



## VORTEX

### MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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### 2009 CALENDER

January 29	Regular Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
February 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
February 26	Regular Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00PM
March 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
March 27	Honoree Banquet – Golden Egg
April 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
April 21 – 26	Sun N Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 30	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 – Chapter House
May 14	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
May 28	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 PM Chapter House
June 11	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM Chapter House
June 13	Young Eagles Day – Chapter House
June 25	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
July 9	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
July 17,18,19	Oshkosh Work Party Week End
July 27 – Aug. 2	AirVenture – Oshkosh, Wisconsin
August 16	EAA/Duck's Picnic – Duck's Pasture, Adamsville, Michigan
September 10	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
September 24	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
October 8	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
October 29	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
November 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
December 5	EAA Christmas Party – Hostetler's Hanger, Nappanee, Indiana

**BREAKFAST** – Every Saturday morning – 7:30 to 9:00 – Chapter House -- Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage – Lots of Coffee & Hanger Talk!! Come join us.

Some Saturdays - We are going to Sam's Hanger after Breakfast to work on the Plane.

**THURSDAY** – Chapter House & Sam's Hanger – Airplane work night & Hanger Talk.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

### REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

JANUARY 29, 2009

The meeting will be at the chapter house, 7:00 PM. Lowell Farrand will be giving a program on "Light Sport or Not". It will be an interesting talk on Sport Aircraft Flying.

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Mark your calendars for March 27<sup>th</sup>! That will be our Honoree Banquet this year at the Golden Egg Restaurant. Who will be honored this year? There will be more information forthcoming.

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Did you know if you shop at Gordons Food Service that we will get points and a rebate check? When they ask at the check out about a club or org., ours is under "EAA Chapter 132". Please help us get our rebate money.

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We still have some members that are "under the weather". Ernie and Donna Culp have both been in and out of the hospital since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Right now they are both home but there is still concern. Donna has been put on Kidney Dialyses.

We also have a concern for Ann Watts, hoping her pain is better.

And any others with concerns health or otherwise as this New Year begins.

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If you haven't been coming to the Chapter House on Saturday morning for breakfast ~ Why not try it?? Lately it has been a full house, we are serving between 25 to 30 breakfasts, you almost have to make a reservation ahead of time for a place to sit. We have a lot of "new" people showing up and a lot of hanger talk. The fireplace is going and it is just a nice place to have breakfast on a snowy Saturday morning. See you there!

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*"Are your Dues paid?? Jerry Hostetler is now accepting 2009 dues."*

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*Do you think when they asked George Washington for JD, he just whipped out a quarter??*

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*You can only be young once, but you can be immature forever.*

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*Advice is free: The right answer will cost plenty.*

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Idle Chatter, by Sam

I'm sitting in Row 4 Seat F on a flight from PHX to MDW. The view is beautiful. We have the safest and most efficient airspace system in the world. It's a privilege to be able to get from one part of the country to the other so quickly. However, as I sat in the airport watching all the people shuffle by I started thinking about this airspace system and how we as General Aviation pilots are on the verge of being squeezed out of it.

First I looked at my ticket. I paid \$2.50 for the privileged of sending my luggage through an x-ray machine to make sure I wasn't carrying anything dangerous. God forbid I should have more than three ounces of liquid either. But, if it makes people feel safe that my belt buckle is scanned, I guess that's not so much. The next fee was a PFC fee of \$4.50. I had no idea what that was, so I looked it up. It goes directly to the FAA so it can build more safe and efficient airports and the like. So I paid \$7.00 to the Federal government for the privilege to fly from Phoenix to Chicago. That doesn't seem bad until it dawned on me that every passenger on the flight paid the same fees. The TSA and FAA made about \$910 on this flight alone. Where does this money go? I went to the FAA website and found the PFC is used to make the airspace and airport system more "safe and efficient, and improve airline competition." I couldn't help but wonder if they really meant airline profits?

Then I started thinking about the expansion of the Chicago Class B airspace, the popup TFR's for professional and college sporting events, airshows, Presidential traveling. These restrictions don't effect the airlines. But I can't fly through any of these.

It seems that every day the FAA or the Fed, State, and local governments impose restrictions on the flying public and General Aviation. We need to start asking ourselves whether these restrictions make the airspace system safer or just more expensive. Spending \$7.00 or flying 10 miles out of my way doesn't seem like much. But what happens when the fees start rising? What happens with the 3 mile radius TFR for the Bears game grows to 10 miles? What happens when we keep allowing legislators, regulators, and airport boards with little or no knowledge of aviation keep restricting our right to fly?

Well, I need to shut off my computer and GPS. Some bureaucrat somewhere thinks it might interfere with the planes navigation systems. Huh? Where does it end?????

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:** 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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