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MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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March 27	Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM – Ted Woodill “Flying to Alaska”
April 8-13	Sun ‘N’ Fun – Lakeland, Florida
April 25	Honoree Banquet – Reservations required
May 8	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
May 29	Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM – George Watts “History”
June 12	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
June 26	Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM – Matt C “SR71”
July 10	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
July 28 – Aug 3	AirVenture – Oshkosh, Wisconsin
July 30	Steak & Corn at AirVenture
August 14	Board Meeting – Chapter House 7:00 PM
August 17	EAA/Duck Picnic
September 11	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
September 25	Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 9	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 30	Chapter Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 13	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
December 6	Christmas Party

Idle Chatter by Sam

I'm sitting here watching the snow fall. Usually I'd be thinking how pretty it looks, but it's the end of March. Enough already!!! Two more weeks until Sun n Fun....

Don't forget to get Tom Fields your reservation for the Honoree Banquet. We will be returning to the Golden Egg on April 25th. We need to get the food order in a week before. Come join us for a night of food, fun, and good conversation as we honor those who served the Chapter this past year. It promises to be another great event.

The summer flying schedule is shaping up. It's nice to see a fly-in at Frasca Field again. Look for information and a sing-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Chapter house.

Have you been to the Saturday morning breakfast? Drive-in... Fly-in... Walk-in... Come see what you're missing!

It's not too early to be thinking about Airventure. Our work party will be July 19-20. Let me know if you are coming and if you need a spot in the Bunkhouse. We will be camping in our new Chapter campsite again. Reservations will be required this year.

The EAA B-17 is coming on July 21-24!!!! This is a huge honor for our Chapter. We will need plenty of help. Signup sheets will appear on the bulletin board shortly. Six lucky volunteers will have an opportunity to ride the ferry flight to the next tour stop.

Did you know the Elkhart Municipal Airport turns 50 this year?

The Duck Fly-in will celebrate 20 years this August. It's hard to believe Karen was only 9 when it started.

Speaking of the Ducks, we won't be having the Duck Cub build session in April. Lowell and Don will be at Sun n Fun. We plan to start again with a vengeance in May.

Well, that's probably enough random thoughts.... Well, maybe one more....

Happy Aviating!

Sam

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 3/13/08

The board meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel.

Bill VanPatten gave a report to the board concerning the potential sale of two used aircraft engines that were donated to the chapter several months ago. Bill has contacted a air boat engine overhaul company in Florida and they are interested in our engines.

Young Eagle day will be here before you know it. Saturday, June 7th. is the day we will all gather at the chapter house to help kids get their first flight in a light airplane.

July 18, 19, 20 are the days for the EAA work party in Oshkosh. Mark your calendar.

The EAA B-17 will arrive in Elkhart on July 21st and stay till July 24th. We will be providing ground support during those dates. Many volunteers will be needed. Don't miss this opportunity

to participate in a piece of flying history.

On Friday, April 25th we will hold our annual Honoree Banquet. The Golden Egg in Elkhart has again won the honor of hosting this prestigious event. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. The menu is still to be determined. Contact Tom Fields before April 19th and let him know you are attending.

Sam Pavel is interested in hearing your suggestions for this years honoree.

The board meeting was adjourned for a lack of more stuff to talk about.

Tom Fields,
Secretary



Plane Protector?

Hello from "Sunny Florida",

We are enjoying the winter, keeping busy, and not missing the snow at all.

Penny tells me "She doesn't want any weather reports from here"

We started out in Sebring with Sue and Steve at the Sebring Expo. We volunteered there and had a lot of fun. The weather was not good there, in fact there were a couple days Don got out his long underwear it was so cold. Camping by the race track was noisy but we did enjoy watching the race cars. Left there on January 22 and went to Pine Island, weather is warmer down here. Don has been doing some fishing, no big record keepers this year.

We have met up with Don and Beth Mulnickel several times and enjoyed being with them. Don M. and Don D. went to a couple of EAA meetings at Paige Field at Ft. Myers, Steve came down and went with them to one with them. Not sure they learned much but got to do a lot of Hanger Talk. Of course Beth, Sue, & I got to catch up on "talk" also. Last Sat., March 15, the Mulnickels and us went to the Expo at Charlotte Co. Airport. Then on Sunday Don and Wayne (Sam's twin) went to watch the Large Scale RC Flyers. They flew some big RC's, had lots of excitement when a jet blew apart in the air. They had a 1/7th scale B-29 with the Bell X-1 rocket ship that flew. Even had pilots that bailed out – the aircraft landed OK, guess it didn't need the pilots. Don even got interviewed by Fox TV and made the 10:00 news. "The Star of the Park".

We will be leaving Pine Island on April 1st and go to Lakeland where we look forward meeting up with "lots" of Folks from home. When you have been gone this long it is really good to see friends from home! Around the 15th of April we will "head North", hope all that "White Stuff" is gone. We will make a stop in Charleston, SC to see Craig, Bobbie, and Felicia, spend a couple days with them and head for Adamsville. We will be glad to see home. And for any of you that are wondering "The Tree did get blown up on New Years Eve" Scott did as promised NO MORE TREE ON THE SIDE OF THE RUNWAY.

See you at the Honoree Dinner on April 25th!!

Love to all,

Karen and Don

Honoree Banquet

When: Friday, April 25th
Where: The Golden Egg – 3421 Plaza Court, Elkhart
(behind Aldi's on Cassopolis)
What time: 6:00 pm gathering (cash bar)
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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Board Meetings: 2nd 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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