

EAA CHAPTER 104 NEWSLETTER

EAA CHAPTER 104 MONTHLY MEETING

Friendship & Flying – “For The Fun of It”

Meetings held in the EAA Clubhouse – Porter County Airport-Valparaiso IN

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY- October 13, 2009

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

See you at the October 13th meeting. Bring a Friend!

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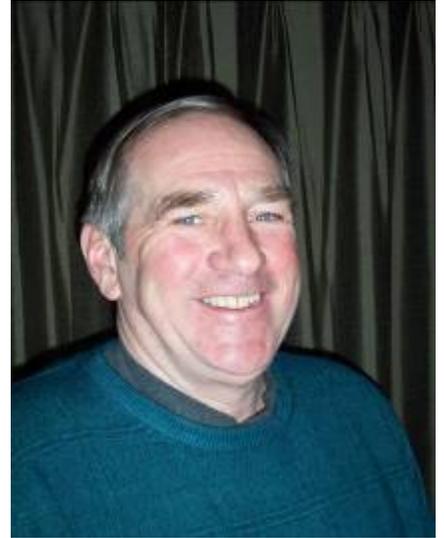
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President's Page

Ed Hanson

October 2009

I have been enjoying many days of “building” lately. As I work on my KIS Cruiser with the shop doors open to the pleasant weather and the oldies playing on the radio, I think this is truly an American dream come true. Here I am having the freedom, time and resources to enjoy what I want to do, building an airplane in my shop and being able to make any number of modifications or improvements that I desire.



“Brown” comes by often bringing me parts and supplies from a wide variety of vendors. Many of my orders are researched on line and ordered without a human contact, only strokes at the keyboard and order confirmations on a screen. On the flip side, human contact is invaluable as fellow Chapter members turn out for “build night” bringing their training, support, wisdom, specialized tools that a builder could not justify buying, and of course extra sets of hands to keep the project moving along.

Recently, my old leaking air compressor tank was unacceptable to the “build night” group and I was advised to have a coat hanger ready for next week and they would fix the problem. As promised, after a few minutes with a torch and a coat hanger they did fix the leak and even painted the bottom of the tank before they started working on the airplane tasks for the evening.

The Chapter is all about people and each member brings something different to the table. Together we have an immense wealth of talent, experience and “can do” attitude to share with fellow members. I encourage you as a builder to tap this wealth by hosting a “build night” or if you aren’t building by attending “build night” to share the experience. We are including some photos from recent “build nights” in this newsletter for your enjoyment.

Ahhh, as I sit writing this article, here comes “Brown” again with another delivery to feed the building process and provide the necessary supplies for tomorrow’s “build night”.

Please work, play and build safely.
Ed Hanson

Welcome new member Nathan Nagel. Nate is a student at Kankakee Valley High School. He is a candidate in our Eagle Soars program and is currently attending the Chapter Private Pilot ground school. Nate has also been attending several build nights.



Mark your calendar. Our awards banquet is Saturday November 14th. We will take time to gather with our families at the Chapter room and honor our members for their efforts. The Chapter will be providing chicken, beef, and beverages. We ask the members to bring a dish to share as this has always resulted in a great selection of foods in the past.

Plan now to support our troops by help **Cheri Cope** pack **Supplies for GI's** on Sunday afternoon November 15th at the Cope hangar. We also need to provide help filling out the required paperwork.

Free Firewood is available. As discussed at the September meeting, **Ed and Judi Hanson** offer free fire wood for Chapter 104 members to cut. Not enough interest was expressed to justify making this a chapter event so if you're interested just give them a call at 219.988.4879 to schedule a visit. Remember he or she who cuts his or her own wood is twice warmed!



Amelia, a new movie on Amelia Earhart, is scheduled to be released on October 23rd.

Red iron has been erected for the new county T hangars. It looks like they are progressing well.

Ford Motor Company, through the EAA Partner Recognition Vehicle Purchase Plan, provides EAA members the opportunity to receive preferential pricing resulting in substantial savings. If you're interested in a new Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda or Volvo vehicle, see Ed Hanson for more information on the plan.

Young Eagles fly Saturday October 24th with a rain date of Sunday October 25th. Please volunteer to help the Chapter conduct the final Young Eagle event for the year.

Eagle Aircraft is sponsoring an Air Rally October 10 at 10AM. For more information please contact them at 219.464.0132. Some more information is included at the end of the electronic newsletter.



Share supplies Do you need just a small amount of a specific consumable item for your project like some Seal Lube or Anti seize? It's wasteful and expensive for us all to purchase these items when we could share. Let's get organized and pool our resources! Maybe we can post a list of what extra things we have on our web site. Let's talk it up and see if it works. We could call it the Chapter 104 Treasure Chest.

Rick Ray sent us the following link which has some pictures of our Air Venture food booth and a write up of three RV's flight to Oshkosh.

http://www.pilotbill.com/Oshkosh/Oshkosh09/Osh09_To.htm

Things you want to ask the FAA- but are afraid to ask. This will be our program at the **November 10th** meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, we needed to adjust our fall programs. Retired FAA inspector Gene Hall is off duty now and will attempt to answer those touchy questions you always wanted to ask. You have time now to prepare a list for him. He has assured us he will not be doing any ramp checks after the meeting!



It's that time of the year again to think about renewing your Chapter 104 membership for 2010. Since we are going greener, we are not including a renewal sheet for you any longer. Simply give your fifteen dollar renewal fee to our treasurer **Rick Ray** at the meeting and save both paper and postage. If you can't attend a meeting, please mail your check to **Rick Ray**, 293 Ravinia Drive N., Valparaiso, IN 46385.

Looking ahead to next year and planning for programs is there any interest in perhaps conducting a CPR, first aid or survival training class? Please let us know and we will research the subjects further.

No word from the PCPA yet on a SOUP OFF.

Coming soon. *Chapter tales.* Let us know of an appropriate humorous tale about a chapter member and we'll share it.



A Few Build Night Photos

FLYING IS FUN AND ADVENTURES

My aviation life has been full of adventures and fun as well as learning. My life has been full of constantly different, interesting, and at times exciting since my very first lesson. I am very fortunate as I have never had to rent an airplane. Walt convinced me that we should have our own airplane and we bought a 1956 Cessna 172 before I started taking lessons. Walt who was a student pilot at the time and after tricking me into learning to fly I really went after my license with a passion. In this plane of ours, every time my instructor, Denzil Cole, and I took off both doors would fly open. Denny soled the problem by cutting a large rubber band from an inner tube. (How many of you remember inner tubes?) After getting in the plane he would stretch it from door to door behind the seats. It worked!

When it became apparent I was ready for the flight test he said, "The FAA will never give you a test with doors like this. (He insisted that I go to SBN and take the flight test from a FAA Inspector so no one would say he 'gave' me the license. He was an examiner.) So, the day before my test we flew to Sky harbor Airport (now closed) in Chicago and it took all day to fix the doors.

While I was learning to fly I was very lucky in that most of the pilots would check me out in their planes. That is why my log book has seven different planes in which I check out during that phase of my learning.

Most were uneventful, but a few stand out in my memory. Two pilots at the airport owned a Luscombe, Wally Lumas and Antone Giorgi. One or the other often flew to DeKalb Airport for parts and I would fly along. When I flew with Wally we stayed upside down half the time. Both he and Antone loved to do acrobatics. The first time Antone took me up in the Luscombe, without a word, he did a loop. (Somehow nothing frightened me.) He looked at me and said "You don't even know what I did." He then did another telling me to look at the road as we went over it. He was good. My purse on the back shelf never moved.

I decided I wanted to learn to fly a taildragger. Antone was checking me out and when we landed I ground looped the plane. He finally got it under control and very harshly said, "Taxi back and take off!" I did this but I was crying and when we got in the air I turned to him and said, "What do I do now?" He said, "Open the door and jump out!" Another time Harold Corsette was taking me up in his J3 Cub. I didn't even have my private yet. I was in the back. We took off and the plane veered left over the hangars at Hobart Airport. Everyone on the ground was looking up in amazement. Hal looked back and said, "Do you have the plane?" I said, "NO". He grabbed the controls and got us going straight. I had no idea that he meant for me to take the plane up alone.

Another time while checking out in a 250 Commanche the gear light didn't come on. We stalled and stalled with no success. We called unicom at Valpo hoping they would check our gear. No response. So-we had to change seats as the owner said he would have to be on the left as we had to belly-in on the grass at Hobart. Luckily the gear was down-the light was at fault. Did you ever change seats in the air and did I ever get teased.

There is a book more I could write. Why not write me some of your experiences to go in future newsletters.

Charlene Falkenberg

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, September 08, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and President Ed Hanson asked Vice President Dave Thomas to lead us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and acknowledgement of guests Alan Piorkowski and Mike Gard

Mike is working on a Bearcat and would like to find someone working on one or that has one.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Old Business:

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

New Business:

We received mailing labels for over 200 EAA National members residing within 30 miles of VPZ. Need to sort and get emails discussing as to how we will attempt to send information as to what we are building and invite to our chapter. Rick Rozhon advised he could develop a mass e-mailing. We received a certificate of Appreciation from 55th medical company for supplies for GI's. We have a hat and DVD from the Red Tail Squadron possibly might raffle it off at a future meeting.

President's Report:

Thanks to Jim Sherrick for picking up and installing a new dry erase board.

We are going a little greener. If you would like to help the Chapter save money, ink, paper and postage, sign up for the electronic only copy of the newsletter. 20 members have signed up for the electronic only newsletter. We hope by the end of the year to need only a handful of printed copies that we could print on a home printer. We can see significant savings by doing this and help to keep the dues low. We are out of sectional maps for our Young Eagles, please bring your old maps to the next meeting or somehow get them to us. Ground school continues at 7pm tomorrow. All members are welcome. We purchased 18 denim aprons for our food events on sale from Hobby Lobby at \$2.50 each. Judy Thomas agreed to embroider the Chapter name on them. A web contact has requested information on a former president of the Howard Aircraft Company a Mr. Daniel Peterkin Jr. If anyone has any information on him please contact me. Another web contact is asking if we know of someone building a Barrows Bearhawk. Let me know if you are aware of who might be building this in our area. Do we want to plan a Chapter firewood activity this year? We discussed a chapter event cutting firewood at Ed's. We need to plan a date for the banquet.

Young Eagles Report:

Next Young Eagle event is Saturday October 24th with the 25th as a rain date. Mark your calendar. We need to have a good complement of volunteers. We should consider sending a youth to the Air Academy next year. We will have several points earned towards the cost.

Webmaster's Report:

309 visits this is 2nd highest following July's pancake & breakfast. Rick is attempting to upload more pictures and he has added a link to Oshkosh 365

Builder's Night and Project status:

Builder's Night is every Tuesday except the monthly meeting night.

Next week's build night will be at Ed Hanson's house. We will be bonding the fuselage top on his Kis Cruiser and building a wing rotisserie. We continue to work on Howard door. Almost ready to prime and paint remaining parts.

Eagle Soars:

Bruce is still looking for candidates for Eagle Soars. We think at the time of this meeting we may have 2 possible candidates. . Also it is time to have the Eagle Soars candidates submit an essay. The secretary is requested to work with Bruce to send out a letter to our candidates.

We Care:

The chapter extends it's condolences to the Larmon family on the loss of William S. Larmon. We sent a plant in memory of William. Ray Dolph is scheduled to have a heart procedure later this month. He has been gaining weight as requested. Charlene has taken delivery of a fancy new scooter to get around her home. No type rating was required.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Please remember that Char is always looking for information to include in the newsletter.

Ground school continues every Wednesday at 7pm

Direct Eagle Soars candidates to Bruce.

PCPA Burger Bash and Poker Run will be September 12th at 1 PM.

Build night is every Tuesday except meeting nights

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Respectively submitted,

Pam Ray

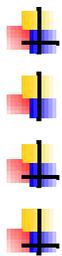
Chapter Secretary



AIR RALLY

October 10, 2009 – 10:00 AM

Come out and join the fun



Test your flight and navigation skills

Compete against fellow pilots

Start with a full tank of fuel

Score will be based on:

- Time to complete course
- Fuel burn to complete course
- Answer questions concerning landmarks along the course
- Pilot who has greatest number of correct answers comes in first

Door Prizes and a Spot Landing Contest on return to Valpo