

January 3, 2012



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First meeting of the year and we are already in a running mode. The meeting opened with no guests and there were no committee reports to be had. I think they are all caught up for once. We have already had two scholarship applications and Dale Fischer had agreed to chair that committee again. He was not present and so no members have been picked yet. If you want to be on that on the scholarship committee just let Dale know and you will be considered.

The calendar for 2012 has been made up and is available for download at the website <http://www.laporteaeroclub.org> and also this newsletter will be posted there. The pancake breakfast will be August 12<sup>th</sup> this year. We are also considering a kegger (possibly June?) again this year and will be trying to get the people back for it that were present when we had our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary party a few years ago.

Natalie Turner has taken on the project of getting the Aero Club onto Facebook and so you can just search for LaPorte Aero Club. Just think, you can *like us on Facebook* in the near future. She is also going to check with the Civil Air Patrol to see if they would like to camp out sometime this summer. Another suggestion of hers was to get a Santa to fly in and get that into the newspaper next Christmas. Just imagine; Santa one coming into LaPorte Airport. He could even shoot the approach if the weather is bad. Thanks for all the ideas Natalie!

Alan Johnston has asked to be replaced as a board member because of personal reasons, so I have asked Bruce White to fill in for Alan for the rest of his term. I appointed him at the meeting.

That about wraps it up and the only other thing needing to be mentioned is that we need you to get your dues in as we will be changing the combo to the clubhouse at the end of March.

#### **January Birthdays**

6 Neil Straub  
15 Dan Short  
19 Larry Salzwedel  
27 Jeff Lehner

#### **January Anniversaries**

13 Dan & Pat Short  
30 Jim & Becky Pressel  
30 Neil & Danielle Straub

#### **January 3<sup>rd</sup> in Aviation History**

In 1905... In efforts to interest the U.S. government in the use of airplanes for the military, Wilbur Wright speaks to Congressman Robert M. Nevin, who asks him to prepare a letter for submission to the secretary of war that Nevin would deliver and endorse. The army declines the offer.

#### **Joke of the day**

A man goes to the doctor for a checkup. After the checkup, the doctor tells the man he has bad news. "You only have six months to live." The man sits for a while thinking, and then says, "There's only one thing I can do, I'm going to become a Communist." The doctor asks, "You've been a patriotic American all your life, why are you going to become a Communist now?" The man says, "Better one of them should die than one of us!"