

November 2015

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY December 14, 2015

- **Special Holiday Dinner — \$5.00 each**
- Come at 5:30 pm and socialize.
- Dinner served at 6:00 PM
- **CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.**
- **Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org**

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Upcoming Events

1. **Next Meeting** — December 14, 2015
2. **Holiday Party Social Event** December 14, 2015 — Families invited!

Election Results

In the past couple of months we recruited potential officers, talked to members about the roles and support for the officers to fill out the slate of officers for the elections.

The following officers were elected with a unanimous vote.

Officers – Class 1 Directors

- Jim Pearsal – President
- Open – Vide President
- Tom Gibbons – Treasurer
- Open – Secretary

Class III Directors

- Housing Board Member – Dave Fibiger
- Education Board Members – Leif Erickson
- Membership Board Member- John Renwick
- YE Coordinator Board Member – Lind Amble
- Newsletter Editor – Dale Seitzer

Call for volunteers and/or nominations, none presented.
Motion to vote the slate by Paul, seconded by Jack.

There was a question regarding open secretary position, it is possible that having a secretary might be a requirement for 501c3 status. Jim will investigate that. Bettie will continue to serve until a replacement is found.

The question was called – unanimous approval. Congratulations to the officers!

Class II officers will be elected next year. Terms run for one calendar year.



Education Report

By Leif Erickson

We will be offering a ground school in 2016; Leif is coordinating the schedule.

Thursday, Feb 4th – first meeting and welcome

Thursday, Feb 11th – first class

Monday, May 2nd – final exam. Must pass final to get approval to take the written test.

We are scheduling instructors and back ups. Members of the chapter can attend any or all of the class sessions free of charge. (This is a great way to get a refresher.) Our website has been updated to reflect the dates for 2016

Education chair also coordinates the Farnsworth Hangar tour for the second graders; we had a great event in 2015.

The Learning Jet is now up and running, and offers a great opportunity for kids to learn about planes and aviation. The MAC has made some significant improvements to the downtown St. Paul airport.

Education is one of our primary missions, we work with Farnsworth School, we have a robust Young Eagle program, and we provide scholarships for kids to go to Air Academy.



Scout improves appearance of Princeton airport entrance

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Boy Scout Michael Hoheisel, of Princeton, started Saturday digging into an improvement project at the entrance of the Princeton Municipal Airport that he's been planning for months and that holds the potential to help the 17-year-old earn the status of Eagle Scout.

The high award would cap an 11-year experience in Scouting for Hoheisel, who belongs to the Zimmerman-based Troop 91. The project includes many of his fellow Scouts because this job requires him to organize and lead others, whereas most of the time he's a worker bee and volunteer. Asked why he picked the airport, Hoheisel said, "I plan on going into aviation," adding that his interest lies specifically in commercial aviation or helicopters.

At the Princeton Airport entrance now sit two wooden poles holding flat boards that are a faded black and identify the airport and elevation in worn yellow lettering. About a year ago, said Bob, the airport added the symbolic airplane propeller on a pole, and it sits a little higher than expected. Michael Hoheisel plans to install two new poles to raise the height of the existing sign and repaint and refurbish its wood. He'll also remove two of the blue, metal signs that sit beneath the wooden one, but are not needed, and then raise the height of the remaining two.

The goal is to finish everything this year except for the new plants, which would go in next spring. Hoheisel said several local businesses have supported his effort and that the city approved the work but made clear it would not contribute financially.

As a local Scout gains experience in leadership and improvement work, Princeton benefits from his and his group's effort to improve the look of the airport entrance.

Welcome Visitors to Lake Elmo Airport

Last Saturday I noticed an unusual aircraft at the airport—it looked familiar—like I had seen it somewhere before. It turned out Milt Gunderson was visiting Chapter 54 member Marlon Gunderson. The plane is an Emeraude.

The Emeraude is a low-wing cantilever monoplane with fixed tailwheel undercarriage and side-by-side seating for two. The aircraft uses wood construction with a laminated box spar with an elliptical trailing edge. The prototype was designed and built by Claude Piel, who then licensed manufacture of the aircraft to a number of firms. Milt bought the plane, a home built from plans, from the builder.



This plane is powered by a Lycoming O-290 with 125 horse power and cruises at about 120 mph. It is a slick, attractive plane with a complex wing. Milt says it flies very well, great short field capabilities and pretty fast.

Milt had breakfast with Marlon and his wife. Milt invited everyone to visit his home airport in Mora Minnesota





FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

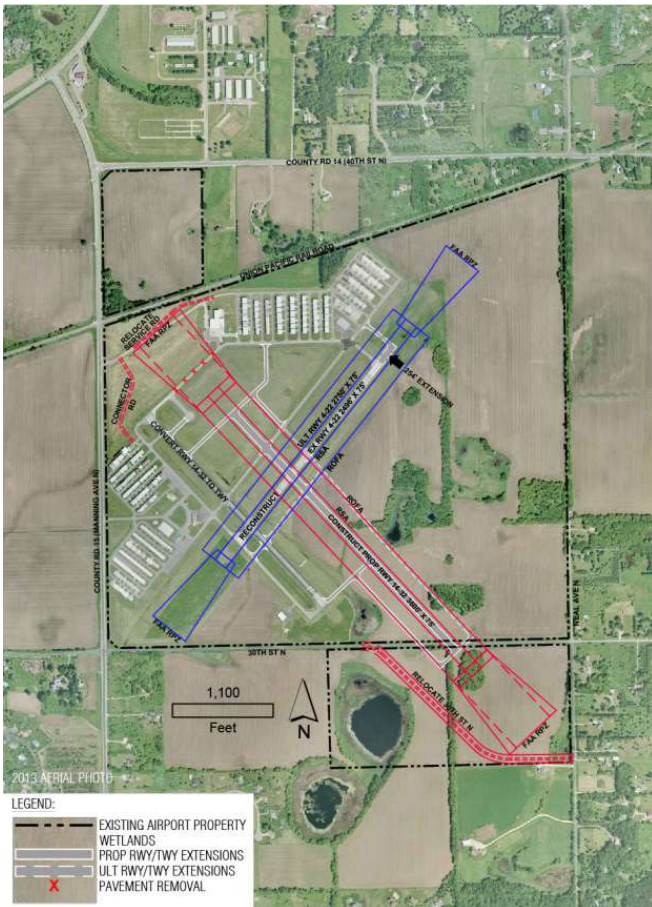
JIM PEARSALL

One of our charter activities is education and our partnership with Farnsworth School has been a very important part of our contributions to the community at large. At the last Aviation Day we presented a ceremonial check to school representatives.



“Thank You” letters are displayed on every table and students and parents helped clean tables during the pancake breakfast. We’ve also seen some students from Farnsworth as Young Eagles riders.

We’ve shared information with the community about the MAC plans — our hope is that the airport will be something



the neighbors will be proud of and take ownership as a resource and benefit.

Left is a preferred alternative to move and extend the main runway. Feel free to share with the Metropolitan Airports Commission if you support the long term plan for Lake Elmo Airport.



Young Eagles November 9, 2015



There are a couple updates for the Young Eagle volunteers. In 2016 the EAA will be asking for pilot background checks. The process will be online. When this becomes available I will let you know. Actually I just learned about the background checks from Jim at the annual meeting last Monday.

The other item is Eagle Flight related. There will be new registration materials sent out at some point. There are current Eagle forms and information above the desk in the corner of the main meeting room. Please let me know if you have questions.

A reminder that Valter's offers a discount on fuel for Young Eagle flights. EAA has vouchers for Phillips 66 fuel only.

Young Eagle flights are on the second Saturday of each month from May through October.

Dates for 2016 are:

- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10 and October 8.

Thank you to the loyal crowd that volunteered at Young Eagle events again this year. It's so great to see you all each time the weather is

cooperative.

If you're only available periodically, that's great, too. Thank you everyone for the great year!

Linda Amble
EAA54
Young Eagle coordinator



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.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

By Bettie Seitzer, Chapter Secretary

Called to order:

Reconvened annual membership meeting, 18 members present and eligible to vote.

December 14th will be our December meeting and annual holiday dinner. Social time begins at 5:30, dinner will be served starting at 6:00. \$5.00 donation requested, entrée and side dishes will be served; members are invited to bring desserts to share.

Dale Seitzer provided an update on the MACs long term, comprehensive plan. The MAC is in public communication phase to educate the public about the long term plan to lengthen runway 32, moving the road and creating more "safety zone" for the runway. This plan was actually formed in the 1960s and the MAC bought the necessary land. Public resistance led the MAC to make some changes to the plan to gain acceptance. However, if the modifications don't get public approval, it is likely that the MAC will go back to the original plan. Significant money will be needed just to repair the existing runway, so the rationale is to do a bigger project and create a longer, more robust runway in one project. The new runway will be better aligned to the planes and amount of activity for 21D.

Jim Pearsall was at Flying Cloud meeting last Saturday where noise abatement was discussed. There is a new housing development in that area, and homeowners are told that the airport is there and noise abatement is the homeowner's responsibility. Airports with established communities around them receive very few noise complaints; most noise complaints come from new housing development residents who have not adjusted to the airport. It is also known that most complaints reference helicopters and jets.

Copies of the MAC noise abatement guidelines for pilots are available in the chapter house or on-line.

Young Eagles will have some changes in 2016. Pilots will have to agree to a background check prior to flying young eagles. There will be a website where prospective pilots will register and agree to the check, the chapter would then receive notification of approved pilots.

There is a new Eagle Flight coordinator in the national organization; that person will be the contact person for the program. There are new materials available and the program is getting more support from the national organization. Eagle flights can be given to any person; the program provides insurance under the same umbrella as the Young Eagle program. Persons receiving an Eagle Flight do get some perks including a 6-month membership and the magazine. The goal of the program is to help people experience flying and encourage them to consider getting a pilot's license.

Newsletter editor reports that flying stories are favorite parts of the newsletter. Members have let Dale know that they appreciate the newsletter. Pictures are great, stories from members are important. We have many members who are not able to come to the meetings and depend on the newsletter to stay in touch. Newsletter editors get free admission to Oshkosh and a press pass.

Treasurer reports that we are right on track. A detailed report will be provided at the annual board meeting in January.

Housing: Dave Fibiger has volunteered to continue to serve as Housing Chair; he has done a fabulous job of keeping everything in top shape. He has installed our sound system, which is a tremendous contribution. We are going ahead with replacing the siding on the chapter house; the plan is to move to a maintenance-free siding so that we can eliminate the need for repainting every other year.

Membership: John Renwick provided the most recent roster including 97 members, but there were some renewals in the mail today. We also have 20 family members! We have done a good job of encouraging family participation through our social events.

Young Eagles: 50% of our dates had to be cancelled due to weather; as a result our numbers are down from last year. Linda thanked the volunteers who make this program possible! Pilots and ground support people are greatly appreciated. The photos are popular in the newsletter and on the website. Each Young Eagle flight earns monetary credits that can be used to offset the cost of Air Academy. Linda has done a fabulous job of coordinating all of the events and the significant paperwork and preparation that are required to make this program a success.

Historian: Jim Anderson got a large supply of engine and airplane parts from an estate. Jeff and Jim have been sorting the parts and will have them available to sell to people who need parts for rebuilding Jacobs Radial engines.

Saturday Morning, December 5th, the son of Gary Francis Powers, will be in town and will stop by the chapter house and will talk with anyone who wants to come in and talk to him. He was a consultant on the current movie Bridge of Spies; he speaks around the country and has established a cold war museum.

The Ferry Gannett has been moved around for several fund raisers, it is housed at the New Richmond Airport.

Business Meeting:

Aviation Day 2016

There will be a planning meeting tomorrow at 7:00 (Tuesday, November 10th), it will be at the chapter house and through "Go To Meeting" <https://www.gotomeet.me/EAA54>. This will be a pilot test of electronic meetings.

August 14th is the planned date.

We need to brainstorm possible sponsors who would cover the fixed costs; that would allow all of our funds to go toward the scholarships. Our costs are approximately \$2,000; we will target raising \$3,000 so that we can do things like purchase t-shirts for the volunteers that would display the names of our sponsors. Having sponsors means that no chapter funds are at risk.

The team will create a project plan and timeline so that we can stay on track. The budget will be created and presented at the board meeting in January. Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Jack seconded. Unanimous passage.

College soccer: SCSU midfielder looks to take flight

[Mick Hatten](mailto:mhatten@stcloudtimes.com), mhatten@stcloudtimes.com 5:52 p.m. CST November 3, 2015



(Photo: Kimm Anderson, kan-derson@stcloudtimes.com)

- Ally Herod is the 3rd generation in her family to have a pilot's license
- Her father, Mike, is a retired pilot for United Airlines
- SCSU has qualified for the NSIC playoffs for 1st time since 2012, plays Wednesday at Winona State

When Ally Herod goes home, talk around the dinner table seems to get divided. "We'll be at the dinner table and my mom (Sandy) and my brother (David) will be sitting there having their own conversation and my dad (Mike) and I will be talking about aviation the whole time," Ally said with a smile. "It's really nice because my dad is kind of like my teacher, in a way."



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“There’s so much to know and I’ll have my (flying) lessons, but then I can come home and ask questions I wouldn’t want to ask an instructor (about things) that I’m having difficulty with.” Herod has a lot of things that she is working on.

Commercial pilot's license

A senior from Mystic, Connecticut, she is on track to graduate in the spring with a degree in international business. Herod also has more than 190 hours of flying time logged and is working toward a commercial pilot’s license. After she gets to 250 hours, she can test to get her commercial license.



Aviation has played a big part in her life. Herod’s mother is a former flight attendant for United Airlines, and her father is a retired United Airlines pilot. Her grandfather, Bud Herod, was a military pilot. “We don’t have our own plane, but when we were younger, we went on a lot of vacations because we had a great opportunity to fly for free on standby,” Herod said of a perk of her father’s profession. “We’ve been around the (flying) atmosphere my entire life. “But I really didn’t get interested in aviation until college.”

Herod goes flying two or three times a week at St. Cloud Regional Airport and knows most of the personnel there. She also has been making her way through requests from teammates to go flying with her.