DECEMBER GATHERING

Visitors & Guests:

Attendance total for the
evening was 29.

Visitors were; Paul J.
Linnerooth, Dave Cross and
Gene Bergh (now the newest
member as he joined after the
gathering ended.)

Reports.

Secretary - Accepted as
published in newsletter.

Treasurer

General Funds -	\$4,117.79
Building Funds -	2,767.45
Cash	27.00
Total	\$6,912.24

Announcements.

Year 2000 EAA Calendars
available. Contact Jerry
Sarracco 429-1049 to beat the
rush.

The pres announced that
there was going to be an
appeal for Young Eagle pilots
for the April 30, 2000 Aviation
Days at St. Cloud. Watch for
further information.

Dave Fiebigger announced
that there would be a meeting
on Wednesday, Dec 15 at the
Chapter house starting at 7:00
p.m. Topic: Legislature relief
on taxes on hangars. Important
meeting. Be there!

Newsletter editor Dick
Wicklund announced need for
articles, etc. for the Feb. Mar.
and April newsletters be
forwarded to him in AZ, 3614 N.
North Dakota, Florence, AZ

50th

Leases for privately owner
hangars seem to have started
with Stillwater Manufacturing
Company. The request was
presented to the commissioners
on November 29, 1952. As it
was a stand lease request it
was approved. For some
unreported reason the hangar
was not constructed immedi-
ately nor was the lease
executed. On November 7,
1955 the commissioners review
the application and approved
the execution of the lease.

The next notation in the
minutes indicates a private
lease request from a Bernard
Pepin was approved on March
4, 1957.

On June 15, 1959 General
Mills, Inc. requested approval to
use Lake Elmo Field as a
launch site for stratoscope
balloon flights. Request
granted.

Gerald Clemas received a
lease approval from the
commission on May 21, 1962.
Followed on August 6 with
approval of a lease request by
Mrs. Rutherford Brosious, which
was also approved.

The name of R. M. Jackson,
Jr. of St. Paul appeared in the
minutes on February 18, 1963.
His request for a lease was
approved. In 1966 the
commission approved a new 10
year lease for Mr. Jackson.

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1999 Financial Report*

1-1-99 - 12-31-99

Inflow

Calendars Sold	\$775.00
Chapter patches	6.50
Dues	50.00
EAA	120.00
Family	1,410.00
Individual	\$1,580.00
Total Dues	100.66
Other Inc.	8.00
Petty Cash	
Social	855.00
Banquet	1,825.37
Pancake Breakfast	330.09
Uncategorized	
Total Inflow	\$5,480.53

Outflow

Administrative	
Postage	+3.00
Secretary Supplies	58.29
Web Site	70.00
Total Admin.	\$125.29
Bldg. Oper.	
Equipment	137.45
Calendars - 2000 yr.	456.75
EAA Ch. pd dues	80.00
Dues over pd.	5.00
Education	
Flying Start 99	128.39
Tuition ACE	300.00
Young Eagles	27.69
Total Education	\$456.08
Insurance	100.00
Newsletter	
Printing	299.71
Postage	527.83
Total Newsletter	827.54
Postage Misc.	.77
Bldg. exp.	200.00
Banquet	930.00
Pancake Breakfast	998.35
Sport Aviation Conf.	33.33
Total Outflow	\$4,360.56

Net Income **\$1,119.97**

* Unaudited

New Members

Gene Bergh, flies a Cessna 180 from 21D. Has done so for about 25 yr. I think Jerry Fleischhacker did the recruiting for us.

Don Black, Don visited in November, returned and joined.

Don't forget to greet them at the January Gathering.

Special Offer by EAA

Easy money for Chapters. From Dec. 20, 1999 through February 28, 2000, EAA will provide a \$20.00 rebate on new annual memberships in EAA recruited by Chapters. That means that out of a \$40.00 annual membership in EAA, \$20.00 will be rebated back to the sponsoring Chapter.

Best of all, the rebate money is put directly into your Chapter treasury to be used as the Chapter sees fit. EAA suggests this special rebate offer be promoted as a Holiday, New Year, or Spring Fever membership drive - the possibilities are endless.

EAA suggest obtaining a list of aircraft based at the airport and promote to them the benefits of EAA membership. Another is to check and verify that all chapter members are annual EAA members as well.

Forms are available from <http://members.eaa.org/home/chapters/images/rebate.jpg>.

Additional information available from Jennifer Wagner-Mauk - 920-0426-5907.

Sounds like a great offer for the new Membership Committee to use as a kick off effort.

Chapter use of funds could include the bldg. program or tuition assistance to EAA programs.

Member Stuff

Chapter 54 has members with a great variety of background. Most of it unknown to one and all. What comes to mind is information whispered into the ear of the editor recently.

How about having flown the following assortment of mostly military hardware, Stearman, P-51, B-17, KC 97. Transition pilot and navigator instructor in the service.

Follow that up with passing his multi engine instructor rating in December 99 at the young age of 79.

This fairly new member of the chapter is Don Carlson. Don is also an accomplished commercial artist. You will see him around the airport taking pictures of member projects and at chapter events for the web page.

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

We had a good group at the chapter house on December 16, 1999, pertaining to the Airport Tax Coalition. We had in excess of 40+ people who came to listen to Peter Cole (ATRC) attorney. He had lined up (3) three people from the state legislature. Senator Gary Laidig & Representatives Peg Larsen & Mark Holsten. We were very fortunate to have Peg Larsen show but didn't have the pleasure of seeing Laidig or Holsten. Larsen was very encouraging when we explained the hangar situation, and made suggestions on a plan toward legislation. Dave Fiebiger, Joan Clemens (ATRC Secretary) Robert Westerberg, Dave Cross and myself met with Senator Steven Novak who is on the tax committee. This meeting was at the offices of Larkin, Hoffman in Minneapolis. We had lunch and then each person had a chance to express their concerns. If you would be interested in attending one of these meetings, contact Dave Fiebiger. The plan is to have several more of this type of contact with senators & representatives. After our meeting at Lake Elmo Dave advised me that he signed up (2) two more hangar owners. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chapter House

Santa was good to the chapter. He delivered a Micro wave to the chapter. True it is used. But, it works. Al and Rye Kupferschmid were the Santa helpers that made the delivery.

Unfortunately, when the helpers made the delivery a minor problem was discovered. Due to the few days of extreme cold the plastic water pipes in the adjoining hangar had ruptured. Some flooding was experienced in the hangar. Report is that skating might be good on the ramp.

Al purchased parts to repair the break and recruited Dave Fiebiger to oversee the repair project. Jerry Sarracco and Dick Wicklund fulfilled the supervisory positions on the job.

Apparently the circuit breakers for the heat tapes was tripped which might just have been the major problem.

Thanks Al and Dave.

Commit yourself to life long learning. The most valuable asset you'll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.

Young Eagles

1999 was another good year for chapter participation. According to Al Kupferschmidt a total of 334 were flown in 99. Total for chapter members through 99 is 1,479. Not bad. Not outstanding.

Time to start thinking about next year. Where are there some youngsters that would just love to have a ride. Have you talked about the opportunity at work, church, in your neighborhood, doctors office.

A neighbor of Jerry Sarraccos has her Sunday School class all excited about participating in the spring of 00.

Is there a community event scheduled near where you live. What about a Young Eagles float or display. Do your children or grandchildren participate in any activities such as; sports, scouts, choir, band, school government, school newspaper. All these are opportunities to spread the word.

Do any of your friends or neighbors have visitors coming in during 00. What a treat for the kids, get them a YE ride.

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PROGRAM: Ultralites.

1999 Director - Programs, Dan Parker introduced Dennis Waner the speaker for the evening.

Dennis discussed the history of the Ultralite movement, types early aircraft and how the movement has developed over the years. As part of his presentation Dennis showed pictures of the various types current and past along with discussing their flight characteristics.

After the gathering ended members retired to Gil Leiters hangar and checked out his Challenger ultralite. **

President Says

by Bill Schanks

As we come to the end of this year, 1999, we are constantly being reminded, through television, newspapers and radio, about the history of our lives and the events that have affected us. One of the things I reflect on is the history of Chapter 54 and how it has grown. We have an enrollment of over 80 members now, and it continues to grow. We pick up new members every month. I'm really encouraged by the trend and very much want to see this continue. I have been a member since 1972 and I believe that the last few years have seen the most activity that I have been a witness to.

One aspect of this growth that is particularly encouraging is the level of activity participation in aviation. We have more projects under construction, whether it is homebuilt, vintage restoration or ultra-lite, that I can even remember. In my capacity as a Technical Counselor, I have the opportunity to visit many of these projects. The level of skill and ingenuity that I'm witnessing is amazing. I've only been able to be involved like this on Saturdays and there is enough activity at the Lake Elmo Airport to more than fill my day. I'm really looking forward to retirement in order to be able to spend more time being involved.

If a person were to visit the Lake Elmo Airport on a Saturday, that person should start at Fairchild Lane and visit Dennis Hoffman's hangar and then go next door to Jim Anderson's hangar.

Yesterday was Saturday and this person did just that, as well as about 20 other persons. A person can also go even further next door and visit Dan Parker's hangar. A few lanes down the road is Kinner Lane where Paul Leid's hangar will be found. Also in there somewhere is Jerry Sarracco. The list of airplanes that can be found goes something like this: Midget Mustang, Fairchild 24, Cessna 170,

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In May 1963 Robert and Roland Little were approved for a lease to build a private hangar.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee received a lease on March 21, 1966 to build a private hangar on lot 10. In June of '66 Mr. Jay J. Rice was given a lease by the commission.

1968 was the year of increased activity for private hangar leases. Such names as Ray Nordin, Rex Myers,, William Hinrichs, Harry G. McNeely, Jr. John E. and Edwin Lentsch appeared in the minutes. Mr. McNeely still owns his hangar on Charlie lane.

The final entry in the copies of minutes was on November 17, 1969 when the commission approved a private hangar lease to Mr. Wilber F. Nehring.

How things have changed over the years. The original sections filled up with hangars. The new north side development was opened and filled rapidly. What's next. A new south side development. Replacement of the current 14X32 runway with a new one longer in length. Stick around gang to see for your self.

FOR SALE

Auction sale of interest to aviation types. January 20th at 12 noon. Inspection 10:00 a.m. 182 Fuselage; various control surfaces; Aircraft Engines; Run-up stands; Training Aids; Call 1-888-671-7640 or Website: www.auctionmasters.com. for information

WANTED

WEB PAGE

Web Master Bob Waldron is still looking for e-mail address information, as is the newsletter editor.

The chapter web page is growing constantly. How much growth is dependant on members furnishing information regarding: projects, activities, themselves. Just submit it and let Bob determine if and how to use. Not having material used, at least right away should not be considered lack of interest. Decisions need to be made by the master.

If you have a telephone at your hangar and want to have it listed in the Members Only area contact Bob.

Projects

Missed last month from the project column were the following.

Jim Lund building a Acro-Sport II.

Jim Olson, retired machinist at Honeywell and his silent partner Jerry Landry have begun to bring their Stitts Flutterbug back to life. Built around 30 years ago as a nose dragger it is now being converted to a tail dragger. This bird has only about 60 hours in total. Will be interesting to see it return to the air.

Gil Leiter has moved his Changer Ultra-Lite to his hangar at Elmo. Progress has been steady on the project.

Latest word on Dale Rupp's RV-6 is April delivery date. He has finished the tail kit. Now the hard part comes. WAITING.

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Piper L4, Swift, Cessna T50, Cessna 172, Aeronco L3, Piper Apache, Stitts Flutterbug, Cessna 140, Piper J3, Kitfox Outback, Bellanca Citabria, (or is that Lawnboy Citabria?) and I'm probably forgetting more airplanes than the number I'm mentioning.

That was just the working stuff, the homebuilding and aircraft restoration. There is also a high level of flight activity. Don Carlson recently passed a check ride for his Multi-engine Instructor's ticket. Paul Anderson is working on his Commercial rating and then plans to go on to the C.F.I. program. There are airplanes flying out and flying in all day, weather permitting. Gene Frank has been known to drop over from the other side of the airport in his RV-6 from time to time. Jerry Sarracco passes by in his Citabria occasionally. Jim Lund has been seen flying his Cessna 120 when he isn't busy working on his Acro-Sport II. and airplanes that are all part of our chapter

I'm missing a whole bunch of people and airplanes that are all part of our chapter, but this will give you some idea of the kind of chapter activity I'm talking about.

We have a lot of potential for growth. There are just as many people and variety of aircraft on the field that are non-members. Let's talk to them and invite them to be a part of our organization. Bob Waldron has suggested that we have some membership applications available. He and Scott Hutchinson, the Membership Director, are working on that project.

There will be a Directors meeting at the Chapter Building on Wednesday, the 5th of January. I look forward to the beginning of the next year and to some exciting times in aviation. Anyone who wants to attend the meeting will be welcomed. It usually starts at 7:30 P.M.

Reporters Needed

The chapter newsletter needs reporters to assist the editor. Areas needing covering are: Aircraft Projects, Travels - Sun-n-Fun, Museums, Members obtaining their pilot license or adding ratings, you name it.

Also, Directors and committee chairs are reminded they should submit information pertaining to what they are working on.

Your volunteering to assist with these little things is a big help to the editor. I am sure the Web Master would also appreciate this information.

EAA Air Academy Education Program

EAA has a interesting and varied group of programs and events scheduled for year 2000. If you missed the listing go back and look in your December 1999 Sport Aviation magazine. They have something most everyone; builders, owner maintenance, youth and family. Check it out and get your reservations in before it is to late.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

10 EAA Chapter 54. Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance. 7:00 p.m. Talk time. 7:30 p.m. Program.

23 Hayward, WI - Famous Dave's Ski Plane Fly-In. Courtesy transportation from HYR. 715-568-2182.

22-23 Oshkosh, WI - Alexander SportAirBuilder's Workshop. 1-800-967-5746.

February

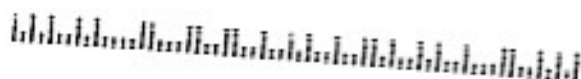
12-13 Sport Conference/FlightExpo. Mpls. Conference Center.

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27-28 Chandler, AZ - IAC Chapter 69 Akrofest. 602-840-9075.

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March

3-5 Casa Grande, AZ. 42nd Annual Cactus Fly-In sponsored by the AZ Antique Aircraft Assoc. 480-891-6012.

5 Lake Jackson, FL. So. Florida Seaplane Fly-In. 561-393-8509.

13 EAA Chapter 54. Lake Elmo Airport, B Entrance. Talk time 7:00 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

April

9-15 Sun'n Fun EAA Fly-In. Lakeland Florida. www.sun-n-fun.org.

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