

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- December 14, 2010

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

See you at the December 14th 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

December 2010

On a recent October trip to Egypt and the Holy Land, one of our stops had to be the great pyramids of Giza. We were awed by the enormous size of these structures. Also, they are located right on the outskirts of Cairo, not in the middle of a lonely desert. I have to say you can't deny feeling a little intimidated standing near one of these huge ancient works while a modern jet flies overhead. It's as if you're witnessing just too much history and greatness in one moment, and you may think you stepped into a time machine gone wild.



Our tour guide explained the work on the pyramids did not go on continuously, but breaks were taken to tend to the crops. This is the same way homebuilders operate. We build for awhile, then, tend to whatever life brings our way, then build some more so I guess things haven't changed too much.

This January 7th, we will be hosting a special activity that is detailed in this newsletter. I hope all of you will take the time and effort to invite your friends and families of all ages to have an enjoyable night out promoting general aviation. In order to maintain a reasonable industry cost structure, we need to inspire new members to join the aviation community. Who better than those of us already involved is in a position to do that?

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson





EAA Chapter 104 www.eaa104.org will sponsor a free special event, “Flying to Alaska”, by **Joe Kuberka** from Blue Goose Aviation of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The presentation will be 7 pm Friday, January 7, 2011 at Eagle Aircraft, 4001 Murvihill Road, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Joe has spoken at Oshkosh and Sun N’ Fun and to over 60 EAA chapters. Please join us for this presentation covering topics on the new E-apis rules, Canadian Chart Coverage, Weather, Survival Gear, and some interesting places to stop on your way to and in Alaska. The presentation will be one hour plus questions and answers. If you ever thought of flying to Alaska you will want to attend this presentation. Please invite your family and friends to attend. For more information contact Ed Hanson, 219-988-4879 or hansoncp@netnitco.net.

Joe Kuberka is a CFII with over 8500 flying hours. He is a retired Air Force Pilot and Aviation Accident Investigator. In 1994 he started Blue Goose Aviation specializing in Mountain Flying Training and Instrument Flying. In 2004 he added America Air Tours “Self Flying Guided Adventures”. While gaining flying experience for the pilot, these tours are designed as vacation tours for the family with fun activities. The tours range from overwater flying in the Bahamas; mountain flying in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, and Alaska thus establishing a tour with activities for everyone’s desires. Check out his website www.bluegooseaviation.com

Additionally, our area’s new FAA FAAST members **Sam Heiter** and **Tim Sokol** from the South Bend FSDO will be available to meet you and present Wings program information. Attendance at this event will qualify for Wings program credit.

Eagle Aircraft will have their brand new Cessna 162 Skycatcher Light Sport Aircraft on display so plan to check it out. You can fly this aircraft with your driver’s license as your medical. An introductory flight in the Skycatcher will be awarded as a door prize.





Happy
Faces.

Good
food.

A few
laughs.



Awards Banquet November 20, 2010

We had an unexpected change of presenters for our Awards Banquet as neither of the two members on the awards committee could attend due to conflicts. President **Ed Hanson** and vice president **Dave Thomas** muddled thru the awards attempting to interpret and deliver **Al Boushea's** humor flavored comments for each award. It went pretty fast as most of the recipients were not in attendance.

Awards included;

Rick Ray - Get'er Done, aka, Get the lead out

Jim Haklin – I can taste the blood

John Hack – Non – resistant Assistant

Rick Rozhon – Just Do It

Frank Ambrosic – LANCAIR 320

Doug Fogle – Jump Start

Rick Schreiber – Get off my ash

Charles O'Bringer – Keeping The Dream Alive

Those members who received an award but did not attend need to pick up their award at the next meeting you attend.

Thanks to all the members who helped out!





It's time to pay your Chapter dues for 2011

Treasurer **Rick Ray** will be pleased to accept your \$15 dues payment at the December 14th meeting. Or you can mail them to him at Richard Ray, 293 Ravinia Dr. N, Valparaiso, IN 46385. We no longer require you to fill out a renewal sheet each year.

We offer our sincere condolences to the **Uskert** family over the recent loss of **Ben Uskert** who lost his life attempting to rescue a fellow surfer in Indonesia. **Ben** was the chapter's first Eagle Soars recipient.

Members who need chapter business cards should check with Secretary **Pam Ray** at the December meeting.

Since we will be having a special event on Friday, January 7th, we will discuss not conducting our regular January 11th, meeting at our December 14th meeting.

The Indiana Dunes Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Has a new web site.

<http://indianadunes99s.org/>

We will be putting a link on our web site to them soon.

Thanks to **Diana Austin** for keeping our chapter informed of the 99's activities!



Supplies 4 GI's had a great turnout of about 100 volunteers on Sunday November 21st. We packed 350 packages to be sent to our troops. **Cheri Cope** still needs some donations for postage so contact her or stop by any Centier Bank to contribute.

Want some time in a Light Sport Aircraft?

For a limited time Eagle Aircraft is discounting the rate on their brand new Cessna 162 Skycatcher to \$85.00 per hour. You can purchase at this discounted rate from December 1 through December 25. Offer must be redeemed before March 1, 2011. Purchase a gift certificate for Christmas or give yourself a gift and purchase a 10 hr. block in the Skycatcher. Call Eagle today for details! 219-464-0132.

Also, Eagle is discounting the rate on their Piper Seminole for **multi-engine training** to \$196.00 per hour throughout the month of December. Purchase block time during the month of December and redeem by June 30, 2011!

Call today to purchase block time as a gift for yourself or someone else. (219) 464-0132 Ask for Jane.

Eagle also has gift certificates available in any denomination.



VPZ Airport Director **Kyle Kuebler** informed us work is under way to install a 24 hour self service 100 octane low lead fuel dispenser. Construction should be complete by the end of the month at which time training will be available. You will be able to use a credit card or your airport card. This is yet another improvement to a great airport. **Kyle** said there are some more improvements planned for 2011 or 2012 so stay tuned.

Builders Wanted! Our Chapter's build night group is looking for builders to visit on build night. We would love to check out your project and help you when you need a few extra hands. We are available weekends also to help move aircraft or parts. We have a good time so give us a call and get involved. Below is a picture of the wing rotisserie we built for **Ed Hanson**. It works great and allows one person to position the wings in any orientation. How can your chapter help you?



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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, November 9th, 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 October meeting were approved by the members.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

November 21st many of us will be helping pack the Supplies 4 GIs at Copes hanger. Help is needed to sort items donated on Saturday. The Times and Post Tribune are to write articles this week. Cherie has the wish list of items the troops have requested. The Chapter voted to donate \$400.00 to help with the postage.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer couldn't make the meeting tonight.

President's Report:

Rick Schreiber will conduct a presentation on his flying trip out West.
Report on our participation in Eagles Learn to Fly Day – Jim Haklin.
Eagle wishes to extend a thank you to those who participated in the Learn To fly event.
Sign up sheet being passed around for the banquet for an approximate count.
Soup off date and time? PCPA suggests March 2011. The soup off will be held March 12 at 1PM.
We will be having a board meeting in early January to discuss the chapter direction and activities for next year. If you have any ideas you care to share, please contact a chapter officer or board member and discuss your idea.

Please email me articles or thoughts for Your newsletter. Jim Haklin will be taking over the newsletter starting with the January issue.

Young Eagles Report:

A discussion was held on Al's idea of badges for YE pilots.

Webmaster's Report:

Cookbook offer was sent to our web contact.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Larry Larmon has his Howard's prop back on and needs to run the engine to check the change in pitch. Larry will start the Howard Saturday. Ed is working on the landing light lens. Next Tuesday Builder's Night will resume at Ed's.

We Care:

The Chapter sent flowers for Ben Uskert's funeral. There was an article about Ben in The Times.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Next meeting is December 14th.

Fall banquet will be here at the chapter room, 7pm, Saturday November 20th.

Supplies 4 GI's will be packing the boxes on Sunday afternoon November 21st. All Chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Jim Haklin notified all that it's time for the Kiwanis Holiday Fruit Sale. \$20 or \$30 for grapefruit and oranges.

Special thanks to Rick Rozhon for taking the notes this month.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

SOUP OFF between the **Porter County Pilots Association** and **EAA Chapter 104** will take place 1 pm Saturday March 12, 2011 at the Chapter room. Mark your calendar now.

