

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- December 13th, 2011

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

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See you at the December 13th 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

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, November 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson.

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business:

We were given a signed poster from the EAA Tri Motor tour staff. I had it framed for display. We also presented a framed poster to the airport and Av-Fuel.

New Business:

Yesterday's mail brought a nice check from EAA for our share of the Ford Tri-Motor tour stop. 151 flight seats were sold.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Pam Ray.

President's Report:

I participated in Eagle's open house on behalf of the chapter on Saturday. 15 students attended.

I once again e-mailed the FAA in regards to a South Bend tower visit.

2012 World of flight wall calendars are available. Would we like to participate in a group order? With a 10 – 25 calendar order we can get them for \$8.95 plus shipping.

Ford Motor Company partner recognition program brochures are available tonight for anyone contemplating a new car purchase or lease. This program offers X plan pricing to EAA members.

Young Eagles Report:

Rick's plane is down. The next rallies will be in the spring.

This Saturday Dennis is flying out to Eagle Creek near Indianapolis.

Members are encouraged to fly Young Eagles on their own when possible. We have the supplies you need.

Webmaster's Report:

703 hits last month, mostly browsing the photos.

Builder's Night and Project status:

Ed's project is primed and the fuselage, door, and small parts have been painted. He brought a wheel pant nose section for show & tell.

Jim Haklin brought in a 1943 flight log book for all to view.

We will meet at Marty's next Tuesday to check engine compression and remove the nose wheel pant from Rick Rozhon's Skyhawk.

Builders, please invite us over to see your projects.

Newsletter Editor Report

No report, but Jim brought in garlic plants and scotch bonnet pickled hot peppers to share.

We Care:

Rick Ray is undergoing treatment in Chicago.

Two Month Look Ahead:

We will have pizza and photos for our December 13th meeting.

Rick Schreiber lead a hands-on discussion on "electronics in the cockpit" after we adjourned the business meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary

President's Page

Ed Hanson
December 2011

As I sit down to write this article it is evident another year is drawing to a close and a new year with its' surprises, challenges and rewards lies just downwind. Soon the chapter must start making decisions on activities for 2012. First item up will be selecting a date with the Porter County Pilots

Association for the annual "Soup Off". With the chill in the air along with some snowflakes, this



is an ideal time to work on your recipe for this year's winning entry. We encourage you to "stage" your entry with artwork, attire and charm to help claim the top spot. Now off to the kitchen with you to work on your other project, your soup.

Painting on my project is complete for now. Let me count the coats. First three coats of pre-prime sealer were rolled on after a thorough cleaning of all surfaces, then six coats of UV Smooth Prime were rolled on and sanded, followed by spraying three coats of epoxy primer, and finally we sprayed three top coats of Aero-Thane. That's fifteen coats to those of you that are counting. We used almost six gallons of top coat alone to cover all the individual parts and pieces. There are lots of parts and pieces to an airplane like this when you consider the belly pans, wheel pants, fairings, flaps, ailerons, rudder, elevators, trim tab, steps, attachment screws and washers, cowling halves and oh yeah the fuselage and wings too. I'm happy to report that we transported some of the painted parts to our hangar to keep them safe from the builder until final assembly.

We look forward to seeing our members and their families at our "Pizza and Photos Night" for our December 13th meeting.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good flight!

Please work, play and build safely.
Ed Hanson

Supplies 4 GI's several chapter members joined **Cheri Cope** package supplies this year on November 20th. Thank all of you for helping.

Chapter dues are due for 2012. The amount remains only \$15 for the calendar year. We will be happy to collect your payment at our "Pizza and Photos Night" for our December 13th meeting. We have our bills to pay to keep operating so please pay your dues on time. If you can't pay in person, you can send your check made out to EAA Chapter 104 to our treasurer Rick Ray at 293 Ravinia Dr. N., Valparaiso, IN 46385.



We have had several educational build nights courtesy of **Marty at Precision Aviation**. Topics included aircraft cylinder health and operation, riveting 101, and aircraft electrical systems and **troubleshooting. See the photos.**



Can you identify the chapter members in these two pictures? If you can, you may win a prize at the next meeting. Then again you may not. HHHMMM!!! Were you naughty or nice this past year? I hear there's two lists going around... Which list are you on? Dec. 25th you'll really get that answer :0)

Talk about a learning process... I downloaded these pictures from Rick S's e-mail. Seems like a simple job.... SURE!!!! Download-where did it go??? Beats me!!! An hour and a half later "found it" Now how to get it into the NL... Scratch, scratch, scratch-lose hair :0) Finally got it.

The pictures below are Rick loading his Pietenpol parts—fuselage, wings—to get them to VPZ and a warm hangar. Something I need to be thinking about. What you are seeing is 50% done 85% to go...:0) Right Rick??





On another subject---Is there any interest in our chapter having a ground school??? For those that would take for the first time it's worth it. For those that already passed the written---this is a good time to review and find out what the FAA has inserted as new knowledge skills that we should be aware.

Eagle Aircraft will be starting a ground school in January. If things hold true they will (hopefully) give our chapter members a discount. Gotta ask---right???

Don't forget---the December meeting will be our Christmas pizza gathering☺☺☺. Have some pizza and beer---Root Beer--Kyle☺. Let's review the past chapter year and brainstorm what we what to do for next year. (assuming the Mayan calendar is wrong).

I'm done !!!!!!!!!!!

See ya at the meeting,

Jim H