

EAA Chapter 866

Smilin Jack Newsletter

Fancy turning final rwy 22 Dunn Airpark



January 2013



President's Address

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A New Year is upon us. First, I would like to say it is an honor to be President of EAA Chapter 866. We have such a great bunch of members that bring so much experience and skill to our organization, not to mention the generosity of time and spirit that is devoted to the activities of our Chapter 866. Second, I look forward to working together to make this a memorable term, in a positive way for all of us.

Our Winter Party is coming up soon, at Paul's Smokehouse in Titusville on the 19th. There are still tickets available and your officers all have a few to sell. \$25 apiece gets you a nice meal and your Chapter dues for the year- a bargain at the price.

Already we have some wonderful opportunities to shine- as some of you already know, we have been approached, through Alberto, to host some events commemorating 50 years of Women in Space. This event will be for two days in March and our Chapter has an opportunity to play a decisive role in its success, our very own Dunn Airpark will be hosting some of the events associated with it. Barbara Ganson, a fellow pilot and history professor at FAU is spearheading the whole thing. I will cover those events at our meeting on the 2nd of January.

We also have an opportunity to learn: Through another contact of mine, I have been made aware of an ongoing two hour Safety Seminar that is held on the last Tuesday of the month takes place from 7-9 pm at the Daytona Beach International Airport. Some of us have flown into DAB, but driving is also an option and if we do so. The topic is ADS-B. It is open to the public but directed at our Aviation Community. The Seminar is hosted by the FAA and, complimentary parking is offered. Their next meeting will be on the 29th of January, in the Airline Room at the airport, just to the right of the escalators to the gates. I think it is a wonderful opportunity to meet, in person, some of the people we chat with from time to time at the FAA.

We will also have a new Chapter Contact in the form of Eddie Brennan. He will be taking Larry's place. Les Boatwright, Kip Anderson and Herman Nagel will continue to serve as VP, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Thank you, again, for your service to our organization. This is also a good time to thank Ben Charvet for the two years he has lead our Chapter through some pretty incredible situations with aplomb and grace, and to Larry and Loretta Gilbert for their hard work and devotion to every event we have hosted!

A last item is a suggestion from Les that we consider a Chapter Patch with "Smilin' Jack" embroidered on it along with Chapter 866. We might consider this as a nice identifier- just like our shirts and caps. If anyone has some design ideas we might consider, we can look into that.

As the year progresses, there will be additional opportunities for our Chapter to get involved in.

I am looking forward to serving as your President, thank you for choosing me.

Deborah Van Treuren

December Breakfast

People were lined up from the pancake grill to the west end of the parking lot almost all morning and airplanes were arriving in formation and one at a time, I heard the radio calls on Kip's scanner and it sounded like all of the pilots were diligent, alert, and careful approaching and flying the pattern at Dunn. There were fast, slow airplanes and rotorcraft in the mix. Even Joe Pires was mixed in there with his gyrocopter. Our crew, most decked out in Santa hats handled it beautifully cooking, cleaning, keeping the coffee made and setting up and tear down went well also. Jim Morgan showed up early and set up most all of the tables and chairs almost single handed. We served around 200 eaters. I talked to Joe Pires while he was in the breakfast line, he was with the group that flew in from Southerland airport over in Geneva. Loretta was so busy with her duties inside at the food table she didn't even notice Joe Pires when he went through. The aircraft parking observers told me that there were 52 airplanes parked on the field at one time. It would have been nice to have an aerial shot of that. I think one of our breakfasts in the past had an attendance of 200 and it wasn't the complimentary one. This was our annual Christmas breakfast and was complimentary.



Chapter breakfast line Dec. 1, 2012 it was like this for a long time!

December Meeting

Ben (lame duck prez) brought the meeting to order on time with the pledge to our flag. Thirty one members and friends at this meeting and we picked up one or two new members. New folks, Wes and Alice Clark attended and Wes said he has been around aviation for the last 29 yrs or so and they're now living in Titusville and he wants to stay around aviation so he thought he'd check EAA C866 out. Someone told him that if he'd been to the last meeting he might be president of the chapter by now! After some discussion on the matter we decided that it's time to raise the price of our breakfast to \$6.00 due to the rising prices of the breakfast supplies. We had one of our best customers at the meeting and he said he would have no problem with that because we have the best airport breakfast in the state and the price should be higher. When asked for progress reports Steve Quickel was first to report, Steve showed us a gorgeous instrument that he built, a dulcimer, a stringed instrument invented in the US in the Appalachian area. He said this instrument was designed to have a sound similar to bagpipes. The early settlers to this area were of Irish and Scotch descent and wanted an instrument that was easy to play and was like bagpipes in sound. Steve played a few notes and you can pick out the bagpipe sound, very interesting! Bruce Hotz showed us one of the models (airplane) he will give away to a child he finds at Sun n Fun that he thinks will appreciate this. Bruce gives away a model he builds once every day of Sun N Fun. He also said maybe more of us should be doing something like this to get kids interested in flying. He's probably right. Norm Dibble who is a snowbird from NY state announced that he has (2) 35 hp Rotax low time engines for sale. Bill Bilsky said he bought from Avon Air in Orlando turbine engine parts Fuel controls, 4 power heads, and one gearbox will make for a great engine conversion from Recip. To turbine for a 269 Hughes helicopter. Kip Anderson said that he installed a flap actuator motor on his Sonex project only to find out that it interfered with the aileron movement so he had to order an actuator with a shorter arm. He said that when he gets this done he'll install the second wing and then it will be ready to be moved to the airport for taxi testing. Les said that he has made no progress on the RV4 other than ordering the prop. Steve Ccamlin said that his Thunder Gull is finished and ready for airworthy cert. Bob Rychel said that he has put 80 hrs on his Zodiac 650 since June.

The program for the meeting was done by Keith Phillips from Spruce Creek fly-in community. He serves on a board for the EAA that is involved with the FAA working to reduce the number of E-AB aircraft accidents which the FAA says is too high. They are working to reduce the accident rate without creating undue hardship to experimental aircraft builders and pilots. Interesting point made by Keith; Pilots involved in these accidents haven't been flying regularly and fly these aircraft for the first time after building or buying and they lack proficiency necessary for this. He said keep flying even if it isn't the same make or model of the experimental plane you're building or buying. Very good program!



This Month's Flying

Nothing spectacular to write about flying this month. We did a couple of Shuttle Landing Facility tours and alligator sighting runs, Couple of photo missions (don't want to talk about these), Flight review with Ben with a couple of lazy eights for fun. Couple of flights with Dick House (tried our version of the Chandelle). Fun and games!

Letter from Wayne Bullington

We send Wayne a hard copy of this newsletter every month. Below is a letter we rec'd in Dec. Wayne has been a key member in our chapter for many years. He may even be a charter member. In the late 90s the chapter voted unanimously to build a Pietenpol and Wayne would be the project mgr. and as I understand it the membership was enthused about this and indicated that they'd all help with this. It turned out that the only members working on the plane were Wayne and Neale Cranston. Neale became unable to help and Wayne was working on this all by himself. When he could no longer work on this the chapter decided to sell the project The plane was to the point that it was ready to cover. Wayne managed to sell the project for the chapter while attending a show in Broadhead Iowa. He is now having health issues and isn't able to come to Titusville for the winter this year. Might be nice to write Wayne a note, especially those who've known him for a while.

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Dear Loretta & Larry,

Here it is, the end of Nov. and I am still in the Good Sam Nursing Center here in Red Oak.

I really can not say that the back operation did any good at all. This was done based on Surgeons interpretation of x-rays & an MRI. I still cannot stand or walk any distance at all. Yesterday I walked about 100 ft using a walker, today could not walk at all.

I hope things are well with you and Chapter 866.

I am printing this letter because I started writing in longhand and could not read my own handwriting. I am blaming both on writing while sitting in a wheel chair.

Sincerely
Wayne

Wayne's current address **Wayne Bullington**

Good Sam Society

Red Oak, IA 51566

Chapter Meeting
Weds. Jan. 2, 7:00 pm
Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Monthly Breakfast
Sat. Jan 5, 8:00 – 10:00
Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Annual Winter Party
Sat. Jan 19, 6:30pm
Paul's Smokehouse
3665 Washington ave
Titusville, Fl 327/80