



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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July 2016

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON

MONDAY August 8, 2016

- Social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
- Members will share their observations and reactions to Airventure with photos and stories about the planes, people and activities
- Chapter 54 Sponsored Air Academy Participants Presentations
- CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D.
- Our Chapter Web site address: www.eaa54.org

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Upcoming Events

1. Pancake Breakfast / Aviation Day — August 14
2. Airventure July 25 to July 31
3. Chapter 54 Meeting—August 8
4. Chapter Young Eagles Event — August 13
5. Girls In Aviation Day — September 24

Benson Airport 2016 Pancake Breakfast Fly in

By Dave & Diane Syverson, Kitfox 7 Tri gear

Saturday May 21, 2016 is the day EAA Chapter 745 of White Bear Lake scheduled their pancake breakfast fly-in for the morning from 14:00 Z through 17:00 Z. Couldn't have been better day for the event. No rain, no wind, lots of sun and a great bunch of people with likewise, sunny dispositions about their interest in aviation.



Benson is a private strip that has been located at its present place for quite a while and is noted for classic airplanes, experimentals, ski planes in the winter and lots of tailwheel aircraft. The 2,000 foot long grass strip, while not particularly smooth, is entirely negotiable in a tailwheel aircraft; or, a nose gear aircraft provided that it has a moderate or low stall speed. I always have to remind myself to make sure that when speaking of Benson – it's the private one at White Bear Lake, not the public airport at Benson Minnesota where I first took flight training in C-140's.



In landing at Benson, a person is greeted by folks directing ground traffic with the traditional batons while Mike & his family are operating the also traditional airport golf cart to assist people with questions or talk some aviation. After



parking, all I can say is if a person starves at this event, it is their own fault! Meeting the staff at the reception point will get a person on the right track to a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Love the sign on the wall in the kitchen..."Danger, Men Cooking", I mean, what could possibly go wrong with a bunch of guys involving heat, flames and combustible substances! Ah, but for the record, the food was done perfectly with not the slightest hint of singed hair or explosions.

Following a great breakfast and much visiting at the breakfast table, a person could walk around and see many classic aircraft parked about the area. Everything from an N3N, a Travelair to Cubs, Champs, Taylorcraft and a C 140 that was so shiny it made a great mirror.



One little kerfuffle occurred; fortunately without any damage; and, also fortunately a lot of help to get the aircraft un-stuck. A really nice 182 taxied out the middle taxiway, which is fairly narrow but wide enough if a person stays on the imaginary centerline (seems all markings are imaginary on most grass strips). Unfortunately one of the main gear wheels tracked off the mowed part of the taxiway into the rough about a foot where a small drainage ditch captured the wheel and brought the aircraft to an immediate standstill. Didn't take long for an assessment of "no damage", likely due to the pilot's proper choice to use a slow taxi speed, and the help of a dozen volunteers to get the bird back up out of the little ditch. Everyone was grateful for the good outcome; but, it does remind a person there is a reason to stay on the centerline as we were all taught.



It was encouraging to see a turn out of people from EAA 54 at this event. Anyone who didn't have a chance to get there this year should know Benson has more than one event, including a ski plane fly-in during the winter; and, a great group of grass roots aviators to visit with. WWW.745.eaachapter.org Fly-ins at this and other airports are a wonderful way to support our interests in aviation, meet new people including those who are visiting who are not aviators but itching to get the bug.

Fly Well, Dave

Girls in Aviation Day

September 24, 2016 · St. Paul Airport

Mark your calendars- something very unique and very special is coming to St. Paul Airport! On **September 24, 2016**, Stars of the North will bring all of the passion, exploration, learning, and excitement of aviation and aerospace right to you. **CONNECT** with other girls and women who are excited about aviation! **EXPLORE** the opportunities for working in the aviation and aerospace industry! **EXPERIENCE** the high-flying fun aviation offers! The event is designed for girls (and boys!) of all ages.

Speaker announced for GIAD 2016



We are pleased to announce **Elizabeth McCormick** as the speaker for this year's event. As a former **US Army Black Hawk pilot**, Elizabeth flew command and control, air assault, rappelling, top-secret intelligence missions, and also transported high level government VIPs including the Secretary of Defense. An authority on Leadership and Veterans Issues with the media, Elizabeth has been seen on ABC, CBS, FOX, CW, MSNBC, in the Wall Street Journal, and more. A #1 best-selling author, her personal development book, *The P.I.L.O.T. Method; the 5 Elemental Truths to Leading Yourself in Life*, is a "must read"! To learn more, visit yourinspirationspeaker.com

Young Eagles Report

At the July Young Eagles Event 23 young people were given introductory rides by Chapter Pilots. Thanks to the ground crew for getting the Young Eagles prepared and working with siblings and parents to share the joy of flight and educate the public about aviation.



MN DOT Aeronautics Have a Booth At Airventure

Cassandra Isacson

I hope you all had a great 4th of July! We had fantastic weather here in the Twin Cities.

MN DOT Aeronautics is going to have a booth at Oshkosh this year. You can find us in Hangar C.

We are also working on having a forum or two and hope to see you in the audience.

We would like to find ways to partner with your chapters on aviation education, community support of airports, and aviation safety.

Hopefully, you'll be able to find some time in your busy Oshkosh schedule to stop by and see our cool Minnesota-themed booth!

July Chapter Meeting Notes

Aviation Day Needs

- Head Cook Volunteer needed
- Members can help publicize Aviation Day -- Put out flyers, 20 mile radius, to Downtown St Paul, Farnsworth neighborhood
- Email Sent to Chapter requesting exhibit planes (projects) - Put a couple in the back of the hangar

Arrangements

CAF MN Wing Contract Signed

Need someone from the chapter to make large sandwich board type signs similar to CAP? Display; Along Manning Ave by 21D, intersection of CR 5 and Manning, intersection of CR 10 and Manning. Simple message in large print: Pancake Breakfast, Lake Elmo Airport, This Sunday (then no need to update date each year and only display week of event), 8 am – 1 pm.

Will email flyer to all Ch 54 members using google-group list. Ask members to:

- Print and display at locations,
- Add to their Facebook page,
- Distribute to family and friends.

Add flyer to Chapter 54 Facebook page.

Last week I printed three copies of a previous version of the flyer and gave to Gatis to display.

Will develop a "press release" to send to area newspapers two weeks before the event. They publish the press release in their Community Events section the week of the event.

Menu

Received a donation of 10 gallons of coffee from Caribou in Stillwater. With 5-oz servings, this should serve about 250 cups. Will purchase two bags of Caribou coffee from Cub. We will use the chapter's coffee maker to make additional coffee if needed.

Purchased extra 30-lb of pancake flour. It was on sale at Sturdiwheat. Have about 45 lb. left over from last year. Contacted maple syrup provider. He will attend again this year.

Airventure Chapter Camping - Chapter 54 group camping near Lindbergh and 38th in Camp Scholler. Can reserve more but at regular price

21D Stickers for planes and cars

EAA Chapter 54 Home Page Features

Our web presence is an important front door to the Chapter activities. People can sign up for Young Eagles or the ground school. Young Eagles check in and print off copies of their photos.

The website contains all the newsletters including Board Meeting Minutes — it is an important record repository. The website also has an excellent events listing maintained by Paul Hove.

Events

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Local Events

Compiled by Chapter 54 member Paul Hove

The event dates and locations listed here come from a variety of sources. There may be changes, cancellations or editing mistakes. Please call ahead to verify that the event is taking place as scheduled.

July

*July 22 2016, 17:00 to 19:00, **Boyceville WI Mapleview Branch of the Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social**, Boyceville Municipal Airport ,(3T3), Mapleview Branch of the Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social 5-7pm. , , ,*

*July 23 2016, 7:00 to 14:00, **Siren WI Burnett County Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast & Airshow**, www.gandydancerflyindrivein.com, Burnett County Airport, (KRZN), Welcome General Aviation, Military Aircraft, Classic Cars, Aerobatics, 5 K Trail run/walk, Emergency Vehicles, Airplane rides (\$35). Free Admission!! Welcome General Aviation, Military Aircraft, Classic Cars, Aerobatics, 5 K Trail run/walk, Emergency Vehicles, Airplane rides (\$35) Free Admission!! Sky Divers Aerobatic acts Over 60 local sponsors Free bounce house for kids Free pedal planes for kids Wild Rice pancake breakfast served by the Ag Club of Burnett County (\$5.) Howard Aircraft on display Radio Controlled planes on display and flown. Featuring: Susan Dacy and her aircraft "Super Stearman", Dave Basten, 715-566-0764, dbasten@grantsburgtelcom.net*

*July 23 2016, 7:00 to 12:00, **Henning MN Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast**, Henning Municipal Airport ,(05Y), Pancake, egg, sausage breakfast. Free breakfast to Pilots in Command. Airplane rides, door prizes 8:00 AM - Noon. Welcome to all Classics/ Ultra Lights/ Warbirds/ Antiques. Airplane rides provided by Janson Flying Service. Fuel available on-site. Sponsored by the Henning EAA Chapter 1065. , , ,*

*July 25 2016, to , **Oshkosh WI EAA AirVenture**, ww*

*July 31 2016, 7:30 to 12:00, **Backus MN Lions Fly-I** Backus Fire Department and First Responders, will cost and milk will also be part of the breakfast.Five dollar adv Backus Fire Department members and First Responders*

*July 31 2016, 8:00 to 13:00, **Big Fork MN Fly-In Br** milk and juice. We hold the breakfast in conjunction wi*

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Next Chapter 54 Meeting



MEETING, 2nd MONDAY of the month - 7:30 PM

Chapter meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month. The next Chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, July 11th, 2016, 7:30 pm** at the Chapter House, located on the south entrance road off Manning Ave (Gate "B"). Come at 7:00 pm and socialize.

EVENT: Aviation Day August 14th, 2016

Current Local Airport Weather



Lake Elmo

METARs	TAFs		
METARs from nearby stations:			
K21D 9:34 PM	Wind: Calm	79°/73°	
VFR (3 minutes ago)	Visibility: 10.0	26.0°/23.0°	A2994
935 MSL	Clear		
KLWN 9:34 PM	Wind: Calm	81°/72°	

Additional Aviation Weather Information

Upcoming Fly-ins

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*July 23 2016, **Siren WI Burnett County Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast & Airshow**, Burnett County Airport*
[Click here](#) for more details and events beyond the next sixty days.

Be A Young Eagle

Boys and girls age 8 through 17 can take an **introductory flight for free**. Find out what it's like to fly! EAA Chapter 54 hosts Young Eagle flights on the 2nd Saturday of the month from May to October. The next scheduled event is August 13, 2016.. [More Information and Sign-up](#)



Chapter 54 Newsletters



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Visit the groups home and search in the archives

<https://groups.google.com/>

[forum/#!/forum/ea54_members](https://forum.eaa54_members)

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Young Women Explore Duluth Aviation Industry

The next generation of workers in the Duluth aviation sector may include more women. That's at least the goal of a "Women in Aviation" camp put on this week by Lake Superior College. A dozen young women were getting an inside look at AAR on Thursday morning as part of the camp. Even though it was a small group, it's rare to see that many women in the maintenance facility.

The FAA reports that in the U.S., women make up 2.34 percent of all airplane mechanics. Behind the controls, numbers are slightly better, with 7 percent of pilots being women. That's why LSC, AAR, Cirrus and others are working to encourage more women like to pursue a career in the aviation field. "There's so many types of jobs that everyone can do, especially young women, we want to encourage them to look at aviation because there's so many avenues they could take as a career path," Mark Ketterer, VP of Operations for AAR said.

As jobs in Duluth's growing aviation industry continue to multiply, women might also be an untapped pool to fill skills gaps.

"We know our best bet is to find that homegrown talent that want to stay here in Duluth, find good jobs here in Duluth and just keep feeding our pipeline," Ketterer said. "Three or four years down the line, I think it'd be great to see them come back in here and be applying for jobs with us.

That may be the plan for Sara Truman, a 19-year-old camper who is interested in pursuing aviation mechanics. She's enrolling at LSC in the fall and said the camp deepened her interest. "It was so cool, just seeing all the turbines just broken apart and all of the wires exposed and everything," Truman said. "It's so much, it's so complicated, and I'm so excited to go learn how to do all that." Throughout the week, the campers explored a variety of aviation sector fields including maintenance, flight, avionics and even drones.

Many women said the highlight though was a discovery flight in a Cirrus SR20. A flight instructor from LSC even helped the campers operate some of the controls as the plane cruised over Duluth.



For Sale, Rent or Wanted

For Sale: Drywall lift. Good for 150# & 11 feet lifting for 8 foot or 12 foot sheets. I bought this for a single small project - firewalling my garage. Good as new. Will sell for half price \$75 Dave Syverson ddsylverson@comcast.net or 612-418-1072 (leave a message - I'll call back soon when able)

Wanted: Four place airplane, fixed gear, Mid time engine, STC for auto fuel or approved engine and airframe. Also looking for hangar to rent at Lake Elmo. Please call 651-246-8028

For Sale: Rans S7 Courier, Rotax 912, Warp Drive Prop, 250 Hours, excellent condition. \$47,000 Contact Jeff G 612 701 9991

Please email newsletters@eaa54.org if you have an aviation related item to sell or looking to buy.



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.



FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

JIM PEARSALL

Greetings fans of freedom to fly! This week we have something to celebrate in the passing of FAA Medical Reform. It is not perfect, but as it seems to be a worthwhile compromise. The passage of the Reforms is why I support EAA as well as other aviation advocacy groups.

We, as a group, in the chapter focus on our missions, Young Eagles fundraising for aviation education. This is a reminder of some of the EAA organizations broader efforts and also that there are many EAA ers who we may never see at our meeting but contribute to the effort through their membership. There is something else that EAA is doing now I want to bring to your attentions. The broader set of EAA members who may never visit us or any other local chapter, airports or monitor the information web sites, bulletin boards we post our event information may have been out of reach for our outreach in the past. We now have a way to reach them. EAA Chapter Services has introduced a new regular email to let all members with an email address know about things the chapters are doing in their area. Our Aviation Day Aug 14th is one of the first events to be featured in this "Email Blast". All EAA members in our general area will get a notice that includes our event.

Cool, right? Yes, and makes more than ever getting our event attendees to tell us how you heard about us. Look for more on how we will do this at our planning meetings Monday Nights through our event.

By the time you read this many of us will be at Air Venture others on their way or wishing they were. Whatever your status, I would appreciate it if you collect a few of your Oshkosh memories and bring them to our August meeting where we will hold space on the agenda for you along with reports from our Air Academy attendees.

The final phases of the Pancake Breakfast are underway. Dry goods are purchased, the grill is getting checked out and someone may be calling you soon to ask when you would like to help. Please consider pitching in, the more the merrier. That is for this month, on to Oshkosh.

**Airventure Chapter
Camping Area —
Lindbergh Ave be-
tween 43d and 42nd.
Stop by if you are at
AirVenture 2016!**



Lake Elmo Airport upgrades

Work has begun on improvements to the taxiway parallel to runway 43 / 14 and the extension of 04 / 22



Speaker Announcement

September Chapter Meeting Speaker — Kevin Szalapski.

He will speak about flex wing weight shift trikes.

This will be fun and educational — feel free to invite guests to this special presentation.



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