

# 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- March 9, 2010**

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

**CHAPTER WEBSITE: [www.eaa104.org](http://www.eaa104.org)**

**SOUP OFF** ... will take place 1 pm March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Chapter room.

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**FIRST CLASS**

### **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

March 2010

My thanks to vice president **Dave Thomas** for conducting the February Chapter meeting while Judi and I enjoyed some nice Caribbean sunshine, snorkeling and cruising. Reviewing the meeting minutes, it's obvious a lot was accomplished.

One item, the renaming of our scholarship fund, to **The Future Flyers Scholarship Fund** will help to reduce exposure of our Young Eagle pilots to any misunderstandings of the intent of fund donations. I thank the Chapter members for quickly rectifying this problem.

Additionally, the details for the **Soup Off** were established and are included in this newsletter so check them out and file a soup plan to reserve a spot in the competition.



As I sit at my desk today writing this article I see clearing skies with sunshine and nice puffy clouds a welcome sample of the good weather soon to be here and beckon us to the skies. I visited with **Donna Stevens** of **Donn Air Aviation** late last week and learned that despite the poor weather and winter conditions, she had several new students sign up in February and stated she has been keeping busy flying most of the month. **Donna** advised they will have a Piper Arrow arriving soon and that she would be looking into acquiring a Light Sport Aircraft. Visit them online at [www.donnairaviation.com](http://www.donnairaviation.com) or call them at 219.548.8866 for more information.

**Eagle Aircraft** is planning several activities in the near future and has provided us with a complete listing which is included later in the electronic newsletter. It's good to see our home field flight schools are keeping busy and looking forward to a good year.

How about **YOU?** Is this the year you start flight training, take some recurrent training or work on a new rating? Maybe it's time to purchase an aircraft or kit or restart construction of an aircraft project that has been in a holding pattern. You know what they say, "*the best way to control the future is to create it*". Maybe it's time to become creative with your aviation life and take that step.

Please work, play and build safely.  
Ed Hanson

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

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Thanks to **Paul Huang** for the donation of aviation videos to the chapter library. Now, members don't hesitate to view them and increase your knowledge!

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**Field Trip anyone?** The chapter is considering a field trip to the Kalamazoo MI Air Zoo restoration shop in April. Visit [www.airzoo.org](http://www.airzoo.org) for information about the attraction. We will discuss this at our March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and make some plans.

**NEW TEE HANGARS** The new county Tee Hangars are ready and they are nice and well lighted. A pilot room with a heated restroom located on the South end of the row will be ready this spring. Airport Director **Kyle Kuebler** advised there were a few hangars still available. Contact **Kyle** at 219.462.6508 if you're interested. Remember, hangar space at **VPZ** is like child care, you better get it when it's available.

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The **ANNUAL FRASCA FLY-IN** will be hosted at Frasca Field (C16) Urbana, Illinois June 25,26, & 27, 2010. Contact Tom Frasca 217.367.8441 or [tfrasca@frasca.com](mailto:tfrasca@frasca.com) for more information. The complete information flyer is included at the end of the electronic newsletter.

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**Smart Investing and Ways To Help Pay for Your Flying....** will be the program for our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Local financial advisor **Darl Jarnecke** will discuss the current marketplace and some sound but creative ideas to help pay for your flying. Plan to join us and bring your investing questions.

The **SOUP OFF** between the **Porter County Pilots Association** and **EAA Chapter 104** will take place Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> in the chapter room starting at 1pm with judging at 2pm. Here are the rules: It has to be a soup or chowder no chili and needs to be a minimum of a 3 quart crock pot or larger per entry presented. Each attendee will receive a ballot and will taste all and then choose 2 favorites. The ballot will then be placed in a box for counting. Please label your soup with a name that you choose and add ingredients for allergy awareness. You may include a copy of your recipe if you want to but it is not mandatory. Please email Ed Hanson at [hansoncp@netnitco.net](mailto:hansoncp@netnitco.net) if you plan on participating with a soup or chowder. Jerri will pick up bowls, crackers, and utensils. Water and Soda will be sold. This event will be held indoors at the EAA chapter room. The winner will receive the Gold cook pot and will hang on to it until the next cook off challenge at which time it will passed onto the next winner of this challenge.



We encourage you to make this a family gathering for our two groups. Please bring your family members to enjoy the experience and great soups!

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**Science Fair.... Chapter 104 president Ed Hanson** will again be judging the **Northwestern Indiana Science and Engineering Fair** at Valparaiso University on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The science fair is a great experience for the students and offers the chapter the opportunity to encourage the participants to explore the interesting world of aviation. The science fair is open to the public, so stop by and see what the leaders of tomorrow are doing today.

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**SUN n FUN** is just about here. April 13-18, 2010 Lakeland , Florida.  
[www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org).

**Wings Forum....** Here is a link worth checking out for homebuilders as well as pilots.  
[www.WingsForum.com](http://www.WingsForum.com)



The **Build Night Crew** checks out the engine installation progress and tow bar on **Ed Hanson's Kis Cruiser**.



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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, February 09, 2010

The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Dave Thomas at 7:00 PM

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

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

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

**Old Business: The Soup Off is on with the Porter County Pilots** Jerri Powell attended this meeting to go over the details with us. It has been agreed on to hold the soup off on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm official voting will take place at 2pm. Here are the rules: It has to be a soup or chowder no chili and needs to be a minimum of a 3 quart crock pot or larger per entry presented. Each attendee will receive a ballot and will taste all and then choose 2 favorites. The ballot will then be placed in a box for counting. Please label your soup with a name that you choose and add ingredients for allergy awareness. You may include a copy of your recipe if you want to but it is not mandatory. Please email Ed Hanson at [hansoncp@netnitco.net](mailto:hansoncp@netnitco.net) if you plan on participating with a soup or chowder. Jerri will pick up bowls, crackers, and utensils. Water and Soda will be sold. This event will be held indoors at the EAA chapter room. The winner will receive the Gold cook pot and will hang on to it until the next cook off challenge at which time it will be passed onto the next winner of this challenge.

**New Business:**

A \$300.00 donation will be given in the name of Charlene Falkenberg to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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:**

Treasurer's report was given by Richard Ray.

**President's Report:**

We received a nice thank you note from the Dolph family. Also some memorial funds in Ray's memory thank you notes will be sent to these donors; Jane Eichhorn, Deborah Osos and Gerald and Dorothy Biller. The donations received from the Ray Dolph memorial will be donated to our Future Flyers (formerly named Eagle Soars) Scholarship

fund. It was voted that both Ray and Charlene's names will get added to the members blue skies plaque. Ed Hanson will get the name plaques made up. We received a check from Jeanine Atkinson the daughter of Alex in the amount of \$75.00 we thank her for this donation in memory of her father Alex.

The new EAA chapter 104 aprons were modeled by Dave Thomas and they really look good Judy Thomas embroidered the blue aprons with gold thread EAA chapter 104.

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.

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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 the correct date on your card or did not as yet receive one please see Ed Hanson at the March meeting a new membership card will be made. Or contact him at [hansoncp@netnitco.net](mailto:hansoncp@netnitco.net)

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:**

The first Young Eagle rally of the year is Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> with the 25<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. The next Young Eagles will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day. Please come out and volunteer so more kids can take their first flight. Dates are now located on our website please check it out.

We have not heard yet from EAA as to how many credits we have towards the Young Eagles flights but we will be giving our credits to Michigan City.

### **Webmaster's Report:**

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. You can find the Young Eagles rally dates 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.

**Future Flyers Scholarship Fund (formerly named Eagle Soars):**

The name has been changed due to conflict with the name young eagles. Donations received from Ray Dolph memorial will be donated to our future flyers scholarship fund to help a child get their needed flight school training to solo. We will now be printing all donations benefit the Future Flyers Scholarship Fund on the bottom of all future brochures except anything young eagles. We will no longer be placing a donation jar at young eagles events if donations are given they will need to be acknowledged that they are going to the future flyers scholarship fund.

**We Care:**

Questions came up as to how Paul Huang's son is doing; we are told he is still on treatments. Paul took time and donated a video tape of the king family training flights it can be found in the chapter library if you would like to view it.

We will be sending a get well card to Al Boushea

Please let us know if you are aware of any member that is ill or in the hospital.

**Two Month Look Ahead:**

Please remember that we are always looking for information to include in the newsletter.

Next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup> Purdue Lafayette pancake breakfast if you want to drive or fly down let PCPA know they have room to share rides.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Ray

Chapter Secretary



# EAGLE AIRCRAFT NEWS & EVENTS

February 18, 2010

## STUDENTS

### LASER GRADE WRITTEN EXAMS

LaserGrade will be increasing the price for their testing on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The price will be going from \$100 up to \$150, so schedule your FAA written exam soon.

### INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY

Pilot Journey will be putting on a free learn to fly seminar **Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>** at Eagle Aircraft. Tickets will be available starting **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Even though Learn To Fly Day is free, we do suggest you obtain a free ticket to insure seating. You will be automatically entered to win a free flying lesson from Pilot Journey!

Call the Learn to Fly Day Hotline at (800) 399-6144 for your free tickets.

### FAA SAFETY SEMINAR

The FAA will be sponsoring a safety seminar at Eagle Aircraft **Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm.

Call Eagle to reserve your seat.

### EAGLE AIRCRAFT AIR RALLY

There will be another Air Rally at Eagle on **Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. You may use your own aircraft or rent one from us. The entry fee is \$10. Prizes and awards will be given so don't miss out!

If you would like to get in on the fun, call Eagle at (219) 464-0132 today to sign up.

### EAGLE PARTNERS WITH VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

Eagle and Vincennes have partnered to give you the opportunity to earn your Private Pilot Rating & College Credits, and the ability to access Federal Financial Aid from an accredited, Indiana college. The semester will begin **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

The University is working on a program for high school juniors and seniors to complete the Private Pilot Course and earn the credits before they graduate.

Financial Aid paperwork must be completed before you begin so we are asking that you sign up by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

For more information contact Debi Brandy at the Vincennes Aviation Technology Center (317) 381-6000.

International students coming to Eagle for their flight training have requested to stay with a family rather than stay in a hotel or rent an apartment for a short time.

Providing a homestay for one of these students is a great opportunity to share American culture and learn from each other. Students pay the family a fee for room and board.

If you live in Valpo and would like to provide a homestay for an International student while they are here for their flight training or for more information give us a call at Eagle.

## WINTER SPECIALS

Time is running out. This is the last chance to take advantage of our winter specials.

**20 Hours Block time** for the Arrow and 1449C. (can be used in both 76SA & 1449C)

- Club Rate \$2000 (+ tax)
- Non-Club Rate \$2240 (+ tax)

**50% off** Pilot Club membership fee. Join for just \$150

## INTERNATIONAL

## ANNUAL FRASCA FLY-IN

*Frasca Field (Airport Locator: C16) Urbana, Illinois  
June 25, 26 & 27, 2010*

*EAA and SAA Members Welcome*



**Rudy Frasca** has once again offered to host a fly-in at Frasca Field on June 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. We invite you, your Chapter members and aviation friends to participate in this special gathering.

**Free camping** will once again be available (*please bring your own tie downs*).

**Early Arrivals:** Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

**Lunch BBQ/Dinner/Movies in the Hangar:** Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Depart for Home:** Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Hotel reservations** can be made at: Eastland Suites Hotel  
1907 North Cunningham Avenue  
Urbana IL 61802  
Phone: (217) 367-8331  
Toll Free: (800) 253-8331

**Please RSVP to Tom Frasca** by calling (217) 367-8441 (feel free to leave a message) or e-mail: [tfrasca@frasca.com](mailto:tfrasca@frasca.com). **Please include the number of guests in your party.** Tom's mailing address is as follows:

**Tom Frasca**  
Frasca International  
1402 E. Airport Road  
Urbana IL 61802

We look forward to seeing you at Frasca Field for this amazing aviation gathering. Please share this event information with all interested parties.

See you there,  
**Paul H. Poberezny**  
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