

THE FLYER

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Chapter Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Sport Aviation Center, 3600 Wildwood Ave., Jackson, MI 49202-1811 unless otherwise published....Everyone is welcome, bring a friend and we'll do our best to welcome them.

This month's meeting will be Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 PM. The Board will typically meet one hour earlier. You are welcome to attend and listen.

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This Month's Contents: 1) Board Meeting Summary, 2) Special Member Announcement, 3) General Chapter News, 4) Pacer News, 5) Meeting Notes & Speaker, 6) Upcoming Events

- 1) Board Meeting Notes:** The treasurer (Chuck) gave a detailed report on the club's current financial position and savings. The club's financial resources are stable and are predicted to continue given our typical revenue generating activities.

John reported the Pacer Project is moving to the next major stage of restoring the fuselage. (See item 4 for more information.)

The hangar committee of three (Steve Matthews, Dan Stanton, and Charlie Moore) presented the new hangar rent plan to the board. After discussions, we set the rent for construction floor space at \$50/mo. Previously we were charging \$125. The hangar rent document is posted on the bulletin board and on the web site within the March Board Meeting Minutes at: www.eaa304.com/newsletter.

John reported his progress on our electronic sign request. After discussions, the board decided to purchase an electronic sign when all the appropriate permissions are in place. We will program various messages; EAA is Open, Fly-In Breakfast time and date, other EAA sponsored events and general airport events. At some point in the future, we may re-approach the Airport Board about paid advertising. At present, we are limited to airport events only.

In March, the board approved the design and implementation of an anonymous survey regarding the chapter. The survey has since been completed with more than 30 responses. Results and comments from the survey are scheduled for presentation at our May board meeting.

- 2) Special announcement:** Long time member Jack Taft passed away in March. He was 87, a WWII pilot and a special EAA member. He will be missed.
- 3) General Chapter News:** One of the common survey comments was the desire to read and hear more about what our fellow members are doing. We would love to publish your project progress, flight experiences, and anything else you are willing to share, so PLEASE, send us

your information. You and the other members are asking for the information, but we can't share it without your help. Give us your stories by sending them to either Steve Matthews at smmatthe@gmail.com or by phone (517) 789-8798 or Jim Buist at jimbuist@yahoo.com or by phone (517) 930-2265.

For the **latest news**, please check the chapter website and contribute in any way you can, by adding information to our Latest News page. If you have any questions or have any trouble signing in to use that part of the site, call Jim or email him at jimbuist@yahoo.com.

Do you know of any Fly-Ins coming up later this year? Please email any and all information, including flyers (if you have them) or website addresses, to Jim Buist or any officer so we can add these to our on-line calendar and the newsletter.

- 4) ***Pacer Project News:*** The fuselage is reduced to bare metal and some rust. Next step is sand blasting followed by an inspection, the repair of any identified problems, then painting. If you haven't worked on the project in a while, or at all, how about coming out and giving us a hand?
- 5) ***Meeting Notes & Speaker:*** Our May meeting will be devoted to our Fly-In preparation and assignments, plus whatever individual members wish to share with the group. The June 7 Fly-In is coming up fast and, as always, we need your help, so please plan to lend a hand. It is always a fun time and a great fund raiser for the chapter. And, remember to pass the word around:

EAA 304 Annual Fly-In / Cruise-In Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 7, 2009

7:00 AM to Noon

All You Can Eat

Only \$ 6 for adults; \$ 3 for kids 6 to 12; Kids under 6 eat FREE

6) ***Upcoming Events:***

- June 7, 2009: EAA 304 Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
- June 5 – 7, 2009: Indianapolis Air Show: www.IndyAirShow.com; Mt. Comfort Airport (KMQJ)
- Saturday, June 20, 2009: Kendallville, IN Airport Fun Day; Fly-In, Drive-In; Breakfast from 7 AM – 11 AM, Lunch from 11 AM – 2 PM; Please see the flyer on our chapter website at www.eaa304.com/newsletter
- June 27, 2009: Midwestern Taildragger Rendezvous, Post Air Airport, Indianapolis, Breakfast and lunch 8:30 — 2, 1215 S. Franklin Road.
- July 27 – August 2: EAA AirVenture Oshkosh; www.AirVenture.org
- Saturday, September 5, 2009: 19th annual Fly/In Cruise/In & Pancake Breakfast at Marion, IN Municipal Airport from 7 AM – 2 PM. More information is available at www.flyincruisein.com
- September 12-13 — Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In, Grimes Field Airport (I74), Urbana OH. For more information see www.merfi.info
- September 26 — Wood, Fabric and Tailwheels fly-in, Lee Bottom Field, (64I) Hanover IN. For more information see www.leebottom.com