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2006 CALENDAR

April 28, 2006	Honoree Banquet – Golden Egg Pancake House - 6:00 PM social hour 7:00 PM dinner
May 11, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
May 20, 2006	IFC Fly in – Open House – Elkhart Airport
May 21, 2006	Benton Harbor Fly In Breakfast – Benton Harbor, Michigan
May 25, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM Program: Daryl Campbell & Bill Van Patten – “Hanger Flying”
June 8, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
June 18, 2006	Mishawaka Pilots Club Fly In Breakfast
June 23,24,25,2006	SAA Fly In – Urbana, Illinois
June 25, 2006	Niles EAA Chapter Fly In Breakfast
June 29, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
July 13, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
July 24-30, 2006	Oshkosh – Oshkosh WI.
August 5, 2006	RC show – Elkhart Airport – Lunch by Chapter 132
August 20, 2006	Duck’s Picnic
August 27, 2006	L. Turners Picnic –
September 14, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
September 16, 2006	Nappanee Apple Fest. – Nappanee Airport – Breakfast by Chapter 132
September 28, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 12, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 26, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 9, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
December 2, 2006	Christmas Party

****If you have any other dates for the calendar, I will be glad to print them****

Saturday’s – Have you come out to the Chapter House and tried Tom’s “wonderful” pancakes? He will even add an egg on them also. Almost every Saturday AM you will find Tom fixing pancakes, come on out!

Thursday’s – You will usually find some one at the Chapter House or Sam’s Hanger working on the airplanes – Check it out!

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HONOREE BANQUET

APRIL 28, 2006

GOLDEN EGG PANCAKE HOUSE

Are your reservations in for the Banquet?? Time is short. Social Hour at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. E-Mail reservations to Sam at eaal32@comcast.net , call Sam at 574 273-0321, or e-mail Tom at Tjfields2@comcast.net. The price this year is Chicken - \$10.00 each or Beef - \$11.00 each.

IFC – FLY-IN – OPEN HOUSE

May 20, 2006

Saturday, May 20, 2006, IFC is planning to have an Open House and Fly-In. They have asked us to do a lunch for it. Please put it on your calendar, we will need lot of help if we are going to help them. Also put the word out to all your "Flying Friends" so we can have a good turn out from the EAA. There will be seminars, fun activities, displays, and vendors. See Flyer.

SAA FLY IN
JUNE 23, 24, & 25
URBANA, ILLINOIS

Don't forget the Fly In at Urbana, IL on June 23, 24, & 25. It is a small and enjoyable fly in. There is also camping there for anyone wanting to take a camper.

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting, 4/13/06

The board meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel. On May 20th IFC is sponsoring an Aviation Expo at the Elkhart Airport. Chapter 132 will be serving lunch. Please mark your calendar and plan to come to the airport and help with this project. The chapter will also be providing food service for an R/C Model Airplane Show at the Elkhart Airport on August 5th. The busy summer meeting schedule is nearly complete. Sam has a program set for the May meeting, and is looking for a program for the June Meeting. In July the chapter meeting will be held in Oshkosh at the EAA convention. The August meeting will be at the Duck Picnic on the 20th. In June we will host a Young Eagle Flight, and have a dedication of the Steve Linton Grass Runway. In July many of us will participate in the Oshkosh Weekend Work Party. Many Aviation related activities await our membership in the coming months. Bill Van Patten reports that the chapter sign is nearing completion and will be hung outside the chapter house soon. Sam reports that an offer has been received on the RV-4 project. The Linton family has been contacted about the sale, and the prospective buyer will fly to Elkhart to look at the project. The meeting was adjourned for a trip to Sam's hangar to check progress on the RV-6 and Sonex projects.

Tom Fields, Secretary

"Are your dues for 2006 paid?" Jerry Hostetter will be taking payment of dues at the banquet on April 28, 2006.

THE "WRIGHT BROTHERS AWARD" PRESENTED TO JERRY DEMUNCK BY THE FAA REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.



The "Wright Brothers Award" is an aviation award made to recognize individuals that have maintained a pilots license for fifty consecutive years. The FAA verifies their records and then presents the award to the recipient. On Thursday, March 30, 2006 the "Wright Brothers Award" was presented to Gerard "Jerry" DeMunck. The FAA representatives from South Bend presented the award during our chapters pot-luck dinner in the block hanger to the west of the chapter clubhouse. We has appx. Fifty people attend the dinner.

Jerry was soloed in South Bend by Homer Stockert in 1931, when Jerry was 19 years old. After several years of flight experience, Jerry became the FBO in La Porte, Indiana. In 1943, Jerry became a test pilot for Republic Aviation in Evansville, Indiana. Republic built the rugged P-47 Thunderbolt with a 2,000 horsepower, eighteen cylinder Pratt & Whitney engine. In 1966, Jerry retired from Republic Aviation but remains active in P-47 organizations and the OX-5 Pilots Club.

Congratulations to Jerry DeMunck for a great service to aviation.

Jerry and his family wanted to thank everyone who joined them in this special evening. He also said, "You have some good cooks in your group."

Written by, Vic Pixey

Sun "N" Fun

Several of us made the trip to play in the Sun at Sun "N" Fun over April 4th to the 10th. Steve & Sue Gerscner and Don & I went down a week early to Volunteer. The trip didn't start out too well – we left in cold weather, got to Nashville had to replace the toilet in the motor home, due to a leak and a wet bedroom floor. At the Alabama line we blew a tire, now we had to replace a tire, arrived at Lakeland only to find out that our generator would not work. Well with all the bad luck we are now ready to "play" at the airport. The weather was cool when we arrived, but quickly changed to the 80's and lots of sunshine. On Thursday before the air show Steve, Don, and John decided to have a little race – well "boys" you should not run! Don ended up taking Steve to the Plant City Hospital – he put his should out of place when he fell, plus he tore up his face, hands, and knees. "good job, Steve"! Back to the air show: Lots of airplanes but the "big attraction" was the F-22-Raptor. When he flew we all knew it. The Heritage flight was awesome. They had the F-22, the F-15, and the P-51 – the P-51 sure looked small. Michiana was there in force – Doc. Packard was doing his volunteer work at the Museum. Bill Weaver and Kevin English came down for the week, Walt Smiles and Susan Klemm had their booth for Sky Ox, doing very well. On Thursday Sam Pavel flew in for the week end. From what we heard it was a very safe air show, the night show on Friday was OK, but the fire works were beautiful. Saturday the balloons could not fly again because of the winds. The big excitement was the parking lot! The grass was so dry, when a Maserati pulled in to park the catalytic converter was hot, caught the grass on fire and in all there were 23 cars burnt. No injuries which was good, but lots of people lost their cars. All of us had a safe trip home, (other than Steve and Sue getting a stone in the windshield) lots of good memories, and looking forward to the busy season coming up.

Karen Duck