



October 1992

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES — Next meeting set for Monday Oct 12.

The September meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 P.M.

John Thomas delivered and set up a new VCR for CHAPTER 54.

We had four visitors at the meeting. Welcome new member, Brian Jensen. Brian is planning to build an RV-4. The minutes were accepted as published. A new VCP (player), TV and stand are now operational. Thanks are due John Thomas for setting it up. The chapter now has calendars for sale at \$7.00 each.

A discussion was held on the Chapter Charter and By-Laws. A committee was appointed to study them and adapt them to our Chapter. Dick Wicklund heads the committee with Jim Olson and Jerry Laundry.

MAC policies regarding physical standards for tenants was discussed.

The YOUNG EAGLES program was also discussed. There seems to be a little confusion right now but it will get off the ground.

Discussion about whether Chapter 54 should have a table at the CAP Fly Market on Sunday November 8.

Headquarters is asking for volunteers to go to Florida to help move Kermit Weeks museum materials to Lakeland FL.

A tour of Wipline is being negotiated.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by John Thomas for Rosemary Frank.

Dues are due - \$15. 00 per year

Calendars For Sale - \$7.00 each. A beautiful inexpensive gift. This is your Chapter. Buy your calendar now and give them as a gift. The price is right! We must sell all 75 to see any profit. They are selling at near cost.

Tuesday September 29, the mid-month tour visited the BRS (Ballistic Recovery Systems) plant. The excellent presentation by President Boris Popoff was well attended. They are qualifying a system for Cessna to be retrofitted to 150s. When a spent 150 hits the ground with a BRS deployed, the impact is the same as a free fall from thirteen feet. Not much worse than some student landings I've seen. It spreads the gear flat and bounces but most important, you can exit and walk away! The entire system is compressed into a small 39 pound package.

From the Maple Lake Flyer of Chapter 878, an update on their story last month about MAC's proposed regs on facility size: "John Ysker, business man at Anoka County Airport had a second hearing on his appeal of the MAC ordinance that sets limits on the minimum size of a facility, such as his Thunderbolt Aviation. The meeting Sept. 9 was with a sub-committee. John later had a meeting with the full commission and they passed a resolution to send the ordinance back to the staff for review. According to Jeff, members of the commission commented that they didn't realize the impact that this ordinance would have."

"This is a major victory, not just for John, but for aviation in general. The potential problem is that of politics and reluctance of staff members to admit that they may have made a mistake! However, it should also be taken as a good sign that the commission did listen to a thoughtful rebuttal to inappropriate regulations. If you think you are right, stand up for your beliefs!"

EXPECT in October:

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| Oct. 4 - 10 | Minnesota Aviation Space Education Week |
| Oct. 12 | Chapter 54 meeting, at 7:30, Lake Elmo Airport |
| Oct. 24 | Open house at Mpls Air Route Traffic Control Center, Farmington |