

EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter



Roll Out

Feb 2014

Bob Rychel Rolls out "Little Bit Too" The second Zenith Airplane he built



President's Address- February 2014

The year is shaping up nicely with lots of exciting things on our docket. The January Party and Awards Banquet was outstanding and Kimberly and Eddie Brennan did a great job arranging all of that! Great Party! Many thanks!

We had a good meeting in January with some progress being made on various projects: Bob is making very good progress toward his AW for Little Bit2 and Little Bit 1 will have a Viking Engine installed.

Eddie now building a CH750 EZ Cruiser which will have a Viking engine as well.

Mitch has made some good progress on his Glastar- fuel lines and pitot tube are in.

Rich and I have made progress on the Twister with fuel lines in, right wing is basically finished and in the trailer, left wing is a little slow going with the cold and rain, but good progress nonetheless. Maybe one more fill mix and I'll be able to prime and put it in the trailer as well.

Kip is polishing his Sonex' fuselage, waiting the new prop and other parts

Les has been devoting time to the RV4- sanding the wings, removing small areas of corrosion and has installed the wingtips.

Steve mentioned Bar Keepers Helper as a possible product for corrosion removal.

You'll all notice that the little Continental 065 is no longer in our hangar. That is because it will become part of Steve Quickel's new project. He has made a donation to the Chapter for this engine and the engine accessories. Thank you, Steve. The donation will become part of our Young Eagles Fuel Fund. Something new to us which will be greatly appreciated by our Young Eagles Pilots.

One of our regular breakfast customers has put our event on Social Flight as the best breakfast around! Many of you know Buck Crenshaw, so thank him next time you see him, for spreading the word!

Our speaker for February is going to be Roy T. Hanan (Gypsy Pilot. He will be speaking about the very interesting Auto Gyros he sells and trains pilots to use. We saw a few of these at Sebring in January and I was amazed. It looked a little chilly to be flying one on that Saturday with brisk winds and cool temps... So be sure to make the meeting and be amazed...

Breakfast this month is before the meeting, your help is also appreciated on this project and it is a great time to come out and spend some time with airplanes and other pilots- network for parts and info. I actually look forward to cooking eggs and seeing everyone!

Please put March 5th on your calendars! Bob Kistner has made it possible for the Orlando FAASTeam to put on a program about Runway Safety. This will count for Wings Credit, which can be a valuable feather in your cap! Since the program will include pilots from other Chapters and areas, we will have a very short meeting at the onset and I will turn the floor over to our FAASTeam.

Blue Skies,

Deborah

Great Breakfast

Saturday January 4 we held our monthly breakfast and we served around 120 eaters. There was the wonderful camaraderie that always defines our breakfast. The Spruce Creek formations were beautiful and their arrival is always so exciting! As usual we had adequate supplies to complete the breakfast without any interruptions. That's quite a task to be prepared even down to the fuel that it takes to cook with, there's always enough. Although you can't account for the occasional over load when we are hit with up to 200 eaters. It's a delicate balance though, to be sure we have enough and not too much as many food items have expiration dates and to have expired eggs for example wouldn't be good. Anyway, another successful breakfast under our belt. A good time was had by most!

Nice Party

Our annual Winter Party was very nice, thanks to Eddie and Kimberly Brennan. The La Cita Country Club has a beautiful facility and they did a nice job of serving us. Want to see the pictures taken at the party? Check out our chapter website www.866.eaachapter.org
It may take a day or so until the pictures are posted I have sent them to our webmaster but he may need some time to get them up



Chapter Member Bob Rychel Completes His Second Homebuilt Airplane in as Many Years

Bob has just rec'd his certification for "Little Bit Too," his second build a Zenith CA750 STOL. After a little mix up from the FAA (they have a new dept. MIDO) (wonder what that is) MIDO is now responsible for the initial inspection of Experimental aircraft. The last inspection he had on his first build a year ago was through FSDO. I know what this one is, it's the former GADO. Understand?? Bob told me that now you need another inspection for these aircraft in two years and this inspection, the way he explained to me can be done by FSDO, MIDO or DAR. Understand? Anyway, Bob built a beautiful airplane and it is now ready to fly. It's going to be very interesting to see how this plane performs using the Eggenfellner Viking engine. The appearance of this installation is gorgeous?



The panel in "Little Bit Too"



Taxi tests by Bob in "Little Bit Too"

What the.....??

Ready for your next 3rd class medical? Read this

Is the FAA changing the rules on OSA?

The FAA is not changing its medical standards related to OSA. The agency is pursuing a new approach to help AMEs find undiagnosed and untreated OAS. The FAA is considering requiring AMEs to calculate the BMI for each pilot and air traffic controller using a formula provided by the FAA. Applicants with a BMI of 40 or more would be evaluated by a physician who is a board certified sleep specialist. This would be consistent with NTSB recommendations. Anyone diagnosed with OSA must be treated before they can be medically certificated, which is not new.

Note: Just found out today FAA has given up on the sleep apnea requirement!

See below

FAA SLEEP APNEA POLICY SUSPENDED

IN LIGHT OF STRONG concerns voiced by the aviation and aeromedical communities, including several letters to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta from EAA Chairman Jack Pelton and the EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council, the FAA has suspended implementation of its proposed obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) screening policy pending

comprehensive stakeholder input. The proposal would require any airman with a body mass index over 40 to be screened for OSA and, if diagnosed, treated prior to aeromedical certification.

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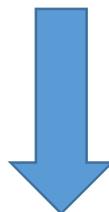
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Coming up



Chapter Meeting

Weds. 7 pm 02 05 2014

Bldg 10 Meeting room Arthur Dunn Airpark, Titusville

Monthly Breakfast

Sat. 8 am 02 01 2014

Bldg 10 Arthur Dunn (X21) Airpark, Titusville, FL

