



VORTEX

MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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2005 CALENDAR

February 10	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
February 24	Regular Meeting – An informal session with EKM Airport Manager
March 10	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
March 24	Regular Meeting –
April 14	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
April 12 – 18	Sun ‘N’ Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 29	Honoree Banquet – ‘The Golden Egg’ Elkhart, IN
May 12	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
May 26	Regular Meeting –
June 04	Young Eagles Day – Elkhart Airport
June 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 10 – 12	SAA Convention – Urbana, IL
June 23	Regular Meeting – George Watts, “Memories”
July 15-17	Oshkosh Work Weekend
July 25-31	Oshkosh “Airventure”
July 28	“Steak & Corn” at Oshkosh
August 6-7,	Elkhart Air Show
August 21	Duck’s Picnic
September 8	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
September 22	Regular Meeting –
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 dates for the calendar 2005, 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”

Wednesday and Thursday evenings – Aircraft Building Sessions

Idle Chatter, by Sam

Well, another month has flown by. I had every intention to get the Vortex out in the second week. But you know what they say about good intentions. First of all, I was kidnapped by a crazed Sonex builder, Mike Shaw, and forced to provide a demonstration ride.



Negotiating with this madman was hopeless. What could I do? It must have been inspirational because next we see him building a rib and pulling his first rivet.



Mike's Sonex is a nice addition to our building sessions. The RV4's elevators and rudders are done and ready to be fit to the tail. If you haven't come out for breakfast on Saturday you're missing out on a real treat. The food is good, the building is educational and fun, and the stories.....well, you never know who is going to drop by spinning tall tales. Come join the fun.



I'll try to get the Vortex out earlier next month. Although if the weather gets nice again I can't make any promises. Check out the webpage. New events and happenings will be posted continuously.

On a more serious note, we need to start raising funds for the Steve Linton Fund and for our Chapter educational activities. There is a chance we will lose a major fundraising opportunity this year. I'm made up a donation form and have included it on the next page. If anyone has any other creative ideas, let me know. If you are able to make a donation, please indicate what you would like us to do with the money.

Happy Aviating!

Sam

EAA Chapter 132 Meeting 1/27/05

The chapter meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel. Chapter members present introduced themselves to guests. Jerry Hostetler gave a treasurer report. Sam gave some information on plans for next years Christmas Party. The new audio and video equipment was shown to the membership. A brief discussion followed concerning chapter house security. The chapter now has two aircraft projects to work on. On Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings we are building another Sonex. The RV-4 project continues on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. All members are welcome to participate in the chapter building projects. Sam asked for help with the Vortex while Don and Karen Duck are in Florida. Sam reports that many changes are taking place at the Elkhart Airport. Our chapter may have the opportunity to get the hangar just west of our chapter house. We will follow up on this opportunity to see if we can get a larger home for our projects. The chapter web site is up and running. The web address is www.eaa132.com check out the site when you get a chance. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and some great DVD movies supplied by George Watt.

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 2/10/05

The Chapter 132 board meeting was called to order by Pres. Sam Pavel. Jerry Hostetler reports that we 38 paid members as of this date. Jerry reports that we have \$10,894.92 in the chapter treasury. Sam is trying to find the engine log for the engine removed from the RV-4. We will be selling this engine, or parts of this engine soon. Sam is asking the membership for fund raising ideas for a hangar. An opportunity has been presented to the chapter to obtain the hanger just to the West of our chapter house. Please contact Sam for more information on the hangar opportunity. Within the next couple of weeks Lowell Farrand will be making a trip to Oshkosh, along with other chapter members, to participate in the EAA program "Timeless Voices in Aviation" Lowell will be interviewed and recorded concerning his contributions to experimental aircraft development over the last 50 years. The chapter meeting was adjourned for a road trip to Culvers to check out the flavor of the day.

Tom Fields, Secretary EAA Chapter 132

STEVE'S RV-4

There has been steady progress made on both the rudder and elevators. We are in the final fitting stages and as soon as the weather gets just a little bit nicer so we can work in a hanger without heat, we should be able to finish these up.

The ribs for the right wing have been ordered. We will soon be starting on the right wing which will have to be made starting from scratch. The left wing is mostly finished and we will use it as a guide as we assemble the right.

John will also be back to working on the fuselage as soon as spring breaks and he could use some help. Or should I say, we need someone to keep an eye on him or the seats may end up pointing the wrong direction. (we love ya John)

We have a possible buyer for the torn apart engine; however we do not have the engine logs. If anyone has any knowledge of where it may be, please let one of us know.

As always, feel free to join us on Thursday evenings (work from 7 to 9, then sample the flavor of the day at Culvers) and Saturday mornings (breakfast from 8 to 9, work from 9 to Noon).

Steve Litton Memorial Fund balance: \$3,088.91

REMEMBER THE REASON

Each month in addition to updating the membership on how the project is progressing, I am going to include an excerpt from the original Aircraft Log. The original aircraft (N6IDL) has an interesting history.

6/12/85 "Both wings removed. Left & Right leading edge skins replaced. Left & Right outboard lower skins replaced. Aircraft had been exposed to excessive "G" loads. No damage to any structure other than the above skins was found. Aircraft reassembled, test flown, and returned to service."

(Note: the log book does not say what caused the excessive loads. The entry before this is dated 4/7/85 with .9 of flight time. Notice that it only took two months to fix the wings.) J.B.

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Meetings

Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
7:00 pm – Chapterhouse

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

Regular Meetings: 4th 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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