

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- April 12, 2011

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

See you at the April 12th 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 of the EAA.

President's Page

Ed Hanson

April 2011

We had a good turnout for the second annual **Soup Off with The Porter County Pilots Association** on Saturday March 12th. Some of the entrants enjoyed getting into character with their creations to liven things up a bit. As it turned out, we ended up with a tie for first place going to **Dennis Funkhouser** and **Jerrie Powell**. Let us know how you liked the event and what we can do to improve it for next year. There was even talk of giving an award for the best desert next year. Who knows?



As mentioned last month, our home field VPZ is in the process of getting a name change to the **Porter County Regional Airport**. It will take awhile to implement this change. Don't get confused when you hear or read about a new Porter County Regional Airport, it's the same friendly convenient place we're used to.

Jim Haklin has taken over the responsibilities for the newsletter. He also has **CHANGED** his email to jhaklin@gmail.com Please send articles, pictures, and information for **YOUR** newsletter to **Jim** to help him publish an informative newsletter

Remember to save Saturday May 21st for the chapter to help with our **ILTFD** pancake breakfast and **Young Eagle Rally**. We also want to make this an airport awareness day in our community. We really do need everyone to pitch in and help so we can have a successful event. This year we will be setting up the dining area in a hangar at **Eagle Aircraft** so we will only need to set up one tent outside for cooking. Please invite your friends, coworkers, neighbors and families to come out to the airport, enjoy a good inexpensive breakfast, look at some airplanes and help some **Young Eagles** enjoy a ride. We will have flyers available for you at our April chapter meeting. Also, we will be sending out a flyer by email for you to forward to interested parties.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson



←←← And The Winners Are:

Jerrie Powell and Dennis Funkhouser

Some of the happy faces at the 2nd annual Soup Off. No one went away hungry.



Give me another bowl, that was delicious



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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, March 8, 2011

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

Welcome and acknowledgement of any guests this evening. Welcome to new member Michael Gard. Michael has been a CFI and Ground Instructor and is starting on a 4-place Bearhawk.
“Can’t get enough of that soup”

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business:

Passed out any awards left from last year to any members present.

New Business:

Continue sign up for the Soup Off. The Soup Off is this Saturday; here at 1 pm. Ed will bring music and a warming plate. Jerri will bring bowls and spoons. We also discussed playing Soup Pot Poker. The Soup Off winner will receive the Traveling Soup Pot, a Chef’s Hat and a copy of the Traveling Soup Pot cookbook.

We would like to further reduce the number of Newsletters sent out as hard copies. Rick Rozhon and Jim Haklin will see if they can help improve the computer literacy of some members.

Jim Haklin has brought in 10 tickets to the Kiwanis’ Pancake Breakfast on March 12 6AM to 1PM at Valpo High School. These are available at a significantly reduced price.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer’s Report was given by Pam Ray.

President’s Report:

I hope to see many of you here for the Soup Off this Saturday.

We continue to plan for our pancake breakfast and Young Eagle rally on ILTFD which is Saturday May 21st this year. We will be setting up at Eagle aircraft for this event so we will only need to set up one tent for cooking outside. We will set up tables inside the hangar for seating and displays.

The FAA has offered to attend and provide handout materials.

Would the members like me to pursue having a military aircraft here for a display? Ed will contact Col Hall.

For anyone that is interested in jumping out of a perfectly good airplane, Plymouth Sky Sports can help. They plan a grand opening at 9am on March 19th. Visit them online at www.plymouthskysports.com or stop in at the Plymouth airport. I have a couple of information cards for them.

Summer is coming! I was in the Caribbean a few weeks ago and the sun felt great. We stopped to see some friends in Fort Meyers FL who inquired about a flight instructor one of them had many years ago - Jim Pappas last known as living in Spring Hill FL. Is he still alive and in FL? Anyone have any current information on him?

Please email Jim Haklin items for the newsletter. His email is jhaklin@gmail.com. (Please note this is a new e-mail address for Jim.)

If your email changes, please notify us since we have no way of knowing when it has changed.

Young Eagles Report:

The first Rally will be International Learn to Fly Day on May 21 in conjunction with our annual Pancake Breakfast. Rick Schreiber is lining up pilots and planes.

Webmaster's Report:

Visits to the web site have been up the last 3 months. January had high activity looking at pictures. The Mustang Builders have added a link to our web site.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Show and tell: Jim Haklin provided a mockup of an oil water separator for the members to view. Ed Hanson provided the wing landing light lens mold and final molded shape Plexiglas some members have working on at build night.

Rick Schreiber brought in his 19" wheel for his Piet and provided a narrative on how his 40-spoke wheel is machined and assembled for his project.

John Hack is wiring his Mustang and has cut the panel.

Builders, please invite us over to see your projects.

We Care: No news is good news this month!

Two Month Look Ahead:

"Soup Off" will be this Saturday, March 12th 1pm at the chapter room. Work on your recipe now!

Tuesday March 15th is the EAA webinar on Mountain flying with Joe Kurberka.

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 6:30 PM Lansing Illinois Municipal Airport, **Illinois Pilots Association South Suburban Chapter Annual WINGS Safety Seminar** "weeping wings" ice protection system for GA aircraft and "Propeller Operation and Pilot Propeller Care".

The 99's and Eagle are offering a flying companion seminar on March 19th. The cost is \$60.

The Porter County Pilots Association is hosting a presentation at 7PM on May 17 at Eagle Aircraft's hanger. "Meteorology and Thunderstorms" will be presented by Chicago TV Meteorologist Ginger Z.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary



New member Mike Gard! Mike is getting started on a Bearcat project. Welcome to the chapter Mike.

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At a recent build night, Larry E. Larmon shared an old photo of his 1943 Howard that he had received in the mail recently from a family that had owned the plane earlier. The sender had tracked Larry down as the current owner thru FAA records and was wondering what had happened to it. Rick Rozhon emailed the sender a link to our web site so he could see for himself. Read his response that follows: *Dear Rick -I am astounded!!! Thrilled and amazed, really -And am so grateful to you and the crew you have there at EAA that put all that love into her. Please send congratulations from our Young family to all of you. This is a piece of our history - and now yours! - and I know my Dad is hangin' out on the wingtips and going along for the ride. Looking forward to hearing from Larry, and thank you so much for getting back to me. Can't wait to share the news here! Kindest Regards Chris Young*

From the Editor's Desk

Ok!!! This is the first time I'm putting this NL together—flying solo so to speak. If you like the NL say so. If you don't—say so. Hey!! It can only get better.

Please remember that the snail mail version may be shorter to stay within the weight limits of postage. As I get more comfortable with being the NLEd you should begin to see more photos and other stuff that may or may not interest you. So send me stuff to fill the pages.

There may even be a format change to this whole NL—maybe in a newspaper style with columns and table of contents. I might even reprint the comic strip from Sport Aviation magazine. I think we have permission to do that. I'll check to make sure.

April 12th is our meeting night. Come on down!!!! Bring your thoughts, suggestions, complaints (sure someone may even listen), likes/dislikes, whatever. The officers need to know what you want. So far as I know, none of us has ESP. So let us know what you think—aviation related—pppllleeeaaassee!!!

See you at the meeting,

Jim Haklin NL Ed.

Almost forgot—new e-mail address jhaklin@gmail.com

International Learn To Fly Day (ILTFD)

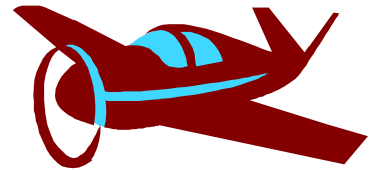


**Saturday May 21,
2011**

PANCAKES and AIRPLANES **BREAKFAST FLY IN, DRIVE IN** and **YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS**



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**All you can eat pancake & sausage breakfast 7
am to 11 am Suggested breakfast donation adults \$5,
children 12 or under \$3**



**Free Young Eagle Flights
Registration starts at 8 am
Children age 8 to 17 are eligible
Parent/Guardian must sign consent form
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