

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- May 8th, 2012

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

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See you at the May 8th 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

President's Page

Ed Hanson

May 2012

I think we all enjoyed our April meeting with Bill Strawbridge, from the Park Forest Aviation Group, giving us a little introduction to the world of sailplane flying. We look forward to a report from lucky raffle winner member **Rick Rozhon** after he completes his introductory flight provided by the chapter.

I hope many of you will take the effort to enjoy a little weekend jaunt to the Lake Village Airport and give soaring a try. It will be a good way to expand your horizons. We all need to try to enjoy as much life as we can when the opportunity presents itself since conditions can certainly change quickly.

Many of you have been following the condition of our chapter treasurer **Rick Ray** thru emails. I am saddened to report news today does not paint a good picture for Rick. Our thoughts and prayer go out to Rick and Pam. I hope you all will keep them both in mind in this very difficult time.

Our build night group is hoping to complete a field trip to G&N Aviation in Griffith for a tour of the engine shop and to see my engine being run in a test cell. As of this writing, the date and time of the visit are unknown due to scheduling issues. I will be sending out an email with specifics when they become available.

Work on my project continues although it now looks like an aircraft being parted out with the engine being pulled off for the dyno test run, and the panel removed for interior work. I'm doing final interior work prior to starting the carpet and fabric work. The final few avionics items are being selected, purchased and installed. I think I may be closer to finishing than the proverbial 90 % left to go. Some days still result in very little progress but I press on and resolve the problems as they present themselves as a devoted builder must do. Perhaps soon I will be moving the project to my hangar for final assembly.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson



NL Editor's Musings

May!!! Now the temp is more tolerable. Open up the hangar/pole barn start working. For the Piet I decided to change the suspension. Changed from bungee cords to steel springs. Seems as though that's a better alternative than rubber cords. Cords go bad whether they are used on not. Got a better chance with steel springs. Ordered the stuff from Aircraft Spruce, hope to have it by Monday. Won't be ready for show-and-tell on Tuesday. :0(

Oh!!! Along with warm weather 80's we have a severe storms predicted tonight. Something pilots take a look at all the time—weather that is. You do don't you? Seems that since I started flying I'm always looking up to see what the sky looks like. What type of clouds are floating by. Is there a front coming? Or is it Sevier Clear? Definitely a good idea to have the weather on your mind. Do it enough and it will come naturally and be part of your flying experience.

From the Prez letter—we had a good size group last meeting. Bill Strawbridge gave a great presentation of what sailplanes are all about. Congrats to Rick Rozhon for winning the sailplane flight. I know Rick will report back to us when he takes to the air without a motor up front. :0)

Remember August 11th, that's the date the 99's are planning an air rally. It's also open to experimental aircraft. Too bad the Piet won't be ready by then. They probably have to add at least one more day to the rally—you know Piets—Low and Slow.

Something mentioned at the last meeting was the idea of having a pancake breakfast during the food booth at the end of July. With everything set up there would be less work for the group. What's your thoughts on this? Let the members know how you feel about this event.

Nothing on the YE end to report on. June 9th is the International YE day. If we're to have an event we need pilots and planes to pull this off. Talk to Rick S. our YE coordinator if you can help out.

From our We Care corner—Rick Ray is going through a medical setback. He sure could use all of our thoughts and prayers.

One last thing: The Frasca fly-in will take place on June 23rd. There's a poster on the meeting room wall that gives all the info you would need to attend. There's going to be a prize for the one who tells the group what Rudy Frasca's contribution to aviation. If there's more than one person with the correct answer we'll have a drawing.

Two last thing: The day of the meeting is election day. Go elect:0) or something like that. See you at the meeting

Jim H

DO YOU THINK THE PLANE IN THE BACKGROUND---THE ONE WITH 2 PROPELLERS---WILL CATCH UP TO THE PLANE IN THE FRONT---WITH ONE PROPELLER? MAYBE TOO MUCH DRAG WITH ALL THOSE WHEELS HANGING FROM THE FUZE.....

