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2005 CALENDAR

June 23,	Regular Meeting – George Watts, “Memories”
July 2,	Freedom Fest – Goshen Airport
July 15-17,	Oshkosh Work Week-end
July 25-31	Oshkosh “Airventure”
July 28,	“Steak & Corn” at Oshkosh
July 30 & 31	Elkhart Air Show
August 11,	Board Meeting – Club House 7:00 PM
August 21,	Duck’s Picnic
September 8	Board Meeting – Club House, 7:00 PM
September 22,	Regular Meeting –
October 8,	Fall Party – at Steve & Sue Gerencser’s, South Bend
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 other dates for the calendar, 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". Also on
Wednesday and Thursday evening you will usually find 'guys' at the clubhouse or
the hanger working on Aircraft. Stop in and say "Hi"
(If no one is not found at the club house - check Culvers!)

MEMORIES

By George Watt

Remember when?? George has made up a program on memories from EAA times past. See pictures of Oshkosh back when? See some of the pictures of past chapter meetings and pictures of members not with us anymore. Learn about our chapter when it was getting started, George is one of the first members in our chapter and has lots of memories, pictures, etc. Come to our June 23rd Chapter meeting. We will be meeting in the terminal building on the South side of the airport at 7:00 PM.

JULY 2, 2005 --GOSHEN AIRPORT – FREEDOM FEST

For a 'money making project' this summer we have been asked by Randy at Goshen Airport to help set up the stage and take down the stage for the concert at Freedom Fest on July 2nd. Contact Sam if you are able to help with this project – Sam will have times later in June as to when we have to be there and what we will be doing.

OSHKOSH!!

WORK PARTY: There will be a group going up for the work party on July 15th. There will be a couple of Vans going up to furnish rides for anyone going up for just the week end. The "Duck Mobile" will be going up, but we are planning on staying up there thru the convention.

CAMPING AT AIRVENTURE: Contact Jerry Hostetler if you are planning on camping with the group in Paul's Woods. Jerry will need a check for the amount of \$288.00 for the week's camping so he can reserve a spot for you. Come have fun with us in the Woods! Jerry needs to have a check and your reservation BEFORE July 13th. Jerry's phone number is 574 773-5855.

STEAK & CORN SUPPER – THURSDAY NITE: We will have our "Chapter 132 Steak & Corn Roast" on Thursday nite – July 28th. This is always a lot of fun and lots of good food. If you can bring something to contribute to the food it is welcome, but come and have fun. There will be a charge – when we find out how much the steaks cost us, usually it is around \$5.00 a piece. Let Sam or Karen know if you are coming.

SEE YOU AT OSHKOSH!!!!

Duck's Picnic

August 21, 2005

Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair for the annual Picnic! Drinks, Meat, and table service will be provided. I have heard thru the grapevine that Scott Duck has some entertainment planned again. The fun begins around noon, we will serving lunch at 1:00 PM and from there you never know. The grass air strip is 2400 feet, watch for the power lines on the South end, for those flying in. Those driving in take US 12 to Adamsville, North on Christiana Lake Road to Mason Street – 2nd road to the East from 12. See you on August 21st.

YOUNG EAGLES

Our 'Young Eagles Day' which was scheduled for June 5th had to be cancelled due to the windy, stormy weather on that Sunday. Bob says to plan on the next scheduled day to be after the middle of September. Watch for a date. Also be talking to Young People about taking an Airplane ride.

RC Show

Thanks to all who spent their Saturday at the airport and helped with the RC Show. It was a big success. We made a little over \$1,000.00 dollars and had a lot of fun. If you didn't make it out there you missed seeing some beautiful RC planes. We did breakfast and went right into lunch, not knowing what to expect we did make a few trips to the store to get supplies, but everything went smooth. There is talk about doing it again next year.



EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 6/9/05

The chapter board meeting was called to order by chapter secretary Tom Fields, Pres. Sam Pavel being detained. The first order of business was a discussion of the R/C Air show held at the Elkhart Airport on Saturday 6/4/05. The show was well attended and our pancake breakfast and the lunch we served was quite successful. After expenses the chapter profit for the meals was \$1,000.00. Not bad for a one day event. Thanks goes out to all the chapter members that came to help. The Elkhart Flight Masters R/C Club, the hosts of the show, lost \$250.00 on the event. The chapter board voted to donate \$250.00 to cover their loss. We do hope we will be invited back next year to provide food service to the event. It was suggested that next year we sell cold drinks on the flight line. We will be discussing transportation to and from the Oshkosh work party weekend at the next chapter meeting. Many of our members will be staying over till the end of the convention. There are a limited number of return seats available to get home on Sunday after the work party. If you want one of them please be at the next chapter meeting to get your name on the list. We have a chapter member that is interested in purchasing the Lycoming engine that was donated to the chapter. It is difficult to evaluate the value of the engine and come up with a fair price. We will ask Lowell Farrand for his opinion of the engines value, and let the interested buyer know what we think will be a reasonable price for the Lycoming. The board meeting was adjourned for a road trip to Culvers to check on the flavor of the day. Tom Fields, Secretary

Idle Chatter by Sam

It's been quite a month. First of all, a big thank you to everyone that came out to the RC Airshow. The breakfast and lunch were both a huge success. We didn't know what to expect so we planned for a small crowd. At one point the lunch line was out the hanger door. Needless to say several trips to the store were needed to replenish supplies. The Airport and the RC club were very gracious hosts. We hope the show becomes an annual event.



The next weekend the Sonex passed another milestone. The Sport Aviation Association fly-in was held in Urbana, IL. If you've never been to this gathering, you're missing a real treat. Paul Poberezny started the organization to give grassroots aviators a forum to gather. Dues are voluntary and no vendors are allowed, just planes, pilots, and aviation enthusiasts. I have made every gathering since their inception but this year wasn't looking promising. My daughter was graduating high school that weekend and several family members were coming in from Washington State to help her celebrate. What to do.....?

Well, since graduation was on Sunday, *and* several family members wouldn't be arriving until late afternoon on Saturday, why not fly down and back on Saturday. I could invite an out-of-town guest for an airplane ride. The trick would be choosing which one would fill the second seat. Fortunately my 70-something year old Aunt pulled rank and volunteers to fly to Urbana with me. Problems solved, if the weather would just hold out. The forecast was for scattered thunderstorms and rain.

Saturday morning rolled around. We checked the weather and headed out to EKM. We decided to leave before Tom's Pancakes so we could spend more time looking at the Vintage Wacos, Tailwinds, Sonerai, etc. and still have time to go through the Frasca museum and visit with SAA friends. So we pre-flighted the Sonex and departed for Illinois. But first we had to do a photo-pass for the myriad of spectators that had gathered for Tom's cooking.

The flight to Urbana was nothing short of spectacular. The sky had a high overcast layer and a few scattered clouds around 3000 feet. In spite of the 20kt headwind the air was smooth. We arrived about 1 ½ hours after we departed. The first person to greet us as we taxied in was Paul Poberezny. Talk about a royal greeting. Jerry Hostetler flew his Glastar down the evening before and was the second to greet us. Then a whole host of people descended on us. The Sonex always had people around it. At first I thought they were checking out the landing gear to see how it could have withstood such a poor landing, but then I realized we landed on the north end of the grass strip. No one could have seen the landing, except a couple gophers in the nearby field. They were

examining and commenting favorably on the craftsmanship. That is a testament to our Chapter. I take great pride when I tell people that the plane was a Chapter project, and we are working on two more projects. How many Chapters can make such a claim?

Our trip was cut a little short due to the nasty weather that was moving in. Jerry and I decided it would be best to depart before the rain hit. So, we packed up, waved goodbye to Chapter-members Steve and Sue Gerencser (who had driven their motorhome down earlier in the week), Tom Huizinga and his girlfriend, and several other SAA friends who live all around the country, and headed back northeast. We danced around, over, and under the broken cloud layer and rain showers, but the flight was fairly uneventful. The tail wind made the trip home much faster too. We landed at Elkhart, pushed the plane back in the hanger, wiped off the bugs, and then relaxed on the sofa in the hanger. The Sonex's first cross-country fly-in was under its wing. My Aunt thoroughly enjoyed the trip and loved meeting some of my SAA and EAA family. Next is Oshkosh. I can't believe the work party is in less than a month. Where did the Spring go?



A few reminders... Check the Chapter website often. Steve Gerencser Jr. is doing a great job. There are changes happening every day. We have an Events Calendar, a Photo Section, and new features are popping up all the time. Oshkosh is rapidly approaching. The work party is the weekend of the 15th. If you want to camp in Paul's wood, get a check to Jerry Hostetler before the work party. Don't forget the Chapter dinner on Thursday night of Oshkosh. It's getting bigger and better every year. We also have a breakfast of eggs, pancakes, and sausage every morning at the Duck Grill in the Woods during the convention. Come join us.

Finally, the best way to get kick of the Oshkosh season is to take a trip on memory lane back to previous conventions. George Watt has gathered slides dating back to when the EAA convention was in Rockford, IL. We will be in the terminal because of the plane construction in the Chapterhouse. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a hanger attached to our Chapterhouse? Anyone want to lead up a fundraiser?

Happy Aviating!

Sam

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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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