



# VORTEX

## MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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### 2007 CALENDAR

April 12	Board Meeting – Chapter House - 7:00 PM
April 17-23	Sun 'n' Fun – Lakeland, Florida
May 4 (Friday)	Honoree Banquet – Golden Egg Restaurant, Elkhart, IN
May 10	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
May ?	EAA Meeting – Eby's Hanger
June 8-11	Ford Tri-Motor Visit
June 14	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
June 16	Young Eagle Day
June 17	Father's Day Fly-in at MPC
June 28	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
July 12	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
July 13, 14, & 15	Work Party at Oshkosh
July 23 – 29, 2007	AirVenture – Oshkosh, Wisconsin
August 9	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
August 19	EAA Picnic – Duck's "Airport"
September 13	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
September 27	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 11	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 25	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 8	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
December 1	EAA Christmas Party – Hostetler's Hanger, Nappanee, IN
January 1, 2008	Nappanee Hanger Over Party

\*\* If I have missed anything or anyone has other dates to add to the calendar, let me know.  
We can always add more.

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 3/8/07

The board meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel. Sam asks the board and the membership for ideas on using the Steve Linton Scholarship Fund. Approximately \$5500 is in the fund. Sam explained that the Linton family asks that the fund be used for helping a student pilot to pay for lessons on a need basis. We will be asking members to serve on a committee to oversee the and manage the Linton fund. Tom Fields and Jerry Hostetler have volunteered to be on the Linton fund committee. Talk to Sam if you would like to help too. The EAA Tri-Motor will return to the Elkhart Airport on June 7th, departing June 11th. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to help on the ground crew. More information to follow soon. The annual Chapter 132 Honoree Banquet will be coming up on May 4th. We will gather to honor one of our own members that has served the chapter and helped it to prosper. If you have an idea on who this person should be, contact Sam. More banquet Info. in the April Vortex. The board meeting was adjourned for a discussion on the swallows returning to Capistrano, the buzzards returning to Hinkley, and the Ducks returning to Adamsville.

Tom Fields, Secretary

Here's an email from Steve Gerencser sent on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

We're at Fort Meyers. Monday we met up with Don & Karen Duck. Spent the day with them. Then went to meet Don & Beth Mulnickle around 5:00 PM at their place. We all went out for pizza. Afterwards the guys went to an EAA meeting at Charlotte Co. airport. Chapter 565. They have a real nice club house. Something like your hanger with a kitchen. They seem real active too. Around 130 members with 41 at the meeting.

Of the 41 members at the meeting 11 had hangers at the field. They are building 2, RV7's 1, RV7A and 1, RV10 with an IO540 fuel injected. They had an LSA Expo at the field 2 weeks ago with 21 LAS Mfg's shown. They said they had about 200 AC flying in.

When we showed up only the president said hi to us and in the meeting all we were ask was our name and where we were from. Nothing about our chapter or what we were building. I had to get real noisy to get this much information. We sure felt on the outside. They must have been a different class of people than us.

Well that's about it for now. Will be at Sun n Fun on the 1 st.

The 6 Snow Bunnies.

Steve

Sue

Don

Karen

Don

Beth

Greetings from the “Sunny South”, anyhow it is supposed to be sunny, and it is off and on. It has been cool, windy, and rain – but we are not complaining! It is better than shoveling the “white stuff” We keep watching the weather up North and it looks like the “snowmobilers & skiers are the only ones really happy.

Don has gotten some fishing done and each time they have been catching some. He does not have the record fish yet. We have had several fish fries.

Saturday, February 17, we met up with Don and Beth Mulnickle at Punta Gorda, went to Charlotte Co. Airport for the Florida Aviation Expo. It was small, but a lot of planes flying in and out. The “guys” got to watch Airplanes anyhow.

We are in the flight pattern for South West Florida Airport, all the big planes go right over us and are descending for landing. Don brought his radio along this year and likes to sit here at night and listen to the “big boys”.

Don went to Zolfo Springs to the Old Tractor Show. He saw Richard Leach had a display for Air Powered Trains, for those who don’t know Richard, he was a member of 132 and lives in Edwardsburg. Don didn’t get to catch up with Richard.

We have caught up with Steve and Sue, have spent some time with them. We even went to the “big” Flea Market, Flea Masters and spent most of the day walking.

They are leaving the Fort Myers area Monday but we will meet up again the first of April at Lakeland.

The weather is wonderful (most of the time), the flea Markets are fun, Don is having fun fishing, I am playing – what more can we ask for? We will be leaving Pine Island the first of April and head for Lakeland (more airplanes). Hope to see some of you down for Sun n Fun. After that it is time to head North. We are coming up the East Coast, will stop and see Craig, then hopefully be home May 1<sup>st</sup>. Just in time to mow yard and the snow is gone.

The Ducks



## Idle Chatter by Sam

First I need to apologize for not getting the Vortex out the past couple of months. As many of you know Cindy and I were divorced at the end of February so life has been a little crazy. I appreciate the support and thoughts throughout this ordeal. Life is slowly getting back to a routine.

I hope you didn't miss the two days of Spring we just recently had. I had a chance to get out flying. What a privilege we have. Unfortunately the 2007 budget is trying to destroy General and Sport Aviation by implementing a User-fee system and privatization of the ATC system. Please check the EAA or AOPA website and contact everyone in congress you can think of. Every year we fight this batter, but this is the first year it looks like the DOT/FAA budget will actually go forward with this insane idea. We must act quickly.

Have you been out to the Elkhart Aeroplane factory recently? It's a bee-hive of activity. I've attached a picture to give you an idea of what's going on. The RV's have wings and Phil's even has breaks and the beginning of a canopy. The J3 control surfaces are nearly complete and the wings are being prepared for covering. Even if you don't want to help build, there is always someone hanger flying by the cookies at the kitchenette. Come join the fun!

I'll send more information out about the upcoming Ford Tri-Motor visit as I receive it. We will need lots of volunteers. Mark June 8-11 on the calendar.

A big thanks to Ernie Culp and the gang for installing the prop above the door in the Chapterhouse. The place just keeps getting better and better.

Well, I'm going to stop and send this out before it gets even later. If you can get to Sun n Fun, give me a call. We'll have the coffee pot on for you.

Happy Aviating!

Sam



## “DID YOU KNOW?”

On Saturday morning Chef Tom has Breakfast for anyone who shows up to eat from 7:30 to 9:00 AM! He will fix you pancakes, sausage, an egg and lots of good coffee. Also lots of hanger talk is included. Come check this out!

Each Thursday around 7:00 you will find someone at the Chapter house or in Sam’s Hanger working on airplanes or just talking. Stop in and find out what is going on.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month Lowell Farrand will be leading a work shop on the J-3 Cub. They are doing Fabric covering, rib stitching and much more. Start at the club house between 7:00 to 9:00 AM with “Breakfast with Tom” and then down to Sam’s Hanger for the work shop.

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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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