



# The Beacon

The newsletter of Chapter 54  
Lake Elmo, Minn.

DECEMBER 2008

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON  
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2008.

- SOCIAL HOUR STARTING AT 7:00PM.
- MEETING AT 7:30PM. CHAPTER HOUSE, ENTRANCE B, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT.
- AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:
- Member Jack Portlance will talk about his flying experiences during the Korean War conflict where, as an Airman 2nd Class, he flew over 50 combat missions in a Douglas A-26 Fighter/Bomber as a gunner and co-pilot. He will show some rare 8mm film of some of his missions.

## Chapter Programs A Year in Review

*Compiled by the Editor*



I thought I would take the time this month to let the members know about all the nice programs put on this past year made possible by your fellow members. They do a really nice job of putting together a program for each month's meeting. Remember, try to attend the monthly meeting each 2nd Monday of month to see some great programs that should spark your interest.

January started the year by having Paul Esser of the Red Wing Soaring Association tell us about soaring and gliders.

February, Gary Pendleton of the Minnesota FAAst Team told us about the WINGS program that is now on line.

March, Kurt Schendel from Modern Avionics stopped by to tell us about the Garmin 496 GPS.

April, fellow chapter member David Briggs told us all about building his Glasair.

May was Raymound Rought told us about the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame and it's members.

June, Meteorologists Mike Bardou and Arden Berge told us about warm season aviation weather.

July was Johan Nielson who is in the process of building a Rotorway Helicopter.

August was neat in that members brought along pictures and shared stories about their AirVenture experiences.

September, chapter member Stan Dardis talked about his glass cockpit in his Cirrus SR22.

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## FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY DALE SEITZER

I want to encourage members to check out the EAA.org website regularly. They have some new information about renovations at the Oshkosh EAA grounds. There also are constant updates of videos on building and repairs. Excellent tips and hints for home builders.

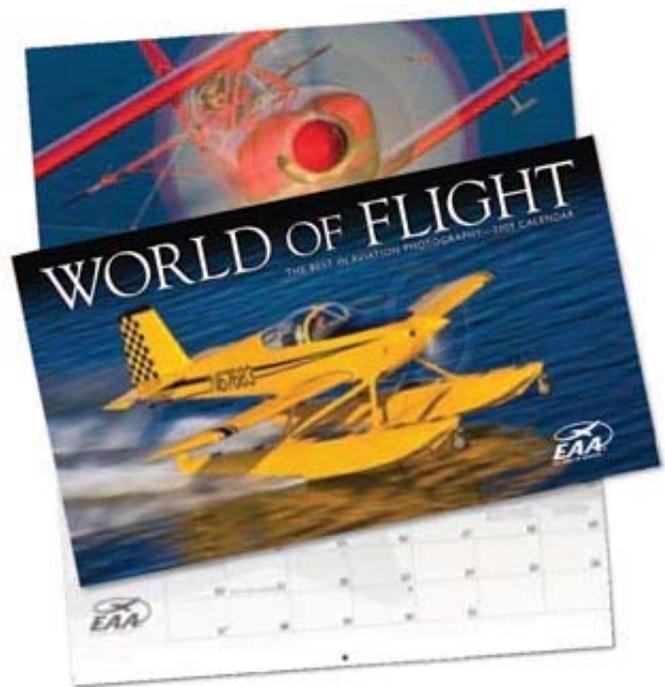
Our clubs ground school starts in February – if you cannot wait, EAA Aero scholars Courses are available. Fundamentals of Aviation, a two college credit course is available online for \$333. Advanced Aviation is 4 college credits and costs 385 – go to [www.aeroscholars.com](http://www.aeroscholars.com). The two courses are equivalent to a ground school curriculum.

The 2009 calendars are in, \$10 each. Lots of great airplane photos. We also have a few Chapter 54 caps and some XXL T shirts—clearance priced.

I am organizing an inventory of club owned tools and equipment. Please send me the item description and its location so I can prepare a report.

Voting on the new bylaws will be at our next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting to vote in person on the bylaws, member may vote by proxy by sending your vote to Bettie Seitzer. Go to [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org), view the bylaws and send an email with your proxy. Those without internet access may send in their vote. A copy of the bylaws are included with the newsletter for those who do not have internet access.

Please be inviting and welcoming to new people who stop in at the club house on Saturday morning.





**EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*By PAUL RANKIN*



**November 2008 Financial Summary**

Checking Account	\$7,550.85
Cash on hand	\$40.00
Investments	\$7,166.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,757.32</b>

<u>Income</u>	
Pancake Mix Rebate	\$28.04
Calendars	\$50.00
Newsletter Postage	\$10.00
Donations	\$10.00
New Members	\$50.00
Membership Renewals	\$225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$373.04</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Calendars	\$483.50
Insurance	\$504.71
Clubhouse Paint	\$18.97
Newsletter & Mailing	\$31.84
Utilities - Electricity & Gas	\$54.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,093.19</b>

Net Cash Flow (\$720.15)

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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  
 21D AWOS: 120.075  
 TPA: 1932'  
 Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')  
 14-32 (2850' x 75')

**“Ok, when I say let go, let go and I am off!”**



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October, fellow chapter member Jon Renwick told us all about his flight to Alaska in his Cessna 170.

November was a Veterans Day Salute and Clair Ryan talked about flying C-46's and C-47's in the South Pacific during World War II.

And to close out the year, December, a new member who joined last month, Jack Portlance will talk about flying A-26's during the Korean War.

So that is it, a little bit for everyone and be assured that your chapter will line up another great bunch of speakers for next year too.

You just never know what you might miss at your Chapter 54 meeting!

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**SKI FLY-IN  
LOG CABIN AIRPORT 9TH ANNUAL  
SUNDAY, JAN 25TH, 2009  
10:00A.M.  
LUNCH @ NOON  
CHILI, HOT DOGS, REFRESHMENT, ETC.**

**DOUG WARD - JUDIE OHM  
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S145 SEGERSTROM RD  
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Elevation 850'  
Frequency 122.9**



## Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2008

By Bettie Seitzer

Meeting called to order at 7:32 by Dale Seitzer who welcomed all present. He proudly displayed the new 2009 EAA calendars which are available at the clubhouse for \$10 each (2 for \$25.00).

**Visitors:** 1. Jack C. Portlance; a friendly guest announced that he will be 70 years old later this month and has been flying for decades out of Anoka County airport. He has been here at 21D rarely to rent planes, always visiting the FBO. He did not know that Chapter 54 was here, until during his job as a shuttle bus driver at MSP he gave one of our members a ride! Dan was the chapter member who talked to him about coming to our club and possibly giving a talk at a future meeting to tell about his experience as a pilot who flew 50 missions in Korea He would like to tell us about that experience and we will arrange for him to present at a future meeting. He is also interested in joining the chapter.

2. Dave Soiverson appeared a bit late for the meeting but wanted to check out the chapter as he has built a Kitfox Series 7 for which Richard Mar was the DAR. Richard attested that the plane was "a work of art!" and that the inaugural flight in the Kitfox finished with a perfect landing. Dave is a member at South St. Paul but is considering joining our club as well. Several folks who know him commented that it would be good to have him here because he throws great parties!

3. Randy came with Dave - will be taking delivery of a Kit Fox kit in December and is looking forward to the building process. Randy works at WipAir and has had his private license for two years now and has been considering lots of different planes but chose the KitFox. His plan is to have a small strip on his property and fly to work at South St. Paul as often as possible.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's report was approved as published in the newsletter by acclamation.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was approved as published with no adjustments or corrections.

### **Old Business:**

By-laws still need to be sent out and posted on the website; our vote is postponed until the December meeting.

FAA has re-opened the comment period for the 51% rule on home-built classification. Members should comment on the rule and its impact on amateur built aircraft. There is a link on the EAA website to learn more about it and contact the FAA

### **New Business:**

There is an update to the board of directors election. John Renwick nominated himself for the board, but was already an elected board member. There were three other candidates for the three open seats on the board. Our new board members at large are Tim Reberg, Jeff Hove, and Dick Wicklund. These board members serve as representatives for the membership at large whenever the board meets. Any member having issues or concerns that they would like discussed at the meetings is welcome to attend themselves or to contact one of the three at-large directors to represent them.

The benches from our viewing area have been moved into the Leiter hangar and will be put back out next spring. Prior to being put out, they will need to be coated with a wood preservative.

Chapter 54 owns a set of wing racks that are available for use by any member who might need them for building or recovering wings. Dan Bergstrom has them in his hangar, please contact him if you would like to use them. 651-439-0944 (home phone)

The chapter owns tools and equipment, but we need to assemble a list of items. There is an engine hoist available. Any members having tools that belong to the club should let one of the officers know.

Many members also have specialized tools that they would be willing to share so anyone having need of tools should check with the club before they purchase a specialized tool that they need only once.

Gaddis Valter's birthday is Wednesday, Oct 12.

The young mister Rob Mars is now squadron commander for the CAP and is very close to getting his private pilot license

### **Young Eagles (Dave Becker):**

The year is done; we flew about 150 young people all together! Next year's program will begin in May and continue through October as we did this year. These months offer the most reliable weather.

We already have some inquiries about special events for boy scouts and girl scouts for next year, so there is no doubt that we will have plenty of young people joining the ranks of young eagles.

The goal of our program is not to maximize numbers, our program is one on one, each kid gets to fly without parents looking over their shoulders – they have a better experience that way.

A hearty thanks was given for the great job that Dave does in keeping the events safe, fun and well organized. Each event is an excellent community relations opportunity.

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**Flying Start and Education (Art Edlund):**

Ground school starts Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, meets Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 (except for chapter meeting nights). The course goes through the end of April. Please pass the word if you know anyone who might be interested. There are posters available if you have a good place to put one up.

The instructors volunteer and provide an excellent course.

The complete schedule will be posted on the website and members are welcome to attend individual sessions for a refresher.

**Housing (Dave Fiebiger):**

No report was provided.

**Membership (John Renwick)**

No report was provided.

**Newsletter Editor (Tom Gibbons):** [Newsletter@eaa.54.org](mailto:Newsletter@eaa.54.org)

Please send articles and pictures are great, too!

Classified ads can be included as well, email the information to Tom for inclusion in the newsletter – members can put in ads for free.

The articles about Oshkosh were a big hit! Please consider sending in flying stories about other adventures or trips that you have taken.

**Publicity (Leif Erickson):**

Press releases for the ground school will be sent out. Ground school might make a great gift for someone!

Meeting adjourned at 8:06. Following the meeting, to honor veterans day, Clair Ryan came to tell us about his experiences as First Lieutenant in the army AirCorp serving in the south Pacific.

Respectfully submitted:

Bettie Seitzer; Secretary

EAA Chapter 54

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## VOTING ON BY-LAWS

EAA Chapter 54; "Speed Holman", is a member of the national Experimental Aircraft Association. The association requires that all member clubs have by-laws approved by the members and which contain certain language pertaining to membership and other matters of club governance. In addition, Chapter 54 is registered as a 501 c3 organization ; that registration carries with it certain requirements as to governance of the organization.

Two years ago the executive committee undertook a review of the by-laws and determined that slight changes were needed in order to be in compliance with all requirements. All club documents were gathered and assembled into a permanent record that will be maintained by the club secretary. In addition, the proposed by-laws were reviewed by the national organization's representative and an attorney (acting pro bono) and found to be acceptable. The board met to review the entire document; they approved the document and have sent it forward with a recommendation that the membership approve. The final step in the by-laws amendment process is this vote.

Please review the by-laws that have been included with this newsletter. Votes will be collected and tallied, the final vote will be reported in the January newsletter and voted at the December meeting.

To vote:

You must be a member in good standing of EAA National and EAA chapter 54

You may vote in person at the November meeting.

You may vote by emailing to the club secretary, Bettie Seitzer. Her email is [BJSEITZER@landolakes.com](mailto:BJSEITZER@landolakes.com).

You may mail your vote to Bettie Seitzer, 1451 Englewood Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55104

If you have trouble emailing or have questions, you may call Bettie at 651-285-3052 HOWEVER, no votes can be taken by phone, all must be in person, by email or by letter mail.

## Hanger Talk

*Happenings and Classifieds from around the field compiled by the editor*

### FOR SALE:

COLLINS VHF 251 COM , COLLINS VIR 351 NAV , TWO KING ADF'S , KR 86 AND KR 85 AND INDICATOR, NARCO 840 LORAN , ALL FOR \$300 O.B.O.  
CALL MARK AT 651-982-6275

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I have a home-based sewing business, please see [www.alloccasionaprons.com](http://www.alloccasionaprons.com) My business has been featured on three local TV stations and newspapers, the aprons I sew are a cotton print, sewn onto canvas, which makes them very durable and protective, with three pockets along the bottom. Each adult size apron is \$19.95 They are available in "Aviation Theme Prints" which are great for aviation gifts, RC Events, or any event involving food.

Thanks. (my husband is in the Iowa City Aerohawks RC club and a small plane pilot, which is where I came up with the idea) Irene Shurson 319-338-2259

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### HANGER FOR SALE OR RENT

*Hanger for sale or rent. Dry and comfortable, insulated, sheetrocked, and heated. 55 x 50 with a 45 foot door and 14 foot sidewalls. This hangar is of the 110 mph wind resistance construction with large posts and all knee braces. It has an attic. Nice high East and West windows allow enough light in the daytime that you don't even need the dozen eight-foot HighOutput fluorescents. It has 200 amp service and plenty of outlets and is wired for telephone or DSL.*

*Please call Bob or Ileen Waldron 952-652-3000 (local call)*

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**ZENITH ZODIAC 601XL KIT** • \$17,000 • **FOR SALE** • Or BEST OFFER Complete kit. Airframe is about 75% complete. Wings, control surfaces, tail group complete. Fuselage is about 50% complete. Kit Details: SN 6-5294. Strokes installed. Landing and taxi lights installed. Wheel pants. Elevator and aileron trim. Upholstery from Flightcrafters (Beige). Center stick. 12 Gallon wing tanks with senders mounted on top. Mitchel fuel gauges included. All steel parts have been professionally powder coated. See more pics on my site at [scottwaters.com](http://scottwaters.com). • Contact [Scott Waters](http://scottwaters.com), Owner - located Blaine, MN USA • Telephone: 612-889-3963 .

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### EAA Chapter 54 Private Pilot Ground School

Class sessions are held at the EAA Chapter 54 club house at the "B" entrance to Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The initial sign up and enrollment meeting for the 2009 class will be held on February 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The course will run from Thursday February 5th 2009 until Monday April 27th 2009. Class period is from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, on Monday and Thursday nights, with the exception of the second Monday of each month when the EAA Chapter 54 monthly meeting is held at the clubhouse. (Ground school students are of course invited to this meeting at 7:00pm.)



# Young Eagles Report

*by Dave Becker*

It has been a quiet month for Young Eagle flights as our regularly scheduled events ended in October. It is time to enjoy the holidays now and to look forward to next year's Young Eagles program. Other than some possible website scheduling changes, our program next year will follow the same schedule as this year. We will have regularly scheduled events every second Saturday of the month from May thru October starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be urging parents to sign up for the Young Eagle event on line at [www.eaa54.org](http://www.eaa54.org). I am sure we will also be hosting some special events to accommodate groups of kids like boy or girl scouts. This month, I am posting some photos from this year's events that you may not have seen.



To view the many 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}*

**Merry Christmas to all!!!  
 And Happy Hanukkah too!**

And may you find lots of aviation items stuffed into your stocking this year!

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**Note from last month.....**

Jon Cumpton sent me a note on last month's front page article. He mentioned that the author, Roger Anderson, is a member of the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame and a founding member of Chapter 25. Thanks Jon! I always welcome updates and information on anything I put in the newsletter. By the way, I believe the article was signed, Robert Anderson but it should have been Roger Anderson. My apologies to Roger and all!

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**Stick and Rudder**

Art Edlund sent me a note about the book, Stick and Rudder that a few members were looking at where to get it. He said he found it in the latest Sporty's Pilot Shop catalog on page 69 and it sells for \$24.95.

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**My Recent Pulsar Reunion trip**

As mentioned last month, I recently attended a

reunion of Pulsar builders and flyers near the San Antonio, TX area. I had a great time as I got to stay with a fellow builder who lives on a neat airport near by and who is working on his Pulsar in his hanger. Really neat setup! Besides the fee charged for the event, the cost to me for the three days I was down there was a mere \$1.39! Flight was free as I work for an airline, Ray, whom I stayed with, picked me up and as he uses his car for work, no charge for gas and of course I stayed with him so no hotel cost. Cost of the event included breakfast, lunch and dinner as necessary. The money spent was for a Pepsi for the drive the first morning!

Anyway, we had a good turn out as far as people but only 7 or 8 Pulsars flew in. It was still a lot of fun to see everyone and I even managed to get a flight in one in which I got to take off and land for the first time so that was great! Probably one of the greatest things that happened was the original designer of the Pulsar, Mark Brown, showed up and talked with everyone. Mark has been away from the business nowadays since he sold the rights quite a few years back but it was so nice to see him again. I consider him one of my heroes as far as the Pulsar is concerned. All in all just a great trip and great fun!



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## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**An airplane might disappoint any pilot but it'll never surprise a good one.**

*—Len Morgan.*