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The packet included brochures explaining the program which I will make available to you at the next meeting. These provide a good explanation of the purpose behind it. Also, there is a 19 minute DVD about it, some stickers for the inside of windows, and a poster to place on the wall. All this will help us be aware of the threat and teach us how to respond.

Sorry I missed the last meeting. My heart was beating too fast (probably due to some residual excitement caused by Marilyn Monroe's Mr. President Routine.) Thanks to VP Stu Sammis for taking over. I understand it was a good meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at the next one and at the pancake breakfast March 1st. Dan



The Prez Sez

Note

The other day when Dan called to say he couldn't be at the meeting because of a problem with his heart racing, Loretta said "it's probably just that he isn't over Marilyn sing Happy Birthday Mr. President to him. According to the Prez Sez she was right.

One of Our Own is a Big Star!!

You owe it to yourself to attend the show "South Pacific" playing at the Parrish theatre, downtown Titusville starting Feb. 29th. One of our own, celebrity Ben Charvet is playing a lead role in this presentation! He'll be acting and singing Oscar Hammerstein lyrics. Why not show your support and

I recently received a packet in the mail from EAA Oshkosh. In it is information about airport security with an emphasis on AOPA's Airport Watch program. This program was created by AOPA in partnership with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for the purpose of securing aircraft and airports. It was modeled after the neighborhood watch program.

Basically, all of us honest regular airport people are being asked to do four things:

1. Lock all aircraft on the ramp
2. Lock hangars and tie downs (if applicable)
3. Approach and greet anyone unknown at your airport
4. Report suspicious and criminal activity to 1-800-866-GA-SECURE or 911 respectively

attend this show and watch Ben perform. Loretta and I are going to the matinee on March 2 at 2pm. We'll be in the balcony. You can call the box office of the theatre 321 268 1125 between the hrs. 9 – 5 mon – fri.

Larry Gilbert

This Month's Flyin

Mark Barnett called and asked if we could fly Fancy up to McAlpin, Fl. To look at a Citabria he was interested in so we planned the flight and were weathered out on the first attempt but the next day was workable so we rolled Fancy out of the hangar and made the trip. McAlpin is a little Northwest of Gainesville about 20 miles south of the Ga. Border. We threaded the needle using the VFR corridor between Orlando and Sanford to Leesburg and then aimed North for our destination. We made good groundspeed because of a tailwind and were covering the ground at over 100 mph most of the way. The Villages and Ocala slipped under us and then Williston went by over to the left then Cross City to the right of us. From here on there wasn't much in the way of landmarks till we got to Little River airport. Since Little River (FL10) isn't in the data base of my Lowrance GPS I had to use the coordinates to find it and it was no problem finding it. The only thing was that the AOPA directory said there were cross runways there and the airport we found had only a North South runway. We scratched our heads a little and decided to land and see where we were. We were at the right airport and the man with the Citabria was standing on the side of the runway when we landed. I asked him about the East west cross runway an he said it was on the other side of the trees and didn't actually cross the North South runway. OK, that's another first for me!

Mark looked the Citabria over pretty good and decided he wanted to fly it so he and the owner climbed in and went around the patch once. He and the owner struck up a handshake deal each promising the other that it was a done deal and we climbed back in Fancy and aimed South.

Since we burned about 12 gallons of gas getting there and it was gonna take more to get home because of headwinds we decided to stop at Williston for fuel. We wouldn't have made it home on what was left in the tanks. After stopping at Williston we proceeded to Leesburg via Ocala now barely making 85mph over the ground. I had a copy of the wx briefing with me and as forecast the ceiling was getting lower over the Northern part of Fl. And as forecast it was still very clear from Leesburg to Dunn Airpark We put a little over four hours on Fancy and it was the last flight till the annual was due. A fun day it was. A week or so after this Bill Conway flew him back to pick up his new 7GCAA American Champion Citabria. It is now based at Dunn Airpark.

Fancy went down for annual inspection on Feb. 1 and I have decided to re cover the fuselage and paint to match her new wings. She has always looked beautiful to me even though her body has been a little on the rough side. She looks perfect to most everyone from 100 feet away! The belly has some places

where the fabric is wearing through and you can see daylight through the fabric in many places when viewed from the inside out. My IA, Jerry, said "you should think about doing something about the fabric", So I did, and now it'll be a while till we break the surly bonds again.

TICO Executive Director Addresses Chapter

Mr Michael Powell, Exec. Dir. of the airport authority, spent a lot of his time explaining the future plans for Dunn Airpark at our monthly meeting in February. He did an excellent job of this and took the time to answer questions and address some concerns our membership has concerning our airport. It is assuring and comforting to know that we now have someone in authority, who seems to have customer satisfaction as a priority when it comes to the tenants (customers) of the authority airports. Mr. Powell did a power point slide type of presentation and showed us through aerial photos and graphics what changes will occur over a period of 20 years at our airport.

Did you know that as a result of them including input from a committee of tenants from Dunn that our grass runway has been saved? One of the proposals in the first phase of changes was to pave our beloved 4 – 22 runway! It's going to remain a grass runway and very soon it will be an official runway for use by all aircraft and not just Ultralight and STOL aircraft as it is now. This will be accomplished by removing the displaced thresholds thereby making it a useable 2000' for take off and landings. This will happen as a result of some tree topping and removal from the approaches to these runways. Good news indeed!

On a lighter note, before the meeting began while Mr. Powell was setting his equipment up he hung his suit jacket close to where we were offering the chapter T shirts for sale and one of our guys tried to buy it for the price of one of the T shirts!

Mr. Powell showed up in a pin stripe 3 piece suit and tie to do his presentation. He is a former Marine and refers to himself as a 'Jarhead and maybe this had something to do with this, I don't know but, we ain't used to having someone dressed up like this at our meetings and at first some of our guys when they showed up thought they were at the wrong meeting and were a little suspicious. My wife said "he sure was dressed nice!"



Mr. Powell presenter at our Feb. meeting

Smilin' Jack Comic Strip Raffle.

Jill Mosley generously donated one of her fathers original Smilin 'Jack comic strip drawings to the chapter to raffle off at our annual party. The total amount of raffle tickets sold was \$336.00. We had \$74.13 in framing so we netted \$261.87.

On behalf of our chapter I sent Jill a thank you via e-mail for this donation. For those of you who don't know who Jill is, she is the daughter of the late Zack Mosley, originator of the comic strip which ran in over a hundred daily newspapers for 40 years.

Note from VP

I have refinished the Club house sign and put it up again. I've added a notice board on it, which as far as I can see, could be used by all members to post "for sales" and such.

See you on saturday for the breakfast on the 1st.

Stu

We need Chairs

Do you know any organization that has folding chairs that they want to get rid of? Maybe your church or company is upgrading the meeting room or sumpthin and they want someone to haul the old chairs out. We'll do at no charge! Last month I attended a ceremony at a park and they had about 200 brand new metal folding chairs. Wonder what they did with the old ones?

February Breakfast

We had another successful breakfast on Feb.2nd. The treasurer said we sold about 129 breakfasts. We're to the point now that we're serving everything except peanut butter and jelly sandwiches no still only four bucks. What a deal! Greg Smith did an outstanding job of parking planes again. Ben Charvet was the official money taker, Jerry fried up the eggs, sausage, and bacon. Somebody cooked pancakes. It's all good!

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Monthly Chapter Breakfast
Saturday March 1
At Dunn Airpark, Bldg. 10, Titusville, Fl
8:00 am

Chapter Meeting Weds. March 5
Bldg.10, Dunn Airpark,
7:00 pm