

# 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- Sept. 11<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 Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring a Friend.**

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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

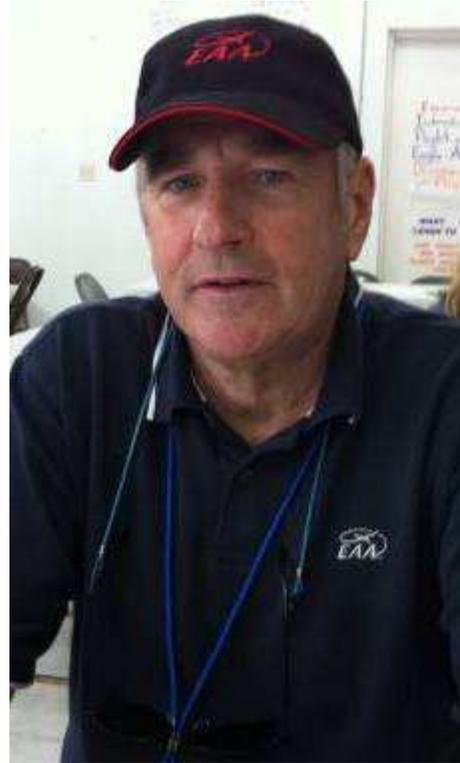
# President's Page

Ed Hanson

September 2012

This year is an officer election year for our chapter. I will not be able to accept any office other than taking a seat on the board as outgoing president. I encourage all our members to participate in the governing of our chapter by serving as a chapter officer. Everyone is a little different and brings their own unique way of operating to the table. This is good and offers refreshing and sometimes spirited approaches to the chapter activities. No one expects our officers to be perfect, so don't let a lack of experience detract you from seeking an office. As I like to say when dealing with a problem with a group, "we're all in this mess together" so it is in our best interest to work together and use everyone's input to resolve an issue. Given the opportunity, you may surprise yourself with the

resources and ideas you can contribute to the chapter. I am grateful to say whenever I asked a member for help with something, the response was always positive. We look forward to continuing our presence, and adapting to the times, by implementing activities and programs that best fit our overall goals while considering current conditions. I say to you **"Step Up and Stand Out"** for our chapter. You will be rewarded in many ways for your contribution.



At a recent board meeting, your chapter leaders learned of an intriguing offer presented to the chapter that may expand many opportunities. Your board looks forward to presenting the details to the chapter general membership at our September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and hearing meaningful discussion on the ideas. As the sayings go "when one door closes another door opens" and "when opportunity knocks don't complain about the noise". Plan to attend the September meeting and get the scoop.

Pegg Sangerman the flight school and marketing coordinator at Eagle Aircraft has advised us on Ground School dates at Eagle.

Ground School begins September 5th and runs through December 19th on each Wednesday night from 6-9pm. The cost includes Cessna Pilot Kit, 3 Hours on the simulator, classroom time with the instructors and the final exam cost.

Call [219-464-0132](tel:219-464-0132) to learn more.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, August 14, 2012

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

The minutes from the July meeting were approved by Dick Cain seconded by Charlie O'Bringer

**Old Business:**

Food Booth Report

After losing the booth to over 66 knot winds on July 24<sup>th</sup> we rebuilt it with the help of many appreciated volunteers that showed up and moved forward. We then faced the loss of VFR Oshkosh traffic due to three VIP TFR's based at this airport. Fortunately, the crowds to see the Collings Foundation bombers helped to end the long run on an upbeat note. Report of earnings by the treasurer.

Quality Control – what worked , what didn't Member input requested. New shortened hours worked better with minimal loss of business and easier staffing. Ice cream was a new item added and went over very well. The new Jumbo hotdogs were a big hit. We are considering increasing the price next year to \$3.00 Making lemonade and ice tea in smaller containers worked well during slow days. We need to install a concrete pad for the refrigerators to set on for more stability. The new grill wind shield worked very well. Thanks to everyone that helped out in any way with this years' food booth. There are a few boxes of brats left if anyone is interested in purchasing they are \$14. We will need to purchase two new tarps, fittings and tent poles to replace the storm damaged ones.

**New Business:**

Discussion on the RV6/7 kit and tools that Pam Ray is selling. Deciding how to sell and if tools should be sold separate from kit or package deal.

**Treasurers Report:**

Report given by Pam Ray

**President's Report:**

Asked the election committee to say a few words. We need to know who would be interested in filling open board positions.

An extension has been granted to comment on the AOPA/EAA medical exemption request. More than 15,000 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 was cancelled due to lack of entries.

**Young Eagles Report:**

Nothing to report

**Webmaster's Report:**

No Report as Rick Rozhon was helping his son remodel in Lafayette.

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

Jim Haklin showed how he is putting a water drain on his pietenpol to avoid engine failure.

Next build night will be Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> in the chapter room to work on tents damaged from storms.

**Newsletter Editor Report**

A discussion on possibly asking members that have the newsletter mailed to pay a little extra with membership to cover postage costs. Nothing was decided. If you have email please ask for your newsletter via email then you can print it out and save the chapter money.

**We Care:**

\$100 donation to Supplies4gis in memory of Rick Ray

**Two Month Look Ahead:**

Gene Clifford reports a tv show on "world's most extreme airports" will be on Comcast channel 276 (H2) Thurs evening at 8pm.

PCPA steak fry is this Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Ford Tri-motor tour is visiting Lansing Il August 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

PCPA burger bash and poker run winner is scheduled for Sept 8th

Next chapter meeting will be September 12th

Respectively submitted,

Pam Ray

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer



From the desk of the News Letter Editor,

Actually this is being typed at the kitchen table. The desk is in the poll-barn full of Pietenpol stuff.

Anyway,, what happened to August? Here and gone!!!! Wow. Since our meeting and my explanation of building a fuel contamination trap in my Piet, I had a flange and valve welded in the back end of the fuel tank sump. Now at least when the Piet is on the ground I can drain off fuel to see if there is contamination in the tank. Beats having to raise the tail up to see if there's water in the fuel. I'll bring the tank to the meeting for show-and-tell before I reinstall it☺. By the way there are 127 screws associated with removing/installing the fuel tank. Not to mention the shut-off valve, front cabanes, and front cross brace cables. Seems like I have been there before.☺ Like I said at the last meeting—"better to learn from other's experience".

Check out the Better Pilot Department articles in the Sport Aviation Magazine. There's Lots of good thought provoking items to review. Some of us have gotten ourselves into those kinds of situations. Somewhere in all of our instructions through the years there's the ONE POINT that stands out—Practice, Practice, Practice.☺☺☺

Read the President's page a second time and see if you fit into one of the leadership roles for our chapter. Like the poster of my Uncle says—"WE NEED YOU" Don't be shy it's not rocket science—or is it???☺☹☹☹☹

See you at the meeting

JH



