



# The Beacon

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### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

MONDAY APRIL 11TH, 2005

- SOCIAL HOUR AT 7 P.M.
- MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT

## GRANTSBURG AIRPORT

*BY: JOHN SCHMIDT*

I just got off the phone with George Jensen last night. He's the EAA chapter president up in Grantsburg (Wisc).

As you may know, the City of Grantsburg is thinking of withdrawing all city financial support for the airport. There has been talk of shutting it down.

I don't know all the specifics, but talk of this nature is not good for general aviation.

Some of my fellow pilots have already written letters, supporting the airport and asking the city to keep it open.

There is currently no fuel at Grantsburg. A local airport supporter has come forward to volunteer as airport manager. The EAA chapter currently volunteers to cut all the grass at the airport, at no cost to the city.

All letters of interest on this subject, for or against, will be opened and read on April 4th. A vote will be taken one week later, on April 11th.

Please join me in supporting Grantsburg Airport.

<http://www.airstreamcomm.net/~gtsbgwi>

The Grantsburg Village Board will be considering the possible closure of the Grantsburg Municipal Airport at the April 11, 2005 regular Village Board Meeting.

The Village Board is looking at the amount of use the airport receives, the number of people the airport serves and the close proximity of the Siren, Wisconsin and Rush City, Minnesota airports.

Any comments can be sent to: Village of Grantsburg, 316 South Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840 or emailed to: [villageoffice@grantsburgwi.com](mailto:villageoffice@grantsburgwi.com)

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**  
*BY PAUL HOVE*

I see that MAC has finally found someone to tear down that unsightly damaged hanger in Charlie row. Now if we can get rid of the dirt piles and builders equipment next to the rotating beacon the airport will look nice again.

I attended the Minnesota Historical Society's monthly meeting last week and heard their guest speaker Minnesota legislator Mike Beard speak on aviation issues affecting the Metropolitan Area. He and other Congressmen and Senators have several bills before the legislature and I would encourage everyone to go to the web site and get familiar with what our legislature is debating. You can find the information at [www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us). Of particular interest is an attempt to rein in MAC and make them more accountable to the Legislature. See House bill HF2086.

The annual EAA Volunteer Work Party will be on the weekend of May 14-15. Chapter 54 has traditionally been the first chapter to report to Oshkosh in the spring and this year will be no exception. Every one is invited to come to Oshkosh and join in on the festivities. There will a group departing Lake Elmo on Friday morning at 10:00am by van for those who wish to motorcade down. We will be stopping at the Norske Nook in Osseo, Wisconsin for brunch. Others may arrive whenever convenient. We will be staying in the work party bunkhouse and will eat in the dining room each day. You can contact me for directions.

Paul Liedl invited MAC Commissioner Lanners to visit Lake Elmo Airport to see our chapter house and meet with Valter's Aviation and several hanger owners. Commissioner Lanners is the MAC Representative for Lake Elmo Airport and lives on Manning Avenue in Woodbury. The commissioner currently has a special assignment to review the Reliever Airport System and prepare a report for the MAC chair and is looking for input from Lake Elmo pilots and hanger owners. There will be a meeting at Anoka Airport on April 11th (Our Chapter meeting night) to review the report.

The chapter has several new members and as of the end of March we were at 189 paid members.

We have agreed to sponsor several young aviators at

the EAA Academy this year. Among them will be Michelle Jilek, Tony Reberg and Paul Reberg. I have been told that there are possibly two more candidates but I don't have any names yet.

The Lake Elmo Airport Association now has a web site and email box. Minutes from the MAC and RAC meetings will be emailed to interested parties from this organization. You may subscribe by sending an email to the following: [owner-news-elmoairport-l@wrmed.com](mailto:owner-news-elmoairport-l@wrmed.com)

Member Richard Stright has finished his Fisher Super Koala kit and is putting it up for sale. It has a brand new 65hp Rotax 582 engine and is ready for flight testing. This aircraft qualifies for Sport Pilot status. His asking price is in the low \$20's and he can be contacted at 651-773-7549.

For our members who are not on email, Jim Anderson has found an airline package to visit the National Air and Space Museum near Dulles Airport in Virginia. Sun Country has a special package for a one day trip at an incredible \$198 round trip on Saturday, April 23. This flight is not on the internet and you will have to call Sun Country direct to book the flight.

The annual Chapter 54 banquet will be held at the Stone Ridge Golf Club just south of the airport off of Manning Avenue on May 9th. You should receive an invitation in the mail sometime soon with more information.

While searching through the internet for fun places to fly to, I ran across [www.bluegooseaviation.com](http://www.bluegooseaviation.com) web site in Colorado. Blue Goose provides self-flown air adventures throughout the western Rocky Mountains. If you want to get instruction in mountain flying and have an enjoyable flying vacation at the same time, this is one of the places to check out.

The April 11th Chapter 54 meeting will have a showing of the DVD Sport Pilot presentation that EAA produced for the FAA. The Presentation will include a FAA Sport Pilot Overview and an EAA detailed Sport Pilot presentation with the latest information from Charlie Becker, EAA's Director of Aviation Services.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*BY PAUL LINNEROOTH*

### February's Financial Summary

Cash on hand	\$	40.00
Checking Acct.	\$	5,623.95
Investments	\$	6,268.74
Total		\$11,932.69

Income in February consisted of \$500.00 in membership dues, \$1,265.00 in Ground School fees, and \$20.00 in calendar sales for a total of \$1,785.00.

Expenses for the same period were \$1,586.88 and included \$57.01 for newsletter publication, \$188.07 for utilities, \$14.43 for Ground School refreshments, and \$1,327.37 for a Power Point Projector for the Ground School.

The Ground School actually brought in \$1,490.00 with nine of the eleven non-member students choosing to transfer \$25.00 of the fee to membership. The Ground School fee for a non-member is \$100.00 but that includes a one-year membership if the student so chooses. The Ground School fee for a member desiring to be signed off for the FAA test is \$75.00 or \$90.00 depending on the class of membership and five are taking the course. Members can audit the course at no charge.

We received a questionnaire from the IRS regarding our 2004 income and our possible need to file a Form 990 as a 501(3)c corporation. I completed the questionnaire and returned it to the IRS. A copy of the completed questionnaire and the letter has been filed so we have a reference for the future. A Form 990 is not required until our annual income exceeds \$25,000.00.

## CALL FOR PHOTOS

*BY: DALE SEITZER*

Chapter members: Please send me digital photo files of your plane for the Member Plane Matching Contest at the Chapter Banquet May 9, 2005. At the banquet we will have a slide show of members planes--everyone will have the chance to try to match the owners to the planes--prizes will be awarded to those who know the most planes and owners/builders. You may send in photos of current projects in any condition. You need not be present to submit photos. Please send to [dalemseitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:dalemseitzer@yahoo.com) -- contact me (651-329-2229) if you have additional questions.



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Chapter member 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  
21D Unicom: 122.8  
TPA: 1932'  
Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')  
14-32 (2850' x 75')

# EAA CHAPTER 54 PRESENTS

## SPRING BANQUET

May 9, 2005

Stone Ridge Golf Club  
13600 North Hudson Blvd.  
Stillwater MN 55082  
651-436-4653

### PROGRAM

- 6:00 – 6:30 Reception      Piano Music
- 6:30    Dinner              Plate Service
- 7:30    EAA Chapter Awards and Recognition
- 7:45    Match the Plane and Owner Contest
- 8:00    Guest Speaker, Rob Ellos, "I know what REALLY happened to Amelia Earhart!"

### Menu

All dinners are served with our StoneRidge bread basket, your choice of house mixed green salad or Caesar salad, fresh vegetable and freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and soft drinks. Prices include room fee, 20% service fee and 6.5% state tax.

#### **Chicken Breast Minnesota \$29.00**

Double Breast of chicken filled with wild rice, Jarlsberg cheese and fresh spinach with sherry supreme sauce, and traditional buttermilk potatoes

#### **Char Grilled Sterling Silver Top Sirloin Steak \$32.75**

Char grilled 10 ounce top sirloin steak with hunter sauce and topped with mushrooms, peppers and onions. And Swiss scalloped potatoes

#### **Fresh Atlantic Salmon Filet \$31.50**

Oven roasted herb roasted salmon filet with tomato basil sauce served with jasmine rice pilaf.

How to confirm your reservation -- Please make your dinner selection and give or send your check, made out to EAA CHAPTER 54, to Dale Seitzer, 1451 Englewood Ave, St. Paul MN 55104. Deadline: May 2, 2005. You may call 651-329-2229 with questions or email [dalemseitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:dalemseitzer@yahoo.com).

**EAA CHAPTER 54 MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 14, 2005**

**BY: BETTIE SEITZER**

The meeting was called to order by the President. Two guests were in attendance, Kevin who is a CFI and Eric who has just moved to Bayport and is completing his commercial license.

The treasurer's report was approved as published, the February meeting minutes were approved as published.

The chapter has purchased a computer projector to be used by the ground school as well as by monthly speakers, Paul Hove has donated the use of a laptop computer for one year.

**Director's Reports:**

**Education: (Art E)** There are 15 students enrolled in ground school, classes are held from 6:30 – 9:00 on Monday and Thursday nights (except for meeting nights). Members are welcome to attend any sessions for refresher purposes.

**Young Eagles: (Al K)** We have 4 young people who have expressed interest in attending the Air Academy. We have \$128.00 in credits earned by our generous club members who have flown young eagles. Those credits will be given to Michelle Jilek, the young lady who went to Air Academy last summer and spoke to our club in December. She will be attending the advanced course at a total cost of \$950.00. There are three boys who are also interested in attending, although we have not yet received confirmation that they are registered. The board of directors will meet on Saturday morning to approve the needed funds. The club will plan a young eagle event for the summer – more information at a later date.

**Housing: (Dave F.)** The bunnies are still doing very well under the clubhouse. Members with ideas regarding control of these critters should

contact Dave.

**Banquet: (Dale S.)** The banquet is planned for May 9<sup>th</sup>, invitations will be sent directly to all members providing them all information regarding time, location, speaker, menu choices, and costs. There will be a fun contest (with prizes) – Pictures of members planes will be shown and attendees will be asked to identify each plane's owner. If you haven't already sent Dale a picture of your plane – do that right away email is [Dalemseitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:Dalemseitzer@yahoo.com). Also, if the company you work for would be willing to donate something to be given away as a door prize, please contact Dale with that information.

We still have a gift certificate good for one free copy of the Kitlog Pro Software. This software can be used for tracking data for your plane building project. It is a \$49.95 value free to any member.

The first week of May will be the OshKosh Work party. Our club is usually one of the first clubs to travel to OshKosh to begin preparations for Airventure. Folks who have gone in the past report that they have excellent accommodations and all meals provided. They also report that it is wonderful experience and that they feel they are able to accomplish quite a lot in a short period of time. There will be more information available at the April meeting. Please consider participating if you are able. They usually leave on Friday night and come home Sunday. If you plan to go you should bring gloves, hearing protection and clothes suitable for very fickle weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56.

Our speaker was Rick Braunig from the MnDOT office of Aeronatics. He provided information on the wings program, runway incursion data, and

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their website which contains information on airports in the state. Rick was able to show us slides regarding the upcoming change in the airspace around MSP. The new charts will come out in the fall – all pilots will want to carefully review these, there are significant changes including an additional ring which will force more traffic lower under the class B veil. Tops of all rings will go to 10,000, and there will be no

more “over the top” allowed by ATC. Rick discussed some options for recommended traffic patterns that might help to control some congestion; he welcomes any input that active pilots might want to offer on this discussion.

Rick finished the evening with a discussion of why and how pilots should develop their own personal minimums.

### USEFUL WEBSITES

**MnDOT Aeronautics, <http://www.mnaero.com>**

A source for up to date Minnesota Airport information, fly-ins and activities of the department. MnDOT will discontinue publishing the state airport directory and move to putting all information on line. This will provide significant cost savings and allow more timely updates of changing information.

**FAA TFR Website <http://tfr.faa.gov.TFR/jsp/list.jsp>**

**AOPA Flight Planning Website [http://www.aopa.org/flight\\_planner/intro.html](http://www.aopa.org/flight_planner/intro.html)**

Note – there is an underscore between flight and planner in this url.

**FAA- Industry Training Standards <http://tfr.faa.gov.avr/afs/FITS/index.cfm>**

**FAA Safety Website <http://faasafety.gov>**

The FAA will be discontinuing mailed notifications of safety seminars. These seminars will be listed on the website.

**TSA Flight School Training Website <http://download.tsa.dhs.gov/fssa/training>**

**EAA CHAPTER 54 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING 3/19/2005**

***BY: BETTIE SEITZER***

The board met briefly to consider financial allocations. \$1,400 was approved to cover the cost of the computer projector that will be used for ground school and speakers at club meetings.

We have not received confirmation that all prospective candidates for Air Academy have been registered, but there are potentially 4 students. The board approved spending up to \$2,500 for Air Academy expenses. Parents pay the registration fees, the club will be able to cover the remainder for all students.

The board approved up to \$300.00 for banquet expenses including room rental.

A local newspaper, The Lake Elmo Leader, has asked for articles. It was agreed that we could not commit to providing a monthly article, however Leif will continue to provide a notice of each month's meeting and speaker. If any member wishes to write an article on behalf of the club, they submit a draft to the club for review before sending it to the paper. An announcement will be made at the next meeting regarding this review process.

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

This space is left available for members who have aviation related stuff (or just about anything else within reason) to Buy, Sell, or Trade.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please let us know when there are new members joining the organization. We would like to hear about who they are, where they came from, and what they are working on.