

EAA Chapter 866 Smilin 'Jack Newsletter



June 2011



Presidents moment June 2011

Now that the Pietenpol is a little over a year old, it seems like I fly less and less. I did take it over to Lake Harney to see Jeff's RV-12 project a few weeks ago. He took me around and introduced me to some of his neighbors. I got a tour of Dan Shaw's Bed and Breakfast that is located right next to the runway. Its really worth seeing. There are pictures available at www.danvillebnb.com. When I was building the Pietenpol it seemed I did some of my best problem solving around 3 AM, while trying to fall back asleep. Last Thursday I had an idea of how we could get back in the Saturday Breakfast Business. Its frustrating that no progress has been made in repairing the roof of Building #10, but we could still use it for breakfast if we had power. I asked around, and Jim Garrison was able to have his electrician install a temporary power pole next to the building for a reasonable price. We are waiting for it to be inspected by the city, then FPL should be hooking the power up soon after that. We will need to run extension cords to power the coffee pots, etc, but we were doing that anyway. Hopefully this will come together in time for our next breakfast on June 4. We will need to do some preliminary setting up probably on Friday June 3, but we can talk about that at the meeting on June 1. I ran into Curtis Langholz out at the airport last Friday with a U-haul trailer backed up to his hangar. He is moving his Rebel project up to Georgia. He says that it will take several years of flying it to equal the miles it has been transported on the highways! We will miss you Curtis, and good luck with your new adventure.

If you've been by Dunn in the past few weeks, you may have noticed they are nearly finished with the new entrance. They are also replacing/improving a lot of the fencing. Hopefully we will still be able to get to the restroom outside of Building #10 without a car pass! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting June 1, and we will still be meeting in Ray's hangar in row 3.

May Meeting

The chapter meeting was held at Ray Thomas hangar at Dunn Airpark as bldg. 10 isn't ready for occupancy yet. Pres. Ben opened the meeting with the pledge to our flag at 7:00pm. The first discussion was about the progress on the roof of building 10 and it was reported that due to the condition of existing wood which is rotten and termite eaten and a problem with matching the existing roofing materials there are no bids in yet. Another inspection by the airport engineering company needs to be done. There was some discussion about willingness of the chapter to cover some of the expense if it is within our means. One comment by a member who has just had some roofing done led us to believe that our limited means wouldn't go very far on the project.

Gil Jones offered a last chance to purchase chapter shirts and got some more orders for these.

Project reports: Kip Anderson is still struggling with getting a good paint job with the Stewart System paint on his Sonex. He has borrowed another paint sprayer hoping this might work.

Les Boatright has been fitting his upper cowling and and cheek trim on his RV4. He has a [problem with a crack in his canopy from a cleco attach in spite of using great caution to prevent this. Ray Thomas has the annual finished on the J3 and is ready to fly again.

Jeff Wilde has mounted the engine and finished the cowl and spinner after months of work on these parts of his RV12.

Curtis Langholz hasn't been able to work on the Murphy Rebel due to his efforts to find a new job after being laid off from the space program. He has found work at Lockheed Martin in Ga. And will be moving the project up there.

Deborah said that she got a taste of actual IFR flying while taking a lesson last week.

Pres. Ben reminded us that May 21st is the day EAA has designated as Take a Friend Flying Day. If you participate and do the paperwork, your friend gets a free 6 month national membership to EAA.

Pres. Ben said that he is being deposed over the pending lawsuit against our chapter and EAA. He said that there are some odd questions the attorneys are asking about how we promote and advertise the monthly breakfast and what control we have over parking airplanes.

Deborah reminded us that she has lined up a speaker for the June and July meetings. We will hear about shielding for radios and electrical wiring at these meetings.

Member Gene McCoy spoke at the May meeting about his early days with the space program. He was involved in the beginning of manned space flight launching Alan Shepard on a Redstone rocket 50 years ago. He said that was the beginning of manned space flight and now is the end of American manned space flight. The talk was very entertaining and interesting. It was also very humorous at times. If you missed this – you missed out.

Loretta had great refreshments for us after the meeting. A good time was had by most.

June Meeting

We have an exceptional program for the June meeting, Marcia Buckingham will be doing a presentation on electronic shielding. You've probably dealt with radios that you can hear the magneto points opening and closing through the headsets even though it may be comforting to know they are working it can be annoying. All sorts of noise we refer to as static may be as a result of poor or improper shielding. This subject may be helpful to some of us and should be an interesting presentation. Some of you may have seen Marcia at Sun N teaching on this subject.

Marcia Buckingham, former Space Shuttle Mechanic and Inspector, is a Pilot, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic, and IA. She was the recipient of the 2003 AMT of the Year Award and is currently working towards a Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering Technology,

Marcia has traveled widely, was FBO and owner of Rockledge Airport, and volunteers her time at Sun N Fun as Vice chair of the Hands-on Workshops.

She makes her home in Edgewater with her husband, Gus, and three cats.

June Breakfast

Pres. Ben had a good idea about resolving the problem of no electrical power at Bldg. 10 and has made arrangements for a temporary electrical service adjacent to the building. If this is inspected and connected in time we may be able to hold the breakfast in June. This should be up for discussion at the June meeting. Gil Jones has the EAA 866 shirts and hats that were ordered and these will be available at the meeting.

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**Chapter Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday June 1
Ray Thomas Hangar row 3
Dunn Airpark**

**Chapter Breakfast
Sat June 4, 8:00am
Bldg. 10
Dunn Airpark**