

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- June 8, 2010

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

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.eaa104.org

**See you at the June 8th meeting. Bring a Friend!
We'll be discussing our Pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally**

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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

June 2010

The weather finally cooperated for our rescheduled Young Eagle Rally on ILTFD May 15th. We were able to fly twenty one excited Young Eagles. Thanks to our Chapter Young Eagle coordinator **Dennis Funkhouser** for rounding up fellow pilots **Rex Polovitch, Frank Dessuit** and **Ray Salt** to graciously conduct the flights. Also, many thanks to all the ground volunteers who showed up to help. And thanks to **Jim Sherrick** for having his powered parachute on display. **Dan Thomas** manned the grill to feed this group lunch.



Recently, I was pressed into service to inflate helium balloons for a granddaughter's kindergarten graduation party. Returning home, my new Sport Aviation cover is a cluster balloon picture. It must be balloon month! If you have never taken a hot air balloon flight you should definitely put this on your "bucket" list. I have had the good fortune to have logged two balloon flights. The first flight was with my two daughters during a ski

trip to Steamboat Springs Colorado which turned out to be a very cold flight. The second flight was with my wife in Sedona Arizona. It takes a well organized crew to set up and launch one of the huge colorful propane fueled balloons, and a well orchestrated team to land, deflate and pack it away safely. Loading the gondola, with just the right mix of people weights, while juggling the propane burner blasts keeps the pilot busy. The ground crew skillfully attempts to keep the balloon under control until all the passengers are aboard then they release the lines and you're up and away floating silently along until the pilot fires the burners to maintain the desired altitude. You feel wonderful gliding across the countryside talking to folks on the ground and enjoying flight from a much lower altitude than we are accustomed to. After landing and packing away the gear, you usually are offered champagne or hot chocolate to celebrate the landing. I strongly advise you to put a balloon flight in your future. They make a wonderful anniversary or birthday present that will be remembered for a lot longer than a dinner out. One caution however. It has been noted that your first flight can be considerably cheaper than future flight as you may want to "buy" a balloon after that first flight.

Please work, play and build safely.

Ed Hanson

Twenty one Young Eagles turned out on International Learn To Fly Day for flights. Of the respondents, 30% said they learned about our event from the newspapers, 25% from the airport employees, 30% from word of mouth, and 15% from our website.



Our next Young Eagle Rally will be at our Pancakes and Airplanes breakfast on Fathers' Day June 20th.

Our webmaster **Rick Rozhon** has added a countdown timer for this event to our website www.eaa104.org check it out! Thanks Rick.

Thanks to member **Phil Malis**, we now have a serviceable drink refrigerator for the food booth. And he even delivered it to the chapter room. Talk about service! Moreover, **Phil** also donated a huge illustrated Complete Book of WWII Combat Aircraft to the chapter. **Phil** suggests we raffle the book off maybe at the award banquet. Any ideas on this members? Thanks **Phil** for your generosity.

A new pilot shop is having a grand opening at the Porter County Airport. **Wings Aviation**, located next to the **Indiana Aviation Museum**, will be hosting the event June 12th from 10AM – 5PM. Free food & beverages. Music & Door Prizes. Special Grand opening sale. Introductory Flight Giveaways. Bring the family - fun for all ages. 219.462.6622. Check them out.



FAA Safety Seminar at Eagle Aircraft sponsored by the **PCPA** on June 15th. See the flyer in this newsletter

The program will center on the prevention or reduction of accidents in the area of Landings and Take-Offs. If time allows, traffic pattern mid-air will be added and traffic pattern stall-spins. Eagle also is offering new reduced rate for the Sport Cruiser (don't forget to request your Chapter 104 discount) Also Eagle is planning an IFR ground school for anyone interested as well as an Air Rally on June 12th. (See flyer for more info)

Sadly, I have just been informed new member **Doug Fogle** lost his wife to cancer on May 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family **Doug**.

From the web contact: We would like to invite your chapter to “fly in” to our 10th annual Whelen field fly-in. It's on July 11th and we are on the sectional about ten miles east of Shelbyville, Indiana. This year we are giving a \$100 bill to the pilot of the aircraft voted best at the event. Also, your lunch will be on us. Check our info on flyins.com. Thank You, Joe Whelen 317.642.7267

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting, May 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ed Hanson at 7:00 PM

Two guests were welcomed to the meeting: Conrad Kerr and David Mason.

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

See individual reports below.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report was given by Rick Ray.

President's Report:

Please email Ed Hanson articles or thoughts for the newsletter hansoncp@netnitco.net

We have been invited to once again participate in weekend work programs at Oshkosh. If anyone is interested please see me after the meeting.

We have a donated refrigerator on the way from Phil Malis. Phil also donated a coffee table book on WWII aircraft. We may decide to raffle the book at a future event. Huge thank you's to Phil!

I am concerned about having enough volunteers for the Pancake breakfast and Air Venture Food Booth. Please prove me wrong.

We will be viewing two short video segments on ILTFD, and AirVenture 2010 after we adjourn the meeting.

Young Eagles Report:

First young Eagle rally of the year was weathered out Saturday April 24th and 25th.

We have rescheduled the rally to take place this Saturday May 15th in conjunction with ILTFD.

The weather is looking good for now. Please sign up to participate in this event. We need someone to run the flight simulator. We will serve a grill lunch after the rally. We have the insurance in place and have started advertising. Flyers are available this evening.

Eagle and DonnAir also have events planned for ILTFD.

Webmaster's Report:

We are still getting 450 to 500 visits per month. The most popular are the pictures and newsletter. Rick always needs new content. Please forward him pictures and updates on projects.

Builder's Night and Project status:

We have been meeting at Ed Hanson's shop and working on wing leading edge smoothing, landing light lenses, wiring, and firewall forward items.
Jim Haklin brought in his newly modified and deeper oil pan. He has also "found" another Corvair engine.

Future Flyers Scholarship Fund (formerly named Eagle Soars):

All donations received will benefit a child to have their flight school training up to solo paid by EAA chapter 104.

We Care:

Charles O'Bringer reports that Donald Buchanan had successful surgery and is doing well.
Al Boushea is out and about and doing better.

Two Month Look Ahead:

Rescheduled Young Eagle rally is Saturday May 15th. No rain date is being scheduled.
Next meeting is June 8th.
International Learn to Fly Day is May 15th.
Pancake breakfast and Young eagle Rally is Fathers day June 20th.
Build night every Tuesday except meeting nights.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 and we watched videos on ILTFD and AirVenture 2010.

Respectively submitted,
Pam Ray
Chapter Secretary



Al Boushea requests any member who has a borrowed tool from him kindly return it. He needs his metal punch for a project. Please help round up Al's tools if you have loaned them to a friend.

Please send information and articles for **YOUR NEWSLETTER** to Ed Hanson at hansoncp@netnitco.net



CALLING ALL PILOTS FAA SAFETY SEMINAR WINGS PROGRAM

VPZ Porter County Municipal Airport

June 15 from 7-9pm

Eagle Aircraft Building

Indiana FAAst- FAA safety team will present
topics of interest for pilots / aviation
enthusiasts

For more information: call Eagle Aircraft @ 219-464-0132



2nd ANNUAL AIR RALLY – June 12 @10:00 am
Sponsored by Eagle Aircraft @ VPZ

Each contestant will be given a cross country route to fly in such a manner as to most closely equal their speed and fuel estimates. These equal 1/3rd of the final score. The contestants will also be given a sheet of questions regarding aerial landmarks they will need to find near each checkpoint. This will equal the final 1/3rd of the total score. Once everyone has returned, the scores will be figured and prizes will be awarded. Entry fee is \$10.00. You may use your own aircraft or rent a plane from Eagle Aircraft.

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