



THE EAA SMILIN 'JACK CHAPTER 866 NEWSLETTER TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA

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The Prez Sez

I was going to discuss this month some nasty things that some airlines and airline executives have done (like United beating the city of Indianapolis out of millions, Continental having sewerage running down the isle, and long delays due to the hub system they have developed,) but instead I want to report on some terrific things some of our members have done.

The other day on the local TV evening news they reported that a cruise ship rescued a man who had fallen off his boat 10 miles out from shore. He was alone in the water without a life preserver. Well, here is more of the story. It was Larry Gilbert that heard the cry for help and notified the crew that there was a man in the water. He and Loretta were on a day cruise to sample the entertainment (that's how they come up with those great performers we get each year for our banquet.) Loretta had gone to a show and Larry decided to go for a walk on the highest place he could find. That's when he heard the man and was able to see him in the water. He immediately notified the crew, and after some forceful persuasion they stopped the ship and sent out a small boat to rescue the man. He had been in the water for about five hours. Hats off to Larry. He is a real hero and saved the man's life.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to Steve Pangborn for single handedly repairing our hanger. A ceiling joist and some purlins were rotted out and the roofing was loose in that area. He came in on a Saturday, a very hot day I might add, and did the work in about 3 hours. Not only did he do all the work, he donated almost all of the materials that were needed. Then to top it off, he notified Wayne that the repairs had been made. Wayne was relieved because he has seen it flapping in the wind during a storm while working on the Pietenpol project. Steve's unselfish act of volunteerism hit the nail right on the head.

Our July meeting falls on the 4th and we'll be meeting as usual at 7:30. Then the pancake breakfast on the 7th. See you all there. Dan

Chapter Meeting

At the bored meeting Larry Bierman stated that our funds are almost depleted from the expenditures we made for the new

griddle setup. He said that there should not be a December give away of our breakfast this year. Everyone seemed to agree with him on this. It was discussed and decided that at this years Smilin Jack fly – in we will not be inviting any dignitaries. Not necessary! Our appeal is toward the people who fly and are interested in the EAA and flying. All are welcome but we have to be very careful about children and others who are not aware of the dangers involving propellers etc.

The regular meeting came to order at 1930 hours promptly with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Dan mentioned that a serious fault was found with one of the roof trusses in the building and Steve Pangborn had said that if he could get a couple of helpers on a Saturday he'd make the repair. Steve is well qualified to make the assessment and qualified to make the repair. He is a county building inspector. I think there were a couple of volunteers.

Our meeting date for July is on the 4th, Independence Day, and we wanted to know if we should hold our meeting on that day. It has been decided that we will meet on that day. Coincidentally, we will be having a speaker from England for this meeting. Chapter member Peter Huston who is himself from England has made this arrangement. We were kind of kidding around about how appropriate it was to have a British speaker on Independence day, Peter said the British call it Thanksgiving day!

It has been confirmed that Sat. Oct. 6 will be the day of our annual Smilin Jack fly – in. Kip Anderson has agreed to do the pictures this year. (Loretta and I did this last year and are glad not to do it this year)

It was reported that our new griddle and other new equipment worked well for our June breakfast.

Gene McCoy reported that he had made the trip to South Dakota and purchased the Kolb Firefly, trailered it home, now has a hangar at Dunn, and he is going to soon be terrorizing the skies around Titusville. Before he can buy liability insurance he said he needs 5 hrs logged in a LSA and

is going to do some aborted take offs in the Kolb which legally counts as time and he is taking some J3 dual with Ray Thomas. He has been logging time with me but that doesn't count cause we don't fit the LSA category in Fancy.

Bruce Hotz said that the EAA chapter that he belongs to in Orlando is sponsoring the Aluminum Overcast B17 bomber on the third weekend of July at Orlando. Bruce said if anyone in our chapter is interested in helping we can contact chapter 74 in Orlando. You can also check a website for Aluminum Overcast to check their schedule.

Jim Morgan, when asked about his RV project said he is still drinking beer and doing some work on his house. He mumbled something about hurricane season too.

Kip Anderson offered a complete set of plans to any chapter member for a Teenie Two airplane. Bruce Hotz took him up on the offer. Kip said he has done some work on the leading edge of the right wing of his Sonex and is now looking for a Corvair engine to power the beast. He said he only has about 800 hours in it so far.

Larry Bierman when asked about progress on his Kolb said he's hooking up a trailer hitch to haul a fifth wheel trailer with his big new truck. The Kolb is taking a back seat!

Steve Pangborn made a trip to Ky. In Lily and had a headwind both ways, he said. Ground speeds of 60 – 65 mph. Burned \$280.00 in gas and paid as much as \$4.87 per gallon for avgas.

Bruce Hotz started a replacement for the Windwagon he crashed. It is his own design and he calls this one the Mosquito. Bruce showed us some of the drawings he has made for the Mosquito. (looks good) He said that he has a unique computer program for designing airfoils. He has a special airfoil designed for the Mosquito that is tapered and has no two ribs that are the same dimensions.

Larry Gilbert did a presentation on airspace and how it affects us around central Florida. It might have been informative but listening to that subject matter is like watching paint dry. Loretta said that if she was a person who was just learning to fly she'd quit because it all sounds too complicated. Everyone managed to stay awake for the duration! By the way, if you're interested in that presentation, it is attached to this newsletter as a power point presentation.

After the presentation Loretta served home made ice cream with strawberries and June Hillman served her famous brownies. Mighty fine refreshments! That's all I remember.

June Breakfast

Rain and low overcast eliminated any fly – ins but 50 or so of chapter members and Dunn Airpark friends dropped in for our monthly gourmet breakfast. We fired up the new high powered griddle and Jerry fried up some bacon, sausage, and eggs on it. It works well!



Bill Furnholm

manned old faithful, our other griddle and cooked up a mess of griddle cakes. He's become quite artistic with his cakes. Depending on who the customer is, he makes them in different shapes. Mickey mouse is one of his favorite shapes and if you ask he'll make a special shape for you. Tell him you flew in in a Stearman or a cub and he'll make that shape for you. One guy rode in a chopped Harley and old Bill made a few deft moves with the dispenser and viola, a silhouette of a chopper. He's amazing!

Even with the rain and poor weather a good time was had by all! (I think)

This Month's flyin

Kong Xinyan (we call her Tracy) was in Fancy's back seat grinning and said "wow" as we left the ground at Dunn Airpark. A left turn out after taking off headed us for the swampy area over near the St Johns River. Upon arriving over one of the many lakes out there, one with an Island in the middle of it she said "wow, that look like Taiwan!" Interestingly enough, it does look like the shape of Taiwan! This was her first time in the USA. In China there is no private aviation and Tracy had not even ever seen a small private airplane until coming here to the USA. I've flown over two hundred Young Eagle flights since the beginning of the program and many other first time flyers, never have I ever had a passenger who was more excited about the flight! We flew down the river looking for alligators. She amazed me



by spotting so many before I did. (Young eyes I guess) Around Lake Harney we flew and she oohed and aahed about the scenery. We flew along near the western shore of the lake and there were quite a few gators about a hundred feet from shore and there was a man standing in the water up to his knees about fifty feet from shore. She saw the man and the gators which were not far away and said "he very brave man, I hope he not get eaten." It sounded very funny to me. When we got back to our hangar we entered the flight into my logbook. She wrote in Chinese and made some kind of statement about how she enjoyed the flight. The statement ended with smiley face after an exclamation point, or maybe these are Chinese

characters, I don't know. Guess I'll have to wait until another Chinese person comes out and can read it to me.

Ben Charvet and I decided to fly our planes down to Valkaria for their monthly breakfast on the third Saturday. He left Dunn about 10 minutes before Loretta and I took off in Fancy to try and catch up with him. He said he was going direct following I95 South. Once out of the pattern I called on the air to air frequency we use and he answered right away. He was already past TICO and crossing rt 528 at 2,000'. We kept the power in on Fancy and managed to catch up with him shortly after crossing rt 520. We sidled up along side on his right and Loretta snapped a couple of pictures. Clouds were forming and we had to detour to the west around Melbourne class D airspace and then to the southeast to X59 at Valkaria.



We powered up and flew away from Ben and the Baby Ace to allow plenty of room for him to maneuver around Melbourne airspace. We arrived just ahead of a couple of Aerocoups and landed into a nice little 6 kt headwind on runway 9. Ben showed up as we were parking Fancy. We ate and looked around a little and headed home. I wanted to climb over all of the class D airspace and fly back direct. Problem was though after we had climbed to 6,000' we still had to maneuver around some of the clouds. The floor of the class "B" of Orlando is 6,000' near Dunn so Fancy headed west and took us down between the clouds till we were west of Patrick's class "D" and headed for Dunn once again. We were at 1,500' SW of Dunn and direct would take us through the class "D" of Space Coast so I called them and got an approval to cut through their space to go direct to Dunn. Fancy like the grass runways at Dunn so we elected to use runway 4 with 9kts out of 090, according to the AWOS. Worked out well. Fun flight!

Ray Thomas and I were out a couple of times. Once in Fancy, the Citabria, and once in his J3. I had the privilege of flying the J3 and chose to fly south along I95 to see if we were moving as fast as the southbound traffic. We were not. Ray said that's how you know what the winds are doing. If you can't pass the traffic you've got a head wind and if you can pass them you have a tailwind. What a fun thing to do, amble around in a J3. It has a unique aroma and I don't know whether it's the fabric and dope or maybe the slight hint of gasoline on the fuel valve. Maybe it is a combination of both of those things. The sound is kind of like being in a drum with an engine on it. Personally I don't want a noise canceling headset on while flying in a J3. It's music!

The prez. Dan Hillman flew with Fancy and me one fine morning. We did the old stalls and falls, couple of steep turns, slow flight, and landing stuff. The prez. Can fly! We managed to roll the tail wheel tire off of the wheel when I made a pivot type turn with the brakes to back taxi on rwy 22. Tail wheel swivel apparently didn't come out of the detent and something

had to give. Needs a new tire and tube. No problem, they're already ordered. A little grease fixed the swivel problem too.

At The Pub

Every Friday there is a group from Dunn Airpark that meets at a local pub for lunch. On Friday June 22, we met there and had the usual lunch and banter which normally goes on during this. This Friday Dan and June Hillman joined us and as a couple left the table Peter Huston who is a chapter member asked if he and his friend from England could sit with us. The friends name is Don Humas I think. We said of course they could. Well as it turns out Don has built 4 airplanes during his career and the last was one of the very few Rutan Defiance airplanes ever built. This airplane was featured on the cover of the British magazine which is the equivalent of Sport Aviation in the U.S. A very interesting guy he is! If at all possible he will be our program for the July meeting. Unfortunately he may not be in town on July 4. Anyway he told us about an experience he had here in Titusville that had us almost rolling on the floor. Here is the way I remember it. Don said that shortly after arriving in the U.S. he came down with a bad cold and wanted to get an antibiotic as a treatment. He went to the local Chemist (Pharmacist) and asked for this medicine. He was told that he needed a prescription for this and he'd need to see a Dr. for it. Not being familiar with our system and not knowing any doctors he decided that maybe the Parrish Hospital could help him. Peter drove him to Parrish and dropped him off and waited in the parking lot for him. Don said he went in and told the receptionist what he wanted and they filled out some paperwork and told him to have a seat in the waiting area. He said he sat there for a while noting how many people there walked around with clipboards. After a while he got attention and was asked to get undressed. He thought this was sort of odd but complied and stripped. A person told him to extend his arms and slipped a hospital gown on him. He said by this time he'd talked to several of the clipboard people and was beginning to wonder what was going on. After some more stuff like maybe blood pressure and such (person with clipboard) another person told him to wait in that area. He asked what was going on and they told him they were getting a bed ready for him. At this point he stopped them and said "no you're not!" "Get me my clothes because I'm not staying here all I wanted was a prescription for an antibiotic." A clipboard person complied and he got dressed. Before he left a clipboard person explained that he have to get the prescription from a doctor. He asked, "who can I get this from?" They told him to go to the Royal Oak clinic. Sometime during the visit they asked what insurance he had and he said none. They asked where he lived and he said England and they asked no where do you live here? He said he didn't know. They asked who was going to pay the bill and he said he wasn't, and left. While all of this was going on Peter was out in the car waiting. Don walked out to the car and told the story to Peter and Peter tried to call Royal Oaks Clinic for an appointment. They said that it would be a day or so. At this point they gave up. Somehow though he had obtained prescriptions for three different medicines, two pills and a throat spray of some kind he said. Oh, they also told him that he should see a doctor and suggested the Royal Oak clinic. He tried calling for an appointment and was told it would be a

couple of days. He filled one the prescriptions for one of the tablets and says that now he is feeling a lot better. He said he doesn't understand our medical system here. Who Does? "Never saw so many people walking around with clipboards he said, I wondered if they were doing crossword puzzles or something. " "I never did see a doctor!" We welcomed him to the U.S. It was a very funny story as he told it! I could have some of the facts a little mixed up but that's how I remember the story. Too bad our chapter chemist (Pharmacist) at Parrish Hospital , Ben Charvet, had already left the pub.

Larry Gilbert



1. "If the enemy is in range, so are you."
2. "When the pin is pulled, Mr. grenade is not our friend." – US Marine Corps
3. "Aim towards the enemy." – instruction printed on US rocket launcher
4. "Any ship can be a minesweeper Once."
5. "Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you." – your buddies
6. "If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter – and therefore unsafe."

Odds and Ends

Come to the July 4 meeting. There might be an interesting program. There will certainly be refreshments!

Near the refreshments there is always a donation can for money. This money goes towards the completion of your Pietenpol and is not used to purchase the refreshments served at our meetings. Give generously. Thanks.

Your input is needed for several items concerning chapter business.

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Our Famous Gourmet
Breakfast Sat. July 7
Bldg. 10, Dunn Airpark
(X21)
8:00 – 10:00 am

