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2006 CALENDAR

December 2, 2006 Christmas Party-Hostetlers Hanger, Nappanee Airport

2007

January 1, 2007 Nappanee Hanger Over Lunch – Nappanee Airport

January 4, 2007 EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM

Program: SSGT Tim Duck

January 11, 2007 Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM

January 25, 2007 EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM

April 17-23, 2007 Sun 'n' Fun – Lakeland, Florida

July 23 – 29, 2007 AirVenture – Oshkosh, Wisconsin

If you have any other dates for the calendar, I will be glad to print them

“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.

“ Merry Christmas

and

A Very Happy New Year “

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CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 2, 2006
HOSTETLER'S HANGER – NAPPANEE AIRPORT
SOCIAL HOUR 6 TO 7 PM / DINNER 7:00 PM

Invitations have gone out and by now we hope everyone has returned theirs. This year we are Honoring Aviation Crews and Airplane Maintenance Personnel. The committee has put a lot of work in putting together this party we hope all of you are coming. There will be a Silent Auction with some neat items for you to bid on. We always have "good food" and lots of fun. Please park on the Nappanee Airport and there will be shuttle service provided to the hanger.
"SEE YOU THERE"

SPECIAL MEETING AT THE CHAPTERHOUSE
JANUARY 4, 2007

SSGT Timothy Duck will be home on leave for the Holidays and will be giving a program at the Chapter House. Tim has been in the Marines for 19 years, most of that time has been with CH-53 Helicopters, I think he will be talking about the Marines, what he does, and some about his tour in Iraq. The program will begin at 7:00 PM.

REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2007
7:00 PM

At our regular meeting Denny Hackbarth will be giving the program, talking about the Phat Boy Airplane that he has built and has flown.

At the time of this writing we need to keep Lowell Farrand in our Prayers and Thoughts. He is in the hospital at Goshen after having another spell with his heart. On Wednesday, November 22, Lowell had a pacemaker put in, as of Thursday AM, he was doing fine and hopefully would go home this afternoon. If you would like to send him a card, send it to:

Lowell Farrand
12264 Co. Road 148
Ligonier, IN. 46767

I am sure he would like to hear from you.

Idle Chatter, by Sam

Oh my... where do the days go? It seems that just yesterday I was loading the plane for the flight back from Oshkosh. Now I'm watching the blue on the radar get closer and closer. I do have to admit that flight performance in the winter is incredible.

Well, it's time to reflect on the year. First of all, I want to thank everyone for "re-electing" me for another term. I promise lower taxes and not to lease out the Chapterhouse to a foreign company. Membership dues will still remain the same though. Don't forget to send your form to Jerry.

We accomplished quite a bit this year. I was planning to make a photo collage of the year, but I think I have the most widely traveled and leased used camera. Does anyone want to volunteer to be our photo archivist? It would be nice to have one person to whom we could forward pictures for our Chapter events. She or he could then post them on the internet or gather them on a DVD or both. Anyone interested?

The flying season always begins with our annual Honoree Banquet. There are so many special people in our Chapter. It was an honor presenting Vic Pixey with the Honoree plaque. Imagine seeing a picture of Vic receiving this honor.

Picture thousands of planes in the Florida sun. Sun n Fun was quite enjoyable once again. This year the Ducks once again returned to the emergency room, but this time they were playing ambulance for Steve Gerencser. Steve learned that racing your grandson is hazardous to your health. Sun n Fun will be later this year, but the Duckmobile and Gerencser palace are still planning to attend. Bring a sleeping bag and come join the festivities.

Next, picture Bill Van Patten orchestrating a rag-tag group of volunteer landscapers. In June the Chapterhouse was redone inside and out for the dedication of the Steve Linton Memorial Turf Runway. The weather was sunny and warm. Steve's family was appreciative of our efforts and the memorial is a beautiful sight, especially at night. If you get a chance, do a couple of touch and goes on the runway. It's one of the best in the state.

Oshkosh is always the highlight of the year. Picture a ring of RVs in the middle of Paul's Wood. Good food (70+ steaks), lots of laughter, and great fun. Picture Chapter members of all ages chopping down trees, putting up flags, digging holes and then filling them up again...The Beach Boys, the F22 Raptor, and of course all the Sonex's, and some other planes. It is truly a spectacle to behold.

In August the Ford Tri-Motor came to town. It is a magnificent airplane. Imagine seeing a photograph of yours truly flying it. OK, I do have one of those, but I'm making a point here. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate with us, but the good news is the Tri-Motor will be back next Summer. Hopefully early this time.

See what all we are missing by not having a person collecting photo memorabilia? Anyone up for the challenge?

Well, it's time to go flying. Happy Holidays to all.

Happy Aviating...

Sam

The chapter meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel. The membership having enjoyed delicious cookies made by Rita Pixie, in a pre-meeting social period. Phil Knox reports that Dennis Hackbarths Phat Boy has made its' first flight. The flight lasted about 10 Min. during which time the left wing seemed to be heavy. After landing, the left aileron was found to be slightly out of adjustment.

We hope to get Denny to do a project presentation to the chapter at an upcoming meeting.

Jerry Hostetler talked about the Chapter Christmas Party. Jerry and Beth Hostetler will host the party in their hangar on the North side of the Nappanee Airport. The date is set for Saturday, December 2nd. Look for more party information in the Vortex.

Shopping for the chapter popcorn popper continues. We are looking for a popper that will pop an 8oz. batch.

Don Duck asked if that meant popped or unpopped corn. Explain it to him Karen.

Sam is requesting that a chapter member step up and volunteer to be program chairman. The chapter needs help from the membership to find good interesting programs for our chapter meetings. Don Duck suggested that we should invite the crew of the Goodyear Blimp to a chapter pot luck dinner and hangar flying.

Karen Duck moved that the present chapter officers be presented to the membership for another two year term. Seconded by Phil Knox. The motion carried. Tarek Beshara and John Hektor were elected to the chapter board for a two year term.

Sam Pavel told the membership about the new chapter position of Chapter Historian. Charter member George Watt has graciously accepter the position, and will work to preserve the chapter memories.

Don Duck asked if their was ever a Corsair based at the Dunlap Airport in the late fifties or early sixties. If anyone has any information on this, please contact Don.

Several suggestions on meeting programs were heard as the meeting was adjourned for more of Rita's cookies.

Tom Fields
Secretary

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Weather Lore

With the new year coming, here is some Weather Lore for the year:

*Evening red and morning gray
Speed the traveler on his way
Evening gray and morning red
Bring down rain upon his head*

*Onion skin is very thin
mild winter is coming in.
Onion skin is thick and tough
winter will be could and rough.*

When sea birds fly to land there truly is a storm at hand.

Rainbow at noon, more rain soon.

*Rainbow in morning, shepherd takes warning:
Rainbow at night, shepherds' delight.*

*When a cow tries to scratch her ear,
It means a shower is very near.*

Year of snow fruit will grow.

Rain before seven, quit by eleven

*Rainbow in the east,
Sailors at peace.
Rainbow in the west,
Sailors in distress*

*The south wind brings wet weather,
The north wind, wet and cold together;
The west wind always brings us rain...
The east wind blows it back again.*

To talk of the weather is nothing but folly: when it rains on the hill, it suns in the valley.

Whether it's cold or whether it's hot We shall have weather whether or not.

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MEETINGS

Board Meetings: 2nd 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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"Happy Holidays"