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The Prez Thanks to all of you who attended the annual Winter Party. The food, fellowship, and entertainment were all outstanding. I had a good time, but sure got embarrassed with Marilyn Monroe's Mr. President Routine. My wife June had recently injured her left side and shoulder and couldn't laugh without pain. Well, she laughed so hard she re-injured her side and had to hide her face from watching, it was so funny and hurt so bad. I was red as a beet. But a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Larry and Loretta for all their effort to make it such a success.

Several years ago NASA established a program called Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS). This allowed pilots, mechanics, and FAA controllers to file reports, usually screw-ups, and remain anonymous. These reports would help others avoid making the same mistakes. They would publish some of these reports in a newsletter called "Callback" which they mailed out once a month. Because of budget constraints they no longer mail out the newsletter, but still make it available on line. To access it go to <http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/>.

Some of the reports are humorous, some down right scary. Others make you stop and say "wow that could have happened to me." For example; in the April 2007 "Callback" these two guys pulled their Bonanza straight out of the hangar to see if it would start. They weren't going to fly it, just run it, so they left the tow bar attached to the nose gear strut. When the engine started the nose of the airplane went down and the prop struck the tow bar, sending it about 30 feet. Fortunately it didn't hit anyone.

These reports can help us be aware of possible dangers and avoid getting hurt. We need to think about

where we are standing when someone begins to crank up an engine. Situational Awareness is important on the ground as well as in the air.

Be safe and see you soon. Dan

Big Winter Party!

Do you want to see something funny? Check out the pictures attached to this newsletter. {pictures.aol.com/galleries/gil1cfi} Be sure to review all of the pages.

In lieu of our regular meeting we had our winter party at the Clarion Hotel in Titusville. President Dan handed out the annual awards for Tech. Counselor, Vice Pres. Sec, and all the rest and after all of this he received the highest award himself, the chapter trophy that is awarded to a member who has done outstanding things for the good of the order. Dan certainly has and is very deserving of this award!

After the meal and the awards we were treated to live entertainment and we had a Marilyn Monroe impersonator. She had our grizzled old aviators distracted for sure! Even Mr. President, Dan, melted when she sang the famous 'Happy Birthday Mr. President in a breathy way just like the real

Marilyn did with President Kennedy in the 1960s.



He was speechless!

There were some very nice door prizes, mostly donated by our own members. We had a great time fellowshiping, eating, and enjoying the professional live entertainment and consider the party a great success!

If you're interested in seeing the pictures go to PICTURES.AOL.COM/GALLERIES/GIL1CFI/PAGE2



January Breakfast

Ya know, these breakfasts are so much fun and so well attended and we are so fortunate to have a great fly-in response that I'm afraid that these reports of such success will become boring to read about at some point. I hope not.

Anyway the January breakfast was another big success. Our aircraft parkers said we had 38 fly – in aircraft. Treasurer Larry Bierman counted 130 breakfast sales.

Our faithful workers make this happen time after time and

they don't get enough credit for this, I fear.



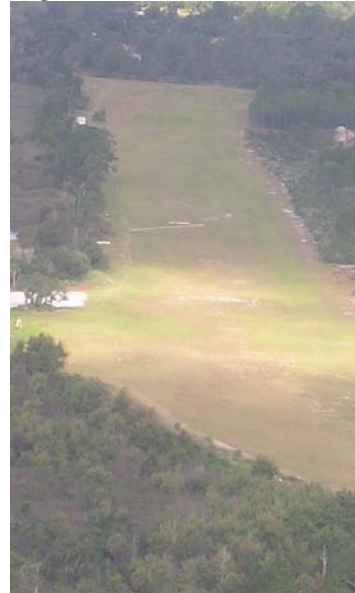
This months Flyin

Larry Gilbert

Fancy managed to leave the barn a couple of times this month. My friend Kevin from Pennsylvania and I flew her down around the Port and then across Patrick AFB over to the St Johns River. Kevin put me under the hood and we managed to weave our way back to Dunn and descend to 1000' one mile south of the airport via the portable Lowrance GPS device. This and the compass are the only nav devices Fancy has! It worked very well and got us where we wanted to be. Without busting any airspace too! The only difficult part is putting the information in to the GPS without outside references while still flying and trying to maintain altitude and heading using airspeed for pitch control, and the turn coordinator and compass for turning info. I miss having the DG and VSI and attitude indicator to help do this with. Any way I might be

able to get out of trouble if I blunder into the soup with Fancy and the portable GPS someday. Need more practice though! The other flight I remember is with Skip LaForge. This day we did around ten landings on runway four with the wind out of 100 degrees and the sock straight out some of the time. We didn't break anything that we know of. Love that grass runway! A couple of days later Mark Barnett and I flew for an hour At one point he said he was having trouble holding altitude in steep turns and I said that he shouldn't concentrate so much on the attitude indicator I saw him looking for it on the instrument panel for a few seconds and then snicker. We did a few landings on runway four with the wind at a 40°

angle out of the southeast. Love that grass runway!



Nobody identified the mystery airport last month.. It is called Highlander and is at Oak Hill just northeast of Blue Ridge airport

February Meeting

Mr Michael Powell, Executive Director of TICO will address our chapter for this meeting. You don't want to miss what he might have to say about the future of Dunn Airpark and our facility.

[ANYWHERE MAP.IPAQ 5555](#) • **FOR SALE** • \$600 for Chapter 866 members, on Barnstormersa for \$700.00 • Anywhere map w/ H.P. Ipaq 5555 with Control Vision wired harness, GPS, yoke mount. LIFETIME UPGRADES on AWM and data.You can download any new version of the software and all data, updated every 28 days, FREE for LIFE (this is a \$300.00 option, without this normal upgrades are \$98.00 per year)

This is a GREAT moving map system and can display weather with the WxWROX receiver (not included). I have used this system for several years and it is just like new !

It works perfect with nice bright color display and touch screen commands. The Ipaq 5555 is also Bluetooth and WiFi equipped,also features Fingerprint reader for security.

Also includes an SD Card to increase memory and performance.

Will assist the buyer on training to get familiar with it.

• Contact Jerry Russell - Telephone: 321-591-5521

Airpark's value as recharge site means it's still open for business

By Blanton McBride

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

TITUSVILLE — The glory days of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart are gone but Arthur Dunn Airpark apparently has survived the latest effort to force it out of business.

The Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority contends there is no reason to spend \$15,000 a year to maintain the airport in Northwest Titusville when the larger, better-equipped Spaceport Executive Airport is 7 miles away. But the authority can't sell the grounds to a private developer because the 138-acre site is the primary recharge area for the city's wellfield.

Thursday the Titusville City Council decided it won't ask Titusville voters if they want to swap land at Marina Park adjacent to the Titusville Yacht Basin on the Indian River for the Dunn Airpark as the authority had proposed.

The plan was to sell a portion of Marina Park to a private developer and use the proceeds to finance a sports complex for the city, build a civic center, develop a park along the riverfront, finance downtown re-development, and pay the authority for the Arthur Dunn land, valued at \$1 million.

In the 1930s Titusville Airport, later to

become Arthur Dunn Airpark, had one of Florida's five radio beacons. Charles Lindbergh landed here; Amelia Earhart planned to use the radio beacon during her round-the-world flight. Titusville was on the route of the airmail planes, and the field was a natural stopover for aircraft flying from Miami to Jacksonville.

Old clippings mention Capt. Eddie Rick-enbacker flying in before World War II and emergency landings by the U.S. Air Force's C-47s, a B-17, and a B-25 during World War II.

After the war, the airport's popularity waned and there was talk of closing it. The 1962 decision to name the airport for a former county commissioner and pilot was seen as a way to preserve the field.

In the 1970s, homeowners in the area complained about noise and danger from low-flying aircraft and the authority again discussed closing the field.

In 1971, responding to pressure and an FAA recommendation, the board agreed to keep the field open for 20 years. In 1977, the board decided to close the field but once again yielded to pressure to keep it operating.

By this time, the approach to the runway had been shortened because of trees growing around the field, and the FAA ranked



DENNIS WALL/SENTINEL

Arthur Dunn Airpark

... the 138-acre site is primary recharge area for city's wellfield.

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the field as "marginal."

Again the authority tried to sell the property but this time the question of protecting the city's wellfield came up. The city council passed restrictive zoning to prevent construction and state Rep. Winston "Bud" Gardner passed legislation authorizing sale of the property only to another government body.

An airport authority spokesman on Friday said the authority has no alternative plan for disposing of the airpark.

Meanwhile, business at the airport is picking up, said Lo Whitten, wife of Burnie Whitten, fixed base operator.

"We have 31 hangars and they are all rented," she said. "There are about 15 aircraft tied down outside ... we have the parachutists jumping regularly."

There are ten students in our ground school and we have an instructor who comes over from Kissimmee Wednesdays and Saturdays."



Dunn Airpark 1986

Monthly Chapter Breakfast
Sat. Feb. 2nd 8:00 - ?
Dunn Airpark (X21), Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Chapter Monthly Meeting
Weds. Feb. 6th 7:00pm
Dunn Airpark, Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Secy. Neale Cranston with Marilyn



Mark Oriza and Marilyn



Nancy wins the Smilin Jack raffle



Pres. Dan awarded Chapter Trophy

Treas. Larry Bierman & Marilyn

Nancy Guenter with Marilyn



Jerry Russell soaking up Marilyn's attention



Steve Falusi and Marilyn



**She really liked Roger (captain) Patterson
Must be the hat!**



Ever seen a smile like that on Gil



Clarence and Edna get a kick out of Marilyn



Ray Thomas (look at the hand)



Bill and Mardy Conway and Marilyn



Wayne and Marilyn



