

EAA CHAPTER 104 NEWSLETTER

EAA CHAPTER 104 MONTHLY MEETING

Friendship & Flying – “For The Fun of It”

*Meetings are conducted in the EAA Chapter Room – Porter County Regional Airport
4207 Murvihill Road, Valparaiso IN 46383*

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY- January 10th, 2012

Socialize & Coffee-6:30 pm – Meeting: 7:00pm

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See you at the January 10th meeting. Bring a Friend.

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EAA CHAPTER 104 MISSION STATEMENT

Foster, promote, and engage in aviation education.

Promote, encourage and facilitate membership
in the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Support and promote the mission, vision, goals
and objectives of the EAA

**EAA Chapter 104
Porter County Municipal Airport
Valparaiso, IN**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, December 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7PM and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson.

There was a brief Business Meeting, then Pizza and Photos Night.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The minutes from the November meeting were approved by the members.

Old Business:

South Bend tower tours. Ed contacted the individual in charge of the tower tours. They are available Monday thru Friday from about 6 am to 2 pm EST. They are offered to aviation minded folks of high school age or older. Groups are limited to about five individuals at a time and last 45 minutes to 1 hour. Contact Dwayne Jeter at 574.251.2604 to schedule a visit. Due to the size limitations on the group and the weekday only schedule, it looks like individual visits by a few members at a time is the way to go rather than a group outing.

Thanks to all that helped with this year's Supplies 4 GIs efforts. We sent out approximately 300 packages to troops, mostly overseas. Cherie has already gotten a number of thank you notes from the recipients. The Copes and Pam Ray attended the Valpo National Guard Christmas Party. They met many of the members that will be deployed in the next few months and the families of those already in Afghanistan. It was a very emotional and heart-warming experience. And, yes, when Santa Claus came out for the kids, all the GIs shouted "HOORAH!"

New Business:

Dennis Funkhouser had emailed about another chapter private pilot ground school class or a class thru Eagle offered at a discount. I asked Joy at Eagle and this is her response; Yes, we do have a Private Pilot Ground School starting on January 25, 2012. It will be one evening per week on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 and ending at 9:00 p.m. We're offering this class to our Steel workers at a higher than usual price because they are going to get a library of books, charts, etc included in the cost, plus 3 hours on the simulator. When they get finished with this course they will be ready to pass the written knowledge test. If we have people other than steel workers who want to take this course the cost will be \$599.00 but they won't receive the library of reading material and they won't have the 3 hours on the simulator. Basically, this is because the mill pays for the steelworkers to take the course but I don't think that our own students would be willing to pay that much for the course. It's going to be quite intensive. The course will continue until sometime in May. We would be willing to give a 5% discount to members of the EAA which would make the price \$569.05 for the course.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick Ray.

President's Report:

I'd like to thank Rick Schreiber and Dave Thomas for spending their time and efforts to compile the photo shows for tonight.

Rick Schreiber suggested we get with modern technology and replace our old projection TV and our small side mounted TV's with one larger flat screen TV with a computer input. Perhaps several members could come up with some suggestions and discuss them at our January meeting.

Soup Off with the PCPA date. A date of Saturday March 3rd has been suggested by the pilots group. It was agreed that date would be good.

2012 Chapter dues of \$15 are due. Please see the treasurer and pay your dues so we can pay our bills.

Young Eagles Report:

There was a discussion of what to do with the Young Eagles credits we have earned.

Members are encouraged to fly Young Eagles on their own when possible. We have the supplies you need.

Webmaster's Report:

No report this month.

Builder's Night and Project status:

We have had several educational meetings at Marty's covering engine cylinders, riveting, and electrical systems and troubleshooting. Anyone wishing to host a build night or an education night should contact a chapter officer.

Build night will take a break for the holidays. We'll discuss our next build night at our January 10th meeting.

Newsletter Editor Report

Please forward photos and stories to Jim for the Newsletter.

We Care:

Scott Shriver's mother passed away. The chapter sent a card expressing our condolences.

Two Month Look Ahead:

January 1, 2012 Nappanee Fly-In is scheduled Snow or Shine. 11:00AM -2:00PM.

Soup-Off with the PCPA will be March3rd.

Next chapter meeting will be January10th.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

President's Page

Ed Hanson

January 2012

I recently attended a party which had several Chapter 104 members present. Naturally, we all gathered in one area and started talking about airplanes. It's a good thing. The next day, realized we, as a chapter, have at least four new projects that will see an engine start this year followed by first flights. We may even see a Howard DGA make its' way back to the sky. For a chapter our size, I think this is amazing! We also have several more projects moving along but not ready to fire up in 2012 including an ultralight. Builders, keep the faith! Your hard work and long hours will be rewarded. Do not be discouraged by building problems and minor setbacks.



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We have some members who have recently acquired aircraft or sold the one they had been flying and are working on getting a different aircraft ready to fly. There are even a few projects for sale if you are interested. This seems to be a good mix of airplaneing (my word) at our airport.

I would suggest if you have been putting off getting involved with a project or learning to fly, don't put it off any longer. Jump in and expand your horizons. You'll be glad you did and later in life you won't have to say "I should have done it."

A big thank you to **Rick Schreiber** and **Dave Thomas** for their efforts spent putting together the DVD's of so many pictures for our "Pizza and Pictures" night at the December meeting. We all enjoyed the show and I know it took a lot of time to make the DVD's. Thanks again!

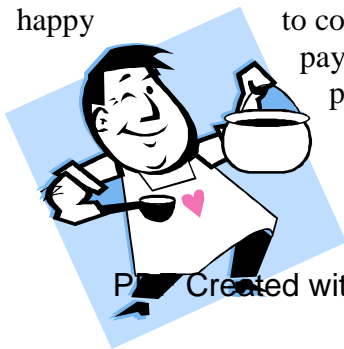
Also thanks to the Sherrick family who arranged for the donation of a big screen TV for the chapter room. We hope to be able to connect computers to this unit as well, as a DVD player, for some excellent meeting presentations. We should discuss how to mount or position this unit at our January 10th meeting. You are planning to attend aren't you?

Remember the "Soup Off" with the PCPA is March 3rd. Who makes the best pot of soup???

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

Chapter dues are due for 2012. The amount remains only \$15 for the calendar year. We will be happy to collect your payment at our January 10th meeting. We have our bills to pay to keep operating so please pay your dues on time. If you can't pay in person, you can send your check made out to EAA Chapter 104 to our treasurer Rick Ray at 293 Ravinia Dr. N., Valparaiso, IN 46385. Soup Off with the Porter County Pilots Association (PCPA) will take place on Saturday March 3rd. Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup



recipe to astound the judges! We encourage you to soup up your entry with costuming, lights and fanfare! Compete for the top prize.

Guy Campolattora stopped by the December meeting to let us know he has a KR2 project for sale. It is in boat stage and includes a VW engine. Also his late father's flying Sonerai II N926AC is for sale. Contact guy at 219.405.1164 hcivalpo@msn.com for more information. Private pilot ground school starts January 25th at Eagle. Contact Joy at 219.464.0132

My Turn....

Where to start, where to start!!!

How about—Say hello to David Boast at the next meeting. David is our latest/newest member. That's the segway into the next thought...Dues, doos, dewes, are now due. Mostly the dues keeps the newsletter and other chapter functions going—financially that is.

Did you get to the December pizza party/meeting? If you did, did you get enough pizza? President Ed had me going for a while with his saying I was supposed to order/get the pizzas. I know I'm old but I don't remember that part. Thanks to the two Judies who came to my rescue and brought the pizzas. And yes there was beer at the meeting, Kyle—Root Beer that is☺.

Remember when President Ed said to send me pictures? Well here's one from the A & S Museum in D.C. Yep!!! It's the Spirit of St. Louis. Sooooooo! What's the airplane that's behind it? Have a guess and maybe win something at the meeting. Then again maybe not!!!

Thought I'd add this picture as nobody sent anything in. If you never been to this museum, Ya gotta go. Don't take any children or anyone that just wants to look and leave. There's a lot of info and history and it takes time to read the presentations. I just like to sit and soak up all this aviation information☺☺☺. No Pietenpols though☺.....



The Piet project will be put on hold for the next 10 weeks. I'm going to go somewhere to soak up Vitamin D.

Part of what retirement is all about.

See Ya at the meeting,

Jim H