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### MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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#### 2006 CALENDAR

January 26, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM-Program: Lowell Farrand
February 4, 2006	Fabric Demonstration – Lowell Farrand – 8:00 Breakfast/9:30 Demonstration
February 9, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
February 23, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
March 9, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
March 30, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
April 4 – 10, 2006	Sun N Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 13, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
April 27, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
May 11, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
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 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 20, 2006	Duck’s Picnic
September 14, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
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!

**-NOTES-**

**JANUARY 26 – REGULAR MEETING**

Our regular meeting will be at the club house with Lowell Farrand speaking. He will talk about his experiences as a DAR and what is expected of him. We will also be picking out the new carpet for the clubhouse. Since it is the first meeting of the year we will be also discussing the upcoming events for the year and we need suggestions for programs for the year. What would YOU like to do or see happen in 2006? COME and see what is going on!

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**FEBRUARY 4 – FABRIC DEMONSTRATION**

Lowell Farrand will be doing a Fabric Demonstration on covering the airplane. Tom will be doing breakfast starting at 8:00 AM at the club house. The demonstration will be at Sam's hanger and will start around 9:00 AM. It will most likely be going on most of the day, you may come in at anytime and do not have to stay all day depending on what you want. Lunch will be provided. Come on down and see what is going on!

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**APRIL 28 – HONOREE BANQUET**

Put April 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, that is our Honoree Banquet. It will be at the Golden Egg Pancake House – same place as last year. Good food and a lot of fun.

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**BILL WOLVERTON**

For all of you who know Bill, from the Niles Chapter, we got the sad news last Sunday that he had passed away. Bill had been up in the University of Chicago Hospital since the first of December. He had an infection in his lungs and his white blood cells were not fighting the infection. He was really having a rough time. We wish our deepest Sympathy to the family.

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**DUES**

For those who have not paid their 2006 dues yet – They are due! They can be mailed to Jerry Hostetler or pay at the meeting on January 26.

Note: Do you read your Vortex? Is it more convenient for you to have it on the "internet" or "snail mail"? If at any time you want it changed we are doing it both ways depending on how the individual wants their newsletter. Just let me know if you what it changed from how you are receiving it at the present time.

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**SUN 'N' FUN – LAKELAND, FLORIDA**

**APRIL 4 – 10, 2006**

There are some of us going down to Sun 'N' Fun and camp as a group. If anyone is coming down or is down there and going to attend – Look us up. Sam and maybe some others are flying down on Thursday thru Monday. Sue, Steve, Don and I are going down a week early and Volunteer so if you attend come see us

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EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting, 1/19/06

The board meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel.

Bill Van Patten introduced his friend Darrell Campbell to the board. Darrell had several boxes of aviation magazines to donate to the chapter. Sam asked for program ideas for the months of February and March. We will be choosing carpet at the January meeting on the 26th. We will be having new carpet installed in the chapter house in February. The sign painter that was going to paint new chapter signs is unable to complete the job. We will be looking for a volunteer to finish the signs. Any artists out there?

More grass seed will be needed this spring to seed the connector to the grass runway. The board decided to purchase \$100.00 worth of seed to complete the job. A short discussion was held to make plans for the dedication of the grass runway this spring or early summer. The Honoree Banquet will be held at the Golden Egg again this year. The date will be Friday, April 28th. Pres. Sam is accepting nominations for chapter honoree, please contact Sam with your thoughts on who should be this year's honoree. The meeting was adjourned for a round of hangar flying.

Tom Fields, Secretary

# Memorandum

**To: Indiana EAA Chapter Newsletter Editors**

**From:** Dave Clark, EAA # 71411,(Member Ch. 1311)

**Date:** December 13, 2005

**Re: A & P training FREE to Seniors**

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Greetings,

As a past president of an EAA Chapter, I was always looking for something **GOOD** for the newsletter and for a Chapter program.

## **Newsletter Info**

Enclosed is some basic information on an Indiana sponsored program that allows retired seniors (60 & over) to take A&P classes at **no charge** for tuition. I am a retired pharmacist who took all of the A&P classes at Vincennes University at the Indianapolis International Airport, and am now a certified A&P.

Please feel free to use any of the enclosed information in your Newsletter. We have had 4 people from our chapter enrolled in this program, and they all love it!!

## **Speaker at Chapter Meeting Info**

I would also be willing to be a speaker at your chapter meeting to explain the Senior Scholarship Program – OR – to tell about the classes that are available to anyone interested in receiving specialized training in a particular area or in pursuing the entire A&P certificate.

**For more information on the Senior Scholarship Program**, contact J.R. Means at 1-317-381-6040 at Vincennes University.

For more information on a speaker for your chapter meeting, contact Dave Clark at 1-317-839-4500 or 1-317-443-4176

**P.S. Please post the enclosed flyer in the airport you frequent.**

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Are you Retired and looking to  
improve your Aircraft Building Skills?

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\*To be eligible to participate in the Senior Scholars Remission of Tuition Program through Vincennes University, a student must meet be an Indiana resident, at least 60 years of age at time of enrollment, be retired, have a high school diploma or GED and not working on a full-time basis. Student is responsible for books, laboratory & activity fees.

Idle Chatter by Sam

I was out flying over the snow-covered landscape of Indiana and Michigan today when I was reminded of....

A poem...

Spring has Sprung.  
Fall has Fell.  
Winter is here.  
And it's colder than the dickens.

I didn't say it would rhyme, or even make much sense. Kinda reminds me of the FAA sometimes, but I won't go there.

The best part about winter is that it is season before flying season. Sun and Fun is about two months away. Oshkosh will be here before you know it, not to mention all the other fly-ins and grassroots events. We have several events we need to plan this year too. Top of the list is the dedication of the Steve Linton Memorial Runway. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, please let me or one of the other Board members know.

If a aircraft with a tailwheel is considered to have "conventional" landing gear, does that mean a plane with tri-cycle gear is unconventional?

Have you checked out the Chapter library recently? We have a wealth of information stored just waiting to be used. Unfortunately it is in a state of disarray. We need someone to volunteer to organize the library. It keeps growing and growing. Last Thursday we were donated several repair manuals for Cessna and other aircraft.

Congratulations to Ralph Williams. He passed the FAA exam and is now an AI. Way to go!

I have asked George Watt, a Charter member of our chapter, to head up a Chapter Archive project. We need stories, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. Our Chapter has a rich history in grassroots aviation. We need to preserve as much of it as we can. If you would like to help out with this huge project, please let me or another Board member know.

Last year was a great year for Chapter 132. Let's make this year even better.

Happy Aviating!

Sam

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## MEETINGS

**Board Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:00 at the Chaperhouse

**Building Meetings:** Wednesday and Thursday s  
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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