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Prez Sez for October

WOW!!! What a great fly-in pancake breakfast we had on September 1st. Did you see all those beautiful airplanes that showed up? There were 6 or 7 yellow Cubs, some of which were replicas, and at least 5 of them were flying in formation. How about that Staggerwing Beech! That's the first time I ever saw one of them in person. RV's were well represented with several 8's and at least one 6. There were at least 3 amphibians, one of which was a Sea Rey. Someone said there was a Harmon Rocket that showed up, and I saw a Pitts Model 12. There was a single seat Pitts and a single seat Midget Mustang as well. Also a nice assortment of certified airplanes, for a total of more than 30 fly-ins

Our big one, the "Smilin Jack" fly in, is coming up October 6th. Thanks in advance to everyone who has volunteered to help. I'll be back from our trip to Israel in time to help with the set-up on Friday. June and I both will be helping on Saturday. Here's hoping the weather and turn-out will be great.

It was good to see our folks back that spent some time up north this summer. You were missed and it's good to have you back. We'll have some more returning before long. It has been a hot one down here; in Orlando we had 46 consecutive days with the temperature 90 or higher. But I have some GOOD NEWS; cooler weather is on the way.

See you all soon. Dan

Smilin' Jack Fly - In, The Big Deal!!

The big deal is our annual Smilin' Jack fly-in scheduled for Saturday October 6. Judging from the response we get for our monthly breakfast, this could be one of the largest fly-in events at Dunn Airpark ever!

Most voluntary job assignments for the Smilin Jack fly-in are filled. In case you volunteered for a job and don't remember what it is here they are.

Tent erection supervised by Jerry Russell

Fill Propane tanks, Bill Furnholm

Delineate a/c parking areas Larry Gilbert and a couple of volunteers.

Fly-in aircraft parking; Greg Smith, Alberto Silva, and Fred Burgess

Electric power supply, Jerry will bring his bus with 17KW gen

Insurance paperwork, Neale Cranston

Pictures being taken by Kip Anderson NOTE: Kip needs one or two volunteers to deliver the pictures to the fly-in pilots

The cooking and serving will be manned by the regular crew.

Want to display your airplane or project? Suggest you get there by daybreak Sat am to get a good spot. Greg Smith, Alberto Silva, and Fred Burgess are parking airplanes so be sure to check with one of them before you park your plane on the display area.

YOU are the most important item for this event please be around to help set up on Friday afternoon October 5. The tent takes about 8 people to set up and we need a lot of help moving tables and cooking equipment and supplies from bldg. 10 to the tent.

Have you noticed that the Airport Authority is making a lot of effort to have our airport spruced up in time for the fly-in. They have painted the markings on the runways and taxiways and have the grass trimmed nice. A place to be proud of it is!

September Breakfast

Another airshow! At least four formations of very fast airplanes in formation with smoke on made passes over our breakfast site then broke for landing on runway 15. There were two bi planes were part of one formation I saw and I recognized it as a Beech Staggerwing. After all of these high speed and medium speed planes arrived a slow speed formation of five Cubs made as exciting an arrival as could be done with those. Personally I enjoyed all of this but the five yellow Cubs were the most pleasing to me.

Probably the most nerve wracking job at this breakfast was airplane parking. It looked as though we had a record number of fly-ins this month. Greg Smith must have done a good job parking airplanes because there were no complaints from

pilots that I heard. Dan Hillman said planes were parked from one end of the airport to the other.

We had a great crew manning this breakfast. It is a lot of work and we have some dedicated members who are always there to see that it all comes together.

To make it so successful it takes a bunch of good eaters and they showed up in droves. No one had to wait at the grills for more than two minutes either due to the good equipment and workers.

There were planes from New Smyrna, Rockledge, Deland, Valkaria, and many from Spruce Creek. Number of breakfasts sold 137 number of fly-ins 34+!

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

September Meeting

There were 22 members in attendance at our September meeting. Pres. Dan brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Old Business: Stu Sammis said that the shirts he ordered will be ready on Tuesday. The problem is we don't know which Tuesday!

The Smilin jack comic strip copies were passed around for the membership to pick one of these so that Jill Mosley Knows which one to donate to our chapter for the raffle. For those of you who don't know, Jill is the daughter of Zack Mosley who drew and published these comics from 1933 through 1973.

Steve Pangborn announced that on his own one day he came out and plugged the holes in the chapter building roof where it was leaking in the shop.

Bruce Hotz announced that the EAA B17 would be in Orlando Oct. 25 and 26.

Sam Beddingfield announced that the space shuttle is scheduled for launch on Oct. 23. Our airspace will be closed.

Bruce Hotz announced that the B17, "Aluminum Overcast", will be at Orlando exec. October 25 – 26.

New business: Bill Hall reported what is going on at the TICO Airport Authority meeting..

HOUSE PASSES H.R.2881, NO USER FEES

The House of Representatives on Sept.20 passed H.R.2881, the FAA

Project reports

Jim Webb said he started the Pietenpol once. He said he has to replace the bungees on the landing gear.

Steve Pangborn said he has bent some tubing for ribs for his Nieuport.

Greg Smith no progress on the CH 701

Bill Hall said progress is slow on his PT19.

Steve Camlin has put the top skins on the wings of his Thundergull and they are closed up.

Sam Beddingfield said that the Space museum is jammed and need more space.

Fred Burgess still looking for a plane looked at four and none suit.

Kip said he has the tail section of his Sonex done and is now working on the turtle deck.

Ben Charvet showed slides to show the progress he is making on his Pietenpol project.

Bruce Hotz did the program on a/c drafting and drawing. He did a nice job by showing us how to make a drawing for cardboard hanging dice to hang off of the rear view mirror of your car.

The meeting was brought to a close and refreshments were provided and served by Donna and Loretta. We hung around and lied to each other about our flying experiences. I heard some stories that were told before and they got better!



Where are we? Think you know? Let me know where you think this place is.

Last month's award went to Dan Hillman as he was the first to identify the picture as Melbourne International Airport.

Reauthorization Act of 2007, which would fund the FAA through 2011. "H.R.2881 is a great model for funding our future aviation system," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. "And the best news for general aviation—no

user fees, a modest fuel tax increase for NextGen, and no tax cuts for the airlines. And thanks to AOPA members who helped us achieve this result by responding to our targeted communications asking them to contact certain members of the House at key times." Read more on [AOPA Online](#).

FAA FUNDING DEBATE INTENSIFIES, HELP AOPA

AOPA will soon be calling on its members at crucial times as the FAA funding legislation moves through Congress. For now, sign our [online petition](#) against user fees. You'll be joining nearly 90,000 pilots and aviation enthusiasts who've already signed.

Helicopter named after the state bird



Pictured above: Eddy Thompson's Mosquito XEL

Eddy Thompson's Ultralight Helicopter

Have you seen Eddy flying his helicopter around the grassy areas at Dunn Airpark? He has been flying his beautiful new Mosquito kit built helicopter around quite a bit and does a very impressive job with this! The photo above shows the plane on skids but it will be equipped with floats soon. The floats are the same shade of yellow as the yellow portion of the cabin. Eddy told me about the learning experience of flying one of these. He didn't just jump in thinking he could fly this. Since 1985 he has been building and crashing R C control model helicopters and this helped the learning process quite a bit, he said. Before he attempted flying the Mosquito he went over to Space Coast Regional and took six hours of dual with their top instructor. The instructor made the remark after the first flight with Eddy that he was a natural helicopter pilot. Eddy said that he knew what to expect because of his experience with the models and a lot of research into piloting these. He also built and flies an Adventura amphibian airplane and attributes some of his "rudder (anti torque) skills" to flying that tail dragger airplane. Even though the helicopter will be equipped with floats he doesn't intend to land the craft on the water.

His son Mark who is now retired out of the Army as a helicopter pilot and currently flying medevac helicopters has been quite an influence and supporter of this project too. I'm not sure about this but, I think he said Mark has flown the mosquito also.

The kit is offered by a company here in Florida near Gainesville. Eddy said that he looked at a lot of these ultralight helicopters at Sun n Fun and Oshkosh and found the Mosquito the smoothest of all of them so he bought the kit. The engine is a two stroke, two cylinder, 65 horse power plant that is mounted vertically. He is amazed about the power this develops. He told me that in a hover near the ground just a slight tug on the collective and the machine just leaps straight up. He showed me the two gear boxes involved in driving the tail rotor shaft and the tail rotor. One connected to the main rotor shaft and the other is connected at the tail to change direction to drive the tail rotor. When he showed me the swash plate he said that he had built one of these for an R C model that was almost as big as the one on this plane is.

He has documented every step in the construction process with photographs and these are posted on a web site. Check it out, the address is www.innovator.mosquito.net. Congratulate Eddy when you see him. He said that he will probably display the plane at our Smilin Jack event.

For Sale: Portable aviation oxygen system hardly used. Contact Bill Mitchell at Dunn Airpark

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The sixth annual Create the Future design contest recognizes outstanding innovations in product design.

I entered my roadable airplane and there is a prize for the entry looked at the most times. There are many other very interesting entries.

Under ENTRANTS click on TRANSPORTATION go down the entrants to ELLIPTICAL WING ROADABLE AIRPLANE.

<http://link.abpi.net/1.php?20070927A19>

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Chapter Meeting
Weds. Oct. 3, 7:30 pm
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Smilin Jack Fly – in
Dunn Airpark (X21)
Sat. Oct 6, 8:00 am
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