

## Calendar

### July

- 7 EAA Chapter 1129  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm  
*No food this time*
- 9 **Workday**  
9:00am  
Meet at Bill's Hangar  
1336 Dolphin Way  
Chena Marina
- 16 **FLY MARKET !!!**  
9:00am to 6:00pm  
EAA Hangar

### August

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

### September

- 1 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.

Next Meeting:

**When: Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm**

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

**Different Location !!**

## President's Hot Seat

July, 2016

By Jack Schnurr

We had another great month that included 10 people showing up to help set up tents for the artist walk at Creamers Field and then after the event the volunteers took the tents down, The chapter made \$450 because of the efforts of our members. Thank you to all that helped with the event.

Two of our members made significant donations to our treasury in the last month. The dedication of these members will move our work on the hangar forward much faster than we expected. All of us thank the donors very much for thinking of us.

Bill Green has really been busy on the hangar project, the conexs are sitting on the concrete footers, the asphalt has been cut and the gravel has been removed so that concrete can be poured across the front of the hangar for the door to rest on. The door will be arriving in the next week or two. This is great progress on our new home, We will have some work parties in the next two weeks, please help if you can. Emails will be sent out as the work dates get close.

Jim Anderson, a long time member of our chapter from Nebraska will be staying in a camper behind the hangar from the 7th of July to the 17th of July. He has volunteered to help on the hangar project for ten days just to help us out. Please thank him for coming up to help us when you see him.

The first months income from pull tabs was a stunning \$1,462. That amount will probably decrease some in the coming months but it looks like we will be able to meet all of our financial obligations with no problem.

Let's not forget to give our thoughts and prayers for our members that are bravely fighting health issues. John Miller and Lee Griffen are giving 100 percent of their efforts to beat illnesses. We are looking forward to having them back with us soon.

Thanks, **Jack**

## EAA Chapter 1129 Mission Statement:

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





**Conexs sitting on the new concrete foundations. Also the new concrete sill for the door is in place.**

## Hangar Happenings

By Bill Green, Hangar Manager

*(Editor - This article from Bill as well as Jack's on the front page were written before the door arrived. Some of their comments are already dated! Things are happening fast!)*

Our hangar is now resting on its permanent foundations. A small but significant step in the process of making our building into our Chapter home. A well deserved thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the excavation for the concrete work, and the backfilling after that work was done. This past week we did more shovel work so that our contractor could pour a concrete door sill across the front of the building for the hangar door. That latest pour should be complete by the time you read this.

The new Schweiss bifold door should be arriving in Fairbanks about July 4th or 5th.

We will need a few helpers for the unloading at our lot. And we also need some lengths of chain for lifting the door off of the truck. Syd Stealey has offered the use of his forklift. We are finalizing the design of the door support header. We will need to remove the current end wall from the building, and then install the header. And when that is in place we can hang the door itself. There will be some electrical hook-ups to be made for the motor and controls. And installing the sheeting on the exterior of the door will complete that very important phase of turning our building into a secure hangar. That will be a major milestone for our hangar, and for our organization.

Looking forward, we have the option to add onto the North side of our building. As many of you know, there is an existing concrete footing that we can use in one way or another for additional space. A heated meeting room with kitchen and bathroom facilities is one possibility. This



**At the end of the new sill we've put in anchor bolts to hold the door vertical side rails.**



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

would be a comfortable area that we could use year round for our general meetings. A classroom for working with young people interested in aviation. A workspace for do it ourselves training on fabric work, or sheet metal, or aircraft wiring, or anyone of a number of subjects. Popcorn and movie nights. As the saying goes, if we build it, the ideas will come! A space of 18' by 44' will fit nicely onto the existing structure. I think this size is within our financial reach near term. And can be heated all winter without breaking our budget.

Just for the sake of consideration, I worked up some figures for materials for an 18' by 44' addition. Going with a monolithic slab floor with 2" of foam insulation underneath, runs approximately \$7000. Or, a wood floor using TJI's, 3/4" tongue and groove plywood decking, and 10" fiberglass batt insulation should cost about \$4000. A set of roof trusses would be \$2900. 2" by 6" studs, with

OSB siding, and metal roofing runs another \$2000. So, using a conventional wooden floor, we could have a room closed in for about \$9000. Or, with a slab floor for about \$3000 more. Please understand that these are rough figures. I am sure that we could save a bit of money by shopping around for the materials. And of course these figures do not include wall and ceiling insulation, Sheetrock or paneling, or doors and windows.

For a comfortable facility we will want running water with at least a simple kitchen and a bathroom. A foam insulated, 1500 gallon plastic water holding tank costs about \$3600. A 1500 gallon septic holding tank is about \$2500. If we were to come up with a building plan this season, we could just stub in the water and sewer lines this year and defer the actual expense of the water and sewer tanks, and their installation, until next year.

All of these are just basic options that I am throwing out to get the discussion started. Your ideas, questions, and suggestions, are not only encouraged, they are completely vital to achieving the best possible facility for our group. I think that in many ways we are fortunate here in Fairbanks with respect to construction projects. Members of this group have not only built airplanes, most of us at one time or another have been involved in building our own houses, hangars, wood sheds, dog houses, or something that relates to what our EAA chapter is working on. All of our knowledge and experience is a

...(Hangar Happenings - continued)  
tremendous resource that we can put to good use now. We will be talking about the building at our general membership meeting this coming Thursday. The hangar door should be, not yet installed, but at least on display. If you can't make the meeting but have a question or idea, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 479-3742.



**Flatbed truck carrying ours, and several other hangar doors, arrives**



**Rick, Terry, Bill, Bruce and Matt have attached the chains and now Syd brings in the forklift**



**Chains all attached - and its off the truck**



**Syd at the controls with Terry guiding as the door is lowered onto some wood blocking**

## Hangar Door Has Arrived!

The hangar door arrived on a flatbed truck on Sunday July 3rd. The truck had already delivered three doors, and ours was one of four or five still to be delivered around the state. With the help of several volunteers and Syd's forklift we lifted the door frame off the flatbed and onto some temporary wood blocking. We also unloaded five boxes of parts and the man door.

With so much volunteer help and collective knowledge it went very smoothly, safely and fast.



**John looks like he's about ready to start another project !**

## Update on John Miller

*(John sent us a quick update on his progress recovering from the fall he took several weeks ago.)*

My poor old body is still pretty messed up, but not anywhere near as messed up as it was when I injured my spinal cord in April. The folks at the Craig hospital here in Denver are very experienced with helping people with my kind of injury regain function. I have gone from being unable to move my right leg to walking with only one crutch. I hope with a great deal more exercise and practice I may be able to walk almost normally some day. My arms and hands are not doing quite as well, but they tell me that this is normal - legs commonly come back first with arm and hand function more slowly. Hopefully I'll get back to some semblance of normal and be able to return to doing the things I enjoy like building airplanes.



**Bill, Bruce, Joe and Matt (not in photo) after a nice breakfast at the Manly Fly In on June 16th**



**Enthusiastic volunteers at the Creamer's Field Artist Walk set up fund raiser**



**Lots of volunteers made the work go quickly. The Creamer's Field event organizers commented that they'd never seen a group of volunteers work so well together. Good job everyone!**

## 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.

### 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!

Thanks to Joe Usibelli for donating a full size stand up freezer. Its already in the hangar and keeping some of our supplies safely frozen and away from rodents. Thanks Joe!



### Fly Market coming July 16th

We will be hosting our first "FLY Market" on July 16th at the EAA Hangar.

This is an aviation themed garage sale, but its not limited to aviation related items.

You can donate items for us to sell, sell your own stuff (10% of your proceeds to go to the chapter) or just come and browse. Who knows what treasures you might find?

Again, feel free to bring anything you want to try to sell - doesn't have to be related to aviation.

*(See the flier on the next page, Print it out and post it somewhere!)*

**Airplane  
Stuff !!!**

### **Things For Sale**

- Airplane Parts, Pilot Gear
- Tools
- Materials
- Sporting/Camping
- Yard & Garden
- Household
- Whatever...

# **FLY Market**

Many airplane and aviation related items, and many other types of things for sale. Browse and buy - or bring your own stuff to donate or sell\*



\*Bring your own table or tarp, 10% of all proceeds to go to the local EAA Chapter

## **EAA Hangar**

**2206 Frank Avenue**

South on Peger past VanHorn,  
turn left on Frank Ave,  
follow the signs.

## **Saturday July 16th**

**9:00am – 6pm**



Call 907-250-5423 for more information



## 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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