



VORTEX

MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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2005 CALENDAR

January 27, 2005	Regular Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
February 10, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
February 24, 2005	Regular Meeting –
March 10, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
March 24, 2005	Regular Meeting –
April 14, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
April 12 – 18, 2005	Sun 'N' Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 29, 2005	Honoree Banquet – 'The Golden Egg' Elkhart, IN
May 12, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
May 26, 2005	Regular Meeting –
June 04, 2005	Young Eagles Day – Elkhart Airport
June 9, 2005	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
June 10, 11, & 12, 2005	SAA Convention – Urbana, IL
June 23, 2005	Regular Meeting – George Watts, "Memories"
July 15-17, 2005	Oshkosh Work Week-end
July 25-31, 2005	Oshkosh "Airventure"
July 28, 2005	"Steak & Corn" at Oshkosh
August 6-7, 2005	Elkhart Air Show
August 21, 2005	Duck's Picnic
September 8, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
September 22, 2005	Regular Meeting –
October 13, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
October 27, 2005	Regular Meeting –
November 10, 2005	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
December 03, 2005	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" - Every Saturday AM Then at Noon You Can Treat Yourself to Sam's "Burgers on the Grill". See you there! Also on Thursday evening you will usually find 'guys' at the clubhouse or the hanger working on Steve's plane. Stop in and say "Hi"!

“NOTES”

**JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2005 -- 7:00 PM
CLUB HOUSE**

First meeting of the new year! Come out, join the fun, and put in your ideas for the new year. What are the things you would like to see the club do, what are the programs you want to see and do? Also Andrew Maksymovitch, the airport manager, is going to be present at the meeting to talk about the airport and also answer questions. We need YOUR input so mark your calendar to attend this meeting.

**DUES ARE DO! Have you paid your dues for 2005? If not you may pay Jerry Hostetler at the January meeting or you may mail them to: Jerry Hostetler
24640 County Road 54
Nappanee, IN 46550**

Note: this is a new address for Jerry.

CLUB NEWS: We are moving up to date (so Sam says). We are going to do the Vortex electronic starting next month, anyone who does not have a computer, or does not what their newsletter this way please let Sam know this. Also you need to be sure that Sam has your correct e-mail address. We will be having our own web site in the near future and the newsletter will be included on that. Sam needs to be kept updated on your e-mail address information.

ALSO AS A NOTE: The time has come for the “Duck’s to migrate South”, the weather is too cold and nasty up here. Sam will be doing the Vortex for the next 3 months so any information to go into the newsletter should be given to Sam. We will return after Sun ‘n’ Fun or when the weather around here is warmer and that “white stuff” has melted. (Karen)

“ DONATION”

We have had one of our members donate to the chapter a VCR and a DVD to be used in the chapter house. Now we have a problem as the TV we have is old and we have problems with it. It was voted at the board meeting to look into purchasing a new TV. This is something that gets used quite a lot and it would be nice to be able to watch the TV without it going off and on, and the snowy screen.

“THANK YOU! THANK YOU! TO THIS SPECIAL DONATOR we will enjoy using it!



**If you can't fly
You build Snowmen!**

JOE HAD ALWAYS DREAMED of flying helicopters, so he bought one and took lessons. During his first solo flight, the helicopter went up, up, up. And then it went down, down, down—hard.

“What happened?” the instructor asked as Joe climbed out of the wreckage.

“It’s like this,” Joe said. “I took her up to 1,000 feet. No problem. So I took her up to 2,000 feet. No problem. Then I took her up to 3,000 feet and it started getting a bit chilly, so I turned off the ceiling fan.”

Idle Chatter, by Sam

Well, the new year is upon us. Every time I put up the new EAA calendar I start flipping through the months and begin contemplating what the year has in store. This first thing that pops in mind is the Vortex. Karen will be leaving for a three month warm-up in Florida after this edition. That means someone will have to fill in for her. Any volunteers? Please!!!

On the up-side that means that Sun n Fun is only three months away. The snow and cold will be gone before we know it. The skies will be filled with the happy sounds of Sport Planes. Okay, I may be jumping the gun a bit, but it is a nice thought.

Have you been to the Chapterhouse lately? It seems that every time I go into the building there are changes: New pictures on the walls; New books in the library; New CR and DVD player. More people are dropping by all the time just to hang out. If you haven't lately, head on out and put on a pot of coffee. Before long someone will come in to see what's going on. Next thing you know you've solved the world's crises or at least heard some great stories. The only problem is there usually a rudder or elevator in the way. Wouldn't it be nice to have a separate building area attached to the Chapterhouse? The only problem is we need to raise around \$30,000. If we rely on Pancake breakfast revenue and annual dues we might be able to afford the addition in the year 2030. We also need to raise around \$30,000 to make the Steve Linton Memorial Fund viable. The funds needed for the Steve Linton fund will be generated when we complete the RV4 and sell it. Progress on the RV4 and any future project is limited by building space. We need to make a commitment to each other and take the next step.

Last year our Chapter passed a major milestone by becoming officially recognized by the IRS as a Non-profit Charitable Corporation (501(c)(3)). This recognition is our formal commitment to continue our educational mission. In return for our educational commitment, the IRS has stated that any donation to the Chapter can be deducted on you Federal income tax form as a charitable donation.

We have all the tools we need to raise the necessary funds for our building addition and the Steve Linton fund. All we need is a plan. Do you realize that if each member donated the price of one restaurant meal a month to the Chapter we would raise over \$6,000 in less than a year? Bring your ideas to the meeting on the 27th.

Don't forget Tom's Kitchen on Saturday mornings. Last week he made some incredible French toast. Could omelets be next?

Happy Aviating! Sam

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 1/15/05

The board meeting was called to order by Pres. Sam Pavel.

Dues are due. If you haven't paid your 2005 chapter dues, send a check to Jerry Hostetler. Same price as last year, \$20.00. Sam mentioned that the chapter web site is still under development. The Vortex will be available via email or regular mail. Members will have their choice on how they receive their Vortex. It has been decided after many positive comments that the Christmas party will be held in Jerry Hostetlers Hangar again next December. George Watt has volunteered to head the Christmas party music committee. Programs for the coming year are being discussed. A few meeting dates remain open for program presenters. Let Sam know if you would like to offer a program to the membership. Tom Fields moved and Ralph Williams seconded a motion for the chapter to purchase a new T.V. for the chapter house. Discussion followed. The T.V. will be elevated near the ceiling so that it is viewable from the seated members during meetings. Don Duck said that he may be able to get a discount on a T.V. and will look into it.

A member has donated a VCR and a DVD player to the chapter, Thank You! Sam reported that the city still hasn't finished the ground preparation for the new grass runway. Work will continue as weather permits. The chapter is actively looking for fund raising ideas to raise money for a chapter hangar. We will discuss hangar ideas at the next chapter meeting. The meeting was adjourned for a trip to Sams hangar to look over the RV-4 engine.

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MEETINGS

Board Meetings: 2nd Thursday each month
7:00 PM at the club house

Building Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday and Saturdays

Club Meetings: 4th Thursday each month 7:00 PM
at the Club House or other planned
events.

No regular Meetings in November or December
Because of the Holidays.

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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