



President's Address November 2013

October has been a very exciting month with all the activities we have enjoyed Chapter-wise.

Our Breakfast was well attended with over 140 guests including friends from near and far flying in to X21 to enjoy the fabulous breakfast we put out there! Many thanks to all who helped, how we would do without your cheerful support I could not fathom!

Our speaker- Jim Lee from Lee Aviation in Melbourne, flew to Dunn on the 2nd in the newest offering from Phoenix Aviation- a motor glider. This airplane is pure poetry- fit and finish were outstanding and the specs to match pretty awesome- Jim Lee and John Sepulveda left us with some brochures.

As you will all recall, we voted to help out Missions Made Possible with two hours of flight time. On the 17th, I had the privilege of flying over to KORL and meeting with Herman Nagel, Steve Quickel , Ken Guill and Joe Kemmerer as well as a few others who are part of the Thursday Lunch at the Hangar crowd. We took some pictures, had a nice presentation, and plenty of fellowship. That day I reached a new milestone in my flying experience: Class Bravo Airspace. The place I have always had a little fear and maybe some awe of. I was not eaten up, didn't crash and made it home to X50 without incident. A very good day!

Chapter 866 pulled together on the 19th for another outstanding event: Our Annual Young Eagles Rally. Wow! You guys ROCK! Over young 40 pilot candidates took to the skies to earn their first wings. The smiles from our young aviators could not be washed away. The animated conversations after their flights made me very proud of everyone who helped to put this together. Many thanks to our Y-E Coordinator, Larry Gilbert for an outstanding job! Larry also flew some of the candidates in his Citabria. Special thanks to Jeff Wilde, Fred Burgess, Alberto Silva, Ray Thomas, Bill Bilsky, Steve Miller, Larry Gilbert and Jim Morgan for the use of their aircraft to make this happen. We also had a gentleman fly in from Massey Air Park who wanted to fly but

there were some issues that prevented him from doing so. He gets an A for effort for making the trip. Many other Chapter members came to help out by managing the flight deck, escorting kids, taking pictures, filling in forms, and baking cookies for all those hungry new and experienced pilots. A great big THANK YOU to everyone for a wonderful day. A very special thank you to Bill for allowing me to fly his helicopter. Now, there was a rush! Talk about the grin that won't wash off- Rich says it will fade sometime, but isn't looking for that any time soon!

Lots of projects nearing completion in the Chapter- Bob says he's about two months away from finishing his CH750 with a Viking engine for his powerplant. Kip continues to improve and tweak his Sonex. Bill has found a nice power tow. Richard and I have been painting control surfaces and working on the wings and gathering parts for the next assembly- the fuel system. There were no other reports on projects.

Les has been making some great progress on the Christmas Parade Float. He has ordered the replacement wheels, purchased lights and some other items. The entry fee is \$35.00 for a non-profit. The Parade theme is Candy Land and will start at Titusville High School and end Downtown. It will be a bit of a hike. We will need as many of us as would like to participate in the assembly of the float, walking along side the float handing out candy and a disassembly crew for the December 14th Event. On November 2nd, after Breakfast, we will stay at Building 10 to work on the float. Stu has graciously offered his trailer for a platform for the float, Thank You, we appreciate your generosity.

Meanwhile, Eddie has done a little repair job to our building- the door jamb for the people door is now secure. I have worried about that and someone breaking in. Now we are in good shape! Thanks bunches, Eddie!

Eddie and Kimberly Brennan have secured La Cita Country Club for the Holiday Party. It will be on the 11th of January beginning at 6pm. Kimberly has arranged for a DJ for music and dancing and several choices of entrees. Cost is \$25 per ticket which includes your annual Chapter Dues. Tickets will be on sale starting at our meeting next week. Anyone who would like to donate a door prize for the event, is welcome to do so.

This Saturday, November 2nd is our Breakfast. Next Wednesday the 6th will be our monthly meeting at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone...

Blue Skies...

Deborah Van Treuren

President

Fantastic Young Eagles Rally by C866 at Dunn Airpark!!

Chapter personnel started showing up around 7:00 am, it was just getting daylight. I love mornings like that, the sun just starting to brighten the sky and the sound of hangar doors rolling to the open position. Then the engines beginning to start – *morning music!*

Ray Thomas who hangars his 1946 J3 Cub is just a couple of hangars away from ours and he was preflighting when I walked over there. He climbed aboard quite easily, he is 86 yrs young! All of the familiar call outs “

switch off, throttle closed, and brakes on and we pull a few blades just to limber the old girl up and then, more calls, "throttle closed and cracked, brakes on, and switch on" then a couple of pulls and the C65 is ticking away. I let Ray taxi past our hangar before we haul 'Fancy out onto the taxiway for the start. When I taxied over to the ramp our chapter pilots had their planes all on the line ready to go. For the first time ever we had a Helicopter for these flights too.

Deborah, Kip, and Herman are at the registration table, Gary Whitmore was set up to assign the youth to the pilots flying their airplanes. Loretta has the coffee on and homemade cookies that she and Donna made already spread out ready for consumption. Jim Morgan has his C152 on static display and is ready to conduct ground school. People are starting to roll in.

Normally we have a trained CAP squad to help us with flight line safety but, this year that didn't materialize. Fortunately, chapter member Ed Brennan took this safety job and saved the day for us. He donned his Sun n Fun gear and handled the movements of our airplanes and the helicopter. The helicopter was new to us and the pilot, Simon, Bill Bilsky's instructor, wasn't familiar with Dunn and the Skydive operation so, Ed had to figure all of that out as the event progressed and make sure he kept the operation safe. Big thanks to Ed.

Kimberly Brennan was always around to take pictures when the children were being loaded and unloaded from the aircraft and got some great shots. We may be able to see these at our Nov. meeting. Ed said they were making a slide show for us.

Our members were out in force greeting and making our Y-E candidates and their adult counter parts feel comfortable and have fun. Very important stuff!

Les Boatright was always available as starting power for Ray's J3. This is important to have someone with hand propping skills available for this.

All of the pilots will be telling stories about the fun they had flying the children. Here's mine.

Casey Parker, and 8 yr old boy flew with me. Last fall I had taken his sister on a Y-E flight not at our rally but as a one on one flight. Casey wasn't qualified for the Y-E program at 7yrs so he came out to Dunn for our



2013 rally. Casey is small in stature only, he's smart and enthusiastic about flying. We put him in the back on a stack of pillows and took off from Dunn RWy 15 headed for Rwy 33 at the SLF at the Kennedy Space Center for a low pass over that runway. As soon as we called on the NASA freq. I asked him if he wanted to fly the plane. He didn't hesitate and said yes and I had him on the stick with me. We did a couple of S turns on the way over there and he seemed able to handle the roll aspect of flying so, I gave him a point to head for and he kept that point on the nose while we were on left base for 33. Then when the timing was right I talked him through the base to final turn and he rolled out on the centerline of the runway. I handled the throttle and rudders (his feet didn't reach the rudder pedals). We reduced power and descended to 200' and Casey kept the plane going right down the entire length of the runway and the left turn out to the West when we cleared the end of the runway. We added power and climbed to 1000' for our trip across the Indian River back to Dunn. We did a straight in for RWY 22 in

keeping with the planned operations on the East side of the airport down final we're both on the stick and I finally said, "I know you probably could land this but, I'm gonna do it this time." I could feel him on the stick making corrections and they were a little abrupt like you would do when flying a video game aircraft. Amazing! When we got out of the plane he said he'd like to do that some more. That's my story and I'm sticking to it, it's just too much fun! Most of all it was a safe event!

Larry

Our Chapter has an Official Website!!

Check it out <http://866.eaachapter.org>

Using EAA's resources, Ron Thompson has been able to set up a very nice website for our chapter it is a work in progress so, it isn't perfect yet but it is available for us to view. In the coming days, Ron will be soliciting information about members and their aircraft and maybe pictures too. I'm sure that the site will be useable soon. (unlike the unaffordable care website) This is a long needed big step for our chapter. Until now we have been relying on Dave Rich and the North Brevard Business site. Dave has posted all of our newsletters and promotes our events on his sites and this has been very helpful. Now in addition we'll have this and we'll probably link back and forth with NBBB's site.

Be sure to thank Ron for his efforts towards this lofty goal.

For Sale

2011 Jabiru engine 2200 – used on Zenith 650, firewall forward for sale. This engine has approx.. 110 hrs on it. Installed on new Zenith 650 last year. This includes the Grand Rapids EIS eng monitoring system, lots of accessories included too! \$9,500.00

Reason for selling, want more power, installing Viking 110 hp

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Chapter Monthly Breakfast Sat. 11 02 13

Bldg. 10 Dunn airpark 8:00 am

Chapter meeting Weds. 11 06 13 - 7:00 pm Bldg.10, N. Williams Ave., Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl 32796

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Flyout to Winter Haven KGIF Nov. 09



See Young Eagle event pictures below















