

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- February 14, 2012

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

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See you at the February 14th 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 **EAA Chapter 104**

**Porter County Municipal Airport
Valparaiso, IN**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, January 10, 2012

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

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Presentation of EAA service awards to those present.
PCPA provided treats for the meeting and thanked the chapter for the use of the room for their Christmas party.

Treasurers Report:

Rick was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
We have sent in our chapter renewal package to EAA.

President's Report:

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

It's a new year for EAA's Chapter Leaders Academy sessions. I encourage anyone with a desire to be a chapter officer to make plans to attend. The only cost to you is the transportation to OSH. These wonderful weekend sessions are well worth your time.

Can any member help with this web contact?

Web contact from: Nick Bellino

Comment: I am the owner of the Little Toot that Robert White built. My hanger is at 1V6 (Canon City, Co). I love the airplane and the quality of it continues to amaze me. I was wondering if his family wants to know where it is at. I would also like to have a picture of Robert and/or any construction photos to show people when I brag about the plane. Thanks, Nick

Thanks to the Sherrick family for our new large screen TV. We will show a DVD after the business meeting.

Make sure you sign in tonight as we are giving away some prizes.

Young Eagles Report:

The YE coordinator was not present to give a report.
Young Eagle credits earned during 2011 are being given to the Michigan City Chapter.

Webmaster's Report:

No report this month.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Ed brought in a Kannard 406 Integral GPS ELT for show and tell.
Rick Rozhon gave a talk on his recent cylinder problems and complete top overhaul. Rick showed us a piston with a hole and a cracked portion of the cylinder. His observation is that compression tests don't really tell everything that is going on with the cylinders.
Bill Vogen is still researching engine and drives for his project.
John Hack reported on his Mustang II wing building adventure in his basement.
Next build night will be at Ed's shop on Tuesday. Build night will not meet 1/24 or 1/31.
Ed will send an email with information for the 2/7 build night.

Newsletter Editor Report

Please forward photos and stories to Jim for the Newsletter.

We Care:

Dan Thomas's wife is in the hospital.
Mike Gard will be having some knee surgery.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Next chapter meeting will be February 14th.
Soup Off with the PCPA will be Saturday March 3rd.

Indiana's newest EAA Chapter, Chapter 1527 is the Indy Flyer group out of Westfield, IN focusing on Light Sport Aircraft. We have been active since the early 80's at I72. We are again hosting the Indiana Aviation Safety Seminar and this year it will be on March 17, 2012 at Indy Executive (KTYQ).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.
Special thanks to Jim Haklin for taking the minutes!

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

President's Page

Ed Hanson

February 2012



VPZ Airport Director Kyle Kuebler recently sent me an email asking about our plans for this years' AirVenture Food Booth. It seems EAA is getting an early start this year sending out requests for alternate airport information for the big show. I know it's only February but we must start making decisions for our activities for 2012. This year AirVenture runs from Monday July 23rd thru Sunday July 29th. The way I see it, to feed the pilots going in early we probably need to be open on Friday July 20th so set up would need to take place on Thursday July 19th. We would close and tear down on the final day Sunday July 29th. The Porter county Fair runs July 19th thru 28th and the Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom Tour" usually shows up during fair week. As of this writing, no schedule for the Bombers has been officially posted. So this aligns pretty well with the AirVenture schedule. We and the PCPA have talked about shortening our operating hours to be able to have just one shift serving mostly a lunch crowd due to the lack

of volunteers. We need to discuss the dates and times at our February meeting so we can respond appropriately and make plans for a successful event.

The FAA says if you cross the line, you crossed the line and this is bad if it's a hold short line we're talking about. However, it can be a good thing and an enjoyable evening if you cross the line (state line that is) and attend the SSIPA (South Suburban Illinois Pilots Association) annual safety seminar which will take place this year at the Lansing Municipal Airport Sun Aero Helicopters hangar at 7pm on Wednesday March 21st. Topics this year include Post Crash Survival, and Crash Investigation. This is an FAA Wings credit event. EAA Chapter 260 helps out with this event. Several great door prizes are awarded and raffle tickets are available. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't paid your 2012 dues yet please take care of this at our February 14th meeting.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

I guess I should start off by saying this is coming to you from the desk of the Newsletter Editor. Then again I'm sitting here typing this NL from my laptop. So!!!!

This newsletter is coming to you from the lap of the newsletter editor...:0)

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather we have been having. Bad part of all this is that there are lots of days where Mother Nature can dump on us. That's a collective us as I'm not really in Indiana right now. It's been 77/78 degrees everyday with blue skies. Don't know if I can take much more of this---NOT!! Not trying to rub it in—oh yes I am....:0)

Here's a link that I think every PIC ought to see. <http://www.msf-usa.org/motion.html> this is a graphic test of our ability to see objects in front of us, or not as the case may be. What is interesting is when you enlarge the objects and still lose them. Scary thoughts.

The Pietenpol project is on hold right now, but I have been in contact with other builders and am mining lots of information that I'll put to go use when I get back.

Something else to think about. The meeting night is February 14th—Valentine's Day. Put these priorities in there correct order:

1. Love my airplane
2. Love my job
3. Love my wife/girlfriend/significant other
4. Love my children
5. Love my country
6. Love myself

This is a test—get it wrong—you are sooooooo screwed :0(:0) :0(:0)

I guess you can have all kinds of thoughts when drinking Margaritas.

Remember the Soup-off is coming. Dust off that favorite recipe and make a pot for tasting. Never know—you might go home with the coveted Soup-off Trophy.

Bring your comments/concerns/suggestions on this year's Food Booth to the meeting. We and the PCPA make a little profit but more importantly, we provide the transient pilots and their passengers with food for the Oshkosh trip. New friends and acquaintances can and are made during this fellowship time.

Also check out the info in the President's letter concerning the Wings Program. This info can be new or just a reinforcement of what you already know. Either way—go! Just start without me...:0)

If it's a clear day—go flying,

Jim H