

EAA Chapter 866 Smilin Jack Newsletter



November 2010

Gil Jones conducts Ground School at our 2010 Young Eagles Rally

Young Eagle Rally

Great teamwork enabled us to have a successful chapter 866, 2010 Young Eagle day. Our members worked the registration, ground school, pilots, and chapter members who took pictures, greeted, and just acted friendly towards the folks and kids who attended our annual Young Eagle Rally. Civil Air Patrol cadets managed security and safety on the flight line and did an exemplary job of this. Skydive Space Center was busy and our pilots and the King Air pilot were communicating well and there were no conflicts with their operation. The event seemed to run like a well oiled machine!

Last year the kids lined up to fly with Don Bolton in his 1941 open cockpit biplane, this year they lined up to ride with Ben Charvet in his 1929 design open cockpit monoplane. Who says kids don't like old stuff? Ben managed to fly six Young Eagle missions. Steve Miller seemed to always be up there somewhere flying kids in his C152, Greg Smith had a small glitch with his radio in his C172 but after getting that fixed he was out flying the kids too. Fred Burgess was first out and seemed to be coming and going a lot with his C172. Fancy, our Citabria, managed four delightful flights with kids ranging in age from 16 down to 8 yrs. Have you ever noticed that there is always a smile on both the kids and pilots faces when the climb out of their planes? It is great fun for all who are involved with this

October Breakfast

Once again we were successful and served around 150 at the October breakfast. About 34 airplanes flew into Dunn and many drive ins and motorcycle ins too. Members stepped up to the grills and many helped tear the setup down. As usual, a good time was had by most.

October meeting

VP Ben Charvet presided over the meeting this month. We discussed the upcoming Young Eagle event to be held on Oct. 23. Young eagle coordinator, Larry Gilbert reported that we had the permit from TICO and the insurance was in place for the flights and we had five airplanes and pilots lined up to do the flying. The ground volunteers had their jobs lined up and the C.A.P. was coming to do the security.

Project reports: Kip said that he had terrible battles with lovebugs around his project. He also explained how he has designed electric latches for his canopy using electric screwdriver motors.

Harry Teal is still tweaking his Soneri by making trim adjustments to elevator and rudder.

Ben reported that he has installed shims to the motor mounts on his Pietenpol to help it fly straighter. He said when he did this it caused the cowling to rub the prop. Had to fix this too. He is also building the top wing for his Nieuport project. Bruce Hotz had an instrument panel that he bought at a dollar store. This was a plastic stick on panel with a clock, compass, and thermometer included on it. It cost a dollar!

Gil Jones brought a friend who turned out to be a very interesting visitor. His name is Jeff Wiles and he has a Sky Ranger based at Sutherland strip on Lake Harney. This is the second plane he built, the first was a Kolb. He has ordered and RV12 ELSA kit and says that it has been shipped so, he'll be working on this soon.

Good meeting!

Political Calls

Are you as tired of the recorded political telephone calls as we are? Like us, you probably hang up as soon as the message starts.

The last straw was when a guy called and made all of these impossible promises about how he would, if elected president see that Chapter 866 members would have to pay no more than \$1.75 per gallon for avgas . To spur the economy he would have all of the monthly breakfasts catered by a local restaurant. Etc, etc.

We will be so glad when the chapter officers are elected so we can get back to regular EAA business.

DO YOUR PART..... SHOW UP ON WEDS. EVE 7:30 AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS TO ELECT OUR CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2011.

Annual Fly-out to Winter Haven?

For the past several years planes and pilots of C866 have flown over to Winter Haven (KGIF) for their annual fly-in. Want to go this year? We'll probably depart Dunn at around 7:30am on Sat Nov. 13. Don't know who might have an available seat. If you're interested in a ride you might ask around at our chapter meeting or our breakfast on Nov. 6.

Airplanes For Sale

Chapter member Casey Fesperman still has the C177RG for sale. This is a 200 hp low time, 325 SMOH (0 time) IO 360 and a CS prop with only a couple of hours on it.

My friend Kevin in Bedford, Pa is selling his PA 28 – 180 and asking only \$28,000 for this full IFR machine.

Another friend in Pa is selling an Ercoupe 430 C/D for only \$16,000.

Let Larry Gilbert know if you're interested.



Steve Miller & Young Eagle



Fred Burgess & Young Eagle



Greg Smith & Young Eagle



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Chapter Meeting
Weds. Nov 3, 2010
Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark
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Chapter Monthly Breakfast
Sat. Nov. 6, 2010
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