

EAA Chapter 866

Titusville, Florida

Smilin Jack Newsletter



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August Meeting

At our August meeting we had the pleasure of hearing a presentation by Mr. Michael Powell on the status of Dunn Airpark and the upgrades to be implemented soon. Rways 33/15 are scheduled for resurfacing soon, there will be modifications to the fences and entrances, and a gate and access road will be constructed from the Fire Station on the West side onto the airport. Following this, Mr. Powell answered member questions concerning our airport. He did an outstanding job addressing our questions and concerns about our airport. Mr Powell stated that he is accessible and willing to meet with us on an individual basis at the authority office.



Mr. Michael Powell, Exec. Dir. TICO addresses EAA Chpt. 866 Aug. Meeting

Kip Anderson made a very interesting presentation about himself and his aviation background and the progress of his Sonex project. He had many slides and a good narration to accompany these. Very interesting!



Kip Anderson did a presentation on his Sonex project

Need an Adventure?

Gene McCoy said that since his recent 50 day camping trip to and through Alaska was so much fun, he is planning more trips. He is planning one that needs another pilot as a partner. He wants to trailer his Kolb Firefly in a trailer behind his pickup camper to Monument Valley, UT. and fly around the desert for about a week. The trip will consume at least 3 weeks as the drive is 7 days each

way. RON will be at truck stops and Wal Mart parking lots enroute and the campground at Gouldings Lodge at Monument Valley. It requires 2 people to fold and unfold wings and to load and unload the trailer. The partner will need to check out in the Firefly before departure in Oct or May.

More info via Google: @ Gouldings Lodge & @ Monument Valley Airport (UT25) or watch John Wayne in THE SEARCHERS again.

If interested, contact Gene at: Author Dunn Hanger 4i or hemccoy@earthlink.net or 321-427-4882cell.

Ben's Pietenpol

Today was a great one! I've been installing a used A-65 on my project for the last 3 weeks. I bought it about 18 months ago and it had just been sitting on the hangar floor since then. Today everything was finally all hooked up, the prop installed, fuel lines, engine gauges, etc. I turned on the fuel and immediately had a dripping from the carburetor. Turns out I hadn't tightened the filter screen cover. That was fixed quick enough. With the switch off I pulled it through 6 blades and could tell by the sound of the carburetor that it had fuel. On the second blade it fired on 2 or 3 cylinders. I switched it off and pulled through 2 more blades, switch on, and it started! I had the tailwheel tied to a tree, but still I only ran it up to 1500 rpm and only ran it a few minutes because I haven't installed the eyebrows yet.



After that I loaded my wings onto my trailer and took them out to the airport so I'd have more room in my shop. I'm hoping to get my decals installed next week and get through the 2 or 3 hundred small projects still necessary to finish this thing off.

Ben Charvet

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Hoping to have it in the air for the 80th anniv year

Airport Construction Timeline

I attended a planning meeting for the construction project at X-21 last Friday. Here is the time-line as decided at that meeting.

All construction will be done on a Monday through Thursday basis, with the paved runway available Fri,Sat,Sun during the project. The reworking of the fence at the approach end of runway 33 will start Tuesday Sept 8 and take 2 or 3 days. Runways 33/15 will be closed during this phase, but the grass strips will be available.

There will be no construction the week of 9-13 to 9-20, because they don't have all the permits yet.

Re-paving work on 33/15 will run Sept 21-24. Due to equipment on the field all runways will be closed for these 4 days

Repaving work on the taxiways will run Sept 28-Oct 1. All runways will be closed during this time.

I asked specifically how we will know if 4/22 is open or closed, and the reply was that notams will be issued and signs placed on the card-readers at the gates.

There is no time frame for the replacement of the PAPI lights yet, and that will be a short-term variable runway closure depending on what equipment is necessary to place on the field.

Something not mentioned at the last chapter meeting, is they are building a reinforced roadway across the field from the firestation using the scrapings from the repaving. There is no time set for that project yet either.

It sounds like it will really spruce up our field, and the known runway closings will be during weekdays and this process if all goes well should only take 3 weeks.

Ben

Many Thanks

Many thanks to the contributors of materials for this month's newsletter. Loretta and I were away for most of the month and I was unable to work on this while away. If it were not for your contributions there wouldn't be much in this month's edition.

The editor.

**September Meeting Weds. Sept. 2,
7:30 pm, Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl**

**September Breakfast Sat. Sept. 5 8:00
am Dunn Airpark (X21)**