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### 2016 CALENDAR

April	28, 2016	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM
May	14, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
May	14&15, 2016	Formation Clinic – see Brett Schuck for Information.
May	26, 2016	Honoree Banquet – 4 Lakes Country Club 6:30 Social hour, 7:00 Dinner
June	09, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
June	11, 2016	Young Eagles
June	19, 2016	Mishawaka Pilots Club Fathers Day Breakfast
June	30, 2016	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM - Pot Luck Dinner
July	14, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
July	25 – 31, 2016	AirVenture, Oshkosh WI.
August	11, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
August	21, 2016	EAA/Duck's Picnic
August	26, 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Fly In – Drive In Movie Night
September	08, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
September	29, 2016	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM
October	13, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
October	27, 2016	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM
November	10, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
December	03, 2016	Christmas Party
December	08, 2016	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
January	01, 2017	Nappanee Hanger Over Party

*Saturday Morning: The EAA Kitchen is OPEN. We will be asking for help in the kitchen, doing some of the breakfasts and help with the cooking. I have a schedule made out for you to sign up for a Saturday to cook. If everyone takes their turn and share the load then a couple of people won't have to do it all. You can make up your own Menu of what you want to fix. It is nice having a different menu each Saturday, but we do need help. PLEASE HELP US OUT. Let me know which Saturday you would like.*

*Notes of Interest:*

## CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 28, 2016

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It is the first of the year and it is time to pay Dues. Jerry says they are Due! Please send your \$20.00 to Jerry Hostetler 24640 CR 54 Nappanee, Indiana 46550

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### HONOREE BANQUET 4 LAKES COUNTRY CLUB 6:30 SOCIAL ~~~ 7:00 DINNER

Tim Green is taking reservations – Dinner is \$25.00 each and HAS to be paid when reservation is made. We need reservations in BEFORE My 19<sup>th</sup>. Tim Green's address is 51744 Downey Street, Elkhart, IN 46514. Phone: 574 215-0217.

And E-mail is: [tgreengab@aol.com](mailto:tgreengab@aol.com) DON'T FORGET WE NEED YOUR RESERVATIONS AND MONEY IN TO TIM BEFORE MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>.

The dinner will be the Polish Buffett that we usually have. The Honoree will be a surprise, if we can keep it a surprise. Come and see.

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### *HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY GEORGE MATT!*

*I have to apologize to the Chapter, George had a birthday party on March 26<sup>th</sup> for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, I received an invitation in the mail for the chapter, the problem was I didn't get the invitation until we arrived home from Florida on April 8<sup>th</sup> which was too late. To make up for it we are going to sing to George at the Honoree Banquet and have Birthday Cake. If you want to bring him a card that is OK also. Sorry George.*

### JUNE CHAPTER POTLUCK

JUNE 30, 2016

Our chapter meeting will be a Potluck supper on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Meat, drinks, and serving ware will be provided. We will meet at the hanger at 6:30.

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## AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

We will have some Aviation Scholarships available for the 2017 – 2018 year. We have 2 going out for this next year and both of them will be Seniors this year. Let us know if there is someone who wants an application.

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March Meeting 3/31/16

Meeting brought to order at 7:15

Minutes from February meeting were reviewed.

The formal lease end to Sam's hanger was April 21, 2017 but the hanger is now is Chapter 132's name so this no longer applies.

Tim Green has volunteered to take reservations for the upcoming (May 26) Honoree Banquet.

Although nothing official at this time, it is doubtful that there will be a fall warbird event.

May 14 – 15 the Indiana Flight Center will be holding a formation clinic. This is open to everyone not just warbird pilots.

More information can be found at their web site.

The evening's program was the story of the Aluminum Angels presented by Greg and Vicki Canen. Very educational and makes one appreciate the county we live in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

April Board Meeting 4/14/2016

Ted, Eleanor, Phil, Karen, Jerry, Vic, Jim, Cindy, Michelle, Steve

Phil called to order at 7:00pm

Previous meeting minutes were discussed.

Our sign was placed out front before the March meeting inviting the public but it did not appear to help any.

Honoree Banquet (May 26): Karen will find out exact cost so Tim can start collecting \$. Members will need to pre-pay as in previous years. Phil will send email with instructions on where to send payment.

Congratulations to Brett who won his first two races.

George Watt recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Chapter will celebrate at the honoree banquet.

Young Eagles (June 11): Volunteers should make sure they get there background checks completed. The deadline is fast approaching.

We will once again hold a pot-luck in June (30<sup>th</sup>) for our June meeting. The plan is to hold it at Aaron's hanger.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 to Culvers where Eleanor ate an entire XL banana split all by herself.

Dear Young Eagle Pilots & Volunteers,

Our next event is scheduled for June 11th and we need your help to make it happen. We have some pre-work to be completed by all of us. Each of will be interacting with youth public and have to jump through two very simple hoops to be done by May 31st to be able to help.

1. On the EAA.org, logon and on the volunteer tab there are two items:

- A. Fill out the background check, it is not invasive or obligatory, just lets EAA be able to justify the insurance coverage for our events.
- B. Take the short little course on being safe around the public.

**\*\*If these aren't completed by May 31st, participation in any capacity won't be able to be allowed, so please complete right away\*\***

- 2. Let me know when you've completed these tasks as we are going to try to do a combination of pre-registration and registration the morning of the event, so I need to have a confirmation of pilot and volunteers by May 31st, as pre-registration to open June 1st.

You each make a powerful difference in our community and the future of aviation and innovation, let me thank you in advance for your continued support and participation. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know right away and please forward to anyone you'd like to invite to participate, we need everyone's help to make these events happen.

Best Regards,

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**FATHERS DAY:** Don't forget Mishawaka's Father Day Fly In Breakfast on June 19.

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**REMEMBER:** Reservations and Money for Honoree Banquet are due Before May 19<sup>th</sup>!!!!

Two Brothers 3/11-3/13  
Friday, March 11

Brave Souls: Jim Butler, Dick Wagner, Vic Pixey, Phil Knox (Dad), Jerry Hostetler, Steve Leshner, Doug Bush, Malik Bush, Leon Bush, Sam Kazor, Mitch Ramsey, Tim Green, Michelle Wantz, Phil Knox (son), Dan Ramsey. 15 this year. I believe our largest group yet.

This year we decided to car pool up, which was kind of like herding kittens. But eventually I showed up and we all headed out from the Elkhart airport at 9:30 a.m.

After a quick stop at both McDonalds and Cabela's for a break, we arrived at the Binder house at 3:30pm (IN time). EAA

had made a slight change by removing the beds from the living room and changing back to chairs and a TV. We liked this as it gave our large group plenty of room to spread out. Our biggest challenge of the weekend was dealing with one small bathroom. Fourteen dudes and one small bathroom, yes, it is as one would imagine. Dinner time and we went looking for Kodiak Grill (a nice steak house we have eaten at before) and discovered it was closed. It was now Hu Hot, yes that really is its name, Hu Hot. An “interesting” experience was the description used by many at the end of the meal.

Saturday, March 12

In lieu of going out for breakfast we fixed one of our Chapters typical Saturday morning meals. Biscuits & Gravy (Phil), Eggs (Vic), Sausage & Pancakes (Dan). Once again there was no coffee maker to be found but Phil came to rescue and obtained one. Jerry and I attempted to figure out how to use it but to no avail. Vic finally came over, pushed a button and it miraculously started working.

Herding the group is starting to become easier and we all made it over to the Kermit Weeks hanger by 8:15 (WI time). Every time you walk into the Kermit Weeks hanger is a Wow moment. There sits the Ford Tri-motor, the B-25, the B-17 and various other, smaller aircraft. Due to the B-17 needing to be ready for its upcoming tour, all of the EAA staff assigned to this hanger was working. They were ready for us. Some going to the Tri-motor but most to the B-17. It was a beautiful, sunny day at OSH so the hanger doors were raised and we all went to work. I originally was going to keep a list of all of our chores but with 15 doing multiple tasks throughout the day that thought went right out the window. They provided coffee and donuts at 10:00 and then at Noon a lunch of fried chicken, pizza, sub-sandwiches and potato salad. The day ended with the B-17 being rolled out into the sunshine and the recently installed #4 engine and prop were fired up for the first time. An awesome and exciting end to our work day.

We arrived back at the Binder house at 5:00 and after a quick freshening up headed over to Applebee’s for dinner. The evening ended with one TV showing the basketball game and the other a James Bond movie (From Russia with Love).

Sunday, March 13

We head out to breakfast before the museum opens. Across the street to Plainview only to find out they no longer serve breakfast. Bummer. I recalled a nice Greek place we visited during the convention and suggested it. Name? and where? I’m asked. Uhhh, 4 Brothers and it’s somewhere a little North of here. Into the vehicles we go and head off in search. I kind of / sort of knew about where it was and sure enough, there it was, 2 Brothers (what happened to the other 2?). Oh well, I found it. They were packed but after a short wait they ushered all 15 of us to the back where they had set up a group of tables for us. Service was excellent and the food was great. Next we head the short distance to the museum where we spent the next hour or so taking it all in. Left the museum at 12:18 and after a bit of a traffic jam in Chicago we arrive home at 5:25. All in all another fun filled “work” weekend. Maybe next year we can find the other two brothers...

Wrote by Jim Butler / Thanks Jim!

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**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**

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