

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 Municipal Airport
4207 Murvihill Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383*

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY- February 9, 2010

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

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Checkout our web site changes!

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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.

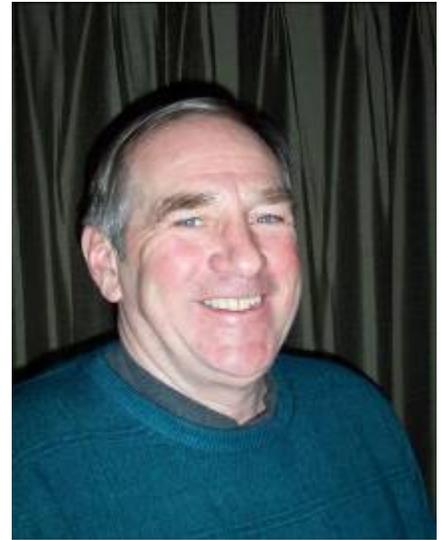
Support and promote the mission, vision, goals
and objectives of the EAA.

President's Page

Ed Hanson

February 2010

Sadly, we have lost another longtime member **Charlene Falkenberg**. Char was an aviation icon in our area and many local aviators had attended her ground school classes. She inspired many women in aviation as witnessed by the attendance of many Ninety-Niners at her funeral. She was very active in their scholarship fund and asked that memorials in her name be made to that fund. Chapter 104 will be honored to participate in memory of Charlene.



From time to time in life we must make changes to adapt to prevailing conditions and we find ourselves faced with this concerning Chapter 104's Eagle Soars program. As many of you know, the chapter program was started long before the national Young Eagle program was introduced. With the tremendous success of the Young Eagle rallies, some rather unpleasant fallout is affecting our Eagle Soars program. The problem lies with the unintended similarity of the two program names. We enjoy donations to help fund our Eagle Soars program. However, we can't accept any donations for the Young Eagle flights that may be construed to be covering any of the pilot's costs to fly young Eagles. The risk of doing so may be a certificate action or more to the pilots. We can't put our pilots in this position. With the similarity of the names, the general public that attends our Young Eagle rallies, pancake breakfast, and Air Venture food booth may improperly conclude that the programs go hand in hand and they may be happy to donate to such a worthy cause not realizing the problem. This puts us in an unfavorable position of not being able to accept the donations.

After discussion with our Young Eagle Coordinator **Dennis Funhouse** and other members, it appears the best fix for the problem is to consider changing the name of our program to something that denotes a scholarship reward and doesn't contain the words young or eagle. Additionally, we would implement a donation tracking system to show evidence of what funds were collected for the scholarship program. You may wish to review **Dennis's** article on this in our November newsletter available on our web site www.eaa104.org

This might be a good time to also establish a fixed dollar amount to award to future recipients of our scholarship program.

We invite your comments on this proposal and also any recommendations for a new name for our program.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

From our E-Mail IN Box

The Purdue University Aviation Technology volunteer student organizations would like to invite your chapter to attend our third annual fly-in pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Saturday April 17, 2010 from 0700-1200 at the Purdue University Airport (KLAF). All proceeds benefit the following organizations: American Association of Airport Executives - Purdue Chapter, Alpha Eta Rho - Beta Chapter, Purdue Women in Aviation, Purdue Air Race, Aviation Technology Flight Team, Aviation Technology Student Council, Purdue Professional Pilots, Purdue Pilots Inc, Aviation Technology Grad Council. Flyers will also be sent to your airports once they are completed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me either through email or through my cell phone number listed below.

The costs for breakfast will be \$6 for anyone 11+ and \$3 for any one 10 and under.

Jordan Ashley
Purdue University
Aviation Management
Aviation Student Organization - Fly-In Representative
Purdue Flight Team - Aircraft Recognition Coach
Alpha Eta Rho - Beta Chapter
American Association of Airport Executives
765-618-3723

*WANTED – The donation of two additional crock pots to the chapter for use during our Air Venture food booth. **Judi Hanson** has donated one ,however, we could use two more for keeping food hot. Help the economy, buy your sweetie a new one and donate your old crock pot to the chapter.*

You should have renewed your Chapter 104 membership for 2010 by now. Since we are going greener, we are not including a renewal sheet for you any longer. Simply give your fifteen dollar renewal fee to our treasurer **Rick Ray** at the meeting and save both paper and postage. If you can't attend the meeting, please mail your check to **Rick Ray**, 293 Ravinia Drive N., Valparaiso, IN 46385.

INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY is May 15, 2010. Plan now to do something to help spark an interest in someone to learn to fly. General aviation's future depends on growing the pilot population.

At a recent build night, we were treated to see the first production EAA Chapter 104 denim aprons being customized by **Judy Thomas** and they look great! We look forward to using these at the pancake breakfast and Air Venture food booth.

NEW TEE HANGARS The new county Tee Hangars are ready. Airport Director **Kyle Kuebler** advised there were a few still available. Contact Kyle at 219.462.6508 if you're interested.

Our web editor **Rick Rozhon** has made some attractive changes to our web site. Check them out and let **Rick** know what you think. We are always looking for new content to post to the website. www.eaa104.org.

WE BUILD AIRPLANES

The January 2010 issue of Kit Planes magazine has a nice article about the Mustang II kit that **John Hack** is building.

The Soup Off is coming!



The Soup Off between the **Porter County Pilots Association** and **EAA Chapter 104** is coming. We are in the process of selecting a date. Practice preparing your favorite recipe now so you'll be in the running to take home the trophy!

If you have some good ideas or thoughts for this social event, please share them with us. We hope to have a fun afternoon around the soup pots.

Charlene Falkenberg in some earlier articles from the TIMES.

An aviation icon passed from this earth on January 10th at the age of 88. You can rest assured she is off in her Mooney to pick up Walter and Winston for an exciting cross country. She will plan stops to visit all of the aviation folks who departed before her and whose lives she touched.

We will miss her stories and her wonderful positive outlook on life. Clear skies Char!



Thanks to Diana Austin for the pictures.

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, January 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson at 7:00 PM

Welcome and acknowledgement of any guests or new members. None this meeting

It was with sad hearts that we learned of the passing of Charlene Falkenberg on Sunday January 10, she will be greatly missed by our chapter. Ed will be emailing Service information as he gets it.

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business: Awards were passed out to Dick Cains and John Hack. Other certificates will be mailed out. A check was made out to Eagle Aviation, the flight school chosen for our Eagle Soars recipient. We still have EAA 2010 World of Flight calendars for sale \$10 grab one before they are gone.

New Business:

All pilots are reminded that when flying young eagles you are qualified for rebates on gas used via Phillips Petroleum there is one at Michigan City.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers report was given by Richard Ray. Also a check was cut to refund the purchaser of the BD-5 an agreed up portion of the purchase money due to damage on the wings.

President's Report:

We received a nice thank you note from the PCPA for the use of our chapter room for their Christmas party. It is nice to be able to share together.

All the chapter presidents received an email from Tom Poberenzy asking for help locating a new qualified president for the EAA. Any member who knows of a potential candidate should contact Ed Hanson.

Eagle Aviation is giving Chapter 104 members a discount. Please help spread the word on this and encourage your aviation friends to join EAA and our chapter and enjoy the savings.

The Soup Off with the PCPA is on. We decided to select a date in March for this that works for both groups. Also let's start talking about some ideas for the Soup Off. Send ideas to Ed via email or phone call

As mentioned at the last several meetings, 2010 Air Academy space is available in all camps at this time. If we are interested in sponsoring an attendee, we would be required to send in a deposit for an unnamed attendee to hold a space and then name the attendee and gender by March 31st.

There are three different age group camps with different costs. If we do not have anyone to send, we will give our points earned to the Michigan City chapter.

We are looking for help with the newsletter. If you would like to assist please contact me. Also please send me articles or ideas that you have for the newsletter. Would you like to try your hand at making up a newsletter get in touch with Ed Hanson.

Everyone should have received the latest copy of Sport Aviation with the new look. Any comments, pros/cons about it?

If you have paid your dues and do not have a new membership card please see Ed Hanson after the meeting. Or contact him hansoncp@netnitco.net

Ed Hanson will be out of the country enjoying a cruise for the February meeting Dave Thomas our Vice President will conduct the meeting.

We're continuing to go a little greener. If you would like to help the chapter save money, ink, paper, and postage, sign up for the electronic **only** copy of the newsletter. We are seeing significant savings by doing this and keeping your dues low.

Young Eagles Report:

Dennis brought up the need to change the name of Eagle Soars as collections jars at the Young Eagles have become an issue and we can't have the two confused with each other. How about coming up with some new names for this future flyers scholarship program.

Webmaster's Report:

No new content we need pictures and articles and build logs please help. Please visit the website and send Rick pictures of your building or your planes. Let Rick know what you would like to see on the website.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Builder's Night is every Tuesday except the monthly meeting night. Bruce is away on business. We have been meeting at Ed Hanson's shop and working on a tow bar, jack pads and the air filter box for the Kis Cruiser. We will continue to have build night at this location for the next 3 weeks. Anybody need help or want to help Visit the website to see what people are working on and if you would like to help.

Eagle Soars:

Eagle Aviation has been chosen as the Flight School for our Eagle Soars student. Ed will present them a check this week for the initial lessons.

We Care:

Charlene Falkenberg passed away Sunday, January 10th the chapter will send flowers or donations per family requests on behalf of all our members. Questions came up as to how Paul Huang's son is doing, we are told he is still on treatment.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Please remember that we are always looking for information to include in the newsletter. Next meeting is February 9th

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary



Eagle Aircraft is proud to announce that we now have local financing for flight training. Make an appointment today for details and to complete the necessary application forms. We want to help you get your application submitted!

Get started on that dream of flying with our new financing programs!

Please call the office at 219-464-0132



Regional Federal Credit Union located in Valparaiso is offering up to \$20,000.00 in financing for career training to flight students at Eagle Aircraft.

Applications are available at Eagle or online at www.regionalfcu.org. Just click on "signature" on the left hand side of the website, fill out the application and hit submit.

"Approval depends on your credit rating."
219-548-6400



Fifth Third and 1st Source Banks located in Valparaiso are also offering financing for flight training. Come see us at Eagle and pick up an application.

We'll be glad to help you fill out the necessary forms.



Just call us at 219-464-0132



And, Eagle Aircraft has been affiliated with Pilot Finance for many years. Pilot Finance is an excellent source of financing for your Private Pilot License.

If you are interested in financing your Private Pilot License through Pilot Finance please call 219-464-0132 so we can help you complete the necessary application forms.

Contact Joy Slegers, Financing Consultant, Eagle Aircraft for more information or to discuss our new financing programs.

