

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- August 10, 2010

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

**Plan to attend the August 10th meeting. Bring a Friend!
We'll be discussing hosting the B-17 and the food booth quality control.**

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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

August 2010

We made it through another Air Venture food booth. The loyal customer base the chapter has established over the years continues to stop at VPZ. They all are proud to say they tell other pilots "you have to stop at Valpo, it's a great place" and we appreciate their word of mouth advertising.

I'd like to extend my thanks on behalf of the chapter to all our members, the airport staff, and the PCPA members who worked so well to make this event happen. It was certainly a welcome sight to see so many volunteers show up on Sunday afternoon to help with the teardown which we completed in record time.



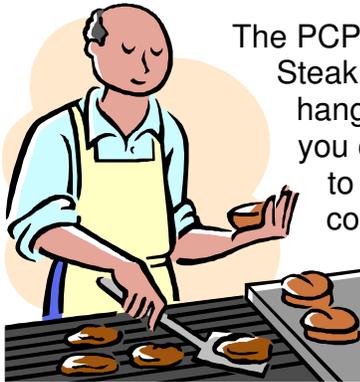
Judi and I did make it to Oshkosh on Wednesday, which turned out to be a perfect day weather wise. I had several building questions and issues to address and Oshkosh is the place to go to talk to the horses to get the answers and learn about the latest products. One of my concerns was about the antenna requirements for the new 406 ELT's. I'm trying to not have external antennas on my composite, and I'm running out of real estate for a ground plane and a 24 inch antenna. To my surprise, a vendor was announcing a new integral unit complete with an antenna and GPS in the same footprint of the standard unit. Additionally, you can take the unit with you after a crash so the signal stays with you not the wreck. This will work out just fine.

We attended the chapter president's reception along with about 600 invited guests Wednesday evening which was hosted by Ford. Edsel Ford, Tom Poberezny, and Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger spoke about EAA, the Young Eagle program and the SR-71 Mustang on display that was auctioned off later in the week for \$375,000 to benefit the Young Eagles program.

We have several chapter items to address in the next few months including a decision to request a visit by the EAA B-17, and change to our pancake breakfast. Please see the articles on these issues in this newsletter and let us know what you think. Additionally, we will be having chapter elections in a few months so plan now to throw your hat in the ring for an office.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson



The PCPA has invited chapter 104 members to attend their Annual Steak Fry which will be Saturday August 14, 1pm at the Cope's hangar C9 VPZ. You cook your own huge steak, or chicken if you choose, that is from Kelsey's. The steaks are large enough to share so you could take one home if you attend as a couple. They have games and prizes. You must contact either Jerrie Powell at 219.477.0444 or Larry Cope at 219.663.5661 to get a ticket before August 8th so they can order the food. The cost is \$15 per ticket. Please support the PCPA Steak Fry if you can.



The LaPorte Aero Club will be sponsoring their annual fly-in pancake breakfast Sunday August 15th from 7am to 12pm CDT. They are located at 2341 S. State Road 39. Phone 219-324-3393.

Zap flaps anyone?

From the aviation dictionary:

A Zap flap is a split flap where the hinge point also moves aft. Here is a diagram:

<http://www.answers.com/topic/zap-flaps>

Still receiving your newsletter by snail mail? Thank our secretary Pam Ray for the snazzy new mailing labels. Remember the color newsletter is available free online at your library. www.eaa104.org.



Sloshkosh Food Booth 2010
Are we having fun yet?



Hosting the EAA B -17 Tour ?

By **Jim Haklin**

All in favor say aye. All opposed, nay. OK! The ayes have it. Matter-of-fact no-one was opposed. Now what?

Our chapter will be voting to invite the “Aluminum Overcast” EAA’s B-17 Bomber to stop at VPZ on their tour of the Midwest next year. What’s involved? A vote is easy—if successful, then comes the hard part.

Usually the bomber stays 2 ½ days. Giving rides and ground tours of the airplane and selling memorabilia. Our job as a chapter will be to man the merchandise booth, help direct people on and off the plane and generally maintain a safe environment around the bomber. Also we can man a refreshment booth if we want to serve the public.



To achieve this goal we will have to have enough members volunteer to pull this off. Also we will have to do good PR in the surrounding area. Newspapers and radio stations need to be contacted. Local TV stations will also need to be informed. Flyers either ours or EAA’s will have to be distributed in as many locations as possible. Talk it up among friends and neighbors. We need to get the word out that a B-17 is coming to Valpo airport.

OK! Sounds daunting but with everybody’s help we can pull it off. We need to poll the membership to see if we have enough support to work this tour. If not---?????

***Oh! This can also be a huge money-maker for the chapter.
Remember that’s how we support the scholarship to get a young
person to his/her solo flight.***

SOOOO!!! Come to the next meeting—August 10th. Bring ideas and your support to make this event possible. We need to send a letter of request by October I believe. The sooner we send the letter the better our chances of hosting the B-17 TOUR.

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Jim Haklin

Is a change in the air for our Pancakes and Airplanes Breakfast?

As discussed at the last meeting, do we need to consider changing the day for our annual pancakes and airplanes breakfast / Young Eagles rally due to the declining attendance each year? We find we are competing with many Father's day and Sunday activities. Many of our members are not able to attend or help due to family or church obligations. As you all are aware, it's a lot of work to put on this event and although we continue to make a very small profit, it seems the time is at hand to make a change.

We would very much like to hear the member's thoughts and ideas on this subject as we have the time now to plan ahead for next year. Your silence does not help the cause as this is YOUR CHAPTER. Get involved. Let's explore the options. New ideas are welcome. Think outside the tent. Maybe we should think about moving to International Learn To Fly Day and team up with others on the field for a group effort.

In case you are uncertain of where things are located on an aircraft this may help out.



Thanks To **John Hack** for the flying 101 pictures

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, July 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson at 7:00 PM

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business: Discussion on hosting the EAA B-17 for 2011. Visit will require a minimum of two chairmen. A promotions chair and a merchandise/ground tour/equipment chair. Oct 1st is the application deadline. Can we have a motion to officially apply?

It was decided to address this in the next newsletter and hold a vote next meeting.

New Business:

We have a few boxes of frozen sausages left from the pancake breakfast available for \$8.

We need another moveable refrigerator for the food booth after we had one recently die.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report was given by Rick Ray.

President's Report:

Quality control comments for Airplanes and Pancakes. What worked and what didn't. Thanks to all who volunteered! We need to discuss and plan for next year. Should we change the date from Father's Day? Change to a Saturday? Jim Haklin will submit a write up for discussion that will be in the next newsletter.

I'm passing around a thank you letter to Amerigas for you all to sign for the new donated grill, the propane tank and hose for the breakfast. Please send any business you can to them.

The food booth signup sheet is being passed around. It will be available at the airport terminal for future sign ups. Please try to volunteer. We will be setting up a 5pm on Thursday July 22nd. We open Friday July 23 at 6am for the first two days then we will open at 7am for the duration. We met with the PCPA to plan for the food booth and discuss the dates and hours. We agreed on a profit split 60% Chapter 104 and 40% PCPA with no book keeping required.

Nate Nagle is close to his solo flight. Please email me articles or thoughts for Your newsletter. We have a DVD on Runway Safety to view after the business meeting.

Young Eagles Report:

We flew 27 YE's on Father's Day.

Thanks to Bill Vogen for running the flight simulator at the pancake breakfast YE rally.

Webmaster's Report:

Last month saw 398 hits. The most popular are still the project photos and newsletter. The OSH Food Booth flyer will be added.

Builder's Night and Project status:

We have been meeting at Ed Hanson's shop and working on landing light lenses, wheel pants, and firewall forward items. All members are welcome.

Larry Whitlow discussed the necessary modifications he is making to his Zenair 601.

Jim Haklin provided a Show and Tell with his revised battery box

Future Flyers Scholarship Fund (formerly named Eagle Soars):

All donations received will benefit a child to have their flight school training up to solo paid by EAA chapter 104.

Nate Nagle is getting close to his solo.

We Care:

Fortunately there is nothing new to report.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Air Venture food booth. We will be setting up a 5pm on July 22nd. We will operate the booth from July 23 thru August 1st with teardown at 5pm on that day.

AirVenture runs Monday July 26th thru Sunday August 1st.

Build night every Tuesday except meeting nights.

Next meeting is August 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary