

## Calendar

### September

- 1 EAA Chapter 1129  
**Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm  
**PICNIC!!**
- 8 IAAAF Pioneer Air  
Museum  
**Open House**  
6:30pm to 8:00pm

### October

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

### November

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

Next Meeting:

**When: Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 pm**

**Where: EAA Hangar (map inside)**

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

## President's Hot Seat

September, 2016

By Jack Schnurr

This has been another busy month with lots happening in our chapter. The hangar activities have been really going at a rapid pace, Bill Green and Rick Crisenbery have been on fire all of August. The braces that will support the hangar door are finished and are at the hangar site, the main beam that the door will be bolted to has arrived in Fairbanks, the welder is scheduled to do the welding this Friday. There have been several work parties this month moving our aviation treasures around so the welder will have room to do his job. We are almost there, with luck the door will be up soon.

This is the time of year that we must be thinking about replacing board members and officers that will have finished their terms in a few months. If you are interested in volunteering for a position please let me or a current board member know so that we can keep moving towards our aviation goals.

The last month has been good to our members that have been fighting health issues, John Miller DROVE HIMSELF to the hangar work party on the 27th YEA JOHN!!! Other members of our chapter have had successful surgeries this month and Lee Griffen's cancer is not slowing him down, Hang in there buddy!

I am looking forward to a nice BBQ supper on Thursday the 1st of September at our hangar. We supply the buns and burgers, you bring salads, chips and deserts.

See you there!

**Jack**

## EAA Chapter 1129 Mission Statement:

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

**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!!!**

## Hangar Happenings

By Bill Green, Hangar Manager

Recent efforts have been concentrated on preparing for the installation of the hangar door. With an engineer approved design for the door support structure in hand, we have obtained the necessary steel for attaching the door frame to the building. Rick Crisenbery has done a lot of work to fabricate various pieces which will secure the bifold door header and side columns. It is great to have people like Rick in our group, who are not only very talented, but willing to devote considerable time and effort to our building project. Thank you Rick!

The Glulam beam which we ordered from SBS has arrived. We will have it delivered to the hangar when we have the brackets welded in place to support it. Rick has contacted a welding contractor. We plan to start the actual welding on Friday of this week. Once the brackets and braces are in place, and we have the header installed, it will be time to fasten the hangar door in the opening. Michael Armstrong has volunteered to supervise the electrical connections for the door motor and switches. Thank you Michael! Attaching sheet metal siding will be a final step in closing in the hangar door.

So, there is still quite a bit of work to be done, but important progress is being made. In the not to distant future, our Chapter will have a secure, useable, hangar home. A major step for our group, which is the direct result of the ongoing work of many willing volunteers. Thank you all for your efforts!



**Fuselages loaded into upper connexes for safe keeping during upcoming hangar work.**

## Work Party Progress

On Saturday August 20th we started loading many of the items on the hangar floor into the connexes. Due to the rain, we only loaded the lower connexes and called it a day.

This last Saturday, the 27th, we had a beautiful sunny morning and were able to load the upper units with help from Syd's forklift. We also cleared space along the back wall, and shifted the wood pile on the west side to allow access for the welders to do their work this coming Friday, September 3rd.





**Saturday work party volunteers were lucky to be on hand when John Miller showed up!**

**Congratulations on your continuing recovery John!**

## **Ed Gelvin Scholarship 2016**

The A&P school at UAF is finishing up the school year, which means that it is time to award the Ed Gelvin scholarship to a deserving student.

The scholarship will pay up to \$850 for the oral and practical exams that the student must take to get their A&P license.

The committee reviewed several applications, interviewed two applicants and realized that we had two winners but were only supposed to award one scholarship. After much debate and consideration, as second scholarship was donated by an anonymous donor, on behalf of our EAA Chapter.

The chapter will award two scholarships this year, they will both stay in aviation in Alaska and exhibit the wonderful

traits of Ed Gelvin.

The recipients are Joseph Gerwig and Daniel Firmin. They are both Alaskans, have worked for aviation companies while going to A&P school and they will be active in Alaskan aviation.

Congratulations Joseph and Daniel!

## **Stewarts Systems Workshop coming to Fairbanks - Maybe?**

Northland Aviation is hoping to put on a Stewart Systems Workshop in October. They need enough people to sign up in advance to be able to insure the event will take place. Cost is \$400 per person.

Here is a excerpt from the class flier:

What participants can expect:

- A HANDS-ON practical application workshop
- By the end of the workshop, students will have knowledge of:
  1. Tools required to cover airplanes
  2. Stewart Systems materials required to cover airplanes
  3. How to prepare steel, aluminum, and wood
  4. How to Apply fabric to a structure
  5. How to rib stitch
  6. How to seal and protect fabric
  7. How to apply tapes - both straight and on a curve
  8. How to apply paint to the structure

(Stewart Systems Workshop - continued...)

If you are interested in potentially attending this workshop, please contact Northland Aviation (474-0948) as soon as possible to make sure there are enough students to allow this event to happen.



## Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program



As discussed at the last couple of meetings, we've completed registering our EAA Chapter with the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program.

Fred Meyer gives away several million dollars each year to non-profit organizations - like ours! The amount given is based on how many "votes" they receive for our chapter.

All you have to do is go the following website:

<http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards>

and link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to our chapter number **86853**. This will not have any affect on your current rewards, it just creates "votes" for our

chapter each time you shop at Fred Meyer, and will increase the amount we could receive.

Please take the time to set this up on your rewards card to help support your chapter. If you have questions about how this works, please read up at the website shown above, or ask Bruce Dunkle or Pat Crisenbery at the next meeting.



## Pioneer Air Museum

### Open House in September

Mark September 8th on your calendar. The Pioneer Park Air Museum is having an open house from 6:30 to 8:00 PM for aviation buffs and the public.

Refreshments and snacks will be served free of charge. Bring your friends in and show them the museum. There have been lots of nice changes.

## 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!*







**Aircraft bear fences in place...**



**Do it yourself bear door**

## Jack's Bear Story

By Jack Schnurr

Last fall my friend and I flew to my Wood River cabin for a few days of wilderness adventure. We flew in on a sunny day and landed on the 700 foot runway, tied down the planes and walked the 1/3 mile to the cabin. Because of bears, both black and grizzly, we made a lot of noise as we walked to the cabin. As we approached the cabin, we saw a large hole in the wall from 100 yards out. Nuts, we had an unwelcome visit from a large bear.

I have bear boards (plywood with 3 inch sheet rock screws sticking out every square inch) mounted over the door and windows and they worked very well. The bear just ripped a hole in the side of the cabin and went inside to snoop around. Of course the snooping really means he destroyed everything inside the cabin as he checked the place out. All cans or pots and pans were bitten into with large holes in them from his teeth, the kitchen



**Jack expresses his feelings about his unexpected guest**

**Not quite how we left it...  
Bear interior decorating**





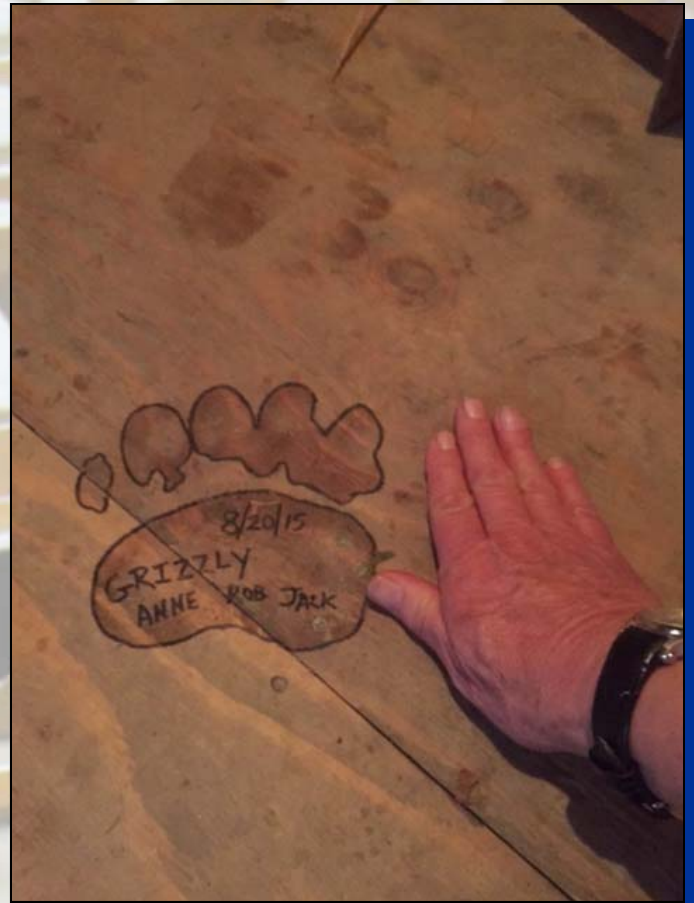
(Jack's Bear Story - continued...)

cabinets were ripped from the wall and the drawers were broken and scattered. The only thing he ate was a container of Tang. Every grain of Tang was consumed, everything else just had tooth holes in the cans.

One of the plastic bottles that he had bitten into was cooking oil, he stepped in the oil and left a clear paw imprint. We measured the imprint and used the Fish and Game formula for estimating the size of a bear and guessed that the bear was a 7 1/2 ft grizzly that weighed over 500 lbs.

We cleaned up the mess, patched the hole in the wall, used a push mower to clean the areas around our planes so we could put our bear fences up. Our sleep that night was not deep and peaceful, we worried about our planes and we worried about another break in while we were asleep.

The bear was actually very polite, he exited the same hole that he went in instead of making another hole to exit as is normally the case. He also left no scat inside



**Estimated size was 7 1/2 ft Grizzly that weighed over 500lbs**



**Patching up the wall**

the cabin, all of the other cabins that I have seen broken into had lots of scat inside which made the cleanup no fun.

We "checked six" a lot on our walk back to the planes. The bear did not bother the planes overnight, we breathed a huge sigh of relief when we saw that everything at the runway was untouched.

Six weeks ago an 8 ft grizzly that weighed over 600 lbs was taken by hunters about 8 miles up river from my cabin. I wonder if that bear was our visitor?

You know what they say, "a bad adventure is better than no adventure at all".

## 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.

### 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!



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