

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- June 12th, 2012

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

See you at the June 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

June 2012



Since our last newsletter we have lost our treasurer **Rick Ray** due to cancer. Many of our chapter members attended a "Celebration of Life" for Rick on Monday May 14th along with family and other friends. Rick may be gone but he is not forgotten. We hope to see **Pam Ray** continue her interest in EAA and perhaps we can entice her to start learning to fly. After all, there is that RV kit in her basement.

We had a chapter build night (ok afternoon) field trip to the G&N Engine facility in Griffith on Thursday May 17th to see my new engine run in a test cell. We had a good turnout for a weekday afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy the visit. Dennis Wyman and Jim Yearsich spent the entire afternoon answering our questions and giving us a tour of the large facility. My engine ran just fine in the cell and it should run just as fine hanging on my project. It is due to be redelivered to me later this week.

We also enjoyed a great build night at **Rick Schreiber's** home last week as he demonstrated the Stewart covering system. I hope our NL editor includes some pictures in this newsletter. Rick is a quality craftsman and makes it look easy.

It is that time of year again to start making plans for the AirVenture food booth. Your chapter board and the Porter County Pilots Association have planned a meeting to discuss this year's food booth details.

Lansing Chapter 260 is having their Pancake Breakfast this Sunday June 10th at the old Ford hangar on the airport. If you can, please stop by, enjoy a good breakfast, support them and view the many aircraft that fly in.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson



Richard (Rick) Ray, age 64, passed away peacefully on Friday May 4, 2012 at 11:30 AM at his home in Valparaiso. Rick was born to James and Genevieve (Reimer) Ray on August 28, 1947 in Maryville, MO. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelors and masters degree in Engineering. Rick was employed for NIPSCO for 26 years, after early retirement he then continued employment with BMW Industrial Constructors as a Mechanical Engineer. He was a member of the American Legion Post 502 in Valparaiso and was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving in Colorado, Istanbul, Turkey and Nebraska. Rick was also a member of AOPA and Treasurer of the EAA Chapter 104 Porter County Regional Airport. Rick had his private pilot's license and had dreams of building his own airplane (VAN's RV7). His special interests included square dancing with the Wrong Way Squares in Hebron and every November he enjoyed participating in sending packages to our troops with Supplies for GIs. Rick had an especially strong love for and was an avid animal lover. Rick and Pam (Hite-Kory) Ray wed December 16, 2006 at the Center for Performing Arts in Munster, IN. Rick is survived by his wife Pam, mother Genevieve, brother Jerry (Connie) Ray of Hammond, one son Charles (Jennifer) Kory of Florida, two grandchildren Kendra and Ireanna Kory of Florida, and former spouse of 20 plus years Noel Ray. He is preceded in death by his father James (Jim), cousin Gib Freemyer and numerous other cousins, grandparents, uncles, aunts. His friends say they will miss his at times loud, but always enjoyable *cackle* laugh.

Porter County Regional Airport

Valparaiso, IN

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting May 8th, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson

On a sad note we have to report that our Treasurer Rick Ray lost his battle with cancer on May 4th. A Celebration of Life in Ray's honor will be held on May 14th 3 - 7 PM at the American Legion Hall in South Haven. President Ed has directions for those planning to attend.

Old Business: None discussed

New Business:

In lieu of flowers for Rick, a donation to Supplies 4 GI's in his name may be in order. Ed will discuss this option with Pam Ray.

Jim Haklin talked about having a food booth at the Kiwanis Hot Air Balloon event on Friday and Saturday September 7th and 8th. We will need to make a decision at the June meeting on whether we want to participate. This money raiser is to replace the pancake breakfast that we put on in June. Jim said that the last vendor that sold food made close to \$900. That's about 4 times better than we have done at our breakfasts.

Treasurers Report:

The balance remains the same from the last report.

Presidents report:

Some of the chapter members attended the PCPA meeting last week where the airport director gave quite an update on what's on the airport's agenda for the next few years.

Larry Larmon has called my attention to an article in the April Vintage Airplane Magazine about an interesting to fly to neat Greenville South Carolina. The "Triple Tree Aerodrome" Features phenomenal "fun, fellowship, and hospitality". A copy of the article is available from the President.

The comment period is open to voice your opinion on the AOPA/EAA medical exemption. Also there is an exemption request for YE pilots to be reimbursed for fuel—open for comment. It would all EAA members to support these requests and submit a favorable comment. You may

submit a comment on www.regulations.gov The numbers are FGAA-2012-0350 for AOPA/EAA medical exemption and FAA-2012-0442 for the Young Eagles fuel exemption.

EAA Chapter weekend work party forms for OSH are available.

Pam Ray has a TORO lawn mower for sale. If anyone knows of someone who needs one, it's an electric start, self propelled, mulcher with a side bagger. You can contact Pam at 219-763-7579.

Build night report & Projects status—Show and Tell:

From Ed H.—I've started the interior covering work on my project with the first carpet cut today. I've learned how to make patterns out of visqueen and then transfer them to the covering material being used. Ed provided a sample to pass around.

The field trip to G & N engine shop will be Tuesday May 15th. Those interested should show up at G & N's door at 1:30 pm. They are located on the West side of the ramp at the Griffith airport. That will be our build night activity for the week .

From Jim H.—Jim brought in one of the coil springs that will replace the Bungee cord suspension on the Piet's landing gear.

John Hack brought in a video on the "Building of a Piper Cub" for the members to watch.

We Care—Welfare of Our Members:

A Celebration of Life for Rick Ray will take place Monday, May 14th from 3 – 7 pm at the South Haven American Legion Post.

Joy Slegers (Eagle Aircraft) had triple bypass surgery—is home and recovering.

Two month look ahead:

Lansing Chapter EAAA 260 Pancake breakfast will be June 10th.

Annual Frasca Fly-in will take place June 23rd. Check the flyer on the B-board

Next Chapter mtg. June 12th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm with a motion from Dave Thomas and a second by Charlie O'Bringer

Minutes submitted by:

Jim Haklin

Build Night at Rick Schreiber's

