



Northwest Indiana Chapter 104



February 2009 Electronic Newsletter



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EAA CHAPTER 104 NEWSLETTER

EAA CHAPTER 104 MONTHLY MEETING

Friendship & Flying – “For The Fun of It”

Meetings held in the EAA Clubhouse – Porter County Airport-Valparaiso IN

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TUESDAY- February 10, 2009

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

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EAA CHAPTER 104 MISSION STATEMENT

Foster, promote, and engage in aviation education
Promote, encourage and facilitate membership
in Experimental Aircraft Association
Support and promote the mission, vision, goals
And objectives of the EAA.

Chapter 104 Leaders Accept Check



Porter Count Airport Manager Kyle Kuebler, second from left, presents a \$250 check to Vice President Dave Thomas left, President Ed Hanson and Treasurer Rick Ray at the January 13th meeting.

The check was part of the award the airport received after being named Indiana airport of the year. The airport shared the award with the on field not for profit organizations as contributors to the selection process.

Kyle informed the members significant construction activities are planned for this year and some Chapter activities may require “thinking outside the box” to achieve success. Chapter 104 welcomes the challenge the construction season may bring knowing a better home field will be the result.

Kyle answered many questions from the members on future growth plans for the airport.

President's Page

Ed Hanson

February 2009

Vice President Dave Thomas and I just returned from the **EAA Chapter Leaders Academy** in Oshkosh. It was an amazing three day session spent with about 22 other chapter leaders and a host of EAA staff. We also attended the **Skiplane Fly-In at Pioneer Airport.**



We will give a detailed report on our activities at the March 10th Chapter meeting so plan to attend. I can tell you there are some great initiatives about to be announced by EAA that will certainly be welcomed in these tough economic times. Stay tuned!

One of the things discussed at the Academy was the need for social activities in the chapters to make them more family friendly to attract new members rather than have a grumpy old men's club. We will be working with the membership to implement some new activities members may choose to participate in with us.

We will be installing a computer station in the Chapter room to assist members wishing to learn computer skills. This will include e-mail and exploring aviation related resources on the web in the comfort of your own Chapter room. We might even offer flight simulator programs to our Young Eagles while they wait for their flights. If you have an extra computer sitting around that runs Windows XP, please consider donating it to the chapter. Also, if you are interested in learning computer skills, let me know (219.988.4879) and we will work with you and our computer savvy members to get you started. You're never too old to start!

Webmaster Rick Rozhon has made some changes and updates to our Chapter site www.eaa104.org including a members section so check them out. Thanks Rick.

I'd like to welcome Pam Ray aboard as the new Chapter secretary. She will certainly help keep us moving forward and growing.

Please work and build safely.
Ed Hanson

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, January 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by incoming President Ed Hanson at 7:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our Guest Speaker was Kyle Kuebler, Porter County Airport Manager. The airport was recently named Airport of the Year. Kyle credited this to a number of reasons including: the economic impact the airport has on the area; the fact that two new emergency response vehicles have been added in the last two years; and the partnership on the field with EAA 104, the Porter County Pilot's Association, the CAP, and the Indiana Aviation Museum. Through these partnerships there is an atmosphere of Education and Awareness. The airport received an award of \$1,000 and Kyle shared that equally with the four on-field organizations. Kyle presented the chapter officers with a check for \$250.

Kyle went on to discuss the future of the airport. A Revenue Bond of \$3.75 Million has been acquired that will fund five major projects:

1. Commercial development of the Northwest portion of airport property.
2. New concrete for the current Tie-Down ramp and a new Taxiway from "B".
3. Rebuild the old entrance road and parking area.
4. Rebuild Taxi "H" on the west side of the hangers.
5. Build the next set of "T" hangers east of the existing hangers.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December Meeting.

The PCPA received several Thank You letters from soldiers who received the Christmas packages. The letters were passed around.

At the last meeting John Bryan discussed wanting to start a Sea Cadets program requested support from EAA 104. After checking with Oshkosh and our lease with the airport we will not be able to assist them at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed and Dave Thomas will be attending a Chapter Leaders Workshop in Oshkosh this month.

Bruce Bierma has agreed to head up Eagle Soars this year. He asked the members to start seeking potential candidates. We would like to make the award at the next Awards Banquet.

Pam Ray volunteered to be the Chapter Secretary this year. She was nominated and elected to the position.

There are some frozen food items left over from the Pancake Breakfast and Food Booth. It was moved and seconded to donate this food to a local food bank or church that can accept it.

Two awards were presented to members that didn't make the Awards Banquet. Larry Whitlow was presented the Pressing On Builder award; and John Hack the Flying Start Builder award.

Dennis Funkhouser presented the dates for this year's Young Eagle events. Saturday, April 18 (Rain date Apr 19); Sunday June 21 in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast; and Saturday, October 24 (Rain date Oct 25).

Chapter Newsletter. For the first time the newsletter was sent electronically to those with known e-mail addresses. The newsletter will continue to be sent to all members by regular mail. The newsletter now includes an update on what members are building and restoring. Please review the schedule of activities for this year, included in the newsletter. Charlene always needs material for the newsletter, the deadline for next month's letter is Jan 22.

Ed has been notified by the Collings Foundation that they are planning on a visit to VPZ again this year. The dates have not been finalized.

Builder's Night continues every Tuesday. There are 8 pieces of foam to be installed at the hanger ceiling, and a curtain will be installed so ½ of the hanger can be heated.

Web Site Update. Web Master Rick Rohzon is setting up a Member's Only section of the site. Members will be able to upload updates and pictures of their projects. We also have the ability to give members an e-mail address through the site. Rick is also planning a "For Sale" page. We are looking into establishing an internet connection in the Chapter room. Instruction could be given to those with limited internet skills.

Ed announced that the Guest Speaker for February's meeting will be G & N discussing the experimental Lycoming engines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

2009 Young Eagle Dates

Our Young Eagles Coordinator Dennis Funkhouser has announced the following dates for this year. Saturday April 18 (rain date 19th), Sunday June 21st Pancake Breakfast, and Saturday October 24th (rain date 25th). These dates will be added to our Chapter Calendar.

The Chapter plans to have an **Eagle Soars** program this year. If you know of an interested youth, the application process will be starting soon.

Is there interest in sponsoring a bus to OSH this year? Let's talk it up and decide so we can properly plan the event.

February 10th Chapter Meeting

Lycoming GNX Experimental Aircraft Engines

Representatives from **G & N Aircraft** will be presenting a program on a line of **Brand New Engines from Lycoming**. Since these are available locally, G & N can offer an attractive option to our builders. Bring your questions!

OXI Knox – Starke County Needs an AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer. If you live in the area and could help out please contact AOPA.

The Indiana Seaplane Pilots Association is asking to for help in spreading the word about some possible changes to five lakes in the state. Complete information about this is available on line at www.seaplanepilots.org/inspa/.



A Computer for the Chapter Room. Running Microsoft XP. We can fix a broken computer. Please help if you can.



Get It While It's Easy!!

FAA / ICAO English Proficiency DEADLINE MARCH 2009

Effective March 5, 2008, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requires the following certificate holders who operate internationally to have a certificate stating that the holder is proficient in the use of the English language:

- Private, commercial, and airline transport pilots with powered aircraft ratings
- Flight engineers and flight navigators
- Control tower operators

The ability to read, speak, write, and understand English is already a U.S. regulatory eligibility requirement; the FAA Registry began issuing all new certificates with this endorsement on February 11, 2008. The U.S. has notified ICAO that it filed a difference that will extend the U.S. compliance date until March 5, 2009, in order to provide sufficient time for all affected U.S. airman certificate holders to comply with the ICAO Language Proficiency airman certificate endorsement requirements.

Certificates that are ordered as regular replacement certificates will include the endorsement. You can [order a replacement certificate on-line or by mail](#). You will be asked to register with Online Services if you don't already have an on-line account. Note that there is a \$2 fee for replacement airmen certificates.

Airmen who request temporary authority or verification of their airman certificate will not have the English proficiency endorsement until the replacement certificate has been requested and the \$2 fee paid. If you have questions, you may contact the Airmen Certification Branch toll-free at 1-866-878-2498.

For more information regarding ICAO English proficiency, refer to Information for Operators (InFO) 08012 at the [All InFOs page](#).

What Our Members Are Flying

Dan Zanstra Zenair 601 Soon to get some new wings.

Rick Schreiber Piper Colt

Dennis Funkhouser Cessna 172

Dick Cains Stearman & Piper Tri Pacer

Chuck Papas Cessna 172

Rex Polovitch Piper Colt

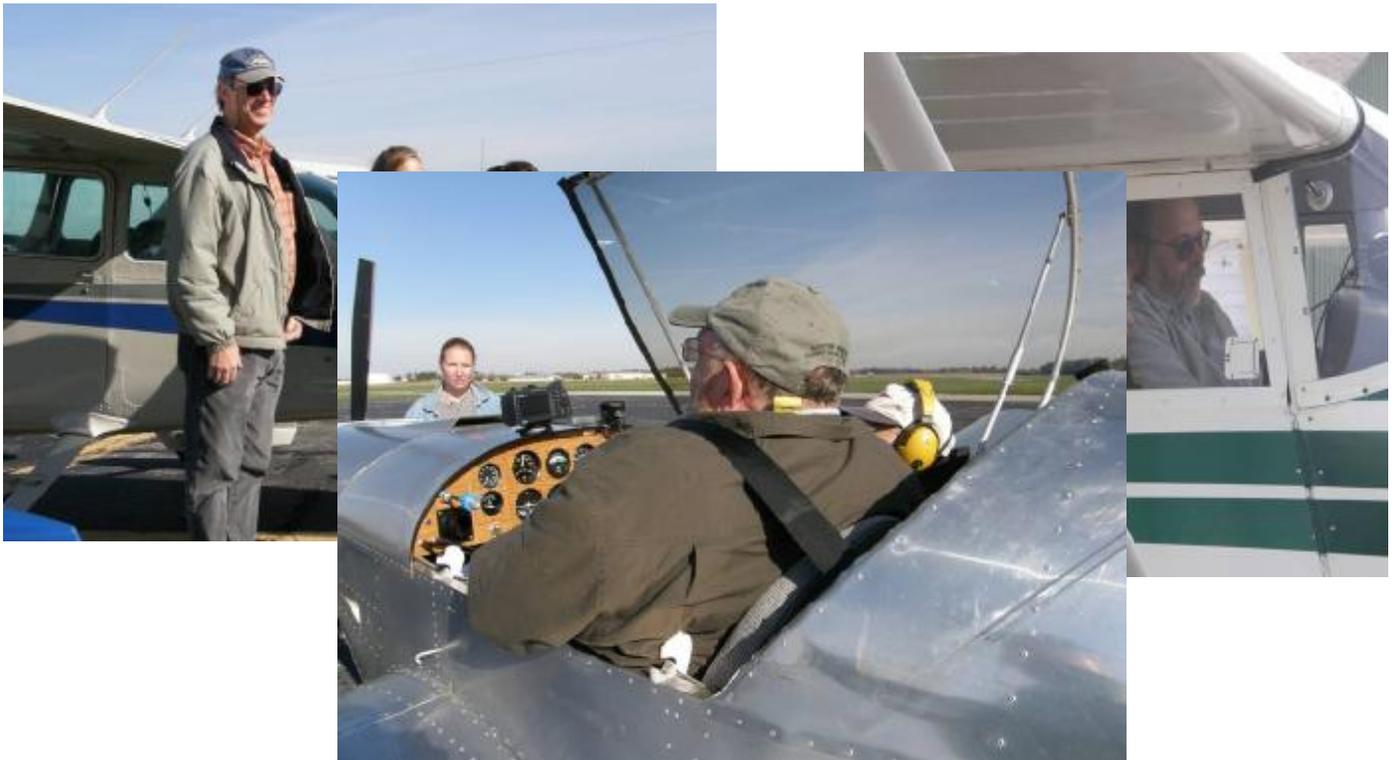
Cheri Cope Cessna 210

Larry Cope Cessna 175 Hot Rod

Jim Sherrick Powered Parachute

Al & Rusty Boushea Cessna 172 converted to a tail dragger & a Pietenpol

Please inform us of any corrections updates or additions to the list. You can e-mail Bruce at (ragpockets@hotmail.com) ragpockets@hotmail.com, phone 219-956-3122 leave a message, or Ed Hanson e-mail (hansoncp@netnitco.net) hansoncp@netnitco.net, phone 219-988-4879.



The Hungry Pilot



Some Favorite Recipes & Places to Eat

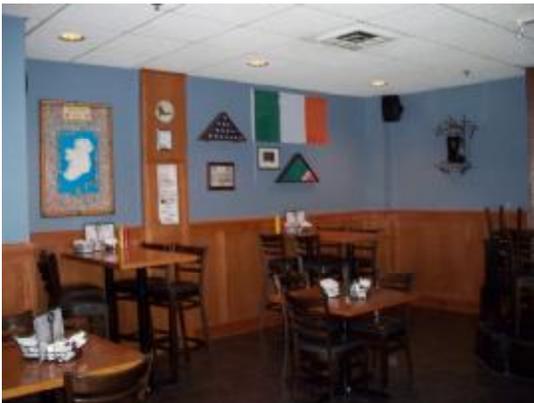
Shannon's Landing at the Lansing II Municipal airport IGQ.
www.shannonslanding.net 708.418.1467

Located at the intersection of Glenwood Lansing Rd. and Burnham Ave in Lansing II. 60438 or a 27 statute mile flight from VPZ.

This is a fine diner which has an Irish Pub theme. We stopped in by car for lunch on a snowy January day about 1pm. There were still several lunch customers lingering and watching the airport snow plowing activities.

I had the huge toasted corned beef sandwich with an abundant supply of their homemade chips and a pickle for \$6.95. I added a cup of beef noodle soup that was hot and chuck full of meat, noodles and vegetables for \$1. The other soup choice of the day was Southwest Chicken. My wife had the ½ turkey sandwich dressed with lettuce and tomato and cup of soup for \$5.95. Daily specials are offered. The day we visited was burger day.

The diner overlooks the airport so watching the flight activity or keeping an eye on your plane is easy. The menu is available on line so you can plan ahead. Evening entertainment is offered. A full bar is available. The service was quick and pleasant. The restrooms were clean and functional. Turn around time was just under 40 minutes.



2009 ULTRALIGHT & SPORT PLANE SAFETY SEMINAR

FEBRUARY 28, 2009

The 29th annual IUAC Ultralight/Sport Plane Safety Seminar hosted by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council (IUAC), the FAA Springfield FSDO and the FAA FAAS Team will be held on Saturday February 28, 2009 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Illinois Building Auditorium in Springfield, Illinois.

Safety seminars will cover a broad range of topics including regulatory issues on sport pilot and ultralight flight, engine maintenance, flight safety, weather and equipment.

The exhibit area will feature vendor displays representing various types of recreational aircraft and accessories including fixed wing, trikes, sport plane, powered parachutes, rotorcraft, powered paragliders and ultralights. If you are interested in displaying equipment in this segment of aviation, please contact one of the following:

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Jim Sweeney, Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council
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Location: Illinois State Fairgrounds, Illinois Building Auditorium in Springfield, Illinois. Enter the fairgrounds from the main entrance off Sangamon Avenue. The Illinois Building is the first building on the left.

Parking: available in the lot located just past (north of) the Illinois Building.

Fees: There is no charge for parking or admission to the seminar.

Hotel Accommodations: Signature Inn - Springfield 3090 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 529-6611. A block of rooms has been secured for Friday evening, February 27. Please make your reservations early.

Refreshments: Coffee, doughnuts, snacks and lunch will be provided in the exhibit area.

Schedule:

Registration	8:00am - 9:00am
Morning Seminars	9:00am - 11:30am
Lunch	11:30am - 1:00pm
Afternoon Seminars	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Vendor Exhibits	8:00am - 4:00pm

Speaker Schedule: Complete schedule will be posted on www.faasafety.gov and at the IUAC site www.safety-seminar.com in January.

PRESIDENTIAL TFR ALERT

January is Presidential Inauguration Month. As with any new President, as President-elect Obama settles into the White House, we can expect increased presidential travel activity. Since President-elect Obama's home is in the Chicago area, Illinois can expect a greater than usual number of Presidential Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR).

Pilots should check for TFRs in their preflight briefing either by calling Flight Service at 888-WXBRIEF, or by using an online service such as www.duat.com or www.duats.com or www.faa.gov. Private briefing services may also provide this information. It is important to recheck for TFRs immediately before flight, as they sometimes occur suddenly.

TFR violations virtually always result in certificate action against the pilot, and even more importantly, these violations reflect on general aviation as a whole, putting all of our flight privileges in jeopardy.

TIPS FOR A CO-PILOT

Do you often ride with your pilot and spend the time bored, reading, sleeping, etc. Did you know FLYING CAN BE FUN. Take the time to read the following and you will find not only is the trip more interesting, but also SAFE.

KNOW THE MAKE, MODEL AND N NUMBER FOR THE PLANE IN WHICH YOU FLY. KNOW WHERE TO LOOK IN THE PLANE TO FIND THE N NUMBER.

Have your pilot give you a thorough tour of the airplane, especially the interior. Have the Pilot show you the following and explain each while showing: Throttle- Mixture - Propeller Controls- Engine Gauges - Gear Switch - Gear Indicator - Flap Lever. Have him give you a quiz afterwards.

Get a thorough understanding of how to operate the radio - changing frequencies - turning up the volume - speaking in the microphone - use of headset. Before speaking on the radio: think of what you want to say; listen that no one is on the frequency; hold the mike close to your lips; speak in a normal tone.

On your next flight don't be just a passenger. Have a pad and pen handy and take notes. Observe how the pilot talks on the radio, how the plane is controlled, how to prepare for a landing. Watch the instrument constantly during a flight and see how they react to the changes the pilot makes with the airplane. If you have questions ask him at this time unless he is busy getting ready to land, etc. otherwise, write down your questions.

Be familiar with the emergency landing procedures for your specific airplane. Know how to unlatch the doors, use the seatbelts, and use of emergency exits that are available, such as windows.

A good idea is call the local FBO and schedule a couple of dual hours of instruction with a flight instructor. Make sure he understands what you want and have him put you on the right side where you would normally be seated. Remember, this flying is not to make you a pilot, but to give you enough knowledge and experience to control the airplane and land it. Let the instructor know you want to concentrate on the primary maneuvers, straight and level, climbing, descending, and landing.

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Aviation Websites

WEB ADDRESS

DESCRIPTION

www.liveatc.net	Monitor two-way communications with usually about 20 ATC facilities thru-out the country and even overseas. Depends upon locations being monitored at the time by the person who is providing the monitoring. Sometimes you can pick up MDW (Midway).
http://160knots.com	Frank Holbert, pilot in California owns a Bellanca, does flight videos
www.fltplan.com	Flight planning website, free for registering
www.flightaware.com	Includes listing of IFR arrival/departure activity for a particular airport. You can also type in a particular airplane N number and see the last IFR flight filed departure, arrival, etc. Can also track airline activity.
www.duats.com	Aviation weather. Requires access code and password, no problem getting if you are a pilot.
www.aviationweather.gov	This is another site alternative to DUATS to obtain aviation weather. This is a NOAA website.
www.airnav.com	When you type in airport identifier, it gives you airport information and METARS and TAF along with weather at some adjacent airports (for example, type in KGYG and you also get to see IGQ and MDW weather info.) plus aerial photo of airport (when available). You can also download IFR approach plates.
www.runwayfinder.com	Graphical depiction of airports which also shows TFR's etc.
www.faasafety.gov	FAA safety on-line courses, events.
www.faa.gov	Look up information on aviation related items such as pilot certification, publications, etc.
www.aopa.org	Many items available to non-members such as on-line Air Safety Foundation on line courses and programs. If you are a member of AOPA, access to other portion of site.
www.americanflyers.net	American Flyers School site. Within it, under the "entertainment" section are full episodes of the Sky King T.V. show back in the 50's
www.gaservingamerica.org	Created by AOPA after '911 to educate general public about general aviation
www.weatherunderground.com	Weather information, including NEXRAD radar maps, cell movement
www.navmonster.com	Another neat flight planning website
http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/	Aviation Safety Reporting System (includes access to "Callback" safety publications)
www.airfields-freeman.com	Interesting site...depicts abandoned and little known airports





