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### 2006 CALENDAR

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-Hostetlers Hanger, Nappanee Airport
2007	
January 1, 2007	Nappanee Hanger Over Lunch – Nappanee Airport
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.

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#### **“Good News”**

Our son, Tim Duck and his Squadron are safely back in Hawaii from Iraq. They arrived back on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> just in time to experience the earthquake on Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. I guess it was a “shaking experience”. Tim enjoyed the banner that a lot of you signed at the clubhouse - He said “Thanks for all the good wished and prayers”.

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OCTOBER 26, 2006 – REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM - CHAPTER HOUSE

We will have the election of officers. This will be our last meeting before the Holidays and New Year:

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CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 2, 2006  
HOSTETLER'S HANGER – NAPPANEE AIRPORT

Invitations should be in the mail soon – Please return yours as soon as possible so the committee has a count. It is a fun time, lots of good food, and good people. Come – bring you wife, best friend, or who ever and have a good time.

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SOME RULES OF THE AIR:

Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in the clouds.

Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.

If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.

Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to appeal.

The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.

A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.

Keep looking around, there's always something you've missed.

Idle Chatter by Sam

Well, another month and another negative article about GA airplanes is flashing through the media. The day after the tragic accident in New York City the *USA Today* printed an editorial once again calling for the severe restriction of GA aircraft. It's the same sad story that is periodically circulated throughout the national and local media. I won't rehash the story you can read it for yourself at the USA Today website. What I found interesting about the whole debacle was the response. Phil Boyer, president of AOPA immediately responded with a scathing criticism of the sensationalization of the event through speculation and unfounded claims. The website allows reader responses and every single response supported Boyer's position and was critical of the media handling of the problem. Maybe the public wasn't fooled by the hysteria? It's a nice thought, but I doubt it. The tragedy once again showed how much work small aircraft owners, pilots, and organizations still need to do in order to preserve our freedom to fly from headline grabbing entertainment based "news" and knee-jerk political reaction. If you are ever asked by a local media reporter about the safety and viability of GA aviation please be careful how you answer. An airpark owner in Florida found out the hard way how easily one can be mis-quoted. Feel free to refer them to the EAA or AOPA.

Have you seen the Steve Linton Memorial Runway lately? Chuck Marshall donated several yellow cones to outline the landing surface. It really is a thing of beauty. Stop in sometime for a touch-and-go. I'm sure Steve is smiling somewhere.

I just returned from the Aviation Association of Indiana annual conference. I won't bore you with the details but I did make a couple of very heart-warming observations. The first observation was cooperation. The event is attended by a wide gamut of representatives from all over the Indiana Aviation Industry including private consultants, airport managers, airport boards, universities, pilots, FBO's, vendors, and the FAA. All groups, including competing aviation consultants and even the FAA worked together to discover ways to enhance general aviation's presence in Indiana. Name another industry that can boast such cooperation. The second observation was the donation of the prize money given to the Airport of the Year recipient. Each year \$1,000 is given to the airport directors to pass on to any local non-profit organization. I noticed that once again an EAA Chapter was the recipient. (We received \$500 when EKM was named Airport of the Year in 2004.) That shows how important the local EAA Chapters are to GA aviation.

Don't forget the election at our next meeting. Remember the ancient rule of Chapter 132 elections....He/She who misses the election meeting may become President.

Happy Aviating!

Sam

EAA Chapter 132 Board Meeting 9/14/06

The board meeting was opened by Pres Sam Pavel.

The upcoming chapter elections were discussed at length. Nominations will be received at the September chapter meeting. The membership is asked to think about nominees for chapter office, and make nominations for two board members, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Jerry Hostetler reports that the chapter realized a profit of \$420.00 at the R/C Airshow earlier this summer.

A motion was made by tom Fields, seconded by Vic Pixie to donate \$100 to the Elkhart Flightmasters R/C Club to cover part of their expenses for the R/C Show. Sam found out that the Ford Tri-Motor will return to Elkhart next June. Sam has a lead on a popcorn machine for the chapter house. We will discuss the popcorn machine at the September meeting. Terek Bashara has made an offer to purchase the O-320 engine that the club owns. Terek has offered \$5500.00 for the engine and has documentation to support his offering price. The board will make a decision on Tereks offer by September 23, 06.

The board meeting was adjourned for a hangar flying session.

Tom Fields, Secretary

The chapter meeting was opened by Pres. Sam Pavel.

A discussion was held on the purchase of a popcorn popper for the chapter house.

The type of popper that is built on a cart, with a glass enclosure around the popper. The price is \$350.00 at Sams Club. We will try to purchase the popper for use at the Christmas Party. Plans for the Halloween Party are incomplete. we are not sure of the location for the party yet. E-mail will be sent to notify the membership of the Halloween Party details.

The Christmas Party will be held at Jerry Hostetlers hangar again this year.

Nominations for chapter officers and two board members were opened. John Hektor nominated Tarek Bashara for board membership, seconded by Phil Knox. Tarek Bashara nominated John Hektor for board membership, seconded by Phil Knox. Board membership nominations were closed by a motion from Vic Pixie, seconded by Phil Knox. Nominations for chapter officer seats will remain open until the eve of the election at the October Meeting. The chapter meeting was adjourned for a some hangar flying.

Tom Fields,  
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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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**"HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN"**