

EAA Smilin Jack

Chapter 866 Newsletter

March 2020



Dunn Airpark (21), has just completed the painting of all taxiways and runway markings

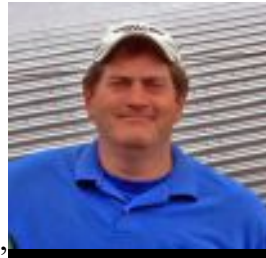
Dunn Airpark

Larry Gilbert

The new markings at the home airport of EAA Chapter 866 really look great! The yellow taxiway stripes are bordered on each side by black, the runway numbers and displaced threshold are fresh and very visible from the traffic pattern, and all taxiway and runway intersections are now identified by markings on the pavement.

The airport was closed for a few days for the work to be done and it was fun to see some of the flight school planes fly in and do their landings and takeoffs on one of those days. There were NOTAMS posted for the closure and it is obvious that the NOTAMS were not checked by folks doing flight training at Dunn. when I was checking the the current information at Dunn my Foreflight program scrolled a message on the iphone screen stating the airport was closed which makes it very convenient finding that info. Of course because I'm based there I knew of the closures but I thought it was neat to get that the information on Foreflight. These wizbang nav devices do make it a lot easier to find information than it used to be when we had to call FSS and try and digest all of the verbage on the phone!





Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

This coming Saturday night is when we SPRING our Clocks forward one hour and lose that extra hour we gained last Fall. Nothing is free. At least it won't happen until after our Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast, so no one will have an excuse for showing up late for breakfast!! The good news is that the daylight hours are getting longer every day, and that means more potential hours in the day for some early morning, or late evening patrols in our airplanes! I hope you're able to get out and enjoy some of the nice weather we're having before it gets really hot and humid again.

Speaking of getting out to enjoy the good weather . . .

OPEN HANGAR DAY at Arthur Dunn Airpark (X21)

EAA Chapter 866 is holding an OPEN HANGAR Day at Arthur Dunn Airpark (x21). It will be on Saturday March 14th, from around 10 AM to 2 PM, or whenever folks can come out.

This is not considered a Fly-In, and it is not being advertised outside of this Newsletter, but the tenants and friends of Dunn Airpark are welcome to come. This event is intended to be a Super Simple Social event; a way for the local folks at Dunn Airpark to meet one another and admire each other's airplanes and projects. If the weather is nice, then hopefully a couple of folks might pull out their Aeroplanes and do some flying and share some rides with others!

And for lunch, our Chapter will have some hot dogs, chips, and drinks, all available free of charge. Lunch will be held at around 11:30am, and it will be located near the middle row of hangars, Row T4, not far from the hangar-area restrooms.

In case of really foul weather on that day, our contingency plan will be to move the Hot Dogs and Drinks indoors over at our Building 10, Chapter Clubhouse. We'll rally over there for lunch, visit for a while, and watch a great new aviation film that I just picked up!

So mark your calendars for Saturday March 14th, come out and have some fun, food, & fellowship. We'll discuss this again briefly at this Wednesday's Chapter meeting, so don't miss out on that!

QUICK PANTHER UPDATE . . .

Our little Panther has not been out of the Den in quite a while. At last month's Chapter meeting, I reported about the erratic airspeed indicator issue that I'd been seeing on the Panther kitplane, the one that was jointly built in 2017 by Bob, Ed, & myself. If you were at last month's meeting, you'll recall the short video I showed of our Grand Rapids EFIS unit where it was displaying a very erratic airspeed

indication, showing random swings of 8-12 knots. After talking with the folks at Grand Rapids Technologies (GRT), they indicated it was most likely the Air Data Module inside our Sport EX model EFIS unit. They surmised that a small electrical component within the Air Data module was creating small millivoltage fluctuations causing the Air Data pressure sensors to give erratic read-outs. So the EFIS was removed and off to GRT. They replaced the air data module and sent the unit back. This took about 3 weeks, but I'd like to give a nice shout out to the folks at GRT. Even though our unit was nearly 3 years old since it's original purchase, they treated the repair as warranty work, and didn't charge us a dime to fix it! Now that's some pretty nice customer service! As of this writing, our EFIS unit is now re-installed and successfully retested, but I haven't had a chance to take it out for a test flight yet.

Because of the troubleshooting, shipping, and repair time, this issue has had the airplane down for more than 8 weeks, but I think we almost have it purring again. I'm looking forward to getting the Panther back in the skies over Dunn Airpark very soon.



PANTHER LS Kitplane, Serial No. 083, at Dunn Airpark

APRIL MEETING & BREAKFAST

As a Quick Reminder, We WILL NOT be having our April Chapter Meeting or our April Chapter Pancake Breakfast. Both dates fall right in the middle of the annual Sun-N-Fun Fly-In over in Lakeland, Florida. This was discussed and voted on by the membership at our January Chapter meeting. Over the next few weeks, Please do your best to help spread the word around about this important schedule change.

April Chapter Meeting AND April Pancake Breakfast are BOTH CANCELLED, due to Sun-N-Fun schedule conflict!!



**We WILL be having our Breakfast THIS coming Saturday, MARCH 7th, at the usual time and place!
SEE YOU ALL THERE, BRIGHT & EARLY & HUNGRY !!!**

Keep on Building, Flying, and Flippin those *Smilin'-Flap-Jacks!*

Les Boatright

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President, EAA Chapter 866

The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

“President for a Day”

We could use a few volunteers to sign up to be Chapter President for a Day. If you are a current, Dues-Paid member of EAA Chapter 866, then you qualify! Give a talk about some flight testing techniques you have used, give some building tips and hints, give an extended Project Report, give a trip report about a recent flight, give a safety briefing or lesson learned about flying, introduce a guest speaker, give a history briefing about your favorite historical aviation event, bring a video, the sky's the limit! I also have a list of presentation ideas if you need them. See the schedule below, pick a month, and let me know, it's that simple.

Meeting Date	2020 “President for a Day” Program
Mar. 4 th	Kathy Anderson Presentation
April 1 st	MEETING CANCELLED Due to Sun-N-Fun
May 6 th	OPEN SLOT
June 3 rd	OPEN SLOT
July 1 st	OPEN SLOT
Aug. 5 th	OPEN SLOT
Sept. 2 nd	OPEN SLOT
Oct. 7 th	OPEN SLOT
Nov. 4 th	OPEN SLOT
Dec. 2 nd	Les Boatright - (Officer Elections for 2021)

Some reminders about upcoming events:

Date	Calendar Event	Place/Info
Mar. 4 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Mar. 7 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Mar. 8 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set Clocks FORWARD	
Mar 14 th	OPEN HANGAR DAY at Dunn – SEE Flyer HOT Dogs, Chips, & Drinks provided by “Smilin’ Jack”	(X21) Arthur Dunn T-Hangars
Mar. 31 st – Apr. 5 th	Sun-N-Fun Aerospace Expo & Fly-In https://www.flysnf.org/	Lakeland Linder Arprt (KLAL)
Apr. 1 st	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting – NO FOOLIN’ CANCELLED due to Sun-n-Fun date conflict	Building 10 / 7 pm
Apr. 4 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast – CANCELLED due to Sun-n-Fun date conflict	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Apr. 12 th	Easter Sunday	
May 2 nd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
May 6 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
June 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
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July 1 st	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
July 4 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
July 20 th -26 th	AirVenture 2020 – Oshkosh, WI	Oshkosh, WI (KOSH)

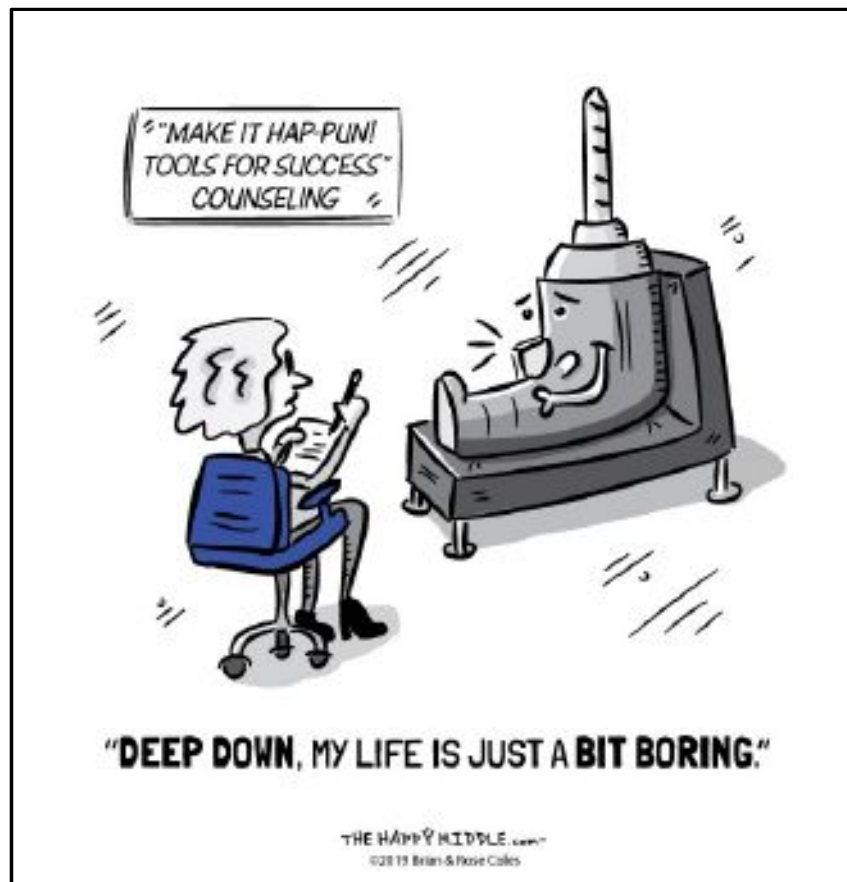
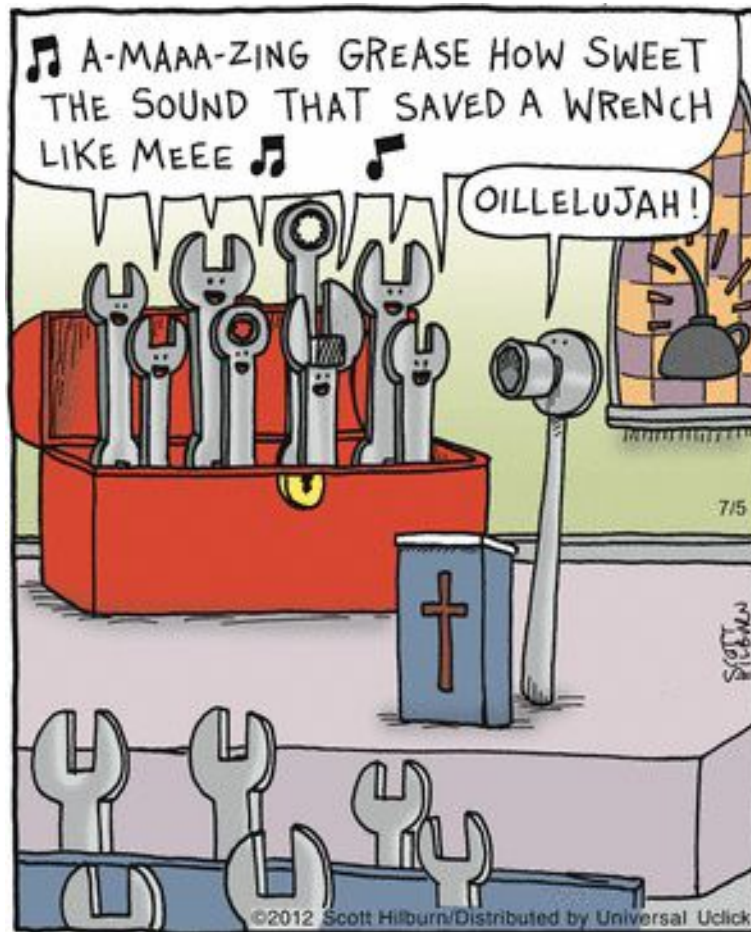
PLEASE SEND IN in any additions / updates to the Calendar of Events.

We’d like to keep this current and accurate!

What a Tool . . .

Channel Locks:
Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the
creation of blood-blisters.





Hacksaw:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes. Also, can create jagged nasty cuts on unprotected fingers.



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NEED THERAPY,
MAN... YOU GET
ALL HOT, EXPLODE...
THEN START
PUSHING ME
AROUND!



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STUDENT PILOT FLYING

By Edward A. Lawrence, Sr QB# 43217, SZT 31 May 2002

Submitted by chapter member Ray Thomas, CFI



**I think I know what makes this thing tick.
Things get little when I pull on this stick.
When I push my head gets light
And the ground comes back in sight.**

**I pull way too hard, and get a stall
And even nose up, I start to fall.
Round on one wing. Quiet, no din.
I think that I've entered a spin.**

**Joe Cool Instructor takes the controls.
Says I'm not ready for spins and for rolls.
Level again, fly round that tree.
Wind compensation's a mystery to me.**

**Now I fly S-Turns down that track
until I meet myself coming back.**

**Motorists must think I'm a nut case.
I wish they could see the smile on my face!
That old instructor never does sleep.
It's Yak, Yak, Yak! Until I could weep.
Who knew there was so much to air?
But a pilot must learn and must care.**

**Someday soon he'll open his door
. Say "Give me one, and then two more!"
I'll do it then, with him on the ground.
Me in the air, - just engine sound.**

**Then at last they'll cut my shirt tail.
It'll go on the wall, held by a nail.
I'll strut home proud, proud as can be.
Joe Cool Instructor made a Pilot of me!**

This Months' flying

Larry Gilbert

One of our Young Eagle candidates turned pilot, Nathan Bierman, flew me around in the Citabria for an hour or so one day and we had a good time! Nathan learned the primary flight maneuvers with me a couple of years ago and went on to finish his private pilot training at a flight school and after this he earned his tailwheel endorsement with me. He now attends Liberty University working on an aviation degree. He now has his multi engine commercial license with an Instrument rating! The day before we flew he was out flying an Extra 300 doing aerobatics! His next steps will be CFII and ATP eventually.

Loretta and I went for a couple of rides with the go pro cameras running, just for the fun of it.



We flew around Port Canaveral and saw the port empty of any ships!

Eddie Brennan and I did some flying and we are doing some refresher stuff and also working on the tail wheel endorsement. We've had some fun flights doing stalls, med bank turns and 3 point landings. All of this is in preparation for the first flight and the flights in the CH750 that he will be doing soon.

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CHAPTER MEETING

WEDS. Mar 4, 2020, 7:00 PM

Bldg.10 Dunn airpark (X21), Titusville, Fl

Monthly Breakfast

Saturday Mar. 7, 2020, 8:00 am

Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10, Titusville, Fl

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