



# VORTEX

## MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

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### 2009 CALENDER

October 17	Young Eagles Day – Chapter House 9:00 to Noon
October 18	Watervliet Chapter 585 – Chili Hop
October 29	Regular Chapter Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
November 12	Board Meeting – 7:00 PM – Chapter House
December 5	EAA Christmas Party – Hostetler’s Hanger, Nappanee, Indiana
January 1, 2010	Nappanee “Hanger Over” Fly In

**BREAKFAST** – Every Saturday morning – 7:30 to 9:00 – Chapter House -- Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage – Lots of Coffee & Hanger Talk!! Come join us.

Some Saturdays - We are going to Sam’s Hanger after Breakfast to work on the Plane.

**THURSDAY** – Chapter House & Sam’s Hanger – Airplane work night & Hanger Talk.

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### OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2009 AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE

We will be having elections that night. Be thinking of who you would like to have as 2 Board Members. The 2 member’s positions who will be up for election are John Hecktor and Vic Pixey. We also need to elect a Vice President as Phil Knox has stepped up into the Presidents position. Also while we are talking about elections, I know the newspaper editor is not an elected position but if there is someone out there who would like the job and could

probably do a much better job – speak up! We have had such a busy year and I know I have not done the job I should be doing, I do apologize.

The program is kind of a question at the time of this writing, so it is one of those meetings to come to and see what is going on. I am sure Phil has something up his sleeve for the meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

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**YOUNG EAGLES  
OCTOBER 17, 2009**

I am hoping to get this out in time – Remember we are flying Young Eagles on Saturday. We need HELP. Mike needs Pilots, and Ground Crew. Breakfast is at 7:30 and we will start flying at 9:00 to Noon. COME HELP.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 5, 2009**

Don't forget the Christmas Party at Hostetler's Hanger at Nappanee Airport on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The invitations should be going out in the mail soon. Return your RSVP as soon as possible so Michelle can get a count for the cater. We will also have the silent auction, if you have any thing to donate to the auction we would be glad to have it.

**1<sup>st</sup>. ANNUAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST**

We had our first pancake breakfast last Saturday (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>) at the airport. We used the old FBO Hanger to serve the breakfast, it worked out really well and made a good place to have the Breakfast. As of now I don't have a count for sure, but we were guessing around 100 that we served. We had 6 airplanes fly in for breakfast. The thought right now is maybe trying another one in the spring. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the Friday night set up and also the Breakfast on Saturday morning. Also Thanks to everyone who came for Breakfast.

**UPDATE ON THE SATURDAY PROJECTS**

WROTE BY Don Duck

**An update on the J-3 Cub:**

Not too much has been done lately on the Cub. The tail feathers are through the silver .

The Ailerons are ready for the silver.

The Wing Cables have been run, Fabric on one side is ready for the silver. The other side needs one more coat of Poly Brush.

The main project lately has been to get the Vagabond relicensed:

The Tail wheel was repaired.

Cables adjusted.

All wheel bearings repacked.

Compression checked and plugs cleared.

Breaks adjusted and Fluid added.

Carburetor was rebuilt.

**We are now waiting for an AI to sign if off so I can finally get in the air again.  
Thanks to all who have been helping on it and A Big Thank You to Lowell for all his  
instruction and help with the plane.**

**Note of interest: When the Vagabond is finished and moved out of Sam's hanger we will be  
moving Tom Huizinga's Jr. Ace into Sam's hanger to do an extensive annual on his plane.**  
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LETTER FROM SAM:

I understand that there were a lot of hurt feelings at Oshkosh this year due to our camping situation. I apologize for not being more proactive with the situation. I was overwhelmed by my upcoming move and the changes that were going to occur that I allowed a bad situation to happen. Let me give some background to Camp 132 for those who don't know and explain our situation today.

For decades Camp 132 was always located in Paul's Wood. We would show up for our work party at least 10 days prior to opening day and stake out our site. We had to pay through the end of convention with a refund if you left early. Two events were the impetus for moving Camp 132 out of Paul's Wood. First I got involved with Chapter 439 on work party. Second Paul's Wood started getting overcrowded.

I moved up to the 439 Oasis about 8 years ago. I was fortunate enough to be able to volunteer the week prior making me eligible to be in the area. The requirement was you had to volunteer the week before the show and have had been a volunteer for at least 5 years. Slowly other Chapter 132 members started coming up for the work party and staying the following week. Most camped in Paul's Wood and paid for camping the entire week before and through Convention.

South Maintenance was very impressed with the quality and cooperative nature of our Chapter. So three years ago they offered us the area below the 439 Oasis as our own Chapter Campground. I misunderstood their intent the first year and offered to let any Chapter 132 member camp in the new area and only pay from the time they arrived through the Convention. I was told after the Convention that the area was only to be used by volunteers.

The following year we allowed anyone who volunteered during the work party to camp in the new area. Again, I misunderstood the offer. After convention I was told that only people who volunteered at the week prior to the convention could camp in the new area. So we tried to make that clear in the Vortex and at the Chapter meetings. Only Chapter members who volunteered most of the week prior to Convention could camp in the new area, the rest would have to pay in advance and we would find a place nearby.

This year was a mess. There was miscommunication on my part and non-volunteers were allowed to camp in the new area. Jerry was told this wasn't acceptable because I wasn't around and ended up looking like the bad guy. I apologize to Jerry for putting him in that situation. It never should have happened. This is an EAA rule, not a Chapter 132 rule. We have no choice to follow the rule or we lose the campground. Paul's Wood is no longer an option. It filled up prior to our arriving. I was told under no circumstance next year would any non long-term volunteer be allowed to camp in the new area. We could still rope off adjacent areas but they would have to pay from the end of our work party through Convention. This really is no different than what we had done for decades in Paul's Woods. We paid for our site from the work party through Convention. The location is just different.

Next year the law was laid down on us. No one will be allowed to camp in the volunteer area until they volunteer at least 5 days prior to convention. Anyone camping in the area must pay from the end of our work weekend through the end of Convention. Anyone not volunteering for at least 5 days prior to Convention must still pay from end of our work party through Convention. We will do our best to get a spot at close to Camp 132 as possible. Again this is an EAA rule, not a Chapter 132 rule.

I hope this clears up any confusion and again I apologize to everyone, especially Jerry, for this misunderstanding. No matter where anyone camps, all are still welcome to hang out under the canopies and join us for breakfast every morning. We have a special place with EAA. I don't want to jeopardize our relationship in any way.

Sam

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## MEETINGS

**Board Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 at the Chaperhouse  
**Building Meetings:** Thursdays 7:00 at the Chapterhouse  
**Regular Meetings:** Last Thursday of the month 7:00 at the Chapter house  
**Other planned events:** No regular meetings in November or December.

**GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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