

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 Mar. 11th, 2014

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

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See you at the Mar 11th meeting. Bring a Friend.

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EAA CHAPTER 104 MISSION STATEMENT

Foster, promote, and engage in aviation education.

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in the Experimental Aircraft Association.

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and objectives of the EAA

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Rick Rozhon

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The first day of spring has finally arrived. It doesn't look like or feel much different than the first day of winter. I think all of us are tired of the snow and cold weather. Now some folks are enjoying the warmth, and we don't need to mention names. As nasty as February was, I still had the opportunity to take to the skies a couple of times. The ice shelf on Lake Michigan didn't look to be as wide from the air as it does from the shore, never the less it was impressive. I kept thinking about emergency procedures, where would I land if there is an engine failure, would I survive. Flying low along the shore line doesn't provide too many options this time of year. So I kept my altitude a little higher just incase I had to make an emergency glide to solid ground.

This is never a pleasant thought but it is reality and the risk we take to enjoy this activity. Practicing engine out procedures can help relieve a little of that anxiety. And speaking of anxiety I moved into a county T Hanger this year and it looks to me like the water flow on the repaved taxi way is some what misdirected towards the hanger doors. It could be my imagination but there seems to be a crown in the pavement instead of a gentle slope from the hanger doors towards the center taxi way drains. With the excess snow melt, rain and below freezing temperatures having water and ice in the hanger has not been a pleasant experience. It doesn't do much for the hangers either. I'm still wondering if this result is an act of God or an act of Man.

Water... no where to go



The newer set of county T Hangers has a nice apron around the building sloping away from the doors. I bet they are dry. Many private hangers also incurred water this year.

Chapter Room Maintenance

The chapter room kitchen and bathroom floor is installed. Last month, the meeting attendees moved the library out of the storage room into the kitchen so it can be accessed. A Big Thanks to all that pitched in. The books and media still need to be organized in a logical manner to make it useful. I encourage everyone to take some time and help organized this material. .

Artists at work



The kitchen gets its new floor



On the Horizon

The annual soup off with the PCPA is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 22. Final announcement will be at the March 11th meeting. Email reminders will be sent out to all.

The Pancake Breakfast is a GO GO this year at Starke County Airport, Saturday June 7th. We will be firming up the cost and time at the March meeting. John Hack and I met with Pam and talked about the event. The chapter will support the breakfast and all other activities will be the airports responsibility.

AOPA will host its new grass roots Regional Fly In at Indianapolis Executive(MQJ) on Saturday May 31st. Various flying activities and clinics will be offered, and for those who aren't yet pilots, each event will include a learn-to-fly area. There is no charge for admission, and as a special thank-you, AOPA members will receive a complimentary lunch.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday March 11, 2013

EAA Chapter Room Porter County Regional Airport (VPZ)

7 PM

See you there.....

Some Indiana Aviation Trivia

1896

Octave Chanute-"The Father of Aviation"-conducts glider experiments over Indiana's sand dunes

1910

World's first public airplane flight by a woman; Blanche Stuart Scott appears as a wing walker in Fort Wayne, Indiana

1930

First U.S. airline stewardess is Ellen Church Marshall of Terre Haute, Indiana.

1936

Amelia Earhart brings her twin-engine Electra to Purdue University to be outfitted for her round-the-world flight

1937

Willa B. Brown, previously a teacher in Gary, Indiana, receives her pilot's license. Also in 1937, she co-founds the National Airmen's Association of America to promote African-American aviation. With Cornelius R. Coffey, she starts the Coffey School of Aeronautics, which trains over 200 pilots, some of whom become part of the 99th Pursuit Squadron at Tuskegee Institute, also known as the "Tuskegee Airmen"

1940

"The Indiana Plan" for training airplane mechanics for national defense is implemented at the State Fair Grounds in Indianapolis, training up to 1,000 mechanics every 6 months.

1941

Herold Marting of Indianapolis is first Hoosier on active duty in World War II with an American Eagle Squadron in Great Britain

1943

Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana is named for Captain Richard S. Freeman from Winamac, Indiana

1943

On December 7, Republic Aviation's Indiana Division in Evansville delivers its 1000th P-47 Thunderbolt (Republic Aviation Corporation Annual Report, 1943)

1946

World's first radar-equipped control tower for civilian flying is installed at Weir Cook Municipal Airport in Indianapolis.

1948

First U.S. marked air route for private flying is a part of the Transcontinental Skyway I (or Wrightway) from Indianapolis to Dayton, Ohio.

Stay Tuned for more Next Month

EAA Chapter 104

February 11, 2014 meeting minutes

Ed Hanson led us in the pledge to open the meeting.

Tonight we had 16 members present, including two new members Jay Walker and Lois Thomas.

Newsletter –A motion to approve the January newsletter was made by Dick Cains and seconded by Dan Thomas. The motion carried.

Treasurer report - A motion to approve the January Treasurer's report was made by Charlie O'Bringer and seconded by Tom Uskert. The motion carried.

Webmaster report – The web domain name has been renewed for another year.

Newsletter editor report – 7 mailed versions went out this month and everyone appears to have received their copy. Any write-ups or photos can be emailed to Jim Haklin at jhaklin@gmail.com.

Young eagles report – Jim Hicks is now officially installed as our Young Eagles coordinator. Jim has contacted two Boy Scout troops about the Young Eagles program and they are interested. He also contacted a Girl Scout troop, but they were not overly enthusiastic. They did get back to Jim about the possibility of a ground tour and Jim told them that was a possibility.

Old Business – We still have not heard from the Chesterton High School Aviation club so we will drop the monetary offer.

New Business – The AOPA regional meeting for the Midwest will be at the Indianapolis Regional Airport KMQJ (Mount Comfort).

There was discussion about the date for the next pancake breakfast at Starke Co. A date of Saturday, June 7th was proposed and approved. We need to get started on the planning for this. Ed Hanson and Charlie O'Bringer volunteered to be on the planning committee.

The PCPA has let us know that they would like to have the Soup Off again this year. We discussed a date and Saturday, March 22nd was decided on.

The new floor in the Kitchen and bathroom has been installed in addition to completing the plumbing repairs in both locations. A big thank you to President Rozhon and the rest of the crew that did all of the hard work to get this done.

We Care – Charlie O'Bringer is doing OK. Faith Schreiber is also doing much better.

Project Reports - Too cold and too much snow to get anything done.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Vogen and seconded by Rick Schreiber. The motion carried.

Words from the NL

Yes it does snow in Mexico. We flew from Puerto Vallarta to Mexico City. This airline Interjet, flies brand new Air Busses. I noticed that they must have a newer version of a quieter engine. We sat right in front of the leading edge and still was able to have a conversation. The engines hang on the wing not the back of the fuse.

Anyway from Mexico City we bussed to Puebla, stayed there for a couple of days then bussed to a place Oaxaca (wah hock ca). On the way we saw some active volcanoes with snow on their peaks. We reversed the trip to get back to PVR.

Remember seeing 911 signs on the highways. Down here it's a picture of a telephone and S.O.S. underneath. Another interesting item is how they thought out of the box when engineering new roads. No matter which country you go to, building new roads is expensive. Here one of the solutions was to build a two lane road with six foot paved shoulders. You still have white lines on each side and yellow lines in the center. Now here's the interesting feature. If a vehicle decides to pass you, you move to your right straddling the white line if it's dashed. The oncoming traffic does the same thing and the passing vehicle goes down the middle straddling the yellow center line. This seems to work well down here. Can you imagine doing this in the U.S.? Or can you imagine a town the size of Valparaiso having traffic lights on Route 30 and no stop signs in town. Where we are, Bucerias, traffic is set up like that—intersections with no stop signs—and it works. Go figure!!!!

Well enough about us, sorry to hear about all the cold weather. But eventually spring will come. Can't wait to get back to working on the Piet.

Read the Pres... page to see what's happening at Chapter 104 in the coming months.

As Arnie said "I'll be Back" April 9th

Jim H NL Ed.