



The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54
Lake Elmo, Minn.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2011.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM, CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT 21D
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:

James Niehoff from the FAA will be present to discuss "Owner/Operator Responsibilities in Aircraft Maintenance". This is a Wings eligible presentation.

Chapter Aviation Day a Success!

Compiled by the Editor

With the beautiful weather and hard work of all the volunteers at this year's Aviation Day Fly-In all indications are it was a tremendous success! Thanks go out to all who made it all happen and for all your hard work on behalf of all the chapter members we do appreciate it!



This is a pictorial of the event but mainly of the volunteers whom helped out to make it a success!



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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

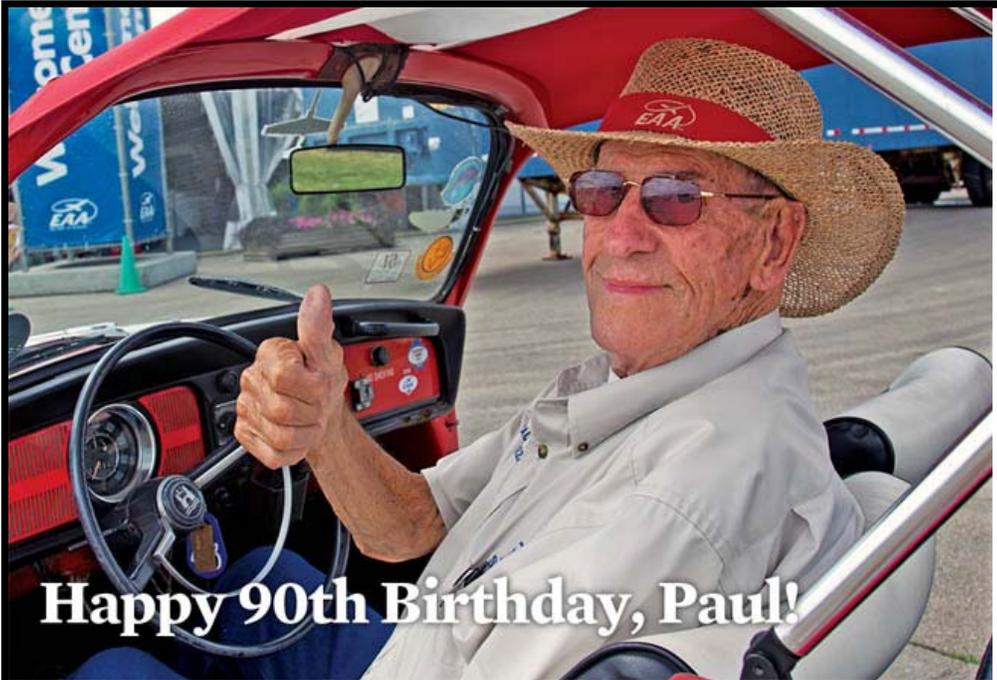
Aviation Day 2011 is now history. Overall, I think the event was very successful. The preliminary tally of breakfasts served was 610, which represents a modest 1% increase over 2010. I first became involved in Chapter 54 and Aviation Day 11 years ago. That year we served 800+ breakfasts. In 2008 and 2009 we served only 300+ breakfasts. In 2008 we moved the date to the first Saturday after Labor Day to coincide with Lake Elmo's Fall Festival. The Festival organizers had no event planned for Saturday morning. We approached them and offered to add Aviation Day to their event schedule. It seemed like a good strategy to align our event with Lake Elmo's Festival and to piggy back on their publicity efforts. We hoped to fill a Saturday morning gap in their event schedule to bring families to the airport for breakfast before attending the parade and other afternoon/evening activities. It seemed like a good strategy but did not produce the numbers of guests we hoped for. In 2009 we went back to the traditional date, the second Sunday after Air Venture. But on that date Mother Nature did not cooperate. We had solid IFR all morning. I think one airplane flew in. So, the bottom line is we did OK in 2011.

A big thank you goes to Jim Pearsall for organizing the event. Jim had a busy year organizing International Learn to Fly Day and our annual banquet. Both of these events were in May. His final big event was Aviation Day on August 14. Jim did a stellar job for us this year and demonstrated his extraordinary dedication and commitment to Chapter 54.

Also, a special thanks to all the committee chairs, chapter member volunteers, and spouses, family members, friends, etc that showed up to help. We appreciate your support. And finally, I want to extend a big thank you to Valters Aviation for hosting our event and being very generous and cooperative in the use of the facility. Also thank you to the kids and parents from Farnsworth Elementary in St. Paul for taking time out of their normal Sunday morning activities to come and help us clean and clear tables and keep the dining area presentable.

I am pleased to report that our Nominating Committee successfully recruited candidates for Officer and Class III Director positions for the 2012-2013 term. The slate of candidates was finalized when Jim Pearsall accepted the nomination as Vice President. Jim will continue as our Events Director for 2012 in addition to serving as our VP. Jim will be counting on cooperation and a volunteer spirit from each and every chapter member to assist him in his dual role. A complete list of Officer/Class III Director candidates is listed elsewhere in this newsletter. At the September meeting I will open the floor for any additional nominations. Voting will take place at the October meeting and the new Officers and Directors will assume their responsibilities at the conclusion of the December meeting. I think the Nominations Committee did a great job in retaining current Officers and Directors as well as bringing in new people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

The September meeting will be on Monday, September 12 with a social gathering at 7:00 PM followed by the regular meeting at 7:30. James Niehoff from the FAA will be present to discuss "Owner/Operator Responsibilities in Aircraft Maintenance". This is a Wings eligible presentation. This should be a very interesting and informative program. I hope many of you are able to attend and hear this presentation.



Happy 90th Birthday, Paul!

Born September 4, 1921

EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT

By PAUL RANKIN

EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTIONS MEETING, THE TREASURER'S REPORT WILL NOW BE ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.EAA54.ORG/MEMBBERSONLY

Editors Note: These great pictures/calendars are pulled from the EAA website, www.eaa.org/wallpaper . They can be used for your screen savers!



JN-4 Canuck

Photo by Jo Hunter, EAA 854773

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Jo Hunter, EAA 854773, captured this image of a JN-4 Canuck at the Old Kingsbury Aerodrome in Kingsbury, Texas, during the spring fly-in. Pioneer Flight Museum, located at the Aerodrome, specializes in World War I-era aircraft and vehicles; in this photo, volunteers use a Ford Model T truck to tow the Canuck to the end of the runway.



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Chapter members meet on the second Monday of every month at the Chapter House, Entrance B at Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The House is at the base of the airport beacon. The newsletter is printed on the first Monday of every month. Parts of the newsletter may be reprinted with appropriate credit.
21D RCO 118.625, Unicom: 122.8
21D AWOS:120.075, TPA: 1932'
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
14-32 (2850' x 75')

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We had a total of 610 meals:
386 Adult
64 Child
45 Adult (no eggs)
12 Child (no eggs)



14 Car Club eats free
25 Exhibitor eats free



10 Valters
54 PIC eats free



There were at least 50 airplanes.

The day would not have been a success with out all the volunteers that made it happen !



A SPECIAL YOUNG EAGLES EVENT

Mr. Jim Anderson
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Marine on the St. Croix, MN 55407

Dear Jim, Aug 12, 2011

On behalf of Hospitality House, our kids and families I wish to thank you for having our kids out for a visit and the flights – they had an absolutely wonderful time! I had a chance to sit down with them when they got back and they couldn't stop talking about their great adventure. Teenage boys usually just grunt a lot, so I could tell this was a pretty big deal for them. They had a tremendous time flying the planes, opening the cockpit door(?), "losing their stomachs", getting to sit in the pilot seat, inspecting a 100 lb bomb and learn about flying. It was truly a great experience for them all.

Also, we greatly appreciate you taking the time to help organize, getting the volunteers, having the planes ready and giving the tour. George Rowley relayed to me one of the very special things was having two of the boys pair up with each of the men for the tour. He said it was very encouraging to watch your guys relate to these inner city kids in such warm and fatherly way. Many of them don't get to experience that too often. Again thank you very much and we appreciate all you did!

May God Bless You and your family!



Rev. Johnny Hunter

Hospitality House Executive Director

(P.S. Please be sure to thank all the guys that helped out!)



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*From the desk of Jim Anderson
Two of old plane collection*



This is my 1941 Navy N3N-3 trainer built in the Naval Aircraft Factory in Philadelphia. I have owned it since 1976 and it was completely restored in 1980. During WWII similar planes were used at NAS Minneapolis.

This is a 1943 Aeronca L3-B Grasshopper trainer and liaison spotter plane. A complete restoration, taking a number of years, it was finished a few years ago. It was wrecked in a barn collapsed by a fire. I have owned it since 1983.

tomorrow's leaders.

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August 25, 2011

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Dear Reverend Hunter,

Thank you for the wonderful letter regarding the visit of your kids to Lake Elmo Airport to Fly in the EAA Young Eagles program and to visit our collection of old airplanes.

EAA Chapter 54 at Lake Elmo has been giving Young Eagle rides as part of a National Experimental Aircraft Association for many years, and our members have a regular monthly schedule, as well as arranging for special groups such as yours. Nationally, over one million kids have participated. The Chapter also has a long time regular connection with a St Paul Magnet school specializing in aviation for kids.

Regarding the visit to our hangars, we have hosted quite a few groups from the Magnet School, as well as others, who are always welcome.

As you might have guessed from the pictures, the "hosts" were as pleased as the kids and extremely happy to be able to meet and work with them. Their enthusiastic interest is a reward in itself. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Chapter 54, and to the others who helped.

We hope you'll schedule future events with other kids who might enjoy the outing.

Best regards,

Check out this link to the St. Paul Pioneer Press http://www.twincities.com/opinion/ci_18766114?nclick_check=1. It's titled "A Dedicated Coach" and "Eagles' Welcome Young Flyers to the Air". Scroll down the page to find an article about

the Young Eagles event Jim Anderson hosted on Wednesday, August 3rd for a group of ten kids from the Hospitality House Youth Development Center of Minneapolis. This article appeared in the "Sainted & Tainted" section of the paper. It was written by Doug Rowley who is the father to George Rowley, the volunteer leader of the Hospitality House group. Unfortunately, EAA Ch 54 was identified as "The Young Eagles Flying Club". But that is OK. The good PR for general aviation is what really matters.

Jim Anderson is recognized for organizing the event and Dave Becker as the Young Eagles Coordinator for the club. And, thanks to all the Chapter 54 members that participated in the event.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes For August 8, 2011 *By Dale Seitzer*

President, Leif Erickson called the meeting to order, Vice President Bettie Seitzer and Treasurer Paul Rankin were officers in attendance – a of total 29 people were in attendance.

One visitor: Steve Wettland, lives in White Bear Lake. He and a partner are buying a Challenger II. He is looking for a CFI that can give instruction in the Challenger.

Topic for tonight's meeting was a thank you presentation from the family of Dale Rupp. Deb Rupp, Dale Rupp's daughter spoke about the service at the Memorial Wall at Oshkosh and narrated a slide show of photos from the ceremony and memorial wall. Dale introduced her to aviation and to the Chapter 54. She thanked the ROMEO group -- Retired Old Men Eating Out—the group of guys who had lunch every Friday. She thanked everyone for helping Dale with the L2 and RV. He enjoyed giving rides to Young Eagles—having a Young Eagles event on the day of his funeral was sweet. The memorial is perfect—EAA was a huge part of his life. Jane wrote a great thank you note to the Chapter which was read by another family member. Twelve family members attended the memorial service and they really appreciated the effort and the thoughts of the Chapter members. Son, David Rupp, also spoke and read a note from another family member. They appreciated the missing man formation flyover at AirVenture during the service.

Changing topics was challenging—we had a serious and positive presentation remembering Dale Rupp and next was a young man who told us about his experience. Jamie Cardenas attended Air Academy in 2011. He was able to get a ride to Oshkosh from Dave Becker. He said he took a photo of every plane in the museum. He also enjoyed the positive and negative g's. He also enjoyed seeing the J2F Duck, meeting people from all over the country. Jamie presented a slide show with dozens of photos. He received a helicopter ride. He enjoyed the workshops, simulators and the airplane ride in a Cessna 172.

Aviation Day is Sunday August 14, 2011. Be prepared to help out. Volunteering is a great way to meet members and contribute to the mission of the club. We use funds raised to support Farnsworth school and scholarships for youth to attend EAA Air Academy. Key features will be the nostalgic aircraft, Bamboo Bomber, L3N and Waco Cabin Plane.

Jim Pearsall presented his photos of AirVenture. Paul Rankin also spoke and presented photos of his AirVenture experience including flying in the military aircraft air show. People who participate must attend two briefing. Five different altitude levels and they have different holding patterns. War bird pilots sign up with the plane they would use, reimburse for fuel if the pilot has a commercial pilot license. Paul flew with the transport group. He flew in one show and described it as being enjoyable and challenging. He remarked that being in the middle of all that action was very much fun.

Business Meeting

Treasurers Report; Paul Rankin reviewed the report. Motion to accept report received and seconded: Unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved and seconded, unanimously approved.

New Business

Vice President Nominee needed for the two year term. Housing: Dave Fiebigger will run, Education: Open, Linda Amble indicated she will run for Young Eagle Coordinator, and John Renwick will run for Membership Director.

Dave Becker, Young Eagles Report. Young Eagles 8/13/2011, looks like a full house, September Young Eagle event 9/10/2011. Always looking for ground crew volunteers and pilots. Having a make-up date has been working OK – likely continue if we get bad weather on the primary day.

Pilots Lounge

For Sale:

4130 Gas Welding rods - 36" X 1/16" - I have 7 pounds of new rods I can part with. Each rod stamped with alloy ID. \$10 per pound or offer for the 7 pounds.

Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004 \$50 or offer. Dave Syverson dsyverson@comcast.net or see additional contact info in Membership List.

For Sale:

60' x 48' Hanger, 54' door, small office, bathroom, well, holding tank, natural gas heat, 18' high ceiling, and 5HP compressor.

Asking \$80,000.00 or best offer.

2006 CT-SW Light Sport with about 200 hours

Total time. Has everything on it.

Asking \$90,000.00.

Call Jim Michalski at 612-618-1011 or see all of this at 13C Alfa Lane at the Lake Elmo

Airport (21D)

E-mail is Jmkreps@comcast.net .

Deluxe Hanger For Sale:

40 X 50 with 44 X 11 Door

Fully carpeted, insulated, gas unit heater with S.S. flue, electric baseboards, F.G. ceiling, textured walls, some attic platform storage, attic trusses are reinforced and double "X" braced. Wall ventilator with humid stat, two season wall vents, tool room with shelves & separate thermostat. Screened storage above. LAV room with single tub, cistern & storage above. Holding tank. Coffee room 4' above floor with finished storage below. Completely finished with A.C. and large hanger view window. Anderson permashield casement window. Door 2 3/4 S.C. Oak with steel frame. Includes furniture, microwave, refrigerator, coffee bar cabinets with Formica. Main floor windows have jail bars. Perimeter has rock border & ramp is flared. There is an electric aircraft winch and a custom oak work bench as well as a desk and a glazed book cabinet.

Price is \$69,900 Firm Plus any MAC fees.

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2012 – 2013 Officer and Class III Director Candidates

Officers

President – Bettie Seitzer

Vice President – Jim Pearsall

Treasurer – Paul Rankin

Secretary – Dale Seitzer

Class III Directors

Education – Rob Barros

Housing – Dave Fiebiger

Membership – John Renwick

Young Eagles – Linda Amble

Chapter Billboard
Special ads allowed by the chapter

LAKE ELMO MN (21D) SLSA
Flying Club Forming

Looking for individuals interested
in membership in a Flying Club featuring
a Flight Design Light Sport Aircraft

Contact Jim Pearsall

Phone: 651-494-4579

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Turbo Arrow III FOR SALE - Call 651-982-6275

Tailwinds Flying Club Welcomes New Members



Tailwinds Flying Partnership is based at Lake Elmo airport, 21D, in Lake Elmo, MN. We are a non-profit corporation of 38 pilots who equally own three Piper aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. Visit www.Tailwinds21d.org for more information.

To inquire about membership, please send an [e-mail to Mark](#) or call 651-982-6275.

The September 2011 issue of Plane & Pilot magazine features the mountain flying I have been enjoying in my Husky here in Alpine Wyoming. The cover photo and article comes close to capturing the experience of our flying at Alpine Airpark in Alpine, Wyoming. I plan to return to Lake Elmo in late October.

Stan Dardis

www.alpineairpark.com

Check out this link to the September issue of Plane & Pilot magazine - <http://www.planeandpilotmag.com/travel/journeys/backcountry-odyssey.html>. Its cover page and feature article is about flying Aviat Huskys in the Wyoming mountains. Chapter 54 member Stan Dardis is featured in the article.

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.

SEPTEMBER

September 10 2011, 8:00 to 16:00, Osceola WI Wheels and Wings Pancake Breakfast & Lunch, L.O. Sinenstad Municipal,(OEO), Warbirds & Airshow. Transportation available to craft show & classic car show., Jeffrey Meyer, , meyerjk@centurytel.net

September 10 2011, 7:30 to 11:00, Oshkosh WI EAA Chapter 252 Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast, www.eaa252.org, Wittman Regional Airport,(OSH), Hosted by EAA Chapter 252, ♦The Steve Wittman Chapter, ♦ is an all you can eat pancake breakfast including, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice or coffee. Free breakfast for pilots of homebuilt aircraft who fly in! Free airplane rides brought to you by EAA Young Eagles, for kids ages 8-17 at 9:00am-11:00am, weather permitting. Aircraft on Display!, Randy Novak, 920-410-0371, eaa252@gmail.com

September 10 2011, 12:00 to 14:00, Bowstring MN EAA Chapter 1446 Monthly Fly-In, www.eaachapter1446/, Bowstring Airport,(9Y0), Fly in, drive in, walk in to the Bowstring Airport on the 2nd Saturday EACH month for a FREE lunch and great comradery, in a relaxed atmosphere at an excellent, well cared for excellent 2500 ft grass strip in beautiful northern Minnesota setting. Lunch commences at 12:00 noon., Gene Ward, ,

September 10 2011, 9:00 to 12:00, Superior WI EAA Chapter 272 Fly-in, , Richard I Bong Airport,(SUW), Event time: 9:00am-Noon. Fly-in breakfast sponsored by the EAA chapter 272., Jim Nelson, ,

September 11 2011, 11:30 to 14:00, Maple Lake MN 25th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, , Maple Lake Municipal Airport,(MGG), EAA Chapter 878 and Wright Aero 25th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, Wayne, 763-670-6021, wflury@wh-link.net

September 11 2011, 7:00 to 13:00, New Ulm MN Lions Club 38th Fly-In Breakfast, , New Ulm Municipal Airport,(ULM), Serving Pancakes, Sausages, Apple Sauce, Coffee & Milk \$7.00 Advance, \$7.50 at the door, Children 4-12 \$3.00, Children 3 & under, Free All Fly-In Pilots Eat Free. Join the Lions Club of New Ulm in their support of the Sight, Hearing and Diabetes Im-

paired. , , 507-354-8940, bbschir@comcast.net

September 11 2011, 7:00 to 13:00, Jackson MN Fly-in breakfast, , Jackson Municipal Airport,(MJQ), Rain date: Sept. 18, 2011, Paul Sanders, 507-847-3599,

September 12 2011, 17:00 to 19:00, Blaine MN Anoka County-Blaine Airport's Annual Picnic, , Anoka County Airport,(ANE), Anoka County-Blaine Airport's Annual Picnic will be held on September 12, Monday, between 5 and 7 PM at the MAC maintenance building next to the Tower and new pavilion. There will be special recognition of a few airport tenants who have made significant contributions in making this airport a great place to work, fly and visit. Please invite others and bring a friend. The event is jointly sponsored by Anoka County Aviation Association and the Metropolitan Airports Commission. , Vivian Starr, , D V S t a r r @ a o l . c o m

September 17 2011, 8:00 to 12:00, Grand Rapids MN EAA Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, , Grand Rapids Airport,(GPZ), See the fall colors and have breakfast with us!, Greg Wiens , 218-244-0447,

September 17 2011, 7:00 to 12:00, Faribault MN Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Faribault Area Pilot's Association , , Faribault Municipal Airport ,(FBL), Cakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Juice & Milk. PIC eats free, Bob Peasley , 507-744-5111, diligas@means.net

September 18 2011, 10:00 to 14:00, Mora MN Fall Colors Fly-in/Drive-in Chili Fiesta , , Mora Municipal Airport ,(JMR), Chili serving begins at 11AM with the Mora Volunteer Firefighters once again serving up their soon-to-be famous Fire House Chili! Planning again to have the AT6 ♦Texans♦ arriving in formation.

September 18 2011, 7:00 to 12:30, Hector MN 69th Annual Flight Breakfast , , Hector Municipal Airport,(1D6), All you can eat! Pilots eat free! Free Will Donation! On display: Warbirds, Classics, Antiques, Homebuilts, Helicopters, Ultralights & Factory New Aircraft. Sponsored by Hector Lions Club & Newberg Sky Spray. , Ed Newberg , 320-848-2745,



Young Eagles Report

by Dave Becker



We completed two Young Eagle events in August. The first event was for a group of 10 kids from the Hospitality House who also toured Jim Anderson's hanger after their Young Eagle flights. The second event was a makeup from an earlier cancelled event in which we flew 37 kids. It was good to finally have some good weather days for our events this past month. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out as pilot or ground support. Chapter membership involvement in our Young Eagles program is so valuable to the success of the program.



Jamie Cardenas, one of our sponsored Air Academy kids back from his five days at Oshkosh, gave a report at our August chapter meeting to tell us how he enjoyed the camp.

Our Young Eagle events are scheduled every second Saturday of each month, from May through October, starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents should pre-register their children for an event ahead of time by going to www.eaa54.org and clicking on the

Young Eagles page to sign up for a flight. To view the many great Young Eagle photos, go to: <http://www.eaa54.org/YEPhotoGallery/YEGallery.html>



If you would like to become actively involved in our Young Eagles program, contact Dave Becker or come to Lake Elmo on the second Saturday of the month and see what Young Eagles is all about. You can also indicate on your yearly chapter renewal form that you want to be involved with our Young Eagles Program.





TAXI TALK

{Interesting happenings compiled by the editor}

WOW!! September is here! First off please remember the victims and their families of that terrible day on September 11 of 2001! And of course may the fruits of your labor be remembered during this past labor day!

Getting an N3N Ride!



After our last Young Eagles event on a Saturday Paul Rankin was thinking of going flying in one of Jim Anderson's vintage birds and asked me if I'd like to tag along. At first I said no as I had plenty to do at home but with a few phone calls I managed to delay my plans and cornered Paul and said if the invite is still there I would love to go. After all, it was just a beautiful day and what better way to enjoy than an airplane ride. Funny thing, I woke up late for our Young Eagles event and barely made it before the start. It was a busy event and I was

ready for a shave and some breakfast but then Paul asks me for this once in a lifetime event! How can you say no! So after I said I would Paul says which plane do you want to fly in, the Bamboo Bomber or the N3N? Wow what a choice but I took the N3N. What a blast, literally! Talk about wind in your face and noise and smells, too cool! We went to Forrest Lake for their fly-in lunch and what a trip it was to land there and watch everyone watch you taxi in. Felt like a celebrity. We met member Hugh Sontag who has a Titan Tornado there and went over to his new hangar he built recently. Very nice! After a nice walk around the field we mounted up and they announced our departure and we taxied out, then departed for nice flight back to Lake Elmo. Unannounced to me Paul put us in a couple of Dutch rolls, I think, but it was fun! At one point in our flight I mentioned to Paul that this is what it was like for new cadets learning to



fly in the Navy for the first time! He said that is correct! Thanks Paul for an enjoyable and memorable flight from history!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Aviation records don't fall until someone is willing
to mortgage the present for the future.**

-Amelia Earhart.