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#### 2006 CALENDAR

March 30, 2006	EAA Meeting – Award for Jerry DeMunck – Potluck Supper
April 4 – 10, 2006	Sun N Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 13, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
April 28, 2006	Honoree Banquet – Golden Egg Pancake House
May 11, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
May 20, 2006	IFC Fly in – Open House – Elkhart Airport
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 23,24,25,2006	SAA Fly In – Urbana, Illinois
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
August 27, 2006	L. Turners 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!

## **MARCH MEETING**

The March meeting will be a Potluck Supper on March 30, starting at 6:00 PM. The program will be presenting the "Wright Brother's award" to Jerry DeMunck. The media and the FAA will also be present for the award. The meeting will be held in the hanger to the West of the Club House. Bring a dish and come enjoy the evening.

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## **MARCH 22 AT THE TERMINAL BUILDING "WINGS FLYING PROGRAM"**

There will be a Wings Flying Program hosted by Scott Embury at the Terminal Building on the South Side of the airport, starting at 6:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. It is a very interesting program and also lots of door prizes are given out. Everyone is welcome.

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## **"PROJECTS"**

The Saturday morning projects with Lowell and Don will continue with the fabric covering demos. It's beginning to look like a every other Saturday event, which is outstanding!!! We still work on the RV6 and the Sonex on Thursdays and Saturdays also. Come join the fun and learn something too. Since Don will be in Florida for 4 weeks, they won't be working on the 'Cub project' until Easter. The next Saturday that is planned to work with be April 22.

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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 March 30, 2006 Dues are \$20.00 for the year.

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## **SUN 'N' FUN 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 We will be camping in the campground and hope to be near the entrance from the show to the campground.

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## **IFC – FLY-IN – OPEN HOUSE May 20, 2006**

Saturday, May 20, 2006, IFC is planning to have an Open House and Fly-In. They have ask us to do a lunch for it. Please put it on your calendar, we will need lot of help if we are going to help them. Also put the word out to all your "Flying Friends" so we can have a good turn out from the EAA. More information on this event coming.

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## **SAA FLY IN JUNE 23, 24, & 25 URBANA, ILLINOIS**

Don't forget the Fly In at Urbana, Il on June 23, 24, & 25. It is a small and enjoyable fly in. There is also camping there for anyone wanting to take a camper.

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Don't forget **APRIL 28 – HONOREE BANQUET** April 28<sup>th</sup>, that is our Honoree Banquet. It will be at the Golden Egg Pancake House – same place as last year. Come and help surprise our "Guest of Honor". Good food and a lot of fun. Please make your reservations NOW! Reservations need to be in by Monday, April 17 2006. E-Mail reservations to Sam at [eaal32@comcast.net](mailto:eaal32@comcast.net), call Sam at 574 273-0321, or "snail mail" at 53230 Oakton Drive, South Bend, IN 46635. The price this year is Chicken - \$10.00 each or Beef - \$11.00 each. Social Hour is 6:00, Supper at 7:00.

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EAA meeting, February 23, 2006

Minutes

President Sam Pavel call the meeting to order. Treasure, Jerry Hostetler stated there were several members with unpaid dues. Also if you had taken a calendar, did you pay for it?

It was brought up about moving the regular meeting night to the last Thursday of the month, instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Jim Butler made the motion to move it to the last Thursday of the month, it was seconded by Mike Shaw seconded it. The regular meeting will now be the LAST Thursday of the month..

It was agreed by the members that the club house looks really good with the new carpet. Thanks to Bill VanPatten and his committee. Now we need a volunteer to organize the library. Also someone is needed to come in once a week to vacumn the club house.

Honoree Banquet is April 28, we need a honoree yet.

Next month meeting is a Pot Luck and a program to honor Jerry DeMunck who is receiving the Wright Brothers award for over 50 years of flying. It was suggested to have the meeting at Sam's hanger so members can see what projects we have been working on.

May 20<sup>th</sup> IFC wants to have an aviation open house on the South Side of the airport. They have ask us to do the lunch.

Bill VanPatten showed a tape on the recovering of the tail section on the J-3 cub.

Sam then turned the meeting over to Bob Smith and Bill VanPatten. They talked about the start of our club house building in 1946, Bob helped lay up the blocks for the building. Bob also talked about the rebuilding of the Stearman that he had owned, and then his experiences in the military and working with Bendix on different projects.

Meeting then was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Karen Duck, for Secretary Tom Fields

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EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting, 3/16/05

The board meeting was opened by Pres. Pavel. The next chapter meeting on Thursday, March 30th will be a pot-luck dinner starting at 6:00 P.M. In the large hangar next to the chapter house.

The occasion is the awarding of the Wright Brothers Award to Jerry DeMunck for fifty plus years of being a licensed pilot. A representative from the FAA will present the award to Jerry.

More information will be found in this issue of the Vortex.

Next months meeting will be the annual Honoree Banquet. Please plan to attend, and renew old friendships, and meet new members as well as offer congratulations to this years Chapter 132 Honoree. Plans will soon be underway for the Young Eagle Flight in June and the dedication of the Steve Linton grass runway. May 20th will find the chapter providing food service for the Aviation Open House at IFC. Bill VanPatten, chairman of the chapter house improvement committee reported on the white vinyl fencing that will be installed at the chapter house. Bill also talked about progress on the sign to be place in front of our building. A discussion was held on procuring a new vacuum cleaner to properly maintain the new carpet we have installed. we will discuss the vacuum at the next board meeting. Several other chapter house projects are being considered. George Watt and Steve Gerenscer Jr. have volunteered to organize the chapter library materials. Don Ducks Cub project is on hold until April 22 when the traveling Ducks will be back from their trip to Sun-N-Fun. The board meeting was adjourned for a St. Patricks cake brought in by John Hektor, and some hot chapter house coffee.

Tom Fields, Secretary

## CHAPTER / MEMBER PROJECTS

Due to the wonderfully large number of projects the chapter members are currently working on, I am going to attempt to report on any and all that I can.

### Don's Piper Cub;

I don't have the space here, but if you get an opportunity, ask Don or Karen about the history of there Cub. It is quite fascinating.

On a recent sunny Saturday afternoon, the morning building group decided to make Don put up or shut up, so it was off to Duck International to retrieve the wings.

They had been stored up in the rafters for a VERY long time but we managed to get them down (in a cloud of dust). After moving out onto the lawn, it was decided to remove the old fabric from one of the wings. Next thing you know, someone says, "I think there is something alive in here". Sure enough, Don and Karen now have a pet raccoon. They have named "her" but it's not something I can put in a family newsletter.

Work has been progressing at a fairly good rate and those of you who have come out on Saturday morning have had the opportunity to work on covering the tail feathers under Lowell's tutelage.

### Tarek's RV-6;

The fuselage is jigged and he and his merry band of helpers are working at getting everything riveted together.

### Bob's Sonex;

After returning to snowy Northern Indiana, Bob turned into a Tasmanian devil and has the wing ready to be skinned. He's been working pretty much 40 hours a week on his project.

### Mike's Sonex;

Mike is currently working on building up his spars. Due to work conflicts, he can only work on Wednesday's so if anyone wants to help him on Wednesday evenings, give him a call and see what you can arrange.

### Steve's RV-4;

With all the other activity going on, nothing has happened since the weather has turned cold. We are hoping that once things warm up, there will be some renewed activity with this project. It is still for sale though, so if anyone knows who might be interested in the project, the funds from the sale will go into the scholarship account and we will be able to start dispersing funds to deserving students in Steve's name.

That's it for this month. I hope to keep the members informed on the progress of at least these projects. If anyone else has a project that I can add, please keep me in the loop and I will be more than happy to include your progress in the newsletter.

Jim Butler

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### WORK PARTY AT OSHKOSH JULY 14, 15, & 16

These are the work party work dates, be thinking about going this year. If you haven't gone before, it is a fun week end with a fun group – good food also.

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## LIBRARY

We have 2 volunteers to organize our Library, George Watts & Steve Gerencser Jr. have started sorting thru the EAA magazines we have in the Library. They have compiled a list of the Magazines that we are missing. The following is a list of missing magazines, if you happen to have any of these that you would like to donate to the Club it would be nice to complete each year.

SPORT AVIATION: We are missing all of year 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 (we have August of 1958), 1959 (we have Feb, June, Nov.) and 1960.

Experiential: We need Feb. & March of 1998, Sept. of 2001, Aug. & Oct. of 2004, and July, Sept, Oct., Nov., & Dec. of 2005.

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Idle Chatter, by Sam

I like this time of year. As I look out the window at the snow and leafless trees my mind drifts to.... Sun n Fun, the official start of flying season! I'm sure that doesn't make the Cardinal sitting on the branch any warmer, but it sure make me feel good. I can smell the Avgas already....

Have you been to the Chapterhouse lately? Thanks Bill and the remodeling committee. George Watt and Steve Gerencser Jr. have volunteered to get the library organized. There are some fascinating reading materials in our collection. If you'd rather watch a video or DVD, we have those too. Just be sure to try and not track in too much dirt and return everything where you found it when you are done.

If you haven't put a rib stitch in Don's Cub yet, there is still time. It's a great sight seeing three tables with 10-15 people around them working on various parts. This is what grassroots aviation is all about.

If fabric isn't your thing, there is still plenty to do on the other aluminum projects. Stop by on Saturday mornings before 9:00 am for breakfast.

Make sure you check the website and the Vortex regularly. We have several events planned and more are in the planning stage. Hopefully before too much longer we will have a cork-board up in the Chapterhouse too. We will list events and open seats on it. As you can probably tell, my dream for the Chapterhouse is to make it a gathering place for anyone who drives or flies in. Building is now strictly limited to the terminal building or down at the hanger. Any violators will have to personally deal with Karen!

Well, I've ramble on long enough and Karen wants to get the Vortex out before they head south to warmer climates. I'll see you at the potluck on the 30<sup>th</sup>. What a fitting way to start the flying season. A celebration of the accomplishments of an aviation pioneer. If it weren't for brave people like test pilot Gerard DeMunck we might not have the flying privileges we have today. Come out and say Thank You to this aviation hero.

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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