

EAA Chapter 866 Smilin Jack Newsletter

Most people only dream of what pilots have seen.



November 2018



Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

I really enjoy being around airplane people, and I know you do too. Airplane folks almost always have great stories to tell, they're witty and friendly and enjoy talking about airplanes for as long as someone is willing to listen. What's not to love about that?

Well, over the last few days, I've had the opportunity to spend some great quality time with some terrific airplane people. I made it over to the Deland Sport Aviation Showcase the other day, where I spent the better part of the day. And while I certainly looked at all the sporty airplanes and toured the vendor booths, I found myself spending more time talking with friends I already knew, and also getting to know other friends who I just hadn't met yet. The weather at DeLand on Friday was a bit breezy, with a threat of some afternoon storms, but fortunately the bad weather held off until very late in the day after the event was winding down.

We also had a terrific turn-out for our monthly pancake breakfast on Saturday. Many of our chapter members got to practice the fine art of Simultaneously Serving and Socializing! I saw a lot of familiar faces at our breakfast, plus a few new ones as well. Many folks remarked how much they enjoy coming to our event, which makes you feel good. Everyone seemed to be having a good time at the best EAA Chapter pancake breakfast in all of Titusville!

A huge thanks goes to all our Chapter volunteers!! You are the ones who get up early, work over the hot grills, shop for supplies, set up tables & chairs, serve the fresh hot coffee, take out the trash, and clean up afterward!! Without all of you we wouldn't be able to have this wonderful event every month.

Events like our pancake breakfast help to bring together aviation enthusiasts from many different walks of life and backgrounds. I believe this is one of the many benefits of the EAA. Helping bring people together who share a common interest, and then letting nature take its course. Without our local *Smilin' Jack* EAA Chapter, I'm pretty sure I wouldn't have had the pleasure of getting to know most of our great members otherwise. That would've been a tragedy, because I have been immensely enriched by knowing all of you and by learning from your experiences. In fact, we're all enriched by the things we can learn from each other, and that makes our special hobby even stronger, more rewarding, and safer.

With all that said, I believe there's still an element missing from our membership, and that is the youth. You know, those young people under the age of 45, who don't know much about rotary dial telephones, and know even less about rotary aircraft engines. It's no secret that the average age of the members in most EAA chapters across the county is well North of age 55, and we've all read about the declining pilot population. It would be delightfully encouraging to see more and more of the younger folks participating in aviation activities and learning to fly! Youth programs like the EAA Young Eagles are really wonderful, but the percentages in the "Results" category seem to be a bit too low in my opinion. Maybe that's to be expected for this sort of activity.

And well, what can we do about it anyway you might ask? I'd like to share with you that we may have an opportunity to try another approach, something that would start on a small scale to see how it goes. A gentleman from the Valiant Air Command Museum is trying to get a youth outreach and STEM program started over there. For those unaware, STEM is the acronym used to describe Science, Technology, Engineering & Math curriculum areas.

Mr. William Teixeira is a museum guide at the VAC, and one with a very enthusiastic passion for sharing aviation activities and history with the next generation. He seems to have the energy, enthusiasm, and organizational skills to spearhead such a program. He has reached out to the Brevard Public Schools, to the Kennedy Space Center, and several other groups in an effort to establish a youth program within the Valiant Air Command organization. I'd like to ask each of you to take a few minutes to consider how EAA 866 might be able to contribute or participate in such a program, and then bring your ideas to the next meeting or two. As an EAA chapter, there are some limitations on what we can do and how we can participate, but Adult & Youth Outreach/Education activities are encouraged by EAA HQ. We can discuss this more at our next chapter get-together.



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Kids and Airplanes! Always Bringing the Smiles!

Access, Opportunity, Interest, and Hard Work. These are some of the key ingredients that enabled us to get into our airplane hobbies. We have the power to provide **ACCESS** to information, and to provide **Opportunities** for mentoring, so that a young person can bring their own **Interests** and apply their own **Hard Work** to be successful. And who knows, maybe the Sky is **NOT** their limit.

Don't forget to come to the Monthly Chapter Meeting on Wednesday, and bring a friend!

Keep on Building, Flying, and Flippin those *Smilin'-Flap-Jacks!*

Les Boatright

EAA Lifetime #563003

President EAA Chapter 866

The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

Speaking of get-togethers, we've been planning to hold a chapter clubhouse maintenance work party for Saturday morning, November 10th. Some of the things we hope to get done include:

- **Applying a New Protective Seal Coat onto the Clubhouse Roof**
- **Clean the Clubhouse exterior walls**
- **Spray for Weeds & Clean around the building and the Flagpole**
- **Clean up the storage room; Remove the old cabinets to make room for improved storage and shelving.**
- **Add a paper towel holder in the back room**
- **Organize our Tool Crib**
- **Hang up the big Banner from the Ford Tri-Motor event we did earlier this year.**
- **Other items of opportunity**
- **We'll work from 8 AM – Noon; then have Lunch on the Chapter!**

Chapter 866 WINTER PARTY Planning



Smilin' Jack's Winter Party

Our Smilin' Jack Chapter has held an Annual "Winter Party" in January of each year for many years, and you should know that we are in the very beginning phases of planning for the next one. The members of the board and planning committee would like some feedback from the members about what you'd like to see at the Winter Party this year.

Dancing floor or no dancing??? Hire a D.J. for the music, or skip the cost of a D.J. and play something simple in the background from iTunes? Bigger and Better Door prizes, or More Door Prizes? Favorite Food selections? It's your party, so tell us what you'd like to have. Our Most Wonderful and Extraordinary Party Planner, Kimberly Brennan, would like to know. Please bring your ideas to the next chapter meeting, or let one of the officers know. We're tentatively looking at a date of Saturday, January 19th, and researching available venues.

Looking to kill a few hours online?

Take a Virtual Tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force:

<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Visit/Virtual-Tour/>

Some reminders about upcoming events:

Date	Event	Place/Info
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. 4 th	Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set Clocks back 1 hour	
Nov. 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 10 th & 11 th	Veteran's Weekend Open House at Valiant Air Command Museum. All Day both days. https://www.valiantaircommand.com/	Space Coast Regional (KTIX)
Nov. 10 th	Chapter Clubhouse Work Day & Lunch	Building 10 / 8am-12 noon

Nov. 11 th	Veteran's Day; (Holiday Observed Nov. 12 th)	
Nov. 10-11 th	Valiant Air Command Museum - Veteran's Day Open House Weekend	TICO Arprt (KTIX)
Nov. 17 th	EAA 635 Monthly Fly-In / Drive-In Breakfast (Includes Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy and Pancakes!) https://www.635.eaachapter.org/	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
De. 8 th	Valiant Air Command's Monthly FLY-IN breakfast	Space Coast Regional (KTIX) 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
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. 19 th	TENTATIVE - EAA 866 Annual 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
Mar 15 th -17 th	Valiant Air Command Warbird Airshow Weekend https://www.valiantaircommand.com/	Space Coast Regional (KTIX)
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)

Attempt at Breakfast Fly-in

Larry Gilbert

Loretta and I have fond memories of flying in to a monthly breakfast at Cedar Knoll Airport over near Sanford. There were always a lot of unique aircraft there and it always was always fun! The breakfast was discontinued for a while and we sort of forgot about it until recently when we heard that the breakfast was going to start up again, not monthly but, whenever we are notified about it. We missed the last two for some reasons but were up for it on Oct. 20 this time. I checked the wx at SFB (Sanford) and all was clear. SFB is only two miles from the Cedar Knoll Airport in a special Class C cutout that allows us to go in there provided we stay below 700 ft!

When Loretta and I got to Dunn there was a picturesque sunrise to the East and a very light ground fog was visible around Dunn but, by the time we'd done the preflight it had disappeared so we rolled "Fancy" out of the hangar and as we were climbing aboard Bob Rychel showed up and announced that he had decided to go too. John with his Stinson and Mario with his wife in their Cherokee 180 were going as well. We taxied out and took off first and were orbiting over the West bank of the Indian River waiting for Bob. Well he sneaked out and headed West before we hooked up so when we heard his position calls on the radio we knew he was already on a bee line for Cedar Knoll. We saw him as he was crossing the St. Johns River at the rt 46 bridge by Lake Harney. At this point we were hearing calls from other planes giving position reports and commenting about not being able to find the airport due to low lying ground fog. We continued on towards the place where we normally enter the pattern for rwy 36. When we were a couple of miles out it was obvious that it wouldn't be smart to continue especially with all of the other traffic trying to get in to the same airport covered by fog at the same time. We turned out to the South to head home and a lot of other folks had the same idea and if you were watching on an ADSB in display it probably looked like a star burst away from that airport to the North, East, and South as everyone had the same idea about getting away from all that! That sector controlled by TRACON Orlando probably found it interesting on radar

too! We were all at 500 ft so, I don't know if they could see us on radar. We all flew home and had a lot of conversation with the Dunn Patrol about the attempt to fly to that breakfast! There was a report from one pilot that the fog was still on the airport an hr after we headed home. Maybe next time!

He's at Hensley Airpark, Chuckey, TN .!

Just in case you're wondering why we haven't seen C866 member Jeff Wilde for a while, he flew the coop and landed in Chuckey, TN. a couple of weeks ago! His new home is on Hensley Airpark which is located a few miles South of Chuckey across the NolichuckyRiver! Where's that, you say? Well it's about halfway between Johnson City and Greenville, TN. Now you know! They sold their place on Southerland Airpark in Geneva, FL and a couple of weeks later everystuff is in Chuckey! We always liked having Jeff around and he was an active chapter member who always helped flying Young Eagles for many years at our chapter. He's built four planes that I know of and his last one is his beautiful Gyro. He would often fly his planes over to Dunn and visit at our hangar. Hensley is lucky to have such a family as his on their airport!



We're going to miss Jeff!



Another C866 Experimental Ready for Inspection

Jim Morgan started building this plane in 1998, I think. Jim Meticulously built the wings and a lot of the fuselage and in about 2003 he ran out of steam building the plane and bought a C152 that was already flying and kind of forgot about the RV for a while. He graciously offered the project to some C866 folk who knew better than to try and complete the plane. That was until Bob came along and accepted the offer.

Deland Sport Aviation Expo

Larry Gilbert

Thurs. Nov. 1, we flew the Citabria up to Deland for the opening day of this year's expo. It is a short flight up there and it felt good to be flying in to an event for a change! We had a 22kt tail wind on the way up and when we got there and contacted the temporary tower they were very busy and after being told to enter the pattern on a wide mid field right downwind for rwy 5 then, on base we were cleared to land. Ground was giving everyone progressive taxi to their destinations and parking.

The show wasn't very busy but we were there early so, we got around to see all of the vendors and the displays quickly. We renewed some old friendships with some of the folks who operate out of the airport and a couple of the vendors. About 11:30 we had seen everything that we wanted to see and headed out. When we were headed back to the plane we watched a couple of planes landing on rwy 12 and having a real time of it because of the strong crosswind. So, when were ready to taxi I asked ground if we could use rwy 23 which was much more favored than rwy 12 and they gave us taxi instructions to an intersection of 23 and we took off from there. Remember I said we had a nice 22kt tailwind on the way up there? Well, the

trip back was a different story, strong headwind, 30kt and rough too! We enjoyed the show and in spite being beat around



in the wind it was a fun flight back to Dunn for us!



October meeting featured Bryan Tittle explaining the WingBug product to our members. Very Interesting product!

Kip Anderson is selling his meticulously built Sonex

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Contact Kip Anderson 321-355-1887 or 321-269-4564.





*December Meeting is **ELECTION DAY** for Chapter officers*

Not this month but, next month's meeting is probably the most important one of the year because it is the meeting we use to hold our annual chapter officer elections. President Les is stepping down as president and Kip is giving up the secretary job. We all need to give some thought about nominations and voting for these two positions. It's a big deal so, be sure to attend this meeting if you can and help out by participating in the elections. Hey, if you're not at the meeting you might be elected !



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Chapter Meeting

Weds Nov. 7, 7:00 pm

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