



Picture is of formation flight of 11 arriving for our breakfast held on March 1 Picture by Lennie Duncil

President's Address

Hard to believe it is April! We had a very exciting March with all of the activities that went on with the Chapter- our March 1st breakfast was one of our most well attended that I can remember! We served 200 breakfasts plus our volunteers. Thank you all for your hard work - WELL DONE!

On March 5th, we hosted the Orlando FAAS Team for a presentation on Runway Safety. The use of the Sandrift Community Center proved a good venue with lots of space, climate control and facilities well suited to the program. The room was set up and broken down quickly by Chapter Members and our presenter even lent a hand. Xavier Calderin was a terrific speaker and I think everyone learned something from both his program and the video supplied by Bob Kistner in his absence. Even if you don't use all the material presented- there is always something that will stick with you to help guide you through a situation you had not expected. Considering unexpected situations- there was no Wi-Fi for Xavier's program at the community center, but Don White, president of the Merritt Island Chapter stepped forward with his mobile hotspot to save the day! Wow! Many thanks to all who participated and assisted.

After the program, the Chapter members posed for a picture for a get well card for Bruce Hotz who is fighting cancer. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers that he makes a full recovery and return to his favorite activity- building small airplanes to teach budding aviators about flying. At Sebring, I was a little choked up to be asked by a young man where the guy was that built the model airplanes. He had brought his creation to be looked over. Whether he was looking for Bruce, I don't know, but it shows that when you help a person learn about aviation, they do not forget and those few minutes or hours can have a lifetime affect.

Due to the activity at hand, we did not get a chance for Project Reports or much of any of our regular activities, so that will be on our agenda for the April Meeting which will be held as usual on the 1st Wednesday (April 2nd). There may be a number of us headed for Sun N Fun to enjoy the Expo, to volunteer for a few days or the week, so I have not arranged a speaker for the meeting. Les has downloaded the Chapter Videogram EAA puts out and we'll go through our usual activities.

We will not host a breakfast for April due to so many of our Chapter Members engaged at Sun N Fun in volunteer activities. I have contacted Social Flight so they can put a mention of this change of plans on the calendar, breakfast will resume on the 1st Saturday of May, which falls on the 3rd.

We now have a brochure for promoting our Chapter. These full color fold-outs have a space for a prospective member to fill in their name, info and contact preferences. Please use them. This is a great tool for inviting new members to our meetings and to join our group. The brochures are generic and do not specify a year or any particular officers, so they will be good for years- (may take years to use up 500 of them!). Thanks to everyone who supplied pictures, commentary and proofing, another great way we all work together to make things happen! We may have picked up a few new members at our breakfast and at the Safety Briefing. The brochure box is in the Chapter Meeting room in Building 10...

I received a flyer from EAA Chapter 1484 based at X60- Williston Airport. They are spearheading an effort to resist the closure of their turf runway (18/36) by the FAA. They need the support of as many Florida pilots as possible. The Event will be a Pig Roast on the 12th of April from 12 noon. All you can eat, \$10. I have flown into this airport several times. There are two very nice paved runways in addition to the turf runway and a pilot friendly FBO, as well.

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There is one Project Report I would like to share:



Richard and I reached an important milestone in the Twister's Journey to Completion: We have set the Twister on her Landing Gear. I always knew what beautiful lines the Twister had, but when we got her on her gear and put the wings on, my heart skipped a beat- and to think we assembled this beautiful craft made my head swim! Here is a little picture I call-

"Wings n Wheels"

That is all, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Meeting or Sun n Fun. I'll be in Hangar Bravo with the Poly Fiber folks demonstrating rib lacing unless of course the pull of

building a new composite aircraft at Sun n Fun is just too great of a lure!

Blue Skies!

Deborah Van Treuren

President

March Breakfast

For the second time ever we reached the 200 mark at our breakfast! What a morning it was, Loretta and I got to bldg.. 10 by 5:45 am cleaned, and hooked stuff up, and fired the grills. A short time later Eddie Brennan showed at set up the dining tables. Ray and Donna Thomas showed and we got some bacon and sausage cooked ahead so that we would be able to keep the line moving when the people started to show. By 7:30 we were full speed ahead and there was no let up until about 9:45 when the food line started to thin out some. A little after 10:00 it was over and we put things away. Bob Rychel and I jump started one of the RVs that had flown in, it was a RV8 with a dead battery. One of the pilots, John Flurent , from Spruce Creek said that the reason some of the formations came to our breakfast is because the two other destinations that they wanted to fly to were fogged in and we were clear. It was very interesting for me to watch those planes take off. Soon all the planes (over 50) were all gone. All went pretty well at the breakfast, we didn't run out of propane, sausage or bacon and we didn't run out of sweets or orange juice or coffee, and we didn't run out of pancakes, napkins, or eating utensils. We only ran out of eggs. Pretty good eh?

The most special thing about the breakfast that Saturday for me was seeing chapter member Bruce Hotz! Bruce has been very ill and hasn't been able to attend any of our events for quite a while. He told me how much he has missed being able to be at our meetings and breakfasts. Member Dan Hillman was thoughtful enough to bring Bruce over with him. They both live in Orlando. Bruce told me that during the first week of April he will be getting some very intense and special medical treatments and he is very optimistic about this.

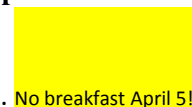
Note: We made and will be sending a get well soon card to Bruce while he is getting his treatments, see picture below.



Safety Meeting

The FAASTeam has been sending me notices about these meetings for a long time but, when I didn't get one this time I went on the FAA website and found the information about the meeting and registered for this. As I was listening to some of our chapter members say that they saw nothing about this meeting except our own notifications, I wonder how much the word really got out! There was no-one there who got there from the FAASTeam invitations. Surely there are a lot more pilots in N. Brevard Co. than our chapter members! I'd like to know why there were no other pilots there. The best thing about the meeting for me was that we got to meet a new FAA guy by the name of Javier Calderin. His presentation was on how to navigate the FAA website. The second part of the presentation was to be done by 866 Chapter member Bob Kistner but he was ill and in the hospital so, instead of Bob's presentation we got to watch some Sporty's videos on runway safety, signs

and symbols, and taxiing safety



One part that was interesting to me was a video of airliners trying to find their way around an airport in almost zero ground visibility. One pilot was very impressive and he was in an airliner and cleared for take off while the other airliners were trying to get some help navigating on the taxi ways and runways from the tower. A lot of confusion about who was where. The airline pilot cleared for take off refused to accept the take off clearance from the controllers until the mess was straightened out. It was a good thing he did because if he had attempted to depart when cleared it would have been disasterous!

I doubt any of our pilots with their Pietenpols and Cubs etc. will ever be found in that situation though.



Runway Safety Area / OFZ and Runway Approach Area Boundary.

Identifies exit boundary for an RSA / OFZ or rwy approach.

Located on taxiways on back side of certain runway/ taxiway holding position signs or runway approach area signs.

OK already!

OK, Where Are We Now?

At least a couple of 866 members are probably aware of this place. I've been flying around this and watching it develop and I'm wondering what's going on here. Do you know? Maybe it's a place where secret stuff is going on! Hint: It's not too far from X21 (Dunn Airpark) **no breakfast April 5**



Dunn Airpark Tenants and Users

Dunn (X21) is getting fire hydrants installed and the water lines are being run on the west side of taxi way Charlie and equipment and personnel will be working near the edges and at times there may be barricades on the taxi way. A preconstruction meeting was held for the tenants to be aware of the construction going on. The contractors have promised to sweep the taxi way and keep the stones, dirt and other debris off the paved surfaces. Be very careful when operating around this, workers may be working with their backs to you and could step back into you prop, not a pretty thought. Be very careful!

This construction would cause airplane parking problems as the main water line will be routed through one of our prime parking areas during our monthly breakfast. We have decided to not hold the breakfast this month.,

Someone called in a complaint to the airport authority about an RC model airplane being operated on the field on Friday March 13. Don't do this. The authority does not authorize this without written consent from them. It's in the tenants' policy! Lets' be self-policing at our airport, if you see someone doing something that should be addressed say something and explain to them that if the authority gets enough calls it could be made inconvenient for all of us at Dunn.

Sun n Fun

Chapter 866 will probably be well represented at the show this year and at least 4 of our members will be working as volunteers there this year. This should be a good show with the Blue Angels performing. Hope to see some of you over there. Loretta and I will be there from Mon – Saturday. FUN!

Larry

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Monthly Meeting

Weds. 04/02/ 2014 7:00 pm

Bldg. 10 meeting room

Dunn Airpark, Titusville, FL

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