

## Calendar

### August

- 4 EAA Chapter 1129  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm  
**PICNIC !!!**

### September

- 1 EAA Chapter 1129  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm

### October

- 6 EAA Chapter 1129  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm

**Great Tip...**EAA Chapter 1129 is a non-profit organization. We are not specifically listed as a United Way agency, but if you specify "EAA Chapter 1129" on your United Way contribution form, the funds will be forward to your Chapter to benefit local aviation education and safety.

### Chapter 1129 Web Site

The website has not been updated recently and is not very current. The chapter needs someone to take on the task of keeping it current.

**Volunteer!!!**

Next Meeting:

**When: Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 pm**

**Where: Our New Hangar!! (map inside)**

**Picnic! Come and get it !!**

## President's Hot Seat

August, 2016

By Jack Schnurr

July is almost gone and what a great month it has been. The Fly Market was a success, lots of stuff for sale and some of it sold. We had steady foot traffic from 9 AM till 6 PM. The take for our chapter was \$1,272. Our chapter member from Neb., Jim Anderson, was a great help setting up and helped all day. My thanks to the members that helped with this money maker. We did not expect a lot of our members to help at this event because the middle of the summer every body is busy, it worked out just right, enough people there all day to make things move along smoothly.

Matt gave us good news with a pull tab profit of \$1,296 for the last month. Michael Armstrong is going to buy our conex that we just emptied out so our money challenge is turning out good so far.

"Senior men rule", we had about six men show on the 19th of July to remove the excess panels from the front of the hangar where the door will be mounted. The youngest was 68, the rest were between 70 and over 90. They got the job done in a superlative manner in 4 1/2 hours. Yes I know I estimated 2 hours but remember I thought my airplane building project was going to take 800 hours and it actually took almost 1,600 hours so it was par for the course.

On a more sad note, Jack DiMarchi has left the Fairbanks area, he will no longer be on the board. We will miss him, his wisdom has helped our chapter on many occasions. He could always be counted on to help us in spite of his busy work schedule. We wish you the very best, Jack, please keep in touch with us.

Jim Anderson was with us for 10 days, this was a win/win situation. He was able to visit old friends, see the barracks that he lived in at Ladd Army Airfield around the middle 1960s and he was a great help around the hangar. Jim, thank you for coming up to visit and for all of your help. Thank you for your very generous contribution to our chapter.

## EAA Chapter 1129 Mission Statement:

Build, restore, innovate and educate to preserve Alaska's aviation heritage, and to promote Alaska's aviation future.



(Presidents Hot Seat—continued...)

Three of our members made significant tax deductible contributions to our chapter this month. We are blessed to have so many wonderful members willing to help with labor, money, and moral support.

We have more good news on the health scene, John Miller is slowly gaining on his mobility issues and expects to be discharged around the 10th of Aug. He will still have a long way to go but he will be free from the confines of a rehabilitation facility. He is planning on being in Fairbanks during the month of September. We are looking forward to seeing you buddy, keep up the good work. Lee Griffin is back in Fairbanks with a 6 month warranty from M D Anderson Cancer Center, it is great to have you back Lee. Hope to see you at the meeting. We have other members facing health issues that will require surgery. Please Keep all of our members in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks,

*Jack*

## Hangar Happenings

By Bill Green, Hangar Manager

On Saturday, July 23rd, a small group of chapter members gathered at our hangar and took the next step in preparing the building for the bi-fold door. The upper portion of the south wall below the roof truss was safely removed and set aside.

Thanks to all involved for accomplishing that task. And thanks go to Syd Stealey for once again donating the use of his forklift.

I don't know how we would have done the job without it. And thanks to Jack for the fresh donuts which kept us all fueled up and working!

Just as we finished with that job, Tim Henry, of Arctic Engineering, called with the design for the header which will support the hangar door. Perfect timing!

We have now ordered the Glulam Beam which will serve as the door header. Rick Crisenbery is doing a lot of work designing and sourcing materials for the steel support brackets. Our chapter is very fortunate to have someone of Rick's knowledge and talent working on this building. I am confident that our hangar door will work well, and do its job for many years to come.

At our August 4th general meeting we will discuss the proposed meeting room addition to our hangar. Your best ideas for design options, floor plans, and building features are requested. As well as your thoughts on whether or not to begin construction of an addition this season. Where



**Front wall has been removed so that the door header can be installed.**





**Footing on the back of the hangar - might be a great place to build a heated meeting area?**

we might hold our meetings this coming winter comes into this discussion as well.

In one way or another, we all have experience with building projects and can make worthwhile suggestions on the direction our chapter should take with our hangar home. Your input is needed and appreciated.

## **Fly Market Success**

Our chapter had a very successful Fly

Market Sale on July 16th. Thanks to many generous donations we still have quite a few items left that are available for sale on a first come, first served, basis. Here is a partial list of goodies we still have:

Aircraft Stuff

Super Cub serviceable starter

Cub brake parts

ELT's

Garmin GPS 55

DC 10-30 headset

Lightspeed Thirty 3G noise cancelling headset

Aircraft engine stands

Heavy duty automotive engine stand

Barrel pump and fuel meter and nozzle

Camping gear, MRE's, Coleman stove and lantern, foam pads and sleeping bag and more!

Dirt Devil hand vacs and sweepers (New)

Bunny Boots, float coat and down jacket

We also have a mosquito magnet, a set of barn door tracks, a pickup box trailer, landscaping railroad ties, and more.

Get a great deal on some great stuff and help us raise a little money for the chapter! Come to the meeting on Thursday and take home some real bargains.



**Bargain hunters swarm over the selection at the Fly Market**

## We Still Need a Fridge

Now that we have electricity, we could use a fridge to keep the condiments, burger patties, etc. If anyone has a spare they'd like to donate to the chapter, it would be greatly appreciated, and put to good use!



**Pancake Breakfast volunteers hard at work**

## Thanks to the Aviation Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteers!

By Pat Crisenbery

*(Editor's Note - Pat sent this in just after Aviation Day, but I didn't get it in the newsletter till now. Late, but still heartfelt "Thank You" to the volunteers!)*

Rick and I got back in to town just a couple of weeks before Fairbanks Aviation Appreciation Day on May 21. That left very little time to help the EAA Board get ready for our annual pancake breakfast. Bruce Dunkle sent out an emergency email asking for volunteers and we got a great response from our chapter members. I won't say the whole thing went off without a

hitch, but we were able to serve pancakes and hotdogs to more people than we ever have before. The exact number is unknown at this time, as the tally sheet which our cashier folks keep has gone missing—just one of the very minor mishaps!

As the day started quite early, I took responsibility for the serving line and Rick kept quite busy in the food prep area. Dave and Karen Gardner showed up early and ready to flip pancakes and heat sausage, aided by Jim Cameron. Brooke Cacy kept the juice containers full and was a very effective "runner", making the trip from food prep to food service with full containers of pancake mix, and returning with the empties.

Joe Usibelli and Vickie Domke were very busy at the front of the server line, taking money and running credit cards. Rick got lots of help in the food prep area from John Zarling who made sure the chili was warm by 11 and that the hot dogs were getting defrosted. Michael Armstrong helped with pancake mixing and Brooke and Jim did double duty getting the soda cans into ice filled cooler barrels, just to discover that they leaked, and everything had to be transferred to picnic coolers and the floor mopped!

Tim Covell from Healy showed up for the second shift and he and Jim stayed on their feet for hours serving chili dogs for lunch. And finally, we couldn't have gotten the setup and cleanup done without Jack Schnurr and Matt Kato. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone in this narrative. If I have please excuse my oversight, but know that the help was nonetheless very much appreciated! Thank you all!





**Rick drooling over Rans S20**



**Overcast morning at Sun-n-Fun 2016**



**Flat Head D Motor**

## Sun-n-Fun 2016

By Pat Crisenbery

*(Editor's Note - Again, Pat sent in this excellent article way back in May and I didn't get it in here till this month. My apologies. Thanks for the great article and photos!)*

Rick and I had plans during our spring trip Outside this year, to spend at 2-3 weeks in Florida, which would have included at least two days at Sun-n-Fun in Lakeland. Unfortunately, our truck had other ideas and we spent extra time in Phoenix while u-joints were replaced. However, that is another story, and not nearly as interesting! As a result, our Florida trip was shortened considerably to a long weekend, and we were only able to spend one day at the Lakeland airport. But it was worth the trip!

It had rained quite heavily the day before our visit, and we were very concerned about muddy parking lots and paths. But everything at the venue was very well prepared. The grass parking lots were well seeded and held up with the traffic, and there was no standing water and mud in the display area at all. We



**Aviat Float Pond**



**Small Plane  
-  
Big Motor**



## Map to EAA Chapter 1129 Hangar



**Take Peger south, past Van Horn, turn left on Frank, first driveway on the left after Tibor. We'll have to use Syd's driveway till we get the brush cleared on the Tibor entrance.**

(Sun-n-Fun 2016 continued...)

arrived early and focused on the light sport display area, as the forecast was for a hot, sunny day. I didn't take nearly as many photos as I should have, but am including a few that I did take.

We spent most of our time looking at the light sport aircraft. Even though we are planning on finishing our "big airplane project" in the next few years Rick is looking ahead at these. He was especially interested in the Rans S20 Raven and he spent at least a half hour discussing them with Randy Schlitter. Randy had just come in from flying the S20 demonstrator with the Rotax engine. We also looked over the Zenair float display as they seemed to be a good option for the S20.

It has been many years (over 20) since

I've been to Oshkosh, but Sun-n-Fun felt like a very different event. Smaller, of course, but also more relaxed. The aircraft displays were nicely spread out, with plenty of room to walk around the various aircraft. The food vending areas felt like a country fair, rather than the more strictly controlled food vending areas of Oshkosh. A very fun experience and highly recommended!

### Picnic at the Meeting

This month's meeting at the hangar will be a picnic again! The chapter will provide burgers, buns, condiments, plates, napkins, etc.

Members please bring side dishes and drinks to share

*See you there!*

CLASSIFIEDS

**Wanted :**

Your items for sale here!

List your items for sale here - for free!

**From the Editor's Desk....**

**Calling for articles and photos!**

Please keep in mind that we're always looking for good stories or photos to put in the newsletter! We try to send the newsletter out about a week before the regular meeting to help remind everyone of the date. But please send in photos or articles anytime to [dunkleb@yahoo.com](mailto:dunkleb@yahoo.com) and I'll get it into the next issue.

Most wanted are project updates with photos! Come on guys and gals! The newsletter works better if you help! Send it in! If you aren't sure of the format or whatever, just drop me a note and I'll be happy to help you with it.



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