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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON
MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2011.

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

TO BE ANNOUNCED SO STAY TUNED OR
CONTACT OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

Chapter 54, A Year in Review

Compiled by the Editor

Chapter 54 completed another exciting year with many events that keep it's members busy and entertained. Below is a summary with pictures of all the events Chapter 54 hosted this year.

The 2010 Ground School started off the year in February and continued for several months.

Private Pilot Ground School 2010



Then in May we held our annual Banquet at Mancinis Steak House in St. Paul. It was a nice event where we presented Dave Fiebiger with a plaque for all the hard work he did to expand our clubhouse. Thanks Dave!



And of course in May we began our Young Eagles program which is headed up by Dave Becker. This ran thru till October.

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FROM THE FLIGHT DECK (PRESIDENTS REPORT)

BY LEIF ERICKSON

Welcome to 2011. In hind-site, 2010 was a good year for Chapter 54. We completed another successful Private Pilot Ground School class, sponsored the first every International Learn to Fly Day, experienced a successful Aviation Day, participated in another very successful Young Eagles program, and sponsored area young people to attend the Air Academy. My thanks to all who helped with those event, particularly Paul Rankin, John Renwick, Art Edlund, and Dave Becker for organizing and teaching the ground school course, Jim Pearsall for organizing ILTFD, Tim Reberg for co-chairing Aviation Day, and Dave Becker for organizing our Young Eagles events and recruiting Air Academy participants. It indeed was a busy year for us!

To start the 2011 year, we will hold our annual January Board Meeting on Saturday, January 8 at 10:00 AM at the Chapter building. Please review the tentative agenda that is published in this newsletter. All chapter members are invited to attend and provide input to the Board.

Our December meeting was very poorly attended because of the bitter cold weather following the fifth largest snow storm in Minnesota since 1891 when weather records were first recorded. The air temperature around 9:00 PM was -12 °F and there were huge piles of snow everywhere. One of the changes, all eleven of the members in attendance noticed, was the use of name tags. I think we should continue their use at all our chapter meetings. I must confess, after belong to the Chapter for about thirteen years there are still many members I don't know. In addition to that, there are many members that I know their names and I recognize their faces, but I don't have the correct name associated with the correct face. I know I am not the only member with that problem. Over the years, many of you have voiced the same concern. Perhaps wearing name tags at chapter meeting will help us all get to know each other better, both by name and face.

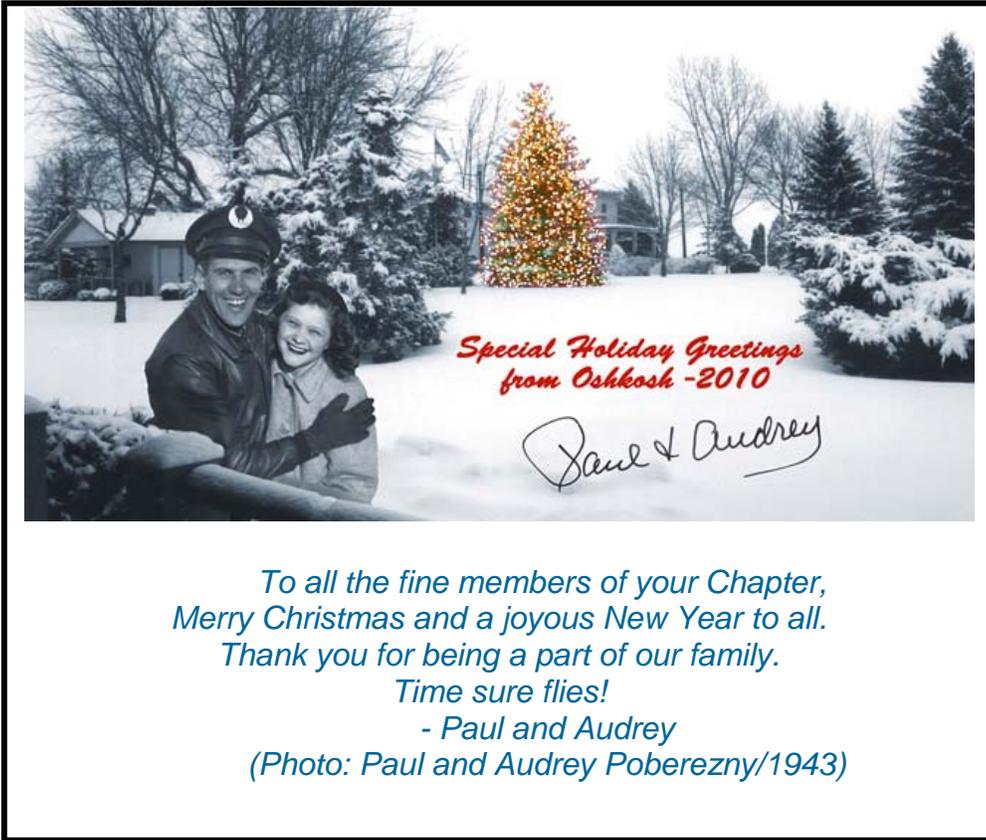
Last summer the Chapter voted to honor Dale Rupp with a bronze plaque on EAA's Memorial Wall at Oshkosh. The deadline for submitting all the paper work is Monday, April 12 so we need to get started on the process ASAP. Three things are required; 1) complete an application form available on the EAA website, 2) prepare a two-line inscription for the Memorial Wall plaque, and 3) write a one-page biography of Dale's life that will be included in the Memorial Wall Album. Scott Hutchinson volunteered to assume these responsibilities for the chapter. Scott will work with the Rupp family and seek their input on the inscription and biography.

Thanks for Jeff Hove for volunteering to setup a Facebook page for Chapter 54. This will bring us into the 21st Century of computer communication and social networking. We'll watch for the unveiling of the site.

In the latest issue of Sport Aviation, Rod Hightower talks about a new 5-year GA safety plan being implemented by the FAA. The plan is titled "Transforming 5-Year GA Strategy" and its goal is "transform GA and reduce the fatal accident rate to an unprecedented low level." This translates to a 1-percent reduction in the fatal accident rate per year. In his article, Rod stated EAA's commitment to safety will involve, among other things, expanding the Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor programs. In our chapter Bill Schanks is our only Technical Counselor and we have no Flight Advisor. If anyone in the chapter is interested in participating in either of these roles, the application forms are available on the EAA website. Search the EAA site for Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor applications and you will find the form to fill out. Approval is by EAA, not Chapter 54.

Finally, it New Year' Day and my wife is sick with a flu bug so we can't visit any of our family or friends today. I'm not much of a football fan anymore so there is nothing worth watching on TV. For want of something to do, I Google-searched IFR flight simulators and found the ASA website where I could download a free demo version of their later On Top Flight Simulator. It is full version except only one airport is available; Helena, MT, and you cannot fly beyond a 75-mile radius from the airport. Still, I had a lot of fun this afternoon playing IFR pilot and attempting to fly ILS and GPS approaches to runway 27 at Helena in a Cessna 172. It was a great alternative to watching football.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 10. Mark your calendars know. The program has not yet been announced. When it is announced, the chapter website will be updated with the information and, if time permits, published in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 10.



EAA CHAPTER 54 TREASURER'S REPORT
BY PAUL RANKIN
 EDITORS NOTE: AS DISCUSSED AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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!



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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
 21D Unicom: 122.8
 21D AWOS: 120.075
 TPA: 1932'
 Runways: 4-22 (2497' x 75')
 14-32 (2850' x 75')

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The Young Eagles Program was hampered by many weathered out days but we still managed to fly 195 kids and what a joy it was for them. Many thanks has to go out to the pilots who offered to take these kids up each Saturday when the event was held.

Also in May we held, in combination with EAA and other aviation organizations, an International Learn To Fly Day. This was headed up by Jim Pearsall and 33 people got rides to find out what it was like to fly. A local media company rode along with Dave Becker and filmed the feeling of learning to fly that day.



The chapter also was represented at Oshkosh in May when they sent five of it's own to help get the grounds ready for the big show. The chapter members helped put together two new buildings over at the sea plane base. It was a lot of work but the chapter members came thru with flying colors.



In that summer also, many chapter members opened up their hangars to show the Farnsworth School kids what owning a hangar w a s like.



Of course we held our annual Aviation Days Fly-In Breakfast in August and finally we had some good weather and good attendance to make it a success this year. It was topped off with



the visit of three World War I replica fighters that were a treat to see and even hear one of them fly by.



As you can see the Chapter and it's members get involved with many neat and exciting events that keep our members busy. If you want help out or be involved with these and other chapter activities, watch for these events in this newsletter or at the monthly meetings.



Chapter 54 Meeting Minutes

*By Dale Seitzer
December 13, 2010*

Eleven Members in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Leif Erickson, Bettie Seitzer, Vice President in attendance. Paul Rankin was unavailable due to cancelled flights.

Dan Giossi was visiting the meeting. He trained at Valters, his children have grown so he had time to complete the training and then obtained the private pilot license. A member of Tailwinds airplane club – a guest of Dave Becker.

Jill Wall was to be the speaker but her presentation was postponed due to closure of schools and poor weather. Look for her presentation in the near future. She will bring two students to help with the presentation. EAA Chapter 54 contributes to the Farnsworth Aviation Magnet school for one class per year to visit EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report reviewed and approved unanimously.

Plaque inscription details needed for EAA Memorial Wall at Oshkosh in honor of Dale Rupp. Two text lines of 28 characters each. Also needed is a one page biography of about 500 words with a photo. Leif Erickson is coordinating – please contact him with your input or suggestions.

EAA 2011 Calendars for sale, \$10 each – still a few left.

Chapter 54 presence on Facebook. Jeff Hove will organize to develop our Chapter 54 site on Facebook. Facebook is a very popular social media web site where members share information. This is another opportunity for the public to learn about aviation and what our club can offer members. Look for invitations soon.

Next Board meeting is Saturday January 8 2011, 10:00 am at the clubhouse. All officers and Directors are expected to attend. This is a very important meeting where the year activities and budget are planned. It is also open to any member.

Dave Becker is planning for candidates for Air Academy – Get info on potential youth to Dave after January 1, 2010. Planning for next year Young Eagle events; second Saturday of the month from May through October 2011. Volunteers are always welcome. We have smooth and effective events because we have great volunteers. This is a good way to meet other members and contribute to the club.

Jeff Hove, Historian – Saturday mornings at 9 am is a great television show, Flightline on KSTC Channel 45. Episodes are available online at www.flightline.tv. They have 13 episodes completed.

Ground School – Nine people have signed up so far – we can take up to 15. Starts Thursday Feb 3, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Tom Gibbons - Newsletter Editor—Please send items for the newsletter about 2 weeks before deadline.

John Renwick – Several new members welcome to all.

Jim Pearsall, New Events Coordinator Announcements -- Put these on your calendars.

Chapter 54 Banquet, May 9, 2011 (Looking for speakers)

International Learn to Fly Day -- May 21, 2011

Aviation Day, Chapter 54 Pancake Breakfast and Fly In, August 14, 2011

Program:

Lief Erickson talked about his winter vacation on the Atlantic Ocean shore in South Georgia. He brought his headsets and rented a plane for a winter southern adventure. His presentation included dozens of photograph / slides of the ocean and the area. He flew to 3 island airports: Sea Island, St Simons Island and Jekyll Island. McKinnon is the airport at an elevation of 19 feet he departed from on St Simons. First stop was Jekyll Island. He saw many beaches and golf courses from the air. Next stop is St Mary's. Much of the trip followed the coast and the numerous islands along the south Georgia coast. Renting a plane on vacation is fun and educational.

Next Chapter meeting is January 10, 2011.

Major Fly-Ins for Next Year

U.S. Sport Aviation Expo, January 20-23, 2011...Sebring Regional Airport (SEF)
Sebring, Florida. www.Sport-Aviation-Expo.com

Sun-N-Fun Fly-In, March 29-April 3, 2011...Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL),
Lakeland, Florida. www.Sun-N-Fun.org

AERO Friedrichshafen, April 13-16, 2011...Messe Friedrichshafen, Frie-
drichshafen, Germany. www.AERO-Friedrichshafen.com

Virginia Regional Festival of Flight, April 30-May 1, 2011...Suffolk Executive Air-
port (SFQ), Suffolk, Virginia. www.VirginaFlyIn.org

Golden West Regional Fly-In and Air Show, June 10-2, 2011...Yuba County Air-
port (MYV), Marysville, California. www.GoldenWestFlyin.org

Arlington Fly-In, July 6-10, 2011...Arlington Municipal Airport (AWO), Arlington,
Washington, www.ArlingtonFlyin.org

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, July 25-31, 2011...Wittman Regional Airport (OSH),
Oshkosh, Wisconsin. www.AirVenture.org

Colorado Sport International Air Show and Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In,
August 27-28, 2011...Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (BJC) Denver, Colorado.
www.COSportAviation.org

Pilots Lounge

Tailwinds Flying Partnership, based at Lake Elmo Airport, has new membership openings available. Visit www.tailwinds21d.org for more information.

We are a partnership of 38 pilots and own three Piper aircraft. Our goal and philosophy are to fly great airplanes inexpensively. We strive for consistency in equipment among our three airplanes. To inquire about membership, please send an e-mail to Mark or call 651-982-6275.



SLSA Flying Club Forming...

Chapter 54 member Jim Pearsall is organizing a SLSA Flying Club at Lake Elmo, 21D. Contact him with your questions.

21D SLSA FLYING CLUB FORMING

Looking for people

Then will find an airplane

Organizing
Jim Pearsall

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FOR SALE:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Vertical Card Compass lighted model - Precision Aviation, Inc - stamped 6/23/2004
- 2) \$50 or offer.

Dave Syverson ddsyverson@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.

1967 Cessna 182C, 2518 Total time. Very good older airplane. Call for details.
Flies straight and true.
Asking \$50,500 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.

I started a Facebook page for the chapter.

Go to <http://www.facebook.com> (you need to create your personal account)

Then search for EAA Chapter 54.

I've given administrative rights to: president@eaa54.org, newsletter@eaa54.org, secretary@eaa54.org & Jeff Hove.

So far there are just a few photos and a rough description. I'm very skeptical about Facebook and other sites like it because so many bored kids love to spam & graffiti sites so I would like to leave this locked down as much as possible but still let our members post photos and chat. Will relax the permissions as I learn more.

Jeff Hove

EAA Chapter 54 Board Meeting Tentative Agenda

All Chapter Members Invited and Encouraged to Attend

DATE: January 8, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Chapter House

1. Approve 2011 Budget – Paul Rankin
2. Education/Ground School – Art Edhlund
 - Completion Incentives
 - Sport Pilot Requirements
3. Young Eagles/Air Academy – Dave Becker
4. Events – Jim Pearsall
 - Aviation Day - Sunday, August 14
 - Banquet – Monday, May 9
 - International Learn to Fly Day – Saturday, May 14
5. Membership – John Renwick
6. Club House & Grounds – Dave Fiebiger
7. Historian – Jeff Hove
8. Newsletter – Tom Gibbons
9. Monthly Meeting Format – Leif Erickson
 - Business Meeting 6:30 – 7:00 PM
 - Social Gathering 7:00 – 7:30 PM
 - Social Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 PM
 - Program
 - Flight Safety – Flight Instructor
 - Aircraft Maintenance – A & P Mechanic
 - Building Tip – Technical Advisor
 - Flying Destination – Fly-In Coordinator
 - From The Past – Historian
 - Aviation Weather
10. Director's Requests
11. Other

EAA Chapter 54

Private Pilot Ground School

Mondays and Thursdays from February 3 to April 25, 2011

Located at the EAA Chapter Clubhouse at Lake Elmo Airport

Visit www.eaa54.org to sign-up and get more information

Class sessions are held at the EAA Chapter 54 clubhouse at the "B" entrance to Lake Elmo Airport (21D). The initial sign up and enrollment meeting for the 2011 class will be held February 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from Feb. 3, 2011 through April 25, 2011. There will be no classes on Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11 as these dates are reserved for the monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 54. Class times are 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. See complete [schedule](#) at www.eaa54.org

Successful completion of this course will prepare the student to take the FAA Private Pilot Written Examination. Class size is limited so you are encouraged to sign-up early.

Course Materials and Cost



Jeppesen course materials are used. Student kits can be purchased at [Valters Aviation](#) at the Lake Elmo Airport (21D) in advance of the class or they may be purchased at the enrollment session. Estimated costs for these course materials is \$200.00. In addition, students will pay a course fee of \$100.00 at the enrollment session.



Young Eagles Report

by Dave Becker



Our 2010 year of flying Young Eagles is now officially history. Our total number for the year is 195 Young Eagles flown. Many Thanks to all the pilots and ground support people who made this year another safe and successful one. We had ten pilots who have been recognized by EAA for achieving and exceeding EAA's "10 for 2010" goal. Those pilots are **Dan Bergstrom, Dennis Hoffman, Jerry Chapman, Al Kupferschmidt, Paul Liedl, Bruce Olson, John Renwick, John Schmidt, Dave Syverson, and Dave Becker.** Our chapter will receive Young Eagle credits worth \$5 for each Young Eagle these pilots flew and we will use those credits to help pay for the kids we sponsor to go to the Air Academy camps in the summer. I would like to especially congratulate **Al Kupferschmidt** for attaining the achievement of flying over 400 Young Eagles. He is the second person in Chapter 54 to attain this milestone.



Last month I outlined the Air Academy camp schedules for 2011 and solicited candidates for our chapter to sponsor. If you know of a young person who you feel is a good candidate for our Chapter 54 to sponsor, send the candidate's name and contact information to Dave Becker at young eagles@eaa54.org by January 31, 2011.

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}

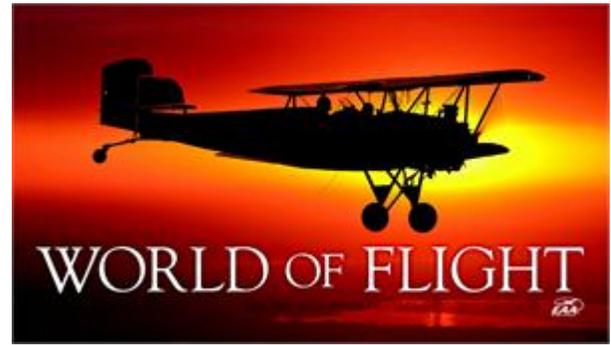
A Very Happy New Year to all our members and may this year let aviation bring more joy out of your life!

Reflections from Oshkosh...

Got the nicest thing in the mail this year just before Christmas. A couple I volunteer with doing flight line operations during the AirVenture show sent me a very neat calendar. Each month has some great reflections in pictures of me at AirVenture. This is not one of those web-site calendars you just put together but rather individual ones that take some time to do. They pasted pictures in there along with various scrapbook items. Rick and Mary are good friends and I am already counting the days till I meet up with them again for another airshow. We have a great time during the show and keep it entertaining for all to have fun. Got to love it!!

What a Winter!!

With all the snow and the holidays we air-line people have been really busy! Cancellations, delays, heavy loads of both passengers and bags and of course all the snow have taken their toll on us. Plus I have been putting in longer hours too. All this and it is only the beginning of January! Oh well! Thank God I still love my job, it is just as I get older, it gets tougher on body and I am feeling it lately.



**2011 World of Flight Calendars
 Still a few For Sale
 \$10 each**

Still Needing your information!

Gang, if you still have not taken the time to fill out my Who's Who in Chapter 54 form please take the time to do so. This has been a popular item but I have no more to be posted so please help out the chapter and make YOUR newsletter more interesting. Check out the chapter web site or fill out a blank at the chapter house and leave it for me to pickup or send me note via e-mail and I will forward one to you. Thanks to all who have done this!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

One day the stars will be as familiar to each man as the landmarks, the curves, and the hills on the road that lead to his door, and one day that will be an airborne life.

- Beryl Markham, West With the Night.