



October 2011

Ben Charvet gives Ray Thomas and "The Old Girl" a hand start one morning at Dunn Airpark

Presidents Moment Oct 2011

I got to do a lot of flying with my wife Carol this past month. As mentioned at the last meeting, the Kennedy Space Center has been reopened for fly-overs. I tried it out once by myself first. It was really quite a thrill to line up on runway 15 just like the Space Shuttle. Probably if I had cut the power my rate of glide would have been about the same. That runway is about 3 miles long and it took a full 3 minutes to fly the length of it! I told the guy in the tower that when I finally got to the end of the runway I'd turn right and depart to the west. The following week I went up again with Carol and we were told to enter a left base for runway 33. As I turned to roughly follow the length of the runway on the west side (right downwind for 15) there was a T-34 in the pattern to land on runway 15. The runway is so wide that the T-34 seemed to be swallowed up by the center line. I imagine I could have done a landing across that runway and still come to a stop on the pavement.



Family events will most likely prevent me from making it up to Thomasville like I was hoping, but I'm looking forward to our Young Eagles event planned for Oct 15. Last year I managed to fly 6 young ones in the Pietenpol.

We will be having our next pancake breakfast on Saturday Oct 1, which is before our next meeting. I will be working that weekend and unable to attend, so I we will have plenty of other volunteers to make it a great event.

I'll be presenting a short program provided by the EAA/FAA about safety and light aircraft at the meeting, unless someone else would like to present something more interesting. Don't forget our next meeting is Wednesday Oct 5 at 7PM.

Ben

Sept. Breakfast

Wow! To this old pancake cooker it seemed as there was no end to the stream of eaters lined up for our monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of the month. Kip was on the spot with a batch of batter and as soon as he could mix a new batch the griddle was ready for it. The first formation to show was a group of 6 Cubs. I love the melodic sound that they make as they amble by and break for landing. Fast formations are fun to watch too but I kind of like the relaxing look of the Cub group. These were all painted in the original yellow and black scheme that Piper used since the 1930s to identify the Cub.

Deborah womanned the egg cooking operation, Ray Thomas kept the bacon and sausage cooking and the pancake deal was done by Ed Brennan and me. Inside Loretta and Donna served up the gravy, grits, and biscuits and saw to it that things ran smoothly and our guests headed for the tables with their plates full and coffee or orange juice in the other hand. Pres. Ben was on site very early to get things on track by 8:00am. Herman and Becky Nagle and Les Boatrite showed early and helped get tables and chairs arranged for the crowd.

We served over 160 people and I observed the guests having a good time in deep conversation at the tables. A good time was had by most.

September Meeting

Normally we publish no formal minutes of our meetings in our newsletter but, I try to make some notes and write a little about our meetings in the newsletter. The Sept. meeting was the second largest attendance of any 866 meeting I was ever to. There were 31 people at the meeting, Marcia Buckingham did an interesting program about strippers! She also taught us about a lot of other things involved in the electrical wiring of airplanes. In addition to talking about strippers she taught on proper connections using various crimpers and crimp connections and how to properly secure the electrical wiring in aircraft. Interesting! Marcia was our scheduled presenter and there were two other impromptu presentations. One was Harry Teal with a very detailed slide program about the building of his Soneri. The other was by Bill Bilsky. Bill is working on a helicopter rating and explained about how expensive the dual training is to get to solo. So, to help him and anyone else in the chapter learn how to fly helicopters he has built a very authentic simulator using a full size seat and real controls connected to sensors that are input to a computer with screens to give him the visuals. He has pictures of this project that he showed at our meeting and it is impressive. He is going to use this to become proficient at flying and hovering a helicopter while he trains for the rating. Bill said this will save a considerable amount of money in getting the rating. He also generously offered the use of this device to any chapter member working on a helicopter rating.

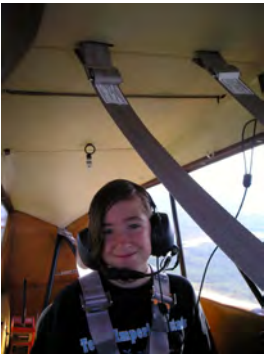
There was some discussion about the up coming Winter Party to be held in January. One idea is to hold this at the Southerland airstrip in Geneva at the Danville BNB. Check this one out at this website (danvillebnb.com/) Another possibility is the Rivership Romance out of Sanford. This is a nice dinner cruise on the St Johns River. Check this one out at (<http://rivershipromance.com/>) Please check these out and provide your input at the chapter meetings when the subject comes up.

The other subject that came up is our annual young Eagle event to be held on Oct. 15. The permits and insurance is in place and all that remains is to get volunteers, to participate, we need both pilots and ground personnel. Most of all we need kids to fly!

Young Eagle Rally

Larry Gilbert Chapter Young Eagle Co-ordinator

Materials are ordered, permits and insurance are in place for our annual Young Eagle Rally being held on Sat. Oct 15 at Dunn Airpark. We need volunteer pilots and ground crew to help with this. **MOST OFALL WE NEED KIDS TO FLY!**



I've

e-mailed all of the local churches that I could find an e-mail address for and there is two people who have called me in the past few months with kids who want to participate. Several month's ago I did a presentation for the local Kiwanis Club and they seemed very enthused about this but, the lady who was the leader there is gone and I've contacted the new person but there seems to be no interest now. Ideally, about 25 – 30 kids would show as we have 4 two place airplanes and maybe one or two four place involved. To fly this many it will take around four hours. Lg

This Month's Flying

Fancy and I made a few trips out to the space center and did the Shuttle Landing Facility tour with some of my airport friends and my wife. I think we've done this 7 or 8 times now. Every time we whiz past the control tower at 80 mph we wag the wings to



say thanks for the privilege of being able to do this.

AOPA, EAA work to expand "driver's license medical"

Imagine keeping your four-seat airplane but not dealing with the high cost and stress of renewing your third-class medical. AOPA and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) on Sept. 24 unveiled plans that, if successful, could greatly expand the number of pilots who could use the driver's license medical standard currently available only to sport pilots.

Word from Deborah

Deborah sent this e-mail msg. lg

We made a deal on the Twister kit. If it is as advertised, when we go to inspect it, we will be coming home with a very interesting project indeed! I will be joining the ranks of those who spend their every *other* waking moment building an airplane. By the time it is finished, I'll have my private, tail wheel, instrument, multi and sea plane endorsements! HA!



I am very excited!

Cheers, Debbie

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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. Oct. 1, 2011 8:00am – 10:30

Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10

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Chapter Meeting

Weds. Oct. 7, 2011

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Young Eagle Rally

Sat Oct 15, 8:00 am

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