



# VORTEX

## MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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### 2005 CALENDAR

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| August 21,    | Duck's Picnic   |
| September 8   | Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM                   |
| September 17, | Flying Young Eagles – Club House, 8:00 to Noon        |
|               | (rain date – September 24)                            |
| September 22, | Regular Meeting –                                     |
| October 8,    | Fall Party -- at Steve & Sue Gerencser's, South Bend  |
| October 13,   | Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM                   |
| October 27,   | Regular Meeting –                                     |
| November 10,  | Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM                   |
| December 03   | Christmas Party-"Hostetler's Hanger",Nappanee Airport |

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

Saturday AM -Don't Forget "Chef Tom's Saturday Morning Pancakes"  
 Saturday Noon - Treat Yourself to Sam's "Burgers on the Grill". Also on  
 Wednesday and Thursday evening you will usually find 'guys' at the clubhouse or  
 the hanger working on Aircraft. Stop in and say "HI"  
 (If no one is not found at the club house - check Culvers!)

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### PICTURES

If you have any pictures of OSHKOSH 2005 Sam would like to have a copy or e-mail a copy if you have a dital camera. Sam wants to make up a "Oshkosh Disc" for 2005.

Duck's Picnic  
August 21, 2005

Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair for the annual Picnic! Drinks, Meat, and table service will be provided, we will have a donation can to cover the meat and table service. Scott Duck has some entertainment planned again. The fun begins around noon, we will be serving lunch at 1:00 PM and from there you never know. The grass air strip is 2400 feet, watch for the power lines on the South end, for those flying in. Those driving in take US 12 to Adamsville, North on Christiana Lake Road to Mason Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> road to the East from 12. See map enclosed. See you on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**YOUNG EAGLES**

We will be flying Young Eagles on September 17, 2005, 8:00 AM to Noon at the Elkhart Airport. We also set a rain date of September 24, 2005. If you know of any young people who would like an airplane ride this is the day!

Bob Edgin, Don and I went up to the Cass Co. Fair on Saturday – August 5 and handed out flyers to young people, talk to them and tried to get the word out that we had “free Airplane rides”. We are hoping to get a good turn out of kids.

Put it on your calendar we hope we need lots of help.

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**EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting, 8/11/05**

The board meeting was called to order by Pres. Sam Pavel. Sam reported that our offer to purchase the Talos hangar was turned down by the Elkhart Airport Board. The building is not for sale but can be rented for \$225.00 per month. Renting is not an option for our chapter. The board has decided to not pursue the building at this time, and will continue to explore other options for a larger building for our chapter projects. Sam is collecting photos taken at Oshkosh this year. He would like to compile them on one CD to be shared with chapter members. If you have digital photos, or photos that can be scanned and returned to you, please get them to Sam by the end of August. Sam will have CDs available at the September meeting. The next chapter meeting will be at the Duck Picnic on August 21st. See further details in this issue of the Vortex. The board meeting was adjourned for the customary trip to Culvers for custard.  
Tom Fields, Secretary

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**“OSHKOSH NOTES”**

Well Oshkosh 2005 came and went again with everyone having a lot of fun. We had a large group go up for the work party and then some of us stayed the week and volunteered for the week. We ate, did work, ate, did work, and ate again. They fed us very well! We had some “tree cutters” who worked real hard and cleaned up some dead wood along the road, you might ask them about “tic check”, we seemed to hear that said every once in a while. Another question we had, you might ask Bob, Jerry, and Sam about the “Poka Dots”??

The weather was HOT for the first week we were up there, but on Monday night of the Convention we had a storm go thru with lots of lightening, thunder, and a whole lot of rain. Right Walt?? He had a water bed out of it, and we have pictures to prove it.

Our Thursday night “steak and corn” was a big success, we ran out of food, but we served 77 steaks. We hope everyone enjoyed it and we decided next year we would have to get more food! We do want to Thank all who helped by bringing food, which is hard for a lot of us who are camping. Our chefs did a good job! Hope to see everyone next year on Thursday night!!

There were several accidents with the planes this year which is always sad. We lost some good pilots which does put a damper on things. We do want to remember the pilots and their families.

## Idle Chatter by Sam

Well, Oshkosh has come and gone for another year. This is a sad signal noting that the summer flying season is almost over. My family and I moved to the Hoosier State slightly over a decade ago. This was my 11<sup>th</sup> Oshkosh and 10<sup>th</sup> year volunteering prior to the show. I thought I'd take a few moments and randomly jog down memory lane.

1995 – First Oshkosh: Day 1; Attended with an Air Traffic Controller friend from Denver Center. Camped in Camp Scholler in a tent. Found a nice central location. Everything is very clean. No visible trash. Day 2; 4:30am, Discovered that campsite in near the Waste Management dumping station. Noisy. Camped next to a past Grand Champion builder. Cool. Day 5; Hot. Dumping station doesn't smell so good. Camping spot not so nice. When I returned home I called a gentleman named Walt Lueck and joined Chapter 132.

1996 – First year volunteering before the show at the Chapter work party. Went to Oshkosh alone. Camped in the back of my minivan about as far away from the entrance as possible, not by choice. Met some very nice people. Feet hurt.

1997 – Took Cindy for the first time. Camped in a tent. Bought materials for a Cozy Mark IV. I eventually constructed a very nice bathtub looking thing.

1998 – Took the whole family. Camped in a tent. Heavy rain. Tent survived, barely.

1999 – Bought pop-up camping trailer. No more tents! Stopped by the Chapter 132 campsite in Paul's Wood and found out I was going to be elected President. I didn't even know I was running.

2000 – First year camping in Paul's Wood. Why hadn't I done this before? Shade. Close to entrance. Very hot year. Need air conditioner. Checked out a plane that Tom Fields kept talking about, it was called a Sonex.

2001 – Bought wing spars and other miscellaneous parts for the Sonex. Still need air conditioning.

2002 – Meet some interesting people from Chapter 439 based in upper Michigan. I didn't know it was legal to drink beer at 9:00am if you weren't a college student. Jerry Hostetler and Don Muhl nickel (from the Nappanee Chapter) flew their Glastars to the show. They also flew in the Homebuilt Review prior to the main airshow. Don's Glastar was awarded a Bronze Lindy. Very impressive.

2003 – Worked with Chapter 439 prior to the show. Met people from all over the US and the world who were also volunteering. Found out the Bob Girard and Jerry Hostetler can do a mean Karaoke. Envious of all the completed Sonexes that flew in.

2004 – Talked Steve and Sue Gerencser to come up early to volunteer with Chapter 439. Worked too hard at times. Not fun. Why is almost everyone volunteering with the group named Bob? (Bama Bob, Honda Bob, Mooney Bob, Probationary Bob, Yupper Bob, etc.) The Sonex didn't quite have enough hours to fly away from the test area. Next year.....

2005 – This was the year of the Sonex. Brenton and I flew up a week early in the newly painted bird (thanks Steve G). The Sonex got to spend a week in the Sonex Factory hanger with the Xenos, Waiex, and the Sonex on floats. Very cool. Volunteering was much better this year. Jerry Hostetler, Steve and Sue Gerencser, Don and Karen Duck, and I stayed the week after our work party. We made quite an impression on the EAA. You should see Steve Gerencser with a chainsaw. It's amazing. If you want to know anything about the hidden places of EAA just ask Sue Gerencser and Karen Duck. The Sonex was placed in an honored position during the show. It was the featured airplane

built for under \$20,000. That is a testament to all who helped build it. I also flew in the Homebuilt Review twice before the main Airshow. Everyone should experience landing in a crosswind in front of 100,000 people. Yowza!

The one thing I'm continually reminded while I reflect back at the last decade at Oshkosh is the EAA is all about people. Paul Poberezny likes to say he is a millionaire because of the millions of friendships he made through EAA. I'm not that important, but I have met some very good people. That's what brings me back year after year, and keeps me going in Chapter 132.

Don't forget the building sessions on Wednesdays and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings.

Happy Aviating!

Sam

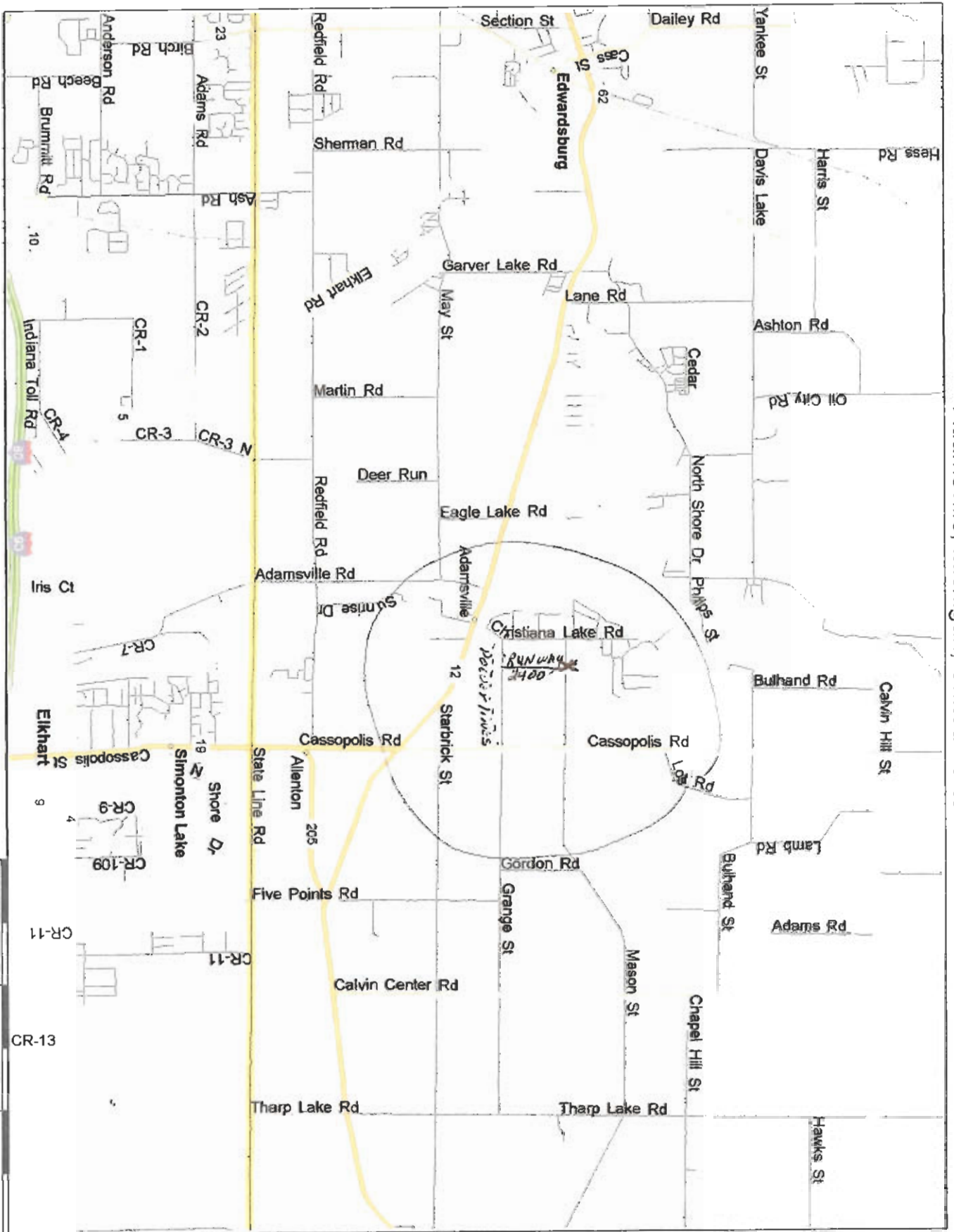
PS Here's some pictures from Karen Duck



A CD including these and other pictures taken by Chapter members at this year's convention will be available soon. Let me know if you'd like a copy.

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### Meetings

Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm – Chapterhouse

Building Meetings: Wednesday and Thursdays  
7:00 pm – Chapterhouse

Regular Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm – Chapterhouse  
or other planned events

No regular meetings in November or December

## GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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