

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- March 13, 2012

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

See you at the March 13th 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 Chapter104**

President's Page

Ed Hanson

March 2012

I hear the “**Soup Off**” with the **PCPA** had a good turn out and had twelve good soups. Unfortunately I had to miss it due to a sudden health issue. I knew I had the winning entry (just like everyone else) oh well, you'll have to wait until next year to see. We have a lot of soup to eat here now. I hope someone sends **Jim Haklin** pictures for the newsletter. Speaking of next year, we need your feed back now on how to improve or expand the event for next year so be sure to express your thoughts at our March 13th meeting or shoot me an email. Thanks to all who participated this year from both groups and to winner **Pete Jarosak!**



As many of you know or are about to find out, As of October 1st this year, paper forms for your flight physicals are going to disappear. You will have to use the **FAA** online **MedXPress** system and your computer or a computer at the AME's office. Some of the AME's have been using the system already, but all will need to after October 1st. **EAA** produced a webinar on this subject and how to properly use the online system. They discuss avoiding fatal errors that may lead to a denial that would impact any attempt to fly LSA under a drivers license in lieu of a medical. We plan to play the archived webinar video after our March 13th business meeting for your enlightenment. There is a fairly long Q & A session at the end so some of you may lose interest and resort to hangar flying with friends and that's fine, but please respect those that want to hear the video by moving to the back of the room or the kitchen area. Thank you.

Please work, play and build safely.
Ed Hanson

EAA Chapter 104

**Porter County Municipal Airport
Valparaiso, IN**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, February 14, 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 January meeting were approved by the members.

Old Business:

Presentation of EAA service awards to those who were not present at the January meeting.

New Business:

A sign- up sheet for the March 3rd soup off is being passed around. We will gather around 12:30 here.

It was decided that we would award a \$50 Gift Certificate to Strongbow restaurant for the winner.

Discussion on this year's activities and food booth. We need to define this year's food booth operating dates and hours. Other activities including pancake breakfast, and a picnic can be discussed but no definite dates need to be determined now.

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 show up during fair week. As of this writing, no schedule for the Bombers has been officially posted. Would we consider having a pancake breakfast on the first weekend? We would have most of the setup done already.

Do we want to reduce the hours of operation to be able to cover the booth with one daily shift? Perhaps be officially open from 11 am to 5 pm? We could of course remain open a little later if customers warranted on a few days and the volunteers would agree.

It was decided we would have a summer Chapter picnic this year. Rick Schreiber agreed to chair the event with Bill Vogen assisting.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick Ray.

President's Report:

Jane Eichhorn arranged for the chapter to take possession of some instruments from late member Ray Dolph's house. They are free to anyone that can use them.

We have received many thank you cards from the soldiers sent supplies from Supplies 4 GI's. They all seem to appreciate the effort taken to send them the boxes. Cards are being passed around for you all to read.

Changes are happening at EAA headquarters. It looks like they intent to be more supportive of chapters and chapter activities. They will be introducing a new program to fly first time adults this year.

I have been approached to host a continuing education class or seminar on building your own airplane. The only way I would agree to do this is if it can be presented as an EAA Chapter activity. We would meet here at the chapter room for maybe two consecutive Saturday mornings. We would need to have member support to help the class get up close and personal with some of our members projects under construction. This may be a good way to spread the word about EAA and help grow our membership. What are your thoughts? We agreed to proceed with this with Chapter support.

Chapter funding stream. We seem to be able to fund our basic operations with derived income from dues, the pancake breakfast, food booth and an occasional revenue aircraft visit, but we lack any significant funding for any sizeable chapter project. I have started a class on grant writing and intend to pursue this avenue for additional funds. In the near future, we will need to identify a suitable project and I will attempt to procure funding to support it. As in life, there are no guarantees.

Young Eagles Report:

There was nothing new to report this month.

Webmaster's Report:

The pictures and Newsletter still generate the most interest.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Rick Schreiber has wired his instrument panel to the firewall, and installed a cut out for access. He may install the wings next week.

Ed will send out a notice on the next build night on Monday. It may be at Marty's hanger.

Newsletter Editor Report

Please forward photos and stories to Jim for the Newsletter.

We Care:

As far as we know all is well.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Soup Off with the PCPA will be 12:30 pm Saturday March 3rd.

PCPA is inviting EAA Chapter 104 members to their March 7th meeting at 7pm for an updated presentation on Swift fuel.

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).

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.

Next chapter meeting will be March 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Ray

Chapter Secretary

Eagle Aircraft has asked to us to help spread the word they are looking for flight instructors. So if you are qualified or know someone who is, please contact **Eagle Aircraft** at 219-462-0132.

Also, **Eagle Aircraft** has a new **VIP Text Club**. To receive exclusive offers and updates. Just text: **C131 To: 36000**

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SOUP-OFF PICTURES YOU HAD TO BE THERE

TOP SOUP CHEF



Where's the soup???? Gees I hope we get some soup!!!!!!



Signing the Golden Soup Bowl :0)



Well lookie here—I actually got the Soup-off pictures inserted. Thanks to Rick S. for taking them. Nothing much happening in the Editor's corner this past month. As Ed the Prez said" Bring your ideas, interests, concerns to the March meeting" Alright Ed, I paraphrased your thoughts. Editors choice...:0)

That's all for now—send in stuff so I can get it in the NL. You know—stuff:0)

Jim H