



VORTEX

MICHIANA CHAPTER 132

SEPTEMBER 2011

VOLUME 47 NUMBER 09

2011 CALENDER

September 29, 2011 Chapter Meeting – Chapter House 7:00 PM
October 7,8,9 2011 Elkhart Warbird Event
October 13, 2011 Chapter Board Meeting – Chapter House 7:00 PM
October 27, 2011 Chapter Meeting – Chapter House 7:00 PM
Election of Officers
November 10, 2011 Chapter Board Meeting – Chapter House 7:00 PM
December 03, 2011 Christmas Party

DON'T FORGET:

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.

~~~~~

# ITEMS OF INTEREST:

## CHAPTER MEETING September 29, 2011

Regular Chapter meeting at the chapter house, 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Sam Heiter from the FAA. If you have questions for the FAA this would be the night to come to the meeting.

---

---

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

October meeting is this years election of officers. We have a slim slate this year and would like to have more people to run for offices. PLEASE if you are interested in an office or would just like to help out and take an office – see Phil Knox and put your name in. Please help us and also get some new ideas. The Election Slate that we have right now is:

President:

Phil Knox

Vice President:

Ted Woodill

Secretary:

Treasure:

Jerry Hostetler

Rod Hill

Board of Directors: (elect 2)

Vic Pixey

Jim Butler

Dan Ramsey

Steve Leshner

Now we need your help in putting more names on the Slate.

---

---

### WARBIRD EVENT

October 7, 8, & 9 is the Elkhart Warbird Event. We will be needing LOTS of help. Saturday will be an all day Event. The EAA is doing a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday Morning, which is open to the Public so we could do lots of Pancakes. Then after 10:00 AM we will do Brats, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs for the Public. They will also need help on the ramp and in other ways. We need everyone to come down and help. There will be some need for help on Friday and Sunday also.

---

---

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 3, 2011

Mark you calendar!! Our annual Christmas party at Jerry Hostetler's Hanger on the Nappanee Airport will again be held. The invitations will be coming out soon so look for yours. If you don't receive one in the mail or hand delivered – Please contact Michelle Wantz, Don & Beth Mulnickle, Don & Karen Duck, or Jerry & Beth Hostetler about getting one. Everyone is invited!!

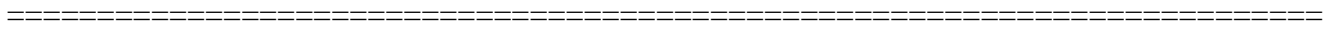


WINGS ON!! WHAT A PRETTY LITTLE PLANE. GOOD JOB GUYS & GAL.

# **SOME OBSERVATIONS ON FLYING**

A good simulator check ride is like a successful surgery on a dead body.

- **Asking a pilot what he thinks about the FAA is like asking a tree what it thinks about dogs.**
- **An airline pilot is a confused soul who talks about women when flying, and about flying when he's with a woman.**
- **The only thing worse than a captain who never flew as a copilot is a copilot who once was a captain.**
- **Experience is gained through making mistakes. Mistakes are caused by a lack of experience**
- **Hand-flying an ILS in a gusty crosswind is easier than adjusting the shower controls in a layover hotel.**
- **A smooth touchdown in a simulator is as exciting as kissing your sister.**
- **Most airline crew food tastes like warmed-over chicken because that's what it is.**
- **Everything is accomplished through teamwork until some- thing goes wrong.....then one pilot gets all the blame.**
- **Standard checklist practice requires pilots to read to each other procedures used every day...and recite from memory those which are only needed once every five years.**
- **A crew scheduler has to be the kind of person who wakes his wife at midnight to carry out the garbage, then sends her back to let the cat in.**
- **An FAA investigation is conducted by a few non-flying experts who take six months to itemize the mistakes made by a crew who had six seconds to react to the emergency.**
- **Unlike flight crew members, jet engines stop whining when the plane arrives at the gate.**
- **A good flight attendant says, "Good morning, Captain." A great flight attendant says, "It's morning, Captain".**
- **A dispatcher's desk has never run out of fuel.**



**ALWAYS ASK --- NEVER ASSUME!!**

*His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.*

*He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.*

*Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.*

*He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'.*

*The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.*

*Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'*

*'Why?' asked the pilot.*

*'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.'*

*The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're **NOT** my flight instructor?'*

---

## 2011 OFFICERS

President: Phil Knox (574) 286-6155  
[Phil.knox.eaa132@gmail.com](mailto:Phil.knox.eaa132@gmail.com)

Young Eagles Coordinator: Mike Hershberger (574) 259-2785  
[hershbergerm@hotmail.com](mailto:hershbergerm@hotmail.com)

Vice-Pres: Ted Woodill (269) 663-2564  
[Tedwoodill@gmail.com](mailto:Tedwoodill@gmail.com)

Vortex Editor: Karen Duck (269) 699-7721  
[momduck29@verizon.net](mailto:momduck29@verizon.net)

Secretary: Tom Fields (574) 259-7627  
[Tjfields2@comcast.net](mailto:Tjfields2@comcast.net)

Web Lacky: Steve Gerencser Jr. (574) 534-5794  
[Steve@fortheweb.com](mailto:Steve@fortheweb.com)

Treasure: Jerry Hostetler (574) 773-5855  
[jhostetler@maplenet.net](mailto:jhostetler@maplenet.net)

Directors: Michael Hall (574) 675-0644  
Vic Pixey (574) 264-0880  
Don Duck (269) 699-7721  
Michelle Wantz (574) 971-8498  
Chapter Historian: George Watts (574) 293-6496

Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Building Meetings: Thursday s at 7:00 at the Hangar

Regular Meetings: Last Thursday of the month unless  
Other Plans are made  
7:00 PM at Chapter House Chapter

**GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Karen Duck**  
21825 Mason Street  
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

