

# 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- August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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

**CHAPTER WEBSITE: [www.eaa104.org](http://www.eaa104.org)**

**See you at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring a Friend.**

**Experimental Aircraft Association**

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**FIRST CLASS**

### **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 2012

Our Chapters' Air Venture Oshkosh Food Booth finally came to a close the afternoon of August 1<sup>st</sup> after the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom B-17 and P-51 flew off to the next tour stop. To say the least, it was quite a trying fourteen days for the chapter volunteers and our friends with the PCPA. We extended our normal event duration by three days since the bomber's schedule fell outside of the Air Venture timeline. We added ice cream to our menu due to a suggestion by Chris from the PCPA during a hot afternoon shift. Ice cream sales turned out good in the hot weather.



Things started smooth enough with good fly in numbers through the weekend but then a severe storm blew in with winds in excess of 66 knots which destroyed our food booth on the morning of July 24<sup>th</sup>. We arrived at the airport about 7 am to a twisted mangle of tents, over turned grill and general mayhem. After the lightning cleared, we surveyed the damage and in the EAA "can do" spirit, we dug in and started to rebuild. Helpers kept showing up to pitch in and to the disbelief of many we were open for lunch at our regular time. OK so much for storm #1.

Storm # 2, 3 and 4 were not so much weather related, except for a blown over refrigerator, but involved the airport being the subject of three separate TFR's for a surprise VIP movement which turned out to be Air Force Two and Vice President Joe Biden. No one can tell how much departing Air Venture VFR traffic avoided the airport, but some of the local airports outside of the TRF ran out of aviation fuel due to increased demand. Fortunately along with the bombers arrival we enjoyed good crowds and weather and we ended up selling quite a lot of food. Did I mention we had ice cream? Thanks to all who helped out this year we can't do it without you!

Please work, play and build safely.  
Ed Hanson

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, July 10, 2012

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

The minutes from the May meeting were approved by Rick Schreiber seconded by Rick Rozhon

**Old Business:**

AirVenture Food Booth starts next week. Generally, the booth will be open from 11am to 8pm daily weather permitting. We may extend the hours based on demand and staffing levels daily. We will have the same menu as last year. The Collings Foundation Bombers will be at VPZ July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. This will require a three day extension of the food booth run. The AirVenture food booth set up is planned for Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The booth will open Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. The booth will close and tear down Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> after the bombers depart about noon. The sign up book is available here tonight and at the desk in the terminal building. Please plan to donate a few hours to help out on our only fund raising event planned this year. Wives and friends are welcome to help and enjoy the airplanes. We will set up the tent just North of the fence and chapter room. Strongbow will donate turkey again this year.

**New Business:**

Per our chapter by laws, the board appointed Pam Ray to fill Rick Ray's unexpired term as treasurer.

The Kiwanis hot air balloon event, and our planned food booth, at the Expo Center has been cancelled. Jim Haklin said it was cancelled due to lack of sponsors. The entire Balloon Festival has been cancelled.

**Treasurers Report:**

No report given as Pam was absent.

**President's Report:**

This year is an election year. Per our bylaws, I am to appoint a Nominating Committee. Our election will take place at the October meeting. Pam Ray, Frank Ambrosic and Bill Vogen were appointed.

There has been a 70 day extension granted to comment on the AOPA/EAA medical exemption request. More than 14,000 comments have been submitted. The comments period on the Young Eagles fuel exemption is still open so please submit a favorable comment.

The Indiana Dunes Chapter of the 99's Air Rally will take place here on August 11<sup>th</sup>. You should have seen information on this in your newsletter. I have a few forms available for your use. Let's help support the women aviators and have some entries from our chapter. The cost is only \$10 per plane. The route of flight will be approximately 80NM.

**Young Eagles Report:**

Nothing to report

**Webmaster's Report: And a report on his chapter sponsored sailplane flight.**

Rick Rozhon enjoyed the flight and did get to fly the sail plane. Rick will put photos on the website.

**Builder's Night and Project status Show & Tell:**

Due to the AirVenture food booth activities, we will not be meeting for build night for the next four weeks. We will start up build night again after our August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. My project is in the upholstery process. We hope to wrap it up in my lifetime. I brought in some samples for the carpet, headliner, and vinyl I am using. Jim Haklin is working on ignition. Rick Schreiber has 1/2 of wing covered. John Hack is doing wiring, Bill Vogen is working on his engine. Dick Cains needs to work on his tripacers nose gear.

**Newsletter Editor Report**

Jim Haklin needs information and pictures from members please send him some.

**We Care:**

Longtime member Paul Huang lost his son Christopher on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The chapter made a memorial contribution and sent a card to Paul.

**Two Month Look Ahead:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greenwood Tail Dragger Fly-In Breakfast is July 21<sup>st</sup> 8am to noon. Indiana Dunes 99's Air Rally will be here on August 11<sup>th</sup>. LaPorte Aero Club Fly In Breakfast will be August 12<sup>th</sup>. North Vernon Annual Airport Awareness Day is Sat, August 11<sup>th</sup> rain date the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**VOLUNTEER PLEASE!** The booth will close and tear down Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> after the bombers depart around noon.

Next chapter meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lansing EAA Chapter may be running a one day bus trip to Oshkosh if interested call them.

Respectively submitted,  
Rick Schreiber,  
Chapter Vice President

NL Ed's Notes...

Well the Food Booth event is over for 2012. Check out the picture in the President page. Guess you can say "There goes the profits". Talk about a double wammy!!! Stuff happens, heh? In chronicle order a thank you is in order:

1. For all the people that helped set up. Chapter and PCPA members.
2. For all the people that manned the food booth for the transitioning pilots and the Collings Foundation Bombers .
3. For all the people who helped put the tents/food refrigerators back together after the multiple storms.
4. For all the people that helped tear down after the event.
5. For all the businesses that donated to our efforts.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

On the Piet front:

Looks like Rick Schreiber Piet is coming along very well. He may get it all together this year. I decided to take the fuel tank off to have a drain installed in the rear bottom of the tank to have a way to check for water/contamination. This is necessary as the Piet is a tail-dragger and the fuel tank slopes to the rear on the ground. Rick S. or I will explain why at our next meeting.

If the Nominating Committee happens to call you to consider being an officer in our chapter, don't say NO off-hand. Give it some thought. We need some new blood in the leadership roles so we can continue in the direction our Chapter has taken. Think about it please!!!!

No pictures submitted so you'll just have to read the text.

'Till the meeting, 'be there or be square'

Jim H

Ok I inserted a few pics from the Air and Space Museum 😊

