

EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter

October 2020



Emily Boatright watching her Dad (Les) land the Panther

Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,



Les Boatright

In spite of the continuing uncertainty, unrest, and general all-around craziness going on in our world these days, there is a place where you can find some peace and clarity and view the physical beauty of our world in ways that most others can't even imagine. You KNOW that place! It is from the cockpit of a small general aviation airplane. That place can be accessed from our local airports and airparks. It starts with a quick dash down a small strip of pavement or grass, and in just a few seconds you're there! Transported to another place.

Amazingly, you only have to be a few hundred feet above the ground to start enjoying this captivating experience.

From the seat of a light airplane you can see for miles and miles across the landscape. On a nice day, you can climb over our fair city of Titusville, and see all the way to Daytona, Orlando, and Cocoa Beach. You can see the lay of the land first-hand, and understand the shapes of the local highways and waterways and shorelines. You can see the Atlantic Ocean to the East, and marvel at its treacherous vastness. In a way, you literally leave this crazy world behind for a little while, and you enter into a new kind of experience. It's probably not fair to call it a relaxing experience, because we pilots have some big responsibilities to attend to. Rather it's more of an All-Engaging experience that simultaneously delights the senses and stimulates the mind!

As the pilot of an aircraft, you have many duties to continuously attend to. You must maintain positive control of the machine at all times, monitor its airspeed and systems to ensure healthy performance, diligently keep watch for other traffic in the sky, and remember to do important things like switching fuel tanks, adjusting mixture, or securing a boost pump. You must always keep an eye open for possible emergency landing sites, while also remaining cognizant of what the wind and weather are doing and how they may factor into your decisions. Don't forget to navigate and stay apprised of your position, altitude, and direction at all times, and be mindful of the types of airspace around you, recalling the rules for entering, or simply staying clear of certain pieces of the sky. Aside from managing your navigation equipment, you also must manage your radio communications and be courteous and informative to others, without being overly loquacious.

I failed to mention using good checklist discipline, calculating fuel burn rates, knowing V-speeds, and remembering to update altimeter settings as you pass by airports and weather reporting stations. Shoot, with all those things going in your head, it might seem like there's no time left to enjoy the experience. But those things are PART of the experience. While your mind is fully engaged with the responsibilities of piloting your machine, there's not much time left over to worry about the petty quarrels of our Earth-bound counterparts. But when all the switches and levers and knobs and gauges are set and happy, and you're cruising along, that's when you can steal some special moments and marvel at the beauty of our world, where you might see rainbows aloft, or grey shafts of rain streaming from clouds 20 miles away, or sunlight glinting off waterways, or dolphins breaching waves down below, or someone waving at you from their yard, or your very own "airplane-shaped" shadow dancing across the ground!

It is a strikingly remarkable vantage point, an incredible experience of freedom, and a unique privilege to be able to fly a small airplane. We should all take a few moments to chronicle the reasons why flying is so special, and share that with others. You just might inspire someone to pursue their own Dreams of Flight!!

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

Les Boatright

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President, EAA Chapter 866

The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

CHAPTER GROUP PHOTO . . .

It has been suggested that we pick a nice Saturday morning, gather our airplanes together near the wind-sock and pose our planes and members for a Chapter 866 Group photo!

Please come to the October Chapter meeting with your ideas, and a target date for doing this.

CHAPTER MEETING

We WILL be holding our Regular OCTOBER Monthly Chapter meeting at Arthur Dunn Airpark, Building 10.

Please Join Us on Wednesday OCT 7th at 7PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Some reminders about upcoming Chapter events & others:

Date	Calendar Event	Place/Info
Oct. 3 rd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast CANCELLED Due to COVID	Building 10 / 8-10 am CANCELLED
Oct. 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting Kathy Anderson Presentation & update on S-21 Build	Building 10 / 7 pm

Oct. 12 th	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
Oct. 17 th	Chapter 866 Group Membership & Airplane Photo Tentative Date . . . Don't miss 10/7 Meeting!	Dunn Airpark, Windsock Around 8 AM
Oct. 24 th	Chapter 866 <u>OUTDOOR</u> COOK OUT (Burgers, Hot Dogs, & Drinks) Planning In-Work; Tentative Date & Time Possible Movie Night in BLDG 10 afterward . . .	Building 10 / 4-6 pm
Nov. 4 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 7 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Tentatively a small "Members Only" Breakfast . . . To warm up our grills . . .	Building 10 / 7-9 am Chapter 866 Members
Nov 11 th	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY	
Nov 26 th	THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY	
Dec. 2 nd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting (Officer Elections)	Building 10 / 7 pm
Dec. 5 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Tentatively ON, & OPEN to Public . . .	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Dec. 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY	
Jan. 1 st , 2021	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	
Jan. 2 nd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Tentatively ON, & OPEN to Public . . .	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Jan. 6 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Jan. 28-30 th	DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase https://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/ (Re-Scheduled from Nov. to Jan. 2021, Due to	DeLand Municipal Airport (KDED)

	COVID) (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	
Feb. 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Feb. 6 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Mar. 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
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April 3 rd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
April 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
April 13-18 th , 2021	Sun-N-Fun Fly-In (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	Lakeland, FL (KLAL)
July 26 th - Aug 1 st , 2021	EAA Airventure (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	Oshkosh, WI (KOSH)

PLEASE, SEND IN in any additions or updates to our Calendar of Events. Thanks!

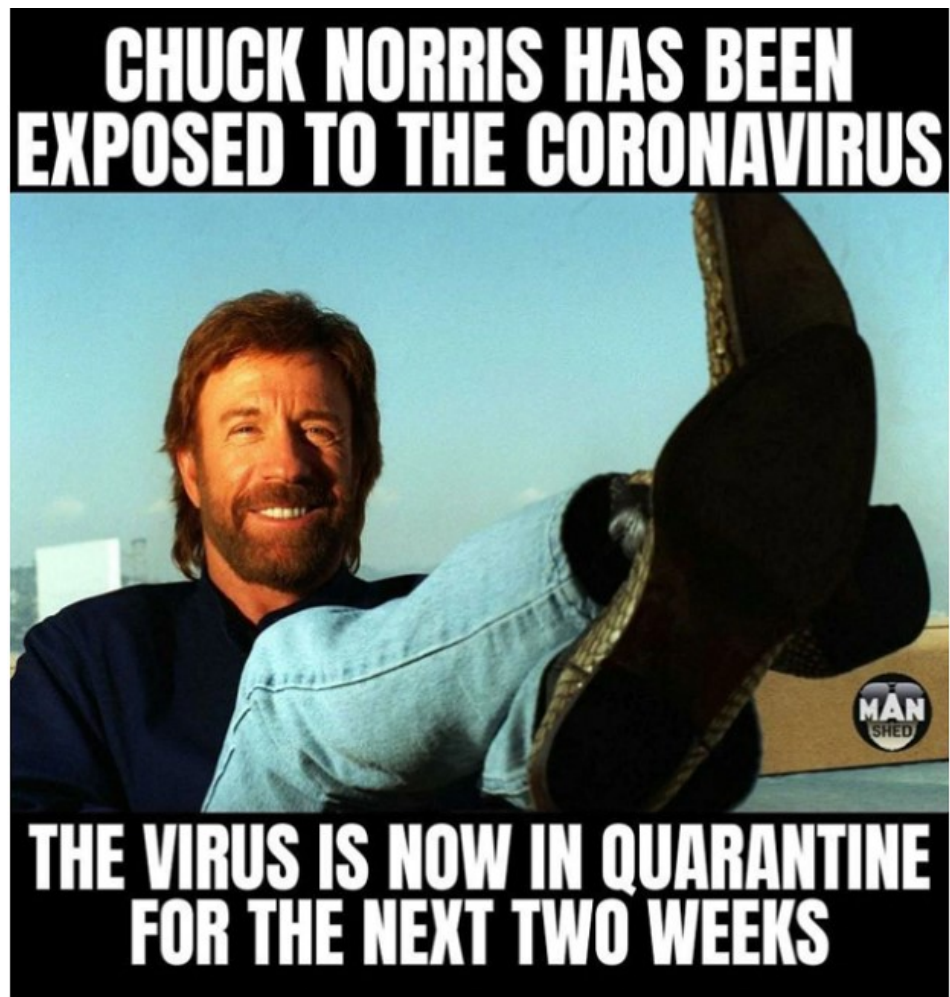
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How fast was the ostrich running when it hit the tree?



Humor of the Month Club: . . . one from the Woodshop . . .

Sorry, Couldn't resist this one . . .



Article sent to us by Richard VanTreuren

Joe Reus, the WWII - to-B-52 navigator who came and spoke to us - passed away and his memorial service was held on the 22nd. Attendance limited by covid-19 but I made a little music CD for his service, etc. The 22 SEP service for Joe Reus included a gravesite flyover by the Valiant Air Command's TBM.

Anyway his son Curt just sent the attached photo of Joe and his wife Shirley - think it's just after he returned from POW camp, so after V-E day. They are so cute I thought you might want to run the photo and the word of is passing (she had died in 2019). I will try to take a picture of his uniform Curt is going to display, with its "goldfish" badge.



Joe Reus when he did a chapter meeting presentation for us

Joseph Marshall Report about Young Eagle Event

This was a virtual meeting using ZOOM on 9/9/2020 1930. hours

My notes:

1. 724 Plan Young Eagle event 24 October 0800 to 1400

- a, Need name of EAA 866 pilots who want to participate.
- b. Need names of all others who want to help.
- c. There may be a problem with Merritt Island's airport due to maintenance in the hanger area.
 - i. 724 is looking for use of hanger on other side of field, i.e., Sheriff or Pilot for Christ

group.

ii. The thought of using Arthur Dunn and if need White will contact you. I made no commitment.

The thought of using one of our hanger., I will leave that up to you and White of required.

iii. 724 contacted the national Young Eagle org for guidance during the present Convid-19 issues, and was told to use local state requirements.

2. 724 drop dead date for the Young Eagle event will be made at their 10/14/2020 Hanger meeting.

3. 724 is planning a group meeting with food in early December, I did not record the date.

4. I am due to get minutes of the meeting and will transmit them to you.

Twister Now Based at Dunn Airpark!

The plane looks a lot like a Spitfire! It belongs to Deborah and Richard VanTreuren and now resides in hangar row 1 in a north facing T hangar. The plane has been on the field before and has flown from there a couple of times. The last flight resulted in a landing incident and had to be repaired in order to fly again. Now she's ready to go with pilot, Deborah waiting to fly her once a couple of technicalities are taken care of.



Deb and Richards' Silence Twister first flight

This Months' Flying

Larry Gilbert

We flew “Fancy” few times this past month and most of the flights were just for the fun of it. I’m putting a video together on lazy 8s so one of the rides was dedicated to that – FUN! I’ve also been flying with Matt Malcomb doing some tail wheel work and he’s doing great! On our last flight though our landing on 15 was a little exciting as we executed a couple of pretty good swerves and wound up exiting the runway and in the grass . No harm was done. After we taxied to a safe place we shut down and looked the plane over to make sure it was good to go and it was so, we decided to make one more circuit but the plane wouldn’t start due to a bad starter relay so we gave it up for that day. The relay has been replaced and I’ve flown it once. We’ll be back at it again soon.

Loretta and I acquired a broken down Schwinn bicycle a couple of weeks ago and we fixed it up a little.



Hangar ambiance!

Larry

Photo Op!

Aviator extraordinaire, Carlos Rosaly, rode up to our hangar on his small electric scooter one Saturday to take part in the weekly bored meeting. When he got ready to leave I handed him a couple of avocados from a tree we have. He started to leave and realized that it takes both hands to ride the scooter and there is no place to carry the avocados on the machine so he decided to put them in his shirt. Standing there and getting ready to leave I saw this Kodak moment and shot this picture. You can caption it!



You can caption this one!

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