

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 8, 2011

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

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See you at the June 14th 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

June 2011

Thanks to everyone who helped for our **ILTFD** pancake breakfast and **Young Eagle Rally**. The weather was iffy all week but worked out just fine on game day. We also thank **Eagle Aircraft** for allowing us to set up the breakfast in their very nice hangar out of any adverse weather for the diners, and of course the great staff from **VPZ**. We didn't sell as many breakfasts as we would have liked, but folks that attended spoke well of the effort and food. We even got a web contact later in the week asking about our great coffee as they wanted to copy it for their fly in pancake breakfast this past weekend!



Our determined **Young Eagle** pilots and support team registered and flew 45 Young Eagles that day in a great effort. We are very fortunate to have such generous pilots step up to introduce our youth to general aviation. A huge thanks to all of you!

If you attended the May chapter meeting, you learned we were contacted to host the **EAA Ford Tri Motor** October 3rd, 4th and 5th. Since we had not heard anything back concerning our request to host the **B17**, the membership voted to pursue the **Tri Motor** visit if the **B17** visit didn't materialize. I'm pleased to report we will be host to both. The **Tri Motor** in October and we have been told the **B17** next year.

I spent an hour on a conference call yesterday 6/7 with the **Tri Motor** tour staff, media contacts at **EAA** headquarters, and the other eleven chapters on the fall tour. We covered a lot of information and they have assured us if we advertise the event properly and get the word out, it will bring us more revenue than any pancake breakfast. It's up to us to make that happen and there is no reason we can't. Please start spreading the word around the area about the tour stop. **Cody Welch**, a **Tri Motor** pilot volunteer will be flying his Baron in to meet with us prior to the scheduled tour stop to review our facilities and go over the nuts and bolts of the event. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Hope to see many of you this Sunday 6/12 at Chapter 260's pancake breakfast at the Lansing, IL airport.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, May 10, 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 Dave Mason as a new member. Dave is well on his way building a Van's RV-12. Welcome Dave.

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business:

Preparations continuing for the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on May 21st.

New Business:

Passing around sign- up sheets for working on ILTFD and set up on Friday afternoon.

Thanks to Frank Ambrosic for donating a set of VHS tapes on the building of the Boeing 777.

We have an opportunity to host the EAA Ford Tri-Motor visit October 3, 4, and 5th. The membership voted to host the Tri-Motor since we are not getting the B-17 visit this year.

B-17 Tour stops thru September 17 are on the EAA web site. We are not on the list. I have not heard anything from EAA.

Aviation Flight Training is a new flight school on the field. They currently have a C-152 available at very reasonable prices. They are using an office on the second floor of the main terminal.

Dennis Funkhouser presented Jim Haklin with a shirt won as a door prize at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick Ray.

President's Report:

ILTFD is Saturday May 21st. We will be setting up our pancake breakfast at Eagle aircraft for this event so we will only need to set up one tent for cooking outside. I met with Eagle last Friday to discuss details. We will set up tables inside the South hangar for seating, serving, and displays. Printed flyers for ILTFD are available tonight. Judi and I are updating the fence sign to reflect the new date. I have contacted many groups and media. Please help get the word out.

We will set up on Friday afternoon at 4 pm. We need a pickup to transport the tables and grills. We have the insurance and Event Agreement in place with the airport. I will arrange to gather supplies, order the propane, and porta- potti. Can someone with a Sam's Club card get the pancake mix?

We can use most of the airport lot for parking. Leave some spaces for the terminal. We will park overflow cars on the grass.

The FAA will be attending and providing handout materials.

Young Eagle flights will be conducted out of the chapter room.

I have requested a South Bend tower visit for the chapter. The FAA informed me today they would be having a meeting tomorrow to discuss resuming tower visits and other items. Stay tuned.

We need to pick a new date for the Sport Pilot/LSA presentation. The membership agreed to have this presentation at our August meeting and make it open to the public.

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:

We received a web contact by an individual pilot offering to help out flying Young Eagles. The Newsletter and pictures are still a big draw.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Show and tell: Jim Haklin thrilled the entire group with his head intakes.
Rick Schreiber has his pistons and continues working on the engine.
Dave Mason is making good progress on his RV-12.

Build night will be here in the chapter room next Tuesday the 17th to clean and service the grill.

Builders, please invite us over to see your projects.

We Care:

Everyone appears to be doing well!

Two Month Look Ahead:

May 17 PCPA hosts Meteorologist Ginger Zee from Channel 5 will talk to pilots about weather @ Eagle @ 7pm. Anyone interested is welcome.

Saturday May 21st ILTFD Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally. Please show up by 6am to help. We also need help setting up on Friday at 4PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

Editor's Report.....

Not too much going on right now. No one has sent any articles to include in the newsletter. Gonna be a short NL. ☹

President Ed in his letter reminded us of the pancake breakfast at Lansing airport. Also he has been in contact with the people that will be bringing the Tri-motor to VPZ this fall. We need to attend the monthly meetings to get the heads-up on this event, and besides we all voted to bring the Tri-motor VPZ. ☺

Does anyone have a current address for or knows the status of Helen Goodyear, Mel Bohlmann or Steve Owen? I got their NL returned to me. As this is printed and stamped, it cost the chapter to send them out. That's why I only send out NLs to people that don't have e-mail addresses. Right now we, the chapter, are working financially on a tight budget so every penny counts.

See you at the June 14th meeting 7 pm,

Jim H.