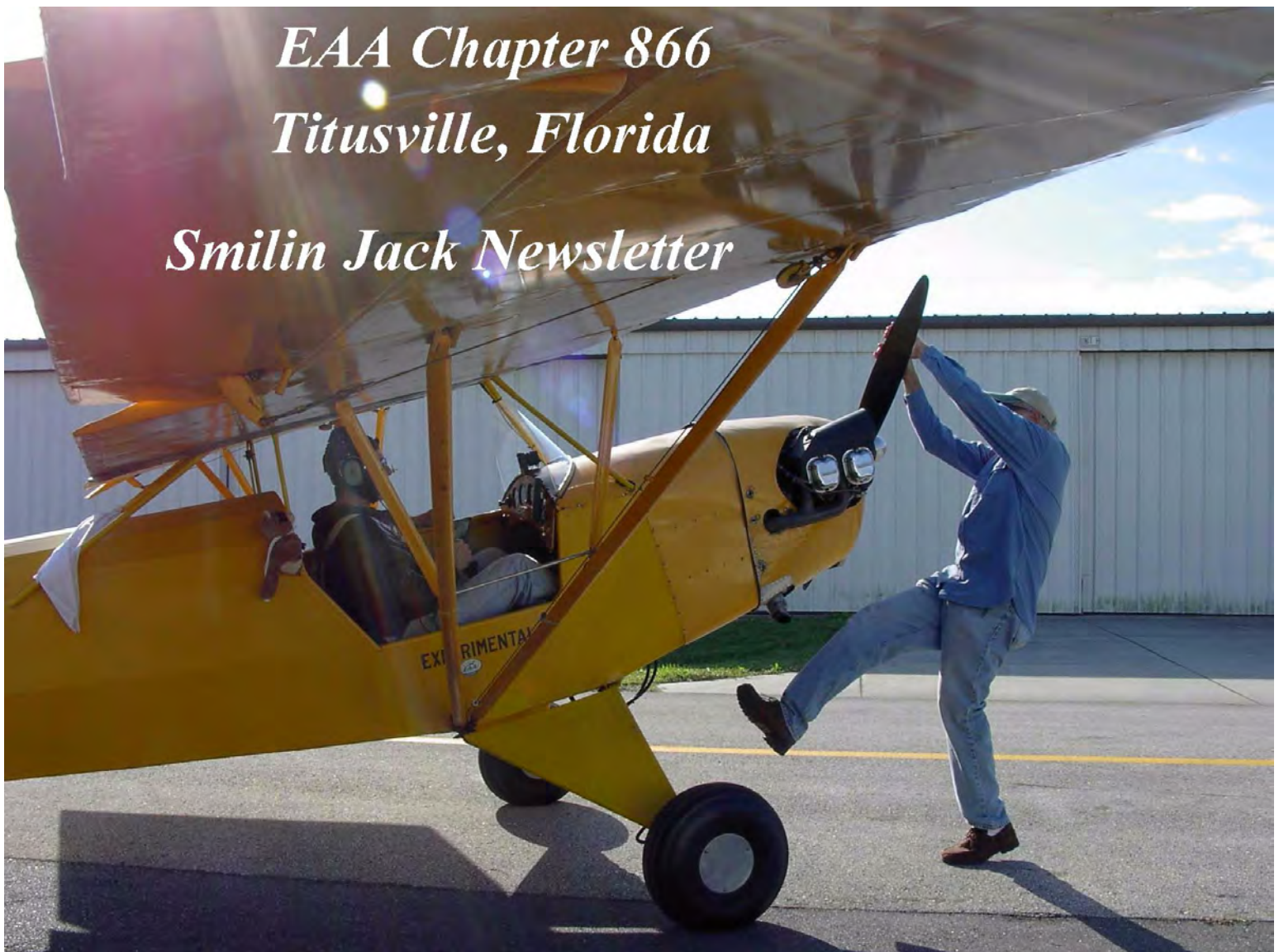


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Noise Complaint at Merritt Island

The Following is a memo sent via e-mail by Michael Powell

Good afternoon, folks. I hope all is well on your end. Please forgive the bother, but I wished to share that some one has expressed concerns over the increased flight activity at night surrounding the Merritt Island Airport. This was a long-time local resident that we have no record of complaining before. The gentleman specifically mentioned flight activity (predominantly closed traffic work) after 10:30 p.m. He also shared on Easter Sunday someone doing (their words) touch and gos at around 4:00 a.m. for about 40 minutes then again one week later at 1:00 a.m. for about 20 minutes.

I wish to respectfully ask that you all help the Airport Authority spread the word that we all wish to be good neighbors and please ask anyone you come in contact with to be cognizant of the surrounding community and be respectful of others, especially after hours. We are very fortunate that the aviation community in general is predominantly composed of very kind,

understanding, and professional people. I am sure simply spreading the word to the kind folks you come in contact with will greatly help us in this endeavor.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Take care and enjoy the rest of your day.

Best Regards,

Michael D. Powell, C.M., ACE Executive Director Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority 355 Golden Knights Blvd.

May Meeting

Our meeting got under way promptly at 7:30 pm with the pledge to the flag. Pres. Alberto introduced a visitor who came to see what we're all about at the Smilin Jack Chapter. The visitors name is Mike. If he said his last name I missed it. He said he is a retired helicopter pilot retired from the US Air Force. He said

he's been flying since 1941 (wow) that's 5 years longer than Ray has been flying. He was a P51 pilot in WWII also. Alberto asked for Sun n Fun reports and Bruce Hotz said he found a bubble canopy for his project for only \$10.00! He said that he also met a man there in a period costume with a name tag on that said Smilin Jack. Kip Amderson said he saw a Waix Glider flying there but didn't see it land. Alberto said that a co-worker of his is flying his Bonanza to Osh and has room for passengers. Contact Alberto if you're interested.

Mark Oriza has built a replica of an airplane called Mystery Ship which was a 1929 racing airplane and he brought some details in on the performance numbers of the original and a comparison of what he expects to get out of his replica. I should have taken notes cause the difference in performance as far as speed goes was a couple of hundred miles an hour. Steve Pangborn said that the BP station on MI still has auto fuel with no moonshine in it.

Our Y-E co-ordinator (me) asked if there was any interest in a Y-E rally in July and it seems that there is. When asked for volunteers several offered to fly and Mark Oriza said he'd be the safety guy, Les Boatwright said he coordinate getting the kids out to the planes, and Kip has volunteered to do paper work. Sounds like a plan.

Alberto narrated a slide show that he put together about his trip out to New Mexico in his 172 a few weeks earlier. This was a very interesting and colorful presentation and much enjoyed.

After all of this, Loretta and Donna broke out the cake and ice cream to celebrate Ray's birthday. When asked how old he was ray said:..... you know I don't remember what he said! He must be at least 60 or so.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

This Month's Flyin

Made a few fun flights this month. Loretta and I flew up to Scotsmoor International one morning to see Gene Day's N3N project. The official name for this airport is Tradewinds and it is on the West bank of the Indian River. This airport and even has a control tower! This tower is manned by Jack Russell when he feels like it. I think he was asleep when we arrived cause we couldn't get a clearance to land. Landed anyway! When we took off though he was up to the task and issued us a clearance to taxi and take off on rwy 15 when we were ready.

Tom Jones and I have been flying Fancy some and he is discovering the tail wheel/rudder dance.

Wayne Bullington went with me one day and he got a little 'stick



time also.

Gene is the master when it comes to making beautiful airplanes and he is doing a ground up restoration on a N3N biplane in Jack Russells' large hangar on his property in Scotsmoor.. In the hangar is Jack's beautifully restored C170 which was done by Gene several years ago.

Law of Probability -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Do you not believe that your freedom is being compromised?
Articles below were absconded from AVWEB an electronic newsletter

GA GROUPS ASK TSA TO BACK OFF

Five groups representing the general aviation community this week asked the Transportation Security Administration to withdraw the onerous security directive that requires GA pilots to apply for identification badges from any airport they use, which takes effect on June 1. "We would like to see TSA ... [instead] initiate the required rulemaking process to implement a change of this scope," reads the letter, which is addressed to Janet Napolitano, who heads the Department of Homeland Security. The TSA directive requires airport operators to ensure that anyone in the airport operating area is escorted or has an airport-issued identification card, and all applicants for those cards must undergo a Security Threat Assessment by the TSA. The impact on GA operators is substantial, since every airport requires its own ID, and escorts may not always be available. So far, the TSA has responded to complaints by saying each airport operator can develop an alternate means of compliance and submit it to TSA. "The resulting patchwork of 'alternate means' would likely create far more problems than it would solve," the letter says. The letter was signed by the leaders of AOPA, EAA, the National Business Aviation Association, the National Air Transportation Association and the National Association of State Aviation Officials.

TSA CHANGES RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSIENT PILOTS

The TSA has enacted a new security directive (SD-8G) that means transient pilots flying into airports with commercial service will not need an airport badge or background check as previously required. The directive takes effect June 1 and instead requires pilots to "remain close to their aircraft" leaving it only for trips to and from the FBO or airport exit, according to AOPA. The TSA is expected to provide future guidance regarding self-fueling and emergencies. The new rules target transient pilots -- those pilots based at commercial-use airports who lease space or maintain a presence will still need to go through procedures and acquire a valid badge if they intend to roam the airport without an escort. Airports looking to avoid the badging will need to approve an alternative like an escort program to remain within the TSA's guidelines. The complication now appears to be what the TSA defines as an airport that offers commercial service and the fact that it hasn't yet released a list.

RARE WARBIRD SEIZED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Federal agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is part of the Department for Homeland Security, have seized a Douglas AD-4N Skyraider that was imported to the U.S.

from France last year, EAA said this week. "The feds have seized it," Claude Hendrickson, of Bessemer, Ala., confirmed to *AVweb* on Wednesday. "It's here in a hangar under lock and key and we are not allowed access to it." Hendrickson bought the airplane in France and flew it home last year. It was registered with the FAA last September and has been flying since then. DHS alleges that required forms were improperly filed, according to EAA. Hendrickson has created a Web site with details about the airplane, and asks that supporters contact their congressional representatives to plead for the preservation and return of the airplane.

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee

Ban on flight training at Florida private airport could rankle FAA

Officials in Brevard County, Fla., are set to consider a resolution next week to prohibit flight training, including recurrent training, at the county's Valkaria Airport, a local, privately operated field. The resolution may not go over well with the FAA, since the airport has received federal funding and the agency does not support limitations on aeronautical activity at such airports.

Young Eagle Rally

We are planning a Young Eagle Rally for July 11, 2009. This is the 2nd Sat. of the month. It will be a rather low key event because we don't have a lot of airplanes and pilots at Dunn who are available for this. There has been good response so far from chapter members. Already lined up as pilots and planes we have Don Bolton and his Stearman, Alberto and his C172, Jim and Don garrison will each have their Bonanzas, and Larry Gilbert with his Citabria. We still have some members wqith planes who haven't been asked yet so we should be alright in that department. Ben Charvet has volunteered to do the ground portion using his Baby Ace as a demonstrator. Kip Anderson has agreed to do the paperwork, Les Boatwright and several others will act as safety personell. This will be a group effort that is very

rewarding and fun for all. Where we need the most help now is getting the kids to take the flights. Any ideas? Come to the June meeting and take part in the planning.

The May Breakfast

We served about 150 breakfasts during the May breakfast according to our book keeper. As usual the crew was there at daylight and the grills fired and tables and chairs set up and the breakfast all laid out by the time anyone showed up to eat. We always feed a couple of the workers before the customers show up and then watch them closely to be sure they don't get sick. If they seem OK then we open for business.

Kip Anderson has brought his a/c radio scanner to the last couple of breakfasts and those of us working close to the monitor get to listen to the air traffic reports in and close to the traffic pattern. What I have noticed is the excellent communication between the skydive pilot and other traffic during the breakfast. I even heard him announce he was "going around" at least once to help keep operations safe that day.

A good time was had by most!

Big J3 Adventure

Ray Thomas and his son Jay left on Monday May 25 in their newly acquired J3 Cub for Hillman, Michigan. By Monday night they had reached a spot South of Atlanta. They put down and stayed there for the night due to weather. Sometime the next day they managed to get to somewhere in Tennessee. The third day they had an engine problem and landed at Lexington, Ky to resolve that problem. Her they had the engine worked on and were on their way again on Saturday and managed to make it to Hillman, Michigan by evening. Ray was so happy to get there that he kissed the ground when he got out of the plane. All of this was told to me by Ray's wife Donna and I may not have the story exactly right but I'm sure we'll hear all of the details when Ray returns to Titusville. I'm sure this was quite an adventure for Ray (81 yrs) and his son Jay.



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Events

FIRST SUNDAYS

Fort Myers, FL. Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles ([Website](#)). Page Field, EAA 66. ([KFMY](#)) 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - FT MYERS Pancakes, sausage, eggs, OJ, coffee and nice folks. WWW.EAA66.ORG, contact@eaa66.org

SECOND SATURDAYS

VANDENBERG, FL -- Second Saturday Tampa EAA Chapter 175, Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles at Vandenberg. Pete Lansbery 813-780-8891 or petelan@aol.com or Pres. Drew Martin 813-962-6580

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Punta Gorda.Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Saturday of every month 8:30 am - 11:00 am <http://www.eaa565.org/>

SECOND SUNDAYS

NAPLES, FL -- Second Sun. Naples Airport (APF) EAA Chapter 1067, Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Omelet, Sausage, Juice, Coffee \$4.00 Free Food for homebuilt pilots that fly in to APF, 8-11 AM Nancy Fessenden 941-352-7282, nanflys@yahoo.com or Lynn Daffron - LDaff@earthlink.net 941-774-3737

— **Avon Park, FL. Buffet Breakfast.** Avon Park Jet Center Inc (AVO) Civil Air Patrol & E. A. A. Sponsored Buffet Breakfast , every 2nd Sun of the Month, open to the Public Fly-Drive-In. Contact: George Von Eschenbach 1-863-453-5046, georgefla@embarqmail.com;

THIRD SATURDAYS

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL -- Third Saturday, Starting in October, EAA Chapter 203 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally at North Palm Beach County Airport (F45) - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information - Rick @ 561-818-9100. Call to verify.

FT. PI ERCE -- (Fly In Breakfast). Saturday Following Third Wednesday Meeting. St Lucie International Airport (FPR) Monthly EAA 908 Chapter in the hangar. Great food and talk. Drive up welcome. Contact: Paul Fischer 772-464-0538, ekmojo@bellsouth.net Contact tower for instructions.

VALKARIA, FL -- Third Saturday, Pancake Breakfast, 8AM - 11AM, VALKARIA AIRPORT, Valkaria Aviation Association, Best Pancakes & Sausages in Florida! Fresh Orange Juice, Great Coffee, \$3.00 donation to the VAA, (Pancakes are all you can eat) Call Valkaria Aviation (407) 724-8671 and leave a message to arrange Young Eagles Flights, or e-mail: mark@flyflorida.com General Daniel "Chappy" James Chapter 1288 of the EAA. Russ Minton, Pres. 321-635-9533 SCALPEL876@aol.com

DELAND -- Third Sat of the Month - EAA Chapter 635 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally. 8:30am - 11:00am at Deland Municipal Airport (DED) -- East end of field EAA T-Hangars. Email: vanv@mpinet.net or Telephone Van Vickers at (386) 668-0936

THIRD SUNDAYS

SEBRING, FL -- Third Sunday Sebring Airport EAA Chapter 803 Pancake Breakfast, 8AM 'til 11AM \$3.00 Donation Requested, Sebring FBO 941-655-6455 George Houghton 941-465-6996 Check with the FBO for discount fuel

Fourth Saturdays

Palatka, 28J Breakfast at Trickworks hangar starting at 0900. The donation of \$5.00 goes to the Angel Flight charity and a local church.

Ft Pierce, FPR EAA908 Breakfast. Pilots arriving eat free. Ask tower for directions to EAA hangars. They are well hidden behind the fire station.

- Oct. 23-25, 2009 – St Petesburg Airfest
<http://www.stpetersburgairfest.com/>

Chapter Meeting Weds. June 3, 2009 7:30pm

Monthly Breakfast Sat. June 6, 2009

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