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2007 CALENDAR

August 19	EAA Picnic – Duck’s “Airport”
September 8	Working on the Piper Cub – Sam’s Hanger
September 13	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
September 27	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 11	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 13,	Working on the Piper Cub – Sam’s Hanger
October 25	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 8	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 10	Working on the Piper Cub – Sam’s Hanger
December 1	EAA Christmas Party – Hostetler’s Hanger, Nappanee, IN
December 8	Working on the Piper Cub – Sam’s Hanger
January 1, 2008	Nappanee Hanger Over Party

** If I have missed anything or anyone has other dates to add to the calendar, let me know.
We can always add more.

“DID YOU KNOW?”

On Saturday morning Chef Tom has Breakfast for anyone who shows up to eat from 7:30 to 9:00 AM! He will fix you pancakes, sausage, an egg and lots of good coffee. Also lots of hanger talk is included. Come check this out!

Each Thursday around 7:00 PM you will find someone at the Chapter house or in Sam’s Hanger working on airplanes or just talking. Stop in and find out what is going on. The 2nd Saturday of the month Lowell Farrand will be leading a work shop on the J-3 Cub. They are doing Fabric covering, rib stitching and much more. Start at the club house between 7:00 to 9:00 AM with “Breakfast with Tom” and then down to Sam’s Hanger for the work shop.

Things Happening:

PICNIC TIME

It is August again! Time for the annual EAA/DUCK Picnic! Sunday, August 19, 2007 at "Duck's Pasture" around 1:00 is a time for 'eating, talking, looking at planes, and what ever". Come join the fun - Drive in, Fly in, and any way you can get here. Bring a dish to pass, your favorite lawn chair, and be ready to enjoy the day. There will be a donation can to cover expenses and the Bar B Que. Scott has something planned also (I think).

See you on Sunday ~~~~

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our next regular meeting will be September 27 at the Chapter House, 7:00 PM. Dr. Edwards from LaPorte, Indiana will be speaking about FAA Medical Physicals. He will be answering question some of you have on your Medicals, so come with questions in hand.

Piper Cub

Starting on September 8, 2007 we will again start working on the Piper Cub down in Sam's Hanger. Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 9:00 and then adjourn to Sam's Hanger for a work day. Lowell Farrand will be there to advise on the project. The plan is to work on the second Saturday of each month.

This years Oshkosh, from a volunteer's view.

We arrived Monday the 9th. Our new and bigger camping area is a lot better. After everyone arrived around show time I was amazed how many from home were camping. We've sure grown in the last few years. From tents and borrowed sleeping bags to Jerry's classic and everything in between. The work weekend was a lot of fun. Got so much done that a few, well maybe some, oh hack, it was most of the guys followed Sam downtown to the Booze and Blues Festival. I think everyone made it back. You'll have to ask Sam if he remembers anything. Our chapters do an amazing amount of work in a really short time. You have to be there to believe it.

This year's theme for the volunteer parade was MASH. Everyone was dressed for it. Sam made a real pretty Klinger. We also had a Duck with a bloody leg. I'm sure a few pictures will get out. In my own defense not all pictures are what they seem. You had to be there.

No one fell or got hurt. I think a few of us ate a little too much.

They fed us 3 good hot meals a day in the mess hall. One night Donna Sisk had a picnic for her volunteers. Another night Sam had a steak super for all our friends. I think someone said about 95 plus showed up. We also went to a party called Swine Fest. Two full size hog's were roasted. A whole lot of food was put out. We also went downtown to Cinders (I think that was the name) and had great fish. Did pizza one night. A couple of nights we went to a Golden Coral buffet. We didn't starve, that's for sure.

We're getting ready to volunteer again. Duck's picnic is soon.

See every one soon.

Steve & Sue

I gave this to Sue to read and she said I didn't say much about the show, so next months Vortex will have some stuff about the show as I have to get this to Karen real quick.

SG

Minutes of the August 9, Board Meeting:

Meeting was called to order by Sam Pavel, President.

We discussed the August 19th Picnic and what was needed. Everything seemed to be under control.

Bill VanPatten announced that after having the water checked at the club house, the test came back that the water was OK. No problem with the drinking water.

Andrew Maksymovitch, Airport Manager, would like to have a "Fun Day at the Airport" in September. It would begin with a Pancake Breakfast in the morning, Flying Young Eagles, and an Open House at the Airport.

Talk was about getting started working on the Piper Cub and it was decided to start in September. Work will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month starting on September 8. We will begin with Breakfast with Chef Tom at the club house and then go to Sam's Hanger.

Ernie Culp talked about a home for his Airplane Cylinders. He asked for some ideas on how to display them.

Meeting was adjourned to the computer where Vic and Bill had some old slides of an airplane accident; they were trying to find out what, why, and when?? The accident was back in the 1930's

Minutes taken for Tom by Karen Duck

Idle Chatter by Sam

Well, another Oshkosh has come and gone. Without sounding like a cliché, it was the best year ever. I'd really like to share with everyone what happened, but what happens at Oshkosh stays at Oshkosh. Right Steve Gerencser, Sr? I can say the new Camp 132 exceeded every expectation, except a reminder for Jerry and Beth...

Current = Watts / Voltage

What struck me this year was the transitional nature of aviation and life in general. I've been volunteering with the Yupper Chapter 439 for several years now. This Chapter has been providing maintenance support since the convention moved to Oshkosh. I loved hearing the stories the "older" members of the Chapter would tell about the early years of the convention and of the early EAA leaders and their crazy antics. Now I'm finding I'm one of the "older" members as this year there were between 15 and 20 teenagers and young adults helping out. I just hope in a few years I'll be like Bob Hill, one of the patriarchs of Chapter 439, and be chauffeured around by three beautiful women in a golf cart. Age does have its rewards. I used to walk down to the flightline several times a day to see what's new. I remember watching Jimmy Franklin, Bobby Younkin, and Jim LeRoy performing unbelievable feats in their aircraft. These great aviators are all gone. Yet life goes on.

I'm finding John Deere Gators to be a good way to get to the flightline now. I watched Kyle Franklin and Matt Younkin (son's of Jimmy and Bobby) perform at the airshow. I saw an electric motor powered airplane and single engine jets. Times change. It's fun to reflect on the past. It gives the body a chance to recover.

Now its time to think about what's next. Only 8 more months until Sun n Fun! I'll see you at the Ducks!

Happy Aviating,

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MEETINGS

Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
7:00 at the Chaperhouse

Building Meetings: Thursdays
7:00 at the Chapterhouse

Regular Meetings: Last Thursday of the month
7:00 at the Chapter house or
Other planned events

No regular meetings in November or December.

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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