



EAA Smilin Jack chapter 866

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWEyQ010Xn4>

See and Avoid

Larry Gilbert

If you're curious about this picture you can check out the youtube video above. Last month I wrote about some see and avoid situations at Dunn airpark and lo and behold I experienced one for myself about 10 miles North of the airport over the West bank of the Indian River Lagoon. I fly just because I like to and don't go very far away from home anymore. One day in Sept. I was out playing and wanted to do some lazy 8s and rolling through level on one of these I spotted another plane at about my altitude flying South along the bank of the lagoon. If you look to the right of the nose in the picture above, you can see the plane. I wouldn't call this a near miss but, close enough! Here's a couple of thoughts about more see and avoid stuff. The two major air routes around here are 195 and the West bank of the Lagoon. The most used altitude is 2,000' and that is in both directions. I'll be avoiding maneuvers near these two routes from now on because after several encounters, I've learned something!

NASA

60 Years and Counting!



NASA was officially established Oct. 1st 1958
<https://www.nasa.gov/specials/60counting/index.html>



Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

Things seem to be plenty active around Arthur Dunn lately. Just over the last couple of Saturdays, I've seen the usual sky diving activity, plus some Embry Riddle students, training in the skies around Arthur Dunn. Plus, there's always a pretty good group of the "airport regulars". Well, maybe I should be a little more careful describing them as "Pretty", but they ARE a good group! The best in fact. Most aviation folks are like that.

There are also a couple of new folks and new airplanes that have recently made X21 their home base. So, when you see folks around the airport, be sure to give them a friendly invite to our monthly Pancake Breakfasts, and our regular chapter meetings.

As the weather begins to moderate a bit, there are plenty of aviation activities lining up during the Fall timeframe. See the calendar of events below. I particularly wanted to remind folks about the Young Eagles later event this month

down at [EAA 724](#) in Merritt Island. They run a very well organized event, and would be happy to have some help if you have time to volunteer; last Saturday of October.

I also want to point out the DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase is entering into its third year, and is just too close by for you to miss it. It will be the first Thurs, Fri, & Sat in November. I need to point out that it also falls on the same weekend as our regular 1st Saturday pancake breakfast, so you can go to the Showcase on Thursday/Friday, then come to our breakfast on Saturday, or come to the breakfast early and still have plenty of time to get to DeLand before lunchtime on Saturday. Either way, I'm not giving anyone permission to miss our wonderful breakfast! (haha) It's probably the most fun and rewarding thing we do each month.

Finally, please try to come out for the Regular Chapter Meeting this week! We are hosting a special guest speaker from a small outfit called *WingBug*.

The WingBug is a personal, portable, self-encompassed, pitot static precision measuring device which gathers true ADAHRS (Air Data Attitude Heading Reference System) flight information. Utilizing the WingBug app, it provides a traditional flight instrument "Six Pack" as well as AOA (Angle of Attack), Side Slip/Skid, and ADS-B In situational awareness in a digital display for pilots of all levels.

WingBug representative Bryan Tittle has agreed to do a presentation about their new products at this week's meeting on Wednesday. It should be very interesting. Check them out at www.wingbug.com and come loaded with plenty of good questions.

Keep on Building, Flying, and Flippin those *Smilin'-Flap-Jacks!*
Les Boatright (EAA Lifetime #563003)
President EAA 866, The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

QUICK UPDATE: If you were at our September meeting, you will recall we had a short discussion about the Spencer Air Car homebuilt. As you may recall, it is a 4-place amphibian, a scratch built version of the old Republic Seabea, (same designer in fact). A local gentleman had a full set of plans, and had been building one of these aircraft. He had a partially completed set of wings and other materials stored in his garage just a mile or so from the airport. Sadly, he passed away recently without completing the project. The good news is that his beautifully crafted wooden wings have been saved from the scrap heap! A few resourceful members of our chapter have salvaged them out of his garage, and the wings are now safely stored in a hangar here at Arthur Dunn, pending further disposition. Well Done Team 866 !! If you know of anyone interested in such a project, let us know.

CHAPTER BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORK DAY COMING November 10th, 2018

This was mentioned at our last Chapter meeting. Our Clubhouse is generally in very good shape, but as good stewards, we are about due for a little light freshening up around the clubhouse. The biggest item on the agenda is to apply a fresh seal coat to the roof. Some other items include some exterior building cleaning & weeding, organizing our tool locker, and cleaning up the storage room a bit.

- We'll work from 8 AM – Noon; then have lunch on the Chapter!



Building 10 - EAA Chapter 866 Clubhouse



Very short final for runway 04 at Dunn. Be very careful when landing here. Runway is hard to find!

Turf Runway at Dunn Airpark,

The turf runway 04/22 at our airport has just been improved! There were too many markers delineating the sides of the runway and some of us weren't having enough trouble finding it from the air so, FDOT found out about this and they ordered the Airport Authority to remove half of the markers!

For the life of me, I can't figure this one out! We've approached the airport authority and FDOT asking them if we could have the runway marked so that it can be seen from the air. One of the things that make Dunn Airpark attractive to keep planes there is the turf runways because, the antique tail dragger planes like Stearmans, Cubs, C140s and Champs work better on grass. We tenants who use the turf don't have much trouble finding the runways because we've been here for years and know about other clues to

look for when landing. The markers are almost impossible to see and now there is less of them to find. One pilot landed off the runway in the rough areas on the South side of runway 04 damaged his plane! It's a safety issue that no one seems to understand.

Larry Gilbert



Short final runway 22



Some reminders about upcoming events:

Date	Event	Place/Info
Oct. 1 st .	60th Anniversary of NASA ; created in 1958 to replace the former N.A.C.A. https://www.nasa.gov/specials/60counting/index.html	
Oct. 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Oct. 6 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Oct 8 th	Columbus Day Holiday Observed	

Oct. 16 th -18 th	NBAA Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition https://www.nbaa.org/events/bace/2018/ Orange County Convention Center & Orlando Executive Airport (KORL)	Orlando, FL
Oct. 20 th	EAA 635 Monthly Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast (Includes Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy and Pancakes!) EAA635 FaceBook	DeLand Arprt (KDED) DeLand, FL
Oct. 27 th	EAA 724 Young Eagle Day – Merritt Island Chapter http://yeday.org Contact EAA 724 President Don White for more info	Merritt Island Airport (COI)
Nov. 1 st – 3 rd	DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase https://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/	DeLand Arprt (KDED)
Nov. 3 rd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Nov. 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 10 th	Chapter Clubhouse Work Day & Lunch	Building 10 / 8am-12 noon
Nov. 11 th	Veteran's Day; (Holiday Observed Nov. 12th)	
Nov. 17 th	EAA 635 Monthly Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast (Includes Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy and Pancakes!)	DeLand Arprt (KDED)
Nov. 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	
Dec. 1 st	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Dec. 5 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting - ELECTIONS	Building 10 / 7 pm
Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day (St. Nick takes to the air again!)	
Jan. 2 nd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Jan. 5 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Jan. TBD	EAA 866 Winter Party	TBD
Jan. 21 st	Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday	
Jan. 23-26, 2019	U.S. Sport Aviation Expo – Sebring https://www.sportaviationexpo.com/	Sebring Regional Airport (SEF) Sebring, FL
Apr 2-7 th	45 th Annual Sun-N-Fun Fly-In 2019 (https://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/)	Lakeland Linder Arprt (KLAL)
July 22-28	OSHKOSH – EAA AirVenture 2019 (https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure)	Wittman Regional Arprt (KOSH)

"Passport" Flying Event and Pig Roast



EAA Chapter #1484



Pig Roast Fly-in

Williston Airport, X60 at the FBO
Saturday October 27, 2018
12:30 Rain or shine

Fly-in, Drive-in, Walk-in
Pig Roast \$12 per person.
Under 5 eats Free. 50/50 RAFFLE
RSVP to: Stan Berry at
sberry0207@aol.com or (352) 804-6638

Everybody Welcome!



Williston Airport (X60)
AWOS: 118.425
UNICOM: 122.975
FBO: (352) 528-4900



Attention! WE LIKE TO FLY



As part of this event,
EAA 1484 will be hosting a
"Passport" flying event.
See the event details and buy
a passport from our web site,
www.1484.eaachapter.org

Fly to any of the qualifying
airports listed in the
"Passport" between August
29, 2018 and 12:00 pm
October 27, 2018 will put
you in the running for the
**25%, 15% and 10% raffle as
well as free food!**
For further info call :
Ray Anderson 321-745-8596



Monthly Meeting
Weds. Oct. 3, 2018 7:00 pm
Dunn Airpark, Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Presentation by Bryan Tittle on WingBug Product



Monthly Breakfast Dunn Airpark
Saturday October 6th, 2018 8:00 am
Come Have a Short Stack with *Smilin' Jack* !!

