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Feb. Meeting- You Had to be There to Appreciate

We had about 22 members and friends at our Feb. meeting. Neale was awarded a life time award as Secretary of our chapter by pres. Alberto.

Alberto brought up the fact that the next shuttle launch scheduled for Feb 19 if it is delayed could be a problem for the Valkaria Airfest. If the launch was delayed until the 21st, the airspace could be closed at Valkaria. Some members seemed to think that Valkaria would be outside the TFR.

Project reports: Alberto said that he has installed retractile shoulder harness and bubble style side windows in his new 172 and is pleased with this. Says he will fly it someday too.

Kip has finished his nose gear/engine mount for the Sonex and will start assembling the engine soon.

Ben said that he has the left wing of the Piet. Covered and the right wing is finished and painted. He also said that the flying weather has been too nice to do much on the Piet.

Project. He goes out flying instead of building sometimes.

Jim said that he installed 300 rivets in the bottom of the RV6 fuselage and only has about 20,000 more to buck. Seriously, he has the wings, and tail feathers all done and is now ready to start on the top of the fuselage. With the rivets he now has in the bottom of this he can now turn it over and work on the top. The good flying weather slows him down some too.

Steve Camlin has secured a hangar at Dunn where he will finish assembly of his Thunder Gull. He said he had hoped to have it ready to fly to Sun n Fun, and he will but, not this year.

As usual, when Bruce Hotz has a presentation it is interesting. Bruce he talked about a super charger for his 20 hp surplus engines made from parts out of a vacuum cleaner that produces ½ lb boost and he brought in 4 scale models of an airplane with variations he is designing. I'm not sure what he is going to call the design. He said it was going to be a lot like the last one he built and crashed on the initial flight. Anyway he went into a lot of detail of how he is going about this including some

thoughts about weight and balance and size of the cockpit. He said he even built a scale model of the cockpit and figured out how to achieve the balance portion of the equation by being able to position the pilot forward and back. This is where it started to get kind of funny because in order to determine if he would fit the different configurations he said he got a GI Joe doll that is just about 1/12th scale to his size so, when he built the scale cockpit he said, "yes, I still play with dolls" and he put the GI doll into the scaled cockpit and made sure there was room for his legs etc. At this point Ben said yeah I scaled a cabin for me too, and that opened it up! Steve said "Ben, did you use a Barbie doll for yours?" This was good for a laugh! Then Bruce said that when he was younger he got in trouble because he wanted to play with his evil sisters' Barbie doll so, he took it and with a sharpie made female body parts markings on it. His parents wouldn't let him play with the Barbie anymore. So, now he uses GI Joe. (must have been a traumatic experience)

Valkaria Airfest

The Valkaria EAA chapter 1288 guys picked up our cooking equipment, tables, and chairs sometime before the event. Our instructions to help during the show was a little vague but it worked out for the good of the order. Chapter members who were helping with the breakfast showed up quite early because word was that things would be under way by 6:30 am. Loretta and I arrived at about 6:00 am and not very much later Jerry and Kip showed then, around 7 or so Dan and June got there. Loretta had around 260 pieces of baked sweets and biscuits and sausage gravy. After the breakfast was over we were given wrist bands with a secret code on them. The secret code got us a free lunch at a vendors barbeque stand. The airfest itself I believe was a large success. It was interesting and there was a lot of activity there. My favorite were the Decathalons that did the aerobatic routines. There was a B25 which did a number of low passes and a T6 that did a routine of aerobatics also. There were a large number of RC models and that was interesting. We didn't stay long enough to see the hot air

balloon show but, I understand it was a spectacle also.

Member Bill Conway

Bill Conway is a chapter 866 member and certified Dunn Airpark Airport bum and all round good guy. He is having health issues and wrote the following update about this.

Hi everyone. Yesterday was pre-op at Shands which consisted of x-ray, EKG and lab work. We left home at 6am and got home at 7:30pm, very long day. Surgery is Thursday morning so Mardy and I are going to Gainesville tomorrow to get a hotel room. The surgery is supposed to last 3 to 5 hours depending on the extent of reconstruct needed this is going to be a long procedure. The surgeon is going to take the left half of the liver and part of the right. He is also going to remove the bile duct and reconstruct. He may need to go into the pancreas but won't know until he gets in. Recovery in hospital is 6 to 10 days followed by 6 weeks at home and could take 6 months to actually feel my best. This is all contingent upon what the doc finds in the beginning through the laporscopy. If things are worse than the previous findings he will not proceed and I will go back on chemo. This is all we can tell you at this time.

Love to all,

Bill and Mardy

My Big Excuse and Sunflowers

Sitting here at my desk with my coffee and cigarettes scratching my head trying to think of more of more to write for the March 09 edition of this newsletter.....ain't working! We have been very busy this month. My big excuse, Bike Week! Daughter and son in law, who both own Harleys were down to visit and we had to hop on our Harleys and go up to Daytona and terrorize that place a couple of times with them. That was interesting and fun. Saw some interesting things too. One thing was a unique use for sunflower blossoms. Loretta has the kitchen decorated in a sunflower scheme and I wanted to print and use the pictures I took of the sunflowers up there and display them in her kitchen. She won't let me do that. I guess the pictures aren't good enough. She doesn't think I should put em in the newsletter either.

Probably will have to delete them. I'm going to work harder on my photography skills on main street Daytona Beach Bike Week next year.

Please, if you have any input for your newsletter please help me out and get it to me. The best way is via e-mail to gillcfi@aol.com

Larry

Aventura For Sale. Professionally built by factory. Loaded panel ALT, ASI, VSI, RPM, EGT, CHT, hour meter, compass, slip, turn and bank indicator, electric flap indicator, electric start. Recoil start also. Bilge pump, in flight adjustable trim, 12 gal tank, primer, BRS chute, 3 blade IVO prop, ceramic-coated exhaust system, Rotax 503 dual carb. Kevlar hull, total time airframe 25 hours, engine 180 hours. Always hangared.

Call Bill Mitchell 321 267 7907

Events

EAA Chapter 866 monthly breakfast.....The best one in the state!! Dunn Airpark (X21) Titusville, Fl 8:00 - Saturday, Mar 7, 2009

Tico Warbird Airshow

Space Coast Regional (TICO) Airport, Titusville, FL, USA

The roar of vintage warbird engines return to the Space Coast on 13, 14 and 15 March, 2009 as the 32nd annual Tico Warbird Airshow opens.

There will be many vintage and modern military aircraft on display and flying. In addition there will be military re-inactors, lots of vendors, antique cars on exhibit, special events, Radio Disney, veterans and special guests, flight demonstrations, formation flying and much more. For more information and tickets call 321-268-1941 <http://vacwarbirds.org>

Mar 21 — New Smyrna Beach, FL. American Aero Services (KEVB). "Muscles & Mustangs". Timeless Wings And Wheels Museum will be having its first annual "Muscles & Mustangs" Car and P-51 show. . Contact Jennifer, 386-690-8557; [Email](#). [Website](#)

March 28, 2009 – Cannon Creek – Fly-in and lunch. They plan on having pulled pork an/or hot dogs with chips and dessert for a \$5.00 donation. 3,500 paved north/south and 2,600 turf east/west runways. They plan on eating at noon.

Saturday, Mar 28, 2009 — Umatilla, FL. Gateway Fly-In and Black Bear Festival ([Website](#)). Umatilla Municipal. (X23) - [Sectional Chart and Google Map](#), Come visit rural central Florida and experience a day full of family activities! The event is free and is from 9am-4pm. Transportation to and from the airport to festival (approx 1 mi) will be provided. Contact: Carl Vossberg 352-669-3101,

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Chapter Meeting Weds. March 4, 2009, 7:30pm

Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl

**Chapter Breakfast Saturday March 7,
Dunn Airpark, (X21)
8:00 am – 10:00**