



# VORTEX

## MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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### 2005 CALENDAR

March 24	Regular Meeting – Bill Van Patten, “Commercial Aviation”
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

Trivia question: Can a powered parachute be looped? \*

\*Answer at the end.

In every pilot's life there are events that happen that make such an impression that they become imprinted in your mind; the first solo, flying a particular aircraft for the first time, passing a flight test and getting your license, watching a skilled aerobatic performer for the first time. As long as you keep flying or hanging around airports these significant events keep popping up. The problem is, your mind's ability to recall the experiences also starts fading the longer you keep flying and hanging around airports. If only the hanger walls could talk. Well, perhaps not. That would be a little creepy. Fortunately there is an alternative.

The National EAA recognized the importance of recording the stories of pilots before they are forever lost and started Timeless Voices in Aviation program. The program is a collection of videotaped interviews with the men and women who shaped aviation history. Soon you will be able to access these stories at the EAA Museum and eventually over the Internet. As you listen to the stories you learn about the triumphs and sacrifices made by these aviation pioneers, but the experience also triggers your own faded memories and experiences. You encounter once again the feelings that unite all aviators.

Last month a small group was privileged to witness the process of recording one of the interviews at the EAA Museum. I arranged to have Lowell Farrand interviewed by the director of the Timeless Voices program, Zach Baughman (a Notre Dame graduate). We drove up to Oshkosh early on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> and ate lunch with Zach, Adam Smith (the Museum Director), and Mary Jones (Sport Pilot Magazine editor). We then spend the afternoon at the Museum listening to Lowell. It was an experience I won't soon forget. We spent the night so we wouldn't have to face Chicago traffic twice in one day. That also gave some of us the opportunity to return to the Museum the next morning since admission is now free to EAA members. Gay and Sue Gerencser went shopping. I put a copy of Lowell's unedited interview in the Chapterhouse. It's worth watching.



Equally important as the recording of significant aviation events is the celebration of the people who contribute to the aviation legacy. Our Chapter does this every April at our Honoree Banquet. Each year a Chapter member is recognized for their contribution to the Chapter and to aviation. Mark Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come join the celebration. Make sure you keep checking the Events page of the Vortex and the new Events Calendar on the webpage. A lot of exciting events are being planned.

Well, once again I've rambled on. I'll see you at the airport! Happy Aviating.

Sam

## EAA Chapter 132 Meeting 2/24/05

The chapter meeting was called to order by Sam Pavel. Sam announced that Lowell Farrand will be going to Oshkosh tomorrow to be recorded by their "Timeless Voices in Aviation" program. Several other members are going along as "Lowell Groupies" to give moral support. Lowell has recently been accepted to for training to become a DAR for Light Sport Aircraft-Amateur built and Manufactured.

The airport will have airplane modelers on the field June 4, 2005. They will have instructors to allow interested participants to fly the models.

The airshow committee has moved the airshow to the last weekend of Oshkosh. Due to the change, our chapter will not be able to put on our breakfast this year. Since this is one of our largest fund raising events, we will have to see what else we can do to raise funds. We will be checking with Goshen to see if we can put on a breakfast for them during their show.

A financial report was giving by Jerry Hostetler.

The hanger next to the chapter house is for sale. The city owns the building and the current tenant (Indiana Flight Center) will be moving to the south side of the field. The chapter is interested in purchasing the building but probably worth more than the chapter can afford. Sam will continue working with Andrew to see if something can be worked out.

We need to do something with Steve Linton's memorial fund. Sam would like to form a committee to set the criteria and select someone to receive the award. If you are interested in being on the committee, please talk to Sam.

The program is a question an answer session with the airport manager Andrew Maksymovitch.

Jerry Hostetler, acting secretary EAA Chapter 132..

## EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 3/3/05

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

Sam gave a brief report on his trip to Oshkosh with Lowell Farrand for Lowells "Timeless Voices In Aviation " interview at EAA Headquarters. A copy of the interview will be available for members to listen to at the chapter house.

George Watt mentioned that he has pictures of many of Lowells activities and aircraft from years past. George is in the process of cataloging the pictures now.

Menu options were discussed for the fast approaching Honoree Banquet. The banquet will be held in a new location this year. More information on the Honoree Banquet will be found in the Vortex.

Programs for the March chapter meeting were discussed, and it was determined that we will have a program. Discussion continued on how to best utilize the money in the Steve Linton Scholarship Fund. One possibility discussed is that the scholarship fund pay for half the hourly rate, for up to ten hours of flight time for a young person wanting a career in aviation. The student pilot would be required to pay the other half of the hourly fee.

Any ideas from the membership on how best to use the Linton scholarship fund are welcome. It was decided by the chapter board members that we will part out the original engine that came with the RV-4 project.

Tom Fields, Secretary

## STEVE'S RV-4

The ribs for the right wing have arrived. They sent three too many of one of the ribs and they have been returned for credit.

Depending on the weather, how many show up to work / help, and what needs to be done next, we could be in any one of three places. The chapter house, the hanger, or the terminal. When you come out to help, don't assume no-one is there without checking all three places.

We are coordinating our efforts to include working with and around Mike's Sonex. As it stands right now, the Sonex will continue in the chapter house, The RV fuselage is in the hanger, and the wings are at the terminal. The plan is to start work on the right wing until the weather gets nice, then move over to the hanger and work on the fuselage, then back to the wing whenever either the weather is nasty or we are held up on the fuselage for one reason or another. No matter what, there is plenty to do and we enjoy having members (or potential members) come out to help out and learn.

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: \$2,714.74  
(ribs = \$374.17)*

### **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.*

9/21/85 "Georgetown CA, Hard landing. Aircraft received major damage. Aircraft trucked back to H10. Removed engine, gear motor mount and firewall. Installed "L" shaped 1/8 plates on forward end of center floor beams. Replaced lower motor mounts. Replaced center motor mount attach fittings. Installed new firewall. Reinstalled engine. Cowling and Prop undamaged. Aircraft test flown."

(Note: the test flight was done on 1/11/87)

(Note: the hard landing happened only three months after the wings were rebuilt – see last months newsletter.) J.B.

# 2005 Honoree Banquet

When: April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Where: The Golden Egg – 3421 Plaza Court, Elkhart  
(behind Aldi's on Cassopolis)  
What time: 6:00 pm gathering  
7:00 pm dinner will be served

The cost this year is \$15 per person which includes entrée, salad, choice of potato or rice, rolls and butter, coffee or other beverage, dessert, and expenses. Come celebrate the accomplishments of our Chapter!

Send or email your reservations to:

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée selection:  ½ Roast Chicken with Dressing

Roast Sirloin of Beef

Potato or Rice:  Baked Potato

Selection

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Rice

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### Meetings

Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm – Chapterhouse

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

Regular Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> 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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