

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, July 2 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) Member's Profile, 3) General Chapter News, 4) Project News, 5) Meeting Speaker, 6) Contributing Writers/Events

1. The board met at 6:30 PM, June 4. The treasurer's report was received with acclaim because our finances are in excellent shape thanks to the frugal nature of our treasurers (past & present). The report was accepted.

Discussion continued on particulars of the fly-in; including changes in price, length of time and the show-car drive-in activity & control. Also discussed was aircraft parking for pilots flying in for the breakfast. Next year we'll change the wording on the banners to include the following; "Public Invited". Seems obvious when pointed out, don't it!

The proposed **Jackson Flight Fund** agreement with EAA 304 was discussed and voted on at this meeting. A difficult vote because there were both strong pro and con arguments - alas, nothing is ever easy. A motion was made and passed. We (our treasurer mostly) will help the Jackson Flight Fund with administering the expense side of the activity. Specific details are yet to be worked out and approved. The board also discussed our rate schedule for renting our facilities, seems we don't have one! Our intrepid Treasurer (the mighty Chuck) volunteered to create a rent schedule for the board to review and approve at our next meeting. (Are you seeing a pattern here?)

The board is tentatively planning to present the revised Bylaws at the July meeting. If so, you can expect us to use the drop down screen and a proxima projector to enable everyone to view and comment more easily.
2. This month's profile is our intrepid Treasurer. Chuck Furgason began his love for flying as a child. Throughout his boy hood especially in scouting he began learning the basics of model airplane construction. This interest soon led actually flying a plane. His service in the Air Guard further enhanced his interest. He is currently is the owner of a fully restored 1955 Piper Tripacer. The Tripacer was purchased in Grand Junction CO. With the help of John Eiler we tried leaving in November but she had an engine problem so we drove home, then went back in Feb. an got as far as Iowa bad weather we drove home, Went back a month later and got her home. I remember that day as the temperature was below 0 when we departed Jackson and we never seen above 9 deg. all day. The heater worked good and it was toasty in the cabin. Chuck is the Owner of Winzeler and Brail Dry Cleaners and is operator of Avis Rent a Car in Jackson. This Jackson native is an automotive design engineer with extensive liaison experience. Chuck volunteers time with numerous organizations in Michigan and served on the board of The Corvette Club, Society of Automotive Engineers, The German American Club, Unity Church of Jackson, Friends of the Jackson District Library, Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 304 and the Jackson County Airport Flight Fund. He is also President of the Capitol

Area Koi & Water Gardening Club. His varied interests have lead him to tour extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Tahiti and several European countries. He has a passion in collecting antique and classic cars; coordinates car shows including many Pulse (unique enclosed motorcycle once manufactured in Michigan) rallies in both Michigan and Indiana.

3. Thanks for sharing your news

Our website administrator (the marvelous Jim) thanks all of you who have been using our "Latest News" section on the Chapter Website (www.eaa304.com) This section is for our members to communicate directly with the group and has several sub areas for appropriate postings such as *Announcements, Latest News, General Comments, Chapter and Member Project Updates, and Flying Destinations*. Please tell us what is going on by posting any information you have. Anything and everything aviation is welcome. One big request to anyone currently building a project, please tell us about your project's progress. Your fellow members would love to hear how you are coming along. That, and other posted information, will also help our Newsletter Editor (Steve) find things to include in the monthly newsletter. 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.

Pancake Breakfast

The annual Pancake Breakfast went well this year, a bit over 500 tickets sold. Both aircraft and unique automobiles were down from last year but the weather was perfect and the food was up to our normal very high standards. The Civil Air Patrol set up a table and the local RC Club set up a display and raffle. Next year we'll start our advertising a bit earlier and insure the local papers have the date and pictures. Any 'Marketing' types out in there who want to help us get the word out? Chuck (Treasurer) arranged to make some great signs to aid in parking, and from what I can tell, they helped smooth traffic flow considerably.

4. Only a small amount of taping is left but the IAC is coming soon and our straw boss is on vacation, so we'll not work on the wings until July 17. We are still meeting from **5:30 PM to 7:00 PM or so, each Thursday and again on Saturday and Sunday** mornings to work on the project. We need all the hands we can round up, so please make some time to come by and help with the project. I'm seeing the same faces each week and frankly, I could use a change in scenery, we need to dilute this bunch of geezers with some fresh clean smiling faces. We will soon be bringing in the fuselage to clean, repair where needed and paint. Don't let the rest of us have all the fun, come on by enjoy the health benefits of manual unpaid labor.....
5. We will not have a professional speaker at the July meeting because we'll be working on Bylaws. Don't groan - it won't be that bad. Even if it is, you probably need to do penance for something!
6. The **CanAm Aerobatic Championship** (Mid-America) is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 through Sunday, July 13 at Reynolds Field. Practice and registration is Thursday, July 10 and Friday July 11. We (EAA 304) will, as in the past, supply space, general help and lunches for the competitors.

Hillsdale Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by: Breakfast sponsored by the Hillsdale Exchange Club. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. Centennial Car Club Display. Light Sport Enthusiasts can see the all new Flight Design CTLS! Saturday evening camping welcome! June 29, 2008 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM
For More Information Contact: James Scheibner 517-437-4755

Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show & Balloon Festival, July 2, 2008 - July 6, 2008 Go to: <http://www.bcballoons.com/> for more information.

New to this Newsletter, Steve's really good advice column:

- Basic Flying Rules: Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.
- You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.
- If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to. Corollary, helicopters do not fly, they beat the air into submission.
- Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.

An interesting event occurred whilst I was a WO2 at Tuy Hoa:

One afternoon late in 1969 WO Bob Giebner was returning to Phu Hiep from Qui Nhon. He was close to home and was low leveling (Huey 'slick') down the beach about 50 feet off the water when an Iowa National Guard F-100 suddenly flew underneath his aircraft from behind. The shock waves slammed the ship up and down a few feet in a blink of an eye. WO Giebner was left wondering if the F-100 pilot was as stunned as he was, or if he actually had planned the maneuver.