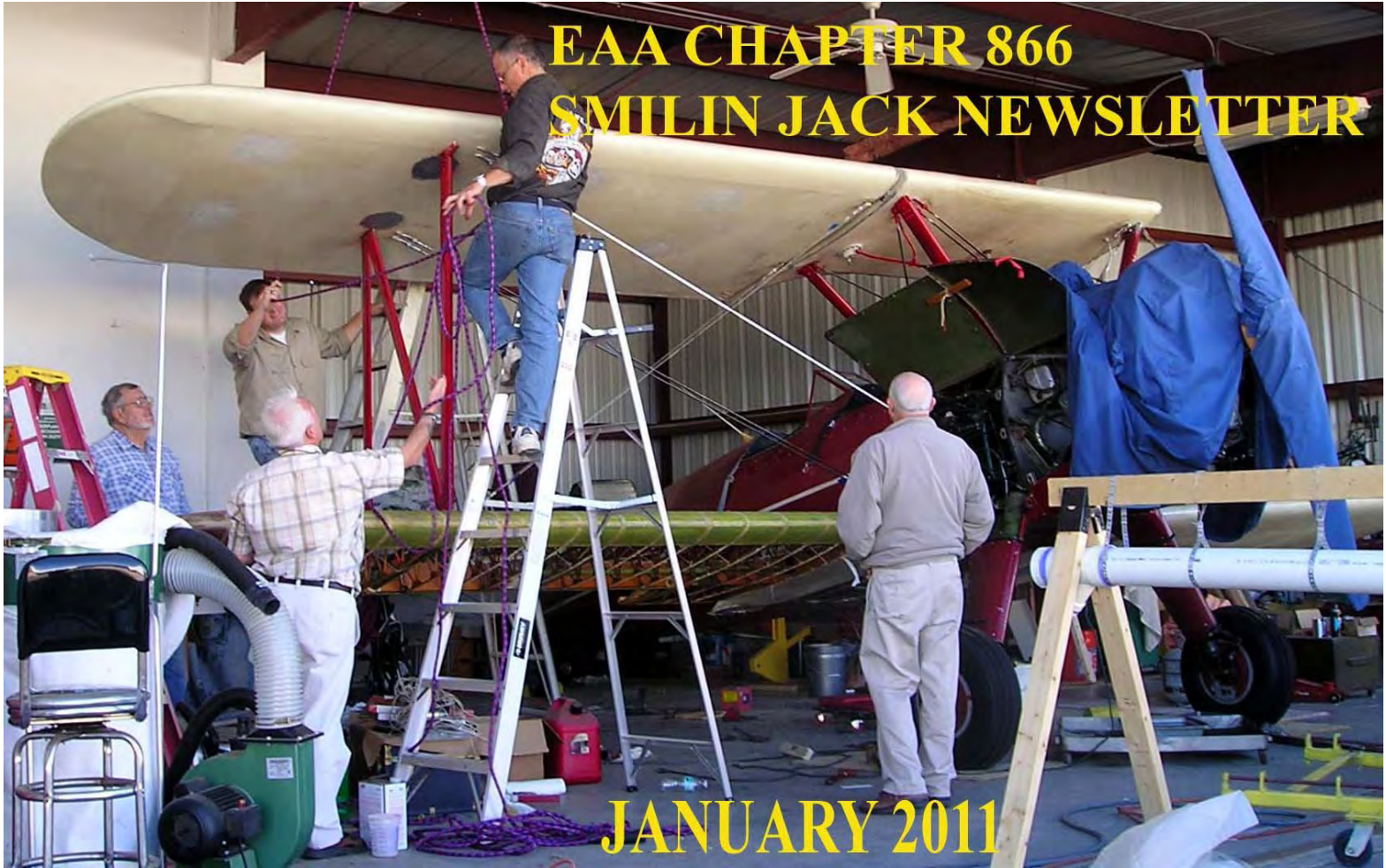


# EAA CHAPTER 866 SMILIN JACK NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Presidents 2011 Corner

Well we have had another round of elections, and I get the honor of writing a note in the newsletter as your new Chapter President. I've led several meetings over the past year, but the December meeting was a challenge for some of us. I truly hope we can put that behind us and look forward to a fun and productive 2011.

I've first joined the chapter back in November of 2004, when I was just starting my Pietenpol project. The chapter was a great help, and the fact that 2 other Pietenpol's were being built locally was a great encouragement. We have a great group of guys and gals that work together well, as witnessed by our award winning pancake breakfasts and our successful Young Eagles program. With the help of others, I've learned a lot in 6 years. I've gone from dreaming about building my own airplane to giving Young Eagles flights in it.

Looking ahead at the next year I'd like to see us try to do a few new things. Our meeting room is looking pretty rough. The airport authority has done some upgrades to the outside of the building and there are rumors they are going to fix the leaks in the roof. The walls of the meeting room need to be scraped and repainted, but first we need to take a hard look at what is stored in there, and sort, sell, store, or donate. As we saw 2 years ago when we painted the outside of the building, many hands make light work. We could probably do the painting part in a single Sat. morning.

We have had discussions over the last 3 or 4 months of things we could do with some of the funds in the treasury. I'd like to hear your ideas, but would prefer you e-mail them to me personally, or call me prior to the meeting so I can research your proposal before presenting it to the chapter. I heard a few good ideas at the end of the Dec meeting, but in all the excitement I didn't get them written down.

Our annual dinner party January 22 should be a good time for all. We won't be having live entertainment as in the past, but that will give us more time to mingle, introduce our spouses around, and enjoy each other's company. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

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### *December Meeting*

Ben Charvet presiding, the meeting was brought to order at 7:30 promptly with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Ben announced that chapter member and former 866 pres, Jerry Russell was out of the hospital and home after some very

serious surgery. Member Bill Furnholm is recovering from an infection on his leg which required extensive treatment.

**Project reports:** Curtis Langholz said that he was working on some filler pieces and working on the interior and floor of his Murphy Rebel.

Larry Bierman said he is getting ready to work on his one of a kind sorta like a Kolb light sport plane. Has a rebuilt 75 hp 2 stroke engine ready to mount on it.

Elections were held and we'll have to start treating Ben Charvet with a little more respect now that he is our chapter president. Ben was our only nominee and was unanimously elected as president of our chapter. Since Ben had been Vice President, that left the VP position open so, in a flash move someone nominated Les Boatwright for VP and in a split second that was seconded and by unanimous decree, Les is now VP of chapter 866. Well, that's how I saw it anyway.

The Winter party scheduled for Jan. 22 was discussed and it was decided that this year we will reduce our fee to \$10.00. This price will include a ticket to our party and will also be your membership fee for the year 2011. The membership fee for 2011 is reduced to \$10.00 so, if you want you can pay by the Jan meeting and come to the party. After this, the dues are still \$10.00 even if you don't get to the party. Put another way, purchase of party ticket excuses dues. Much discussion ensued over this decision and it was brought to a vote and voted in favor by a majority.

### *December Breakfast*

Our December breakfast is always free but many of our friends insist on donating some cash when they show up. Again this year we collected nearly 300 dollars in donations. Amazing! Approximately 125 people showed this time and our members on the grills were kept hopping at times. Our bacon chef, Gil Jones, shared a grill with Deborah VanTreuren, egg chef, working that side of that grill. On the pancake grill - spatula geezer, Larry, backed up by mixologist Kip Anderson, whipping the batter. Over on the food service table manning the bacon tongs, Donna Thomas. Loretta was fixing coffee and working the crowd serving her famous sausage gravy and grits and sweet stuff that she and Donna make. Thanks to our set up crew we set up the main dining room as well as the patio area. The tear down crew had everything put away in little time and a good time was had by most!

### *New Treasurer needed*

Larry Bierman has resigned his position as treasurer so now we need a new bean counter. Larry did an outstanding job with this and has everything arranged for a smooth transition for the new person to do this. He will assist with the changeover, he said.

### *Cover Picture*

The picture on page one with chapter members crawling all over the Stearman is of Don Bolton's airplane in the beginning stages of a recover job. A crew consisting of Chapter pres. Ben Charvet on the ladder, John Godfrey manning the lowering

rope, Don is on the ladder behind the wing and his father ready to assist with the removal of the top wing. Jim Morgan is standing by on the right. I helped take the flying wires off and helped wrestle the wings off of the plane and into the wing racks. I love helping do some of the work on this classic airplane. Besides this, I learned the politically correct name of one of the hand tools. Side cutters is the tool. You might know these by the old name. It's hard for this obsolete geezer to comprehend this stuff. (I might have to explain all of this to you if you ask)

## **BIG WINTER PARTY COMING UP!!**

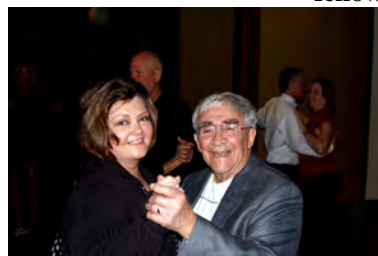
If you haven't bought your tickets yet, you better get them. The party is January 22 and is at the beautiful Royal Oaks Country Club. The same place that we had the party last year. It's a great evening with good food in an elegant setting. This is a great date for you and your spouse or friend. Most of the attendees are dressed up and therefore almost unrecognizable and we play music and some even dance. We'll be handing out awards, eating good food and watching slides of member activities at Dunn Airpark. And oh yeah, there's door prizes. Tickets are only \$10.00 this year. They have always been \$25.00 till now. It's going to be fun!



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### *New Years Day Breakfast*

The first Saturday happens to be New Years Day this month and it is breakfast as usual. C'mon out it's only \$5.00 for some

really good breakfast food and you get to meet some interesting and fun people.



And interesting airplanes!



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**Chapter Breakfast**  
**Sat. Jan 1, 2011 8:00am - ?**  
**Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark**

**Chapter Meeting Weds. Jan 5**  
**Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark**

**Winter Party**  
**Sat. Jan. 22, 6:30pm**  
**Royal Oak Country Club**  
**Titusville, Fl**