

EAA Chapter 866 Smilin 'Jack Newsletter



Sept. 2011

August Meeting

The August meeting got underway at 7:00pm sharp with the pledge allegiance to our flag. That was nice and there was for me a little humor involved. This is because our big flag was missing and someone found a small one like those you'd wave at a parade and had Les Boatright stand in front of the room holding the little flag as we said the pledge. Is it part of my warped sense of humor or did that look something like when you were in first or second grade? Little Les (over 200lbs) in front of the class with the little flag! Anyone else see this?

It was great to see Gil Jones at our meeting! Gil has been battling cancer for a while now and has not attended any chapter functions for a couple of months. He looks good and maintains his own style of humor, Alabama style, I call it.....he is funny! As you may have seen in the last newsletter his Nieuport project is for sale, he also has a nice Adventura for sale.

Member Jeff Wilde introduced his friend Bill West as a pilot extraordinaire to the membership. Bill has recently purchased a Kolb and has arranged with Pete Burgess Meyers to have the condition inspection done on the plane.

Kip Anderson did a show and tell about his Sonex project and brought in one of the ailerons to show. What he wanted to show was the polish job he's doing on the aluminum. He had a bad experience with the painting process and after doing some painting has stripped the paint off and is going for the polished aluminum look. Lot of dirty work involved in doing this, he said. 3 step process, using heavy - medium - and fine polishing compounds and a dozen or so buffing bonnets.

Bob Rychel said he's making good progress on his Zodiac 650XL and has the fuselage almost finished and will be on the gear in a couple of days. He should have the Jabiru engine in about 2 weeks and is ready for instruments too. It will be ready to fly on Tuesday!

Ed Brennan talked about his Kitfox 7 project and has the controls installed. He said he had the fuselage framework powder coated. It will be on the gear by Sept. and hopes to have it ready to fly or trailer to Sun n Fun in March 2012. It will fly on Tuesday!

Harry Teal has had a setback on the Soneri due to some surgery on his right shoulder. Said he had so much work done that it's a wonder that his arm never fell off.

Pres. Ben put together a work detail to clean out the shop area of building 10 on Friday Aug. 5.

There was some discussion about noise complaints at the Merritt Island airport and a formal complaint has been filed. Bill West met a woman who was taking video at Dunn to document some flying activity she doesn't like. In my opinion, Dunn pilots are very considerate of our neighbors and try to operate so as to not disturb anyone. There is no aerobatic activity that I have ever seen here and everyone is considerate.

Pres. Ben did a very interesting power point program point story about the construction of his Pietenpol. Great slide pictures too!
Did anyone else notice how much he's aged since he started that project? Psst, we all have.

For refreshments, Loretta had her popular low calorie/low fat ice cream and a chocolate cake iced with peanut butter fudge with little chocolate airplanes on the icing. + strawberries for on the ice cream.....Good!



President's Moment Sept 2011 Ben Charvet

With the weather we've been having I sure haven't been flying as much as I'd like. I guess I should just be thankful that hurricane Irene passed us by and only ruined a weekend of flying, instead of ripping off our new roof!

On the Friday after our last meeting we had a fun work team show up to clean up the hangar area of Building #10. Pete Burriss-Meyer, Eddie Brennan, Larry Gilbert, Kip Anderson, Stu Sammis, and his grandson, and I worked most of the morning sorting through the treasures and junk. We hauled at least 4 pickup truck loads to the dump. I think you will agree that it looks much better. There are still some things we could probably get rid of. We have a Continental A-75 that was bought for the Pietenpol project that has been sitting in there for at least 6 years. The logbooks are available. If anybody is interested, bring it up at the next meeting. I took a few pictures of our crew after we were finished. Kip was so dirty his wife made him undress in the garage!

The pancake breakfast was well attended, as we had 30 airplanes fly in. After asking for some new folks to try working the grill, we had two spouses volunteer. I hope I get these names right, but Kimberly Brennan and Becky Burriss-Meyer worked the grill most of the morning. I was thankful of the help because I had to leave at 9 AM to go up to Gainesville for my son's graduation. Larry actually got to go look at airplanes. June Hillman helped Loretta with the coffee and fixins tables. Larry and Loretta get up pretty early to start getting stuff ready for our breakfasts, and we don't thank them enough. Thank-you Loretta!

I finally gave my deposition in the case of Hess vs EAA. I spent about 2 hours interviewing with the EAA attorney, then a week later spent another 2-1/2 hours reviewing the case again and giving the actual deposition. My deposition mostly covered how the pancake breakfast is advertised (it is not), and how we provide air traffic control (we don't and couldn't legally). I was provided a stack of other depositions already given in the case by eye witnesses, and it is pretty obvious the accident was caused by pilot error. There was some discussion in the deposition about straight-in approaches and when they are appropriate. I stated that they are frowned upon, especially in a busy traffic pattern.

I'm hoping to make a cross-country trip to the Thomasville Fly-in the weekend of Oct 7-9. Its only 250 miles by air, and I should be able to get there in about 3.5 hrs with one fuel stop. I also got a reminder e-mail that the Winter Haven EAA chapter is having their annual fly-in November 12. The put on a great barbeque lunch and usually have a great turn-out. It would be fun to have a group fly to either of these events.

Our next breakfast Sept 3 will be prior to our next meeting. As always, we appreciate all the help we can get with set-up, food preparation, and clean-up. As Mom used to say, "many hands make light work"

We have another program by Marcia Buckingham scheduled for our September 7 meeting. Everybody really enjoyed her last one. I hope to see you there

TAF coming to KTIX Soon!

Got the following good news e-mail from The Executive Director of TICO. Have you ever checked DUATS or FSS for a WX briefing that included Titusville? You have always had to use the weather reporting of another reporting facility. Having forecasting available for TIX should make this a little easier.

Good morning, folks. Happy Friday! Please read the emails below. I am very happy to announce that we now have an official start date (September 27th) for Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) Service for Space Coast Regional Airport from the National Weather Service in Melbourne. This is just one more small way the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority wishes to say thank you to our tenants by continuing to work on improving our facilities for your use. Together, we are creating a system of airports everyone can be very proud of having in their community. Take care, enjoy the rest of your day, and have a great weekend.

Your Friendly Neighborhood Airport Guy, Michael D. Powell, C.M., ACE Executive Director Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority

Have you seen the new fire truck gate and road at Dunn?



Since the only access gates are on the East side of the field and the fire station is on the West side, when there was a fire on the airport the trucks used to have to leave the station and drive about 1 mi South, then ½ mi East, and then turn North and drive over speed humps for about ½ mi to the airport entrance before getting to the scene. An accident in 08 on the field took the fire rescue over 12 minutes to arrive. This should improve on that response time greatly!

Young Eagle Event Coming in October

Saturday October 15 is the tentative date for our next Young Eagle rally. Event permits are being applied for from TICO and we will be applying for event insurance for this from EAA. If you know of any youth or youth organizations who may be interested please let them know this is going on. Also, if you have the day off and have an airplane available and you meet all of the requirements to fly the kids let me know and you can have some of the most fun you can have with your plane. Fly the kids! That's the fun part. The work part is registering the youth and getting the parental signatures and then getting the candidates safely to and from the airplanes and taking pictures. We'll also need a ground school instructor volunteer to brief the candidates on just how an airplane works. It is so much fun that you'll be glad you helped.

September Meeting

Our meeting will be at bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark 7:00pm Weds. 9 – 7 – 2011. There will be a board meeting held at 6:30 pm at Ben Charvet's hangar. If you have something that you think should be addressed concerning the good of the chapter, please attend. On tap for this month's program is Marcia Buckingham. Marcia is an expert in aircraft wiring and will explain how and why we use the the materials and methods we do in the electrical systems in our planes. Don't miss this one. You may remember, Marcia did our program for the July meeting on how to solve radio issues. A well done program.!

Work Party Pics

**WW I Nieuport 11 replica project. 7/8 scale.
Near complete. Most parts and instruments.
Including VW 4cyl. eng. See pictures.
Bad health forces sale. Call Gil Jones 407 349 9383**



Work Detail Pics. Project – clean Bldg. 10



Kip voted as dirtiest worker – Wife wouldn't let him in the house!



Kolb Firefly For Sale

This airplane can be seen by appointment. We have to plan a couple of days ahead as the airplane is 47 miles from my home. The first Wed of each month is a great time to see it as I travel to Titusville for the monthly EAA meeting on those days.

I offer it for my original cost of \$9600 (firm for 1 year) which will include hanger rent paid through Dec 2011.

Options available include:

- 1 – Misc special tools and spares
- 2 – The hand held radio
- 3 – The headset
- 4 – The helmet
- 5 - The automatic,(water activated) life jacket

If you still have questions or wish to see the airplane, please e mail me at (hemccoy@earthlink.net) or call any time @ 321-427-4882. - Gene McCoy

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**Chapter breakfast Sat. Sept. 3
8:00 am Bldg. 10
Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl**

**Chapter Meeting Weds. Sept 7
7:00pm Bldg. 10
Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl**