

# EAA Chapter 54

## NEWS

Speed Holman Chapter

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### AUGUST MEETING

**DATE:** 8-11-97

**TIME:** 7:30 PM\*

**LOCATION:** Hobo's Hanger, 11C, Alpha Lane, Lake Elmo Airport.

#### PROGRAM: TBA

Today, Sunday July 27 is pack for Oshkosh day. Have to get newsletter printed before leaving.

Not able to reach Steve Ogborn to determine what program it has scheduled for August.

Certainly there will be members eager to tell fellow members what exciting new items they purchased while they were there.

Already there are; Dale Rupp, Bill Schanks, Gill Leider.

Leaving Sunday night are; Jerry Sarracco and Dave Fiebiger.

Your Editor/President plans to leave Monday A.M.

### JULY MEETING

The meeting started almost on time. There was an overflowing crowd present.

August fly-in was reviewed and a sign up sheet circulated. Most all the members had been contacted by Dale Rupp previous to the meeting. There is still a need for a member to accept the automobile traffic chair. Not a big job. Just need someone to be willing to stay on top of the situation.

John Thomas has reported that a few members are delinquent with dues payment. John was only able to stop by briefly so this topic was not discussed in depth. John is working on contacting delinquent individuals.

A nominating committee, Art Edlund, Chair, Jack Cahoon and Gary Miller, has been appointed by the president. They have been requested to report to the board at a meeting, yet to be set, and the membership at the September meeting. REMEMBER TO SAY YES WHEN THEY CALL.

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**DATE - August 16, 1997**

**Ticket prices**

\$4.00 Adult

2.50 under 12

**PIC FREE**

Chair Dan Parker was unable to make the meeting on June 9 due to his moving into a new home.

Dale Rupp, Cochair for the kitchen detail reported that he and Bill Schanks had meet with two of the ladies from Stillwater Early Childhood Center regarding staffing. All under control, but, there will be need for volunteers from the chapter to help with K.P. etc. Friday night set up help needed.

Jerry Sarracco, Chair, Aircraft Parking reported that he will also be looking for volunteers

**Members when you come to the breakfast plan to park away from the area. This will leave best parking for visitors.**



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The major topic for discussion was Location. Dale Rupp reported to the members that the Hobo's were moving out of the Taylor hanger. This creates a problem for the chapter as it has met for years in their space.

Dale outlined the possibilities to date:

1. Rent the hanger and sublease to an aircraft owner.
2. McNeely hanger. Space available to rent.
3. Gatis hanger.
4. Tartan park.
5. Jim Anderson hanger.
6. John Thomas garage.
7. Build or buy a hanger.
8. Other.

Bill Schanks made the motion that the chapter appoint a committee to review the options. Jim Anderson, Director, volunteered to chair this committee. The other members are; Dale Rupp, Rae Kupferschmidt, Harry Lyons, plus one other whose name your president cannot remember at this time.

Tom Marson brought a TV and VCR so that the Oshkosh arrival tape could be played.

As the Location topic took up much time the rest of the evenings program was cancelled. Apologies to Steve Ogborn for this.

## HOW CHAPTER 129 SOLVED ITS PROBLEM

Some of the members felt the chapter should have a hanger. As a fund raiser a member hosted Saturday morning breakfasts at his hanger. Profits grew to \$50.00 per week. Within 2 yrs. the profits grew to a total of \$5,000.00.

Solves numerous problems. Raises hanger funds, provides a easy place to distribute newsletters, generates new members.

## GUESTS AND VISITORS AT THE JULY MEETING

**David Phillips, Eagen  
Hans & Dustin Enquist**

**Sons of Jon Enquist. Hope I got the names right.**

**Carl Peterson  
Steve Roscoe  
Art Brown**

**The following are new members in 54.**

**Dave Holmes, Dale Haag.**

Every time I do this I have the feeling I am missing someone. If I have please 1) FORGIVE ME 2) PLEASE remind me.

There were 32 names on the sign up sheet in July. Overflow crowd. Don't let that discourage you from attending the August meeting.]

Actually it was a good time to have the, previously reported, conversation regarding meeting room needs.

## TRAVELING MEMBER JACK DOKE WAS IN TOWN RECENTLY.

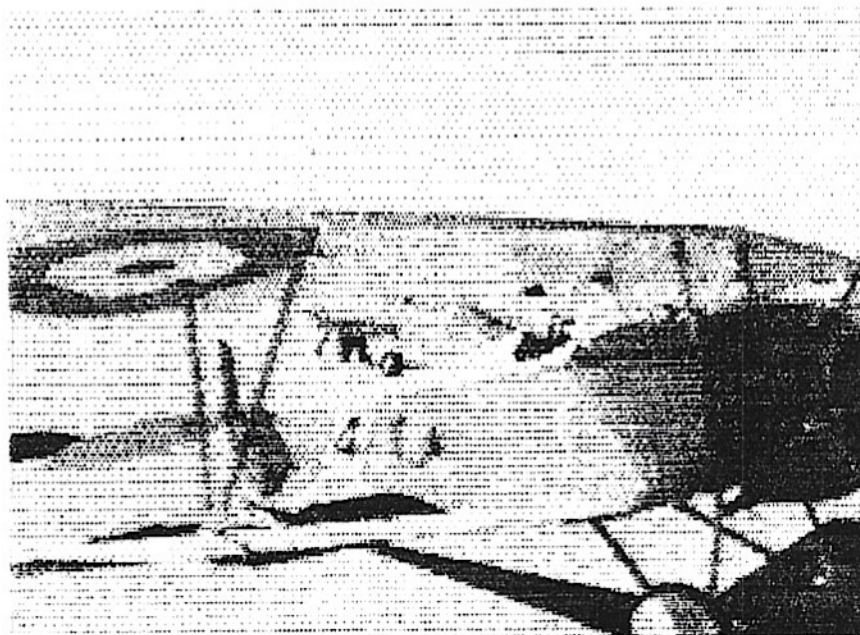
Jack stopped in briefly a couple of weeks ago. He and Sandy had been in Michigan to see her daughter and granddaughter. Sandy's daughter and granddaughter were in serious condition as results of a car accident.

Recent report received via Jerry Sarracco was that the daughter was out of the hospital but the little one, about 5 years old, was still in a coma.

I'm sure that they would appreciate everyone keeping them in their thoughts and prayers.

Jack also dropped off a couple of newsletters from "Winter Haven Pilots Association". Quite a paper. Hopefully he will continue to furnish them.

When time permits a few of their articles might just happen to appear in this newsletter.



## ELECTIONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMING

October, annual meeting and election time, is just around the corner.

Elected in October will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Three (3) Class III Directors.

Art Edlund, Chair, Gary Miller and Jack Cahoot are the nominating committee.

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Paul Poberezny was a visitor at Chet's home. When Chet moved to Huntsville Alabama, Paul asked him to start a chapter, which he did. EAA Chapter 190. Chet served as Chapter President there, also.

Chet indicated that he has a fondness in his heart for 54. He started it.

Rosemary reports that Chet is a very knowledgeable interesting person. He always had and still has a good rapport with Chapter 54 members

### Looking for a good breakfast

If you have not stopped by at the St. Paul Airport Terminal lately you are in for a surprise.

The restaurant has a new owner and name. Trish the waitress is the PROUD owner of Holman's Hideaway.

I don't have the hours of operation available. Good food! Worth a try. If you want lunch get there early.

### President's confusion.

If you noticed at the July meeting that Dick Wicklund, President of Chapter 54 seemed confused he was. The reason is unknown. Perhaps it is because he has another project on his mind.

From time to time you have heard comments regarding a new venture, Minnesota Aviation History and Education Center. Since the project began he has been Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee. Recently there was a need to fill the vacancy in the Chair position caused by Judy Rice moving out of state. Your President was elected into this position, possibly only temporarily, in addition to being the Treasurer. Some meeting perhaps there will be a discussion regarding this venture.

### SHOULD CHAPTER 54.

1. Expand its social events. Some chapters, or airport groups, weekly or at least on some consistent basis sponsor fly outs. Go to fly-ins as a group or just fly together to another town. Perhaps visiting a chapter. Members with aircraft take others along as passengers. Quite often this is done by pilots in retirement communities.

2. Expand it Young Eagle involvement by running paid advertisements in the local area newspapers or use public service announcements over the Stillwater radio station.

3. Consider participating in local parades. Seek out a flat bed trailer or truck that can be used to display a homebuilt

aircraft or a partially completed homebuilt or rebuilt of a factory aircraft.

4. Discuss with MAC some way to have a airport open house for the community. Use this as an opportunity to sell the value of an airport to the community. To some extent the breakfast in August accomplishes this. The difference might be that at an airport open house MAC and MN DOT Department of Aeronautics might be more involved.

5. OTHER.

### FOR SALE

25% ownership of a 1974 Piper Cherokee Warrior and a Lake Elmo hanger.

Newly formed trio seeking a fourth person to join in the ownership of the above aircraft and hanger. Cost to be the fourth person is \$18,500.00. For further information call Mike Schick, work # 715-247-3500, evenings 715-386-9356

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Cessna 1953 170B. 3,100 TTAF, 80 SMOH, 80 SPOH. KX175B with Glide Slope, KMA20 with Marker Beacon, KT76A with Encoder, 8001 Loran. Lighted Glare Shield & Post Lights. Wing & Fuselage Strobes. Aero Ski M2000 & Tail Ski. Factory float reinforced. Tanis heater. Cleveland Wheels & Brakes. Airframe corrosion free. Aircraft based at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). Aircraft being sold by the estate of Bob Bramwell. Asking \$32,900. Contact Dennis Gehring at 612-429-5967 for further information.

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Grumman TR-2, 1974. TTAFE 1750. Tanis heater. Asking \$16,500. Contact Harry Lyons 777-2235.

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## Chester Klier aka "Klier the Flyer"

Interview by Rosemary Frank

Chester Klier joined EAA Chapter 54 in January 1959. He served as president of the chapter for three years. Chet says: "Yes! I am still a member of EAA Chapter 54 but only in spirit!"

Chet is a member of the National Experimental Association # 4980! He has written several stories for the Sport Aviation magazine, copies of which he (copies were sent along to Rosemary).

Chet served in the military with both the 8th and 9th Air Force, flying out of England.

He owned and flew an airplane that was the military version of the "Interstate" for three years before switching to an Aeronca Champ which he enjoyed for many years. Chet learned to fly at Fleming Field in South St. Paul the summer of 1946.

In 1930 Chet witnessed Speed Holman performing at an air show at the St. Paul Downtown Airport. Speed LOOPED a Ford Tri-motor over the field.

Chet and Oscar Ringgold met at a night class in aircraft gas welding. They discussed EAA and what type of airplane to build. That planted the seed. They decided to organize an EAA Chapter, soon to be EAA Chapter 54.

The group of 12 to 14 decided to build a Skyhopper. Chet headed up the fuselage, Roger Gardner took the wings, and Roger Anderson was in charge of the tail section. Chet designed and built all of the welding jigs for the fuselage and the tail. Unfortunately the aircraft was never completed.

Chet wrote a prospectus for EAA Chapter 54. (This is available upon request from Rosemary Frank, Chapter Historian. Chet also wrote many newspaper articles and enclosed copies.)

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## Hints and Tips by Gatis

Several years ago, while trying to help a friend I suggested he switch the oil in his Luscombe's C-65 from straight mineral to a good detergent oil like Aeroshell 15W50. Now, the 65 had been run since overhaul on mineral oil, about 20 years and had built up considerable deposits on the inside of the engine. Especially on the case itself. You can imagine my surprise when, at the first screen cleaning I discovered it almost blocked with scale from the inside of the engine.

This is a good example of too much of a good thing. The detergent properties of 15W50 worked so well it almost caused a problem in my friend's engine. I subsequently asked Shell Oil what can we do with respect to changing and mixing oil in an aircraft engine. They responded:

You may mix different weight oils in your engine if they are made by the same manufacturer.

You should not mix different manufacturers oils even if they are the same weight, because each oil could contain additives which may not be compatible.

You man, in Aeroshell's case, mix a straight weight with 15W50. This is only a semi-synthetic oil.

For cold weather operations you may wish to run a multi-weight oil and then switch to a straight weight for cost savings or to reduce oil consumption.

They, also, suggested that if you have run a particular oil in your engine for a considerable time it may be better to stick with that oil till TBO. Again, this is a additive compatibility issue.

Shell Oil eagerly responded to my questions. Their number is 1-800-64 LUBES.

Gatis owns & operates Valters Aviation.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1997

### AUGUST

7-10 EAA Giant Scale Radio-Controlled Airplane Races, Wittman Arpt (OSH), Joe Schumacher 414-426-6524.

8 - 10 Confederate Air Force, Southern MN Wing, Air Power Display, St. Paul Downtown Arpt (STP) 9 am - 6 p.m

9 - 10 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast & Camp Out, Milaca Mun Arpt (18Y), 5 p.m Saturday - grills provided for cookout, 8 am - 12 p.m Sunday - Pancake Breakfast.

16 Chapter 54 Fly-In Breakfast. PIC's Free Location: Valters Aviation hanger.

Time: 7:00 a.m. -12 p.m

Some interesting items are being made available to be used as door prizes, etc..

16 Little Falls, MN. Little Falls-Morrison Co. Airport. Charles A. & Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation & Community of Little Falls' Lindbergh 70th Anniversary Celebration & Fly-in. No airshow. 1-800-325-5916.

17 Fly-In Breakfast, Litchfield Arpt, (LJF formerly 43F) 7a.m.-12p.m.

17 Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, Boyceville Arpt (W120) 7:3a.m.-12p.m.

17 EAA 642 Fly-In Breakfast, Mankato Arpt (MKT) 8a.m.-12p.m. \$4.00 Adults, \$3.00 Kids, PIC Free.

17 Ice Cream Social, Vintage Aircraft Display, EAA Antique Classic Chapter 11, Capitol Airport (02C), Brookfield, WI, 12n - 5 p.m

24 EAA 300 French Toast Breakfast, Owatonna Arpt (OWA). Ultralight flying, Check NOTAMs for runway cont'd. & construct update.

30 Fly-In Breakfast, Shell Lake Mun Arpt (SSQ), Shell Lake, WI 7:30 a. m. - 12 p.m

31 Fly-In/Drive In Corn Feed, McGregor Mun Arpt (17Y) 12 p.m - 5 p.m

31 Mondovi, WI - 11th Annual Fly-in. 715-287-4205.

### SEPTEMBER

6 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, Wheels & Wings Air Fair, L. O. Simenstad Field (OEO), Osceola, WI., civilian/military static displays. CTAF 118.2, Class D NOTAMs. Osceola Bus. Assoc. 715-755-3300.

6-7 Camp Lake Arpt, WI. EAA Chapter 414 Fly-In. 414-889-8187.

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6-7 Blakesburg, IA. World War One Air Meet. 314-429-5980.

7 Pancake/Sausage Breakfast, PICs Free, Sauk Cntr Mun Arpt (D39) 8 am - 2 p.m

7 Breakfast & Open House. Windom Mun Arpt (MWM). 7 am - 12 p.m

7 Dubuque, IA. EAA Chapter 327 Fly-In Breakfast. 508-428-5703.

14 Fly-In Pork Chop Dinner, Maple Lake Mun Arpt (Y33), EAA Chapter 878/Wright Aero. 11:30 am - 2 p.m

14 55th Annual Hector Lions Club Fly-In Breakfast, Hector, MN. 7:30 am-noon. PICs free. Curt, 320-848-2412.

21 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast, CAF, Southern MN Wing, Fleming Field (D97), So. St. Paul.

7 am - 1 p.m

### OCTOBER

4 Sturgeon Bay, WI. EAA Chapter 630 Fall Colors Breakfast. 414-743-6082.

5 Tomah, WI. EAA Chapter 935 Fly-In Breakfast. 608-372-3125.

### NOVEMBER

10 Chapter 54 meeting.

### DECEMBER

8 Chapter 54 meeting

## 1997

### JUNE

40TH ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER 54.