

# EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter

## October 2012



EAA C866 has a new pilot!!

Our own master egghead, Deborah Van Treuren, has passed her Private Pilot practical test!! It was a hard fought battle and because she has such a great attitude and has been so dedicated she has persevered. YOU be sure and congratulate Deborah when you see her.



### *Presidents ramblings Oct 2012*

Most of my flying is done between 500 and 1000 ft. When you are putting around at 65 to 70 mph when you get much higher it doesn't seem like the ground goes by very fast. Here lately I've been flying up into the nosebleed altitudes up to 3000 ft! One thing for sure, its cooler up there. Maybe a way to imagine that fall is just around the corner. Also if there are scattered clouds it adds a texture to the sky, and improves my sense of speed that the ground no longer provides. If the skies are clear it's a good opportunity to practice stalls or lazy eights. I took my

son Courtney up to these dizzying heights last week and he enjoyed the break from straight and level low flight with some stalls and Lazy 8's. It doesn't seem possible but my "new" Pietenpol already has 140 hours on it, and 95% of those hours were put on within 35 miles of home base. As I used to tell people back in my sailing days, it's not about getting there, it's about BEING there.

At our meeting on Oct 3 we will be putting the finishing touches on our Young Eagle's event on Oct 20. Hope to see you all there.

Ben

### *September Meeting*

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm 05 Sept. by pres. Ben Charvet. There were 21 members in attendance at this meeting. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation put on by C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Ryan Farrington, CAP. Ryan is the cadet we sponsored to go to the Air Academy at Airventure this year. He did an outstanding talk and slide presentation of the activities he participated in while in Oshkosh. We hope to see and hear more from Ryan.

#### **Project reports:**

Jim Brewer reported he is now the owner of Gil Jones unfinished Nieuport project and intends to work diligently on it until it is finished. He also reported that Claire, Gil's widow, has been quite ill and was in the hospital for a while and is improving now. Ben Charvet reported that he broke his tail wheel again and it is being repaired. Kip said on initial start on his Jabiru engine installed in his Sonex the tach indicated 8,000 RPM! He said that he has to recalibrate his electronic tach. Deborah and Richard are making progress on the Twister working on tail wheel and elevator attachments. Harry Teal said he has had to change the braking system on his Sonerai. Old brake system wasn't capable of stopping the plane on a 5,000 runway.

Meeting ended and we were treated to a homemade cheesecake provided by Deborah..... delicious!

### *September breakfast*

We had a good turnout for the Sept breakfast. There were approx 28 planes that flew in and people arrived in interesting cars and on motorcycles too. I think we served around 130 folks this time. Good crew of workers set up and tore down efficiently. Cooking crew, Deborah, Ray Thomas, and Ed Brennan kept the line moving right along so no one had to wait very long for pancakes and eggs. Billy Mehaffey made sure the tables were kept clean and in order between eaters. Inside the building Loretta and Donna kept the grits and gravy, coffee, and breakfast goodies in order. A good time was had by most!



### *This Months Flying*

Larry Gilbert

Fancy, our Citabria got a few hours on her in Sept. Loretta and I even managed to fly down to the Valkaria breakfast. The flight took us around a thunderstorm as the storms were rolling in from the east that morning. This added to the fun of the ride. Other than that I have had the good fortune of riding around with members Deborah (C172) we finished her private pilot test prep. Bob Rychel (CH 650) took me with him on a X-country trip to Lake



Wales one morning. His training is just about complete too. Besides all of this we've been flying Fancy at least twice a week. Dick House is 89 yrs old and a WWII pilot, he flies with me every week and I kinda consider this my flying lesson.

The Valkaria breakfast is much improved over the last time we were there. It's still \$5.00 (not enough) and they now serve pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs and there was grits OJ and coffee etc.

### *Coming Up Annual Young Eagle Rally*

Our Y-E rally date is coming up fast and will be here before we know it. The paperwork stuff is in place, pilots and planes lined up. Jim Morgan has agreed to bring his C152 out for display and ground school. The registration table and ground volunteers will be in place for the event also. Chapter members come on out even if you don't have a specific job. It's fun! We like a lot of pictures too so bring your digital cameras and take lots of pictures. Most of all we have to come up with between 20 and 40 kids to fly. Help us with this part, please. I have some brochures for hand out to organizations and postings about the event, take a few hand em out.

Larry Gilbert – C866 Y-E coordinator.

### *Wayne Bullington*

Got a note from long time 866 chapter member Wayne Bullington. Here's how it goes.

My problem has finally been diagnosed as Spinal Septasis.

The first of August, I finally was admitted to the hospital here in Red Oak, Iowa. Four days in the hospital, during which they got a date of 09 October for an operation in Omaha. In as much as I can no longer get around even in a walker, they have put me in a nursing home here in Red Oak to wait for the operation. I will go to Omaha on the 9<sup>th</sup>, after 3 or 4 days will return here to Red Oak for recuperation.

I hope you are well and EAA is still going great.

Sincerely

Wayne

PS Physical therapy is about to kill me.

Note: Wayne might like to hear from you via snail mail



*Wayne Bullington flying 'Fancy from the back seat one fine fall day*

Wayne Bullington  
Good Sam Society  
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## *Be thinking about the election*

No, no, not the US presidential election. That is important too, but, our chapter elections for chapter pres. and other offices for the coming year or so. Think about nominations and talk to various members about who you think would do a good job for the good of the order. When the time comes, speak up with your recommendations and nominations. For many years we've waited until the last minute (Dec. meeting) and sometimes blindsided a person and voted them into office before they could protest. Think about this election, it will probably be held in Nov. or Dec.

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**Chapter Meeting**  
**Weds. Oct. 3, 7:00 pm**  
**Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10**  
**Titusville, Fl**

**Monthly Breakfast**  
**Sat. Oct 6, 8:00 – 10:00**  
**Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10**  
**Titusville, Fl**

**Got stuff to sell? Bring it to the Bfkst set it out to sell**

***Young Eagle Rally***  
***Sat. Oct 20***  
***Dunn Airpark***  
***Bldg. 10***  
***8:00am***  
***Titusville, Fl 32796***

**There will also be a Young Eagle Rally event at Merritt Island  
Airport on Oct. 27**

**EAA Chapt. 724 meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7pm Merritt Island  
EAA Chapt 724 Annual Toys for Tots event – Dec 8  
Contact Don White 321 266 7410**