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The Prez Sez

On Wednesday during Sun 'n Fun there was a meeting in the evening for chapter leaders. We were lured there by strawberry shortcake and ice cream. Bruce Hotz and I were from 866 and were joined by Gerd Pheiffle of the Vero Beach chapter. Paul and Tom Poberezny were there along with many of the staff people of the EAA at Oshkosh. There were many introductions and a couple of awards. Then Tom said something very interesting concerning community. He asked how many of us had met some of our best friends in the chapters. My hand was one of the first to go up along with nearly everyone else in that large gathering. Sure, the EAA is about airplanes, but it's also about people. It is friends with common interests working together and having a good time; that's what it's all about.

Bruce reports that on the first day of Sun 'n Fun he went by the Stewart Aircraft Finishing Systems tent. Guess who he saw helping recover some tail feathers! It was Loretta Gilbert with a tube of glue in one hand and an iron in the other. He says this is the first time he ever saw a wife helping her husband work on an airplane. Way to go, Larry.

Bruce was there every day. In fact, he was even there an extra day. He thought it started on Monday. He got stuck in the mud in the parking lot, but a tractor pulled him out. By Wednesday the parking area still had some wet spots but had improved considerably from what it was.

It's not too early to start planning for our annual Smilin' Jack, so we'll bring that up at the meeting on May 7th. Don't forget the pancake breakfast on May 3rd. See you there. Dan

April Meeting

There were 36 people in attendance at this meeting. President Dan began the meeting promptly at 7:30 with the pledge to the flag. He then recognized the presence of Larry Reynolds, former chapter president at our meeting. Larry stood and said it was good to be back and wishes there was a chapter like ours near where he now lives in North Carolina.

Dan showed two cards sent to the chapter regarding the accident on March 1. One card was from the widow of Don Key who was the passenger in the Velocity involved in the accident. Betty Key said "he loved those pancake breakfasts" and thanked us for the donation. The other card was from

EAA headquarters in memory of the three victims who died in the accident.

Stu Sammis made a presentation concerning chapter 866 shirts. He also passed around an order sheet for those interested in having one of these shirts.

Dan asked if we should put up a plaque in honor of those involved in the accident on March 1. The consensus is that we should. This plaque will be mounted on the chapter sign at the entrance to the airport.

Progress reports on projects: Mark Oriza has the DH2 to the taxi test stage and has made some tests. He said he had some work to do before any flight will be made. Curtis said he has completed the right wing of his Murphy Rebel and is ready to start on the left one. All of this is riveted together and he was concerned about corrosion forming at the rivet connections and found a way to seal these up with a hypodermic needle and paint. Ben said he has the left wing of his Piet. About done and he is much smarter now so he ready to get going on the right one. Kip has the Sonex on its landing gear and brakes on the wheels now. Steve Camlin has his Thundergull painted yellow now and has had a battle with love bugs landing in the paint. Someone said they look like yellow jackets when they do that. Larry Reynolds said that he now has warnings about the state of his landing gear now when landing since he made a water landing with the wheels down last year. He says one female voice reminds him that he is set up for a water landing (make sure the wheels are up) and a male voice reminds him that he is set up for a runway landing, (make sure the wheels are down) and said maybe it is vice versa. Sounds like he's still confused though.



Overheard in *IFR Magazine's* "On the Air"

I was en route to a New England airport famous for its fog. The ATIS reported below minimums but gradual ix, improving. Approach said to expect the ILS, and I could hear one aircraft ahead, a local airliner. Approach cleared me for the approach and sent the other aircraft to tower.

Me:
"Did the aircraft ahead get in?"

Approach:
"Well, he didn't fly the missed. Contact tower."

Me:
"Tower, at what altitude did the previous plane break out?"

[pause]

Tower:
"I didn't ask."

Me (after landing a little proudly):
"Tower, be advised that we broke out just above minimums."

Tower:
"Everybody does."

John Ward

Note I received from Gene McCoy concerning my version of what he said at the last meeting.

Your abridged version of Sam's 1957 analysis will probably get you some questions. FYI, here is the unabridged statement:

Question: Sam, what is the relationship between aspect ratio and induced drag?

Sam's summary of 2 blackboards of equations:

"You can now see that induced drag varies inversely with aspect ratio and that as aspect ratio grows toward infinity, induced drag will approach zero, asymptotically

Gene McCoy

Patti's Nieuport nearing completion

Patti Patch has her Nieuport 11 almost complete now. I've been watching this airplane go together for the past few weeks and it looks as though it is almost ready for taxi testing. A couple of days ago they were running the VW engine and it sounds very healthy. It is a beautiful airplane and I can't wait to see the rollout of this bird.

Want to have a picture of the month contest?

Avweb and AOPA do this every month. Avweb gives away a hat to the winner. We could give away a free chapter breakfast or something with a similar value. What do you think?

Sun nFun

Loretta and I were spent the first two days there learning to fabric cover an airplane. Stewart Systems (nice people) which features all waterborne glues UV block and paint, was putting a workshop there. Several weeks ago when I called Stewart Systems inquiring about their products and during the conversation with Dan Stewart, I told him that we were planning to re cover Fancy and I was interested in attending

the workshop. He said that if I had the tail feathers ready to just bring them along and we could learn on these. We did that and Stewart's instructor Jason showed us step by step how the process works. Loretta caught on fast and I was always trying to catch up as we each were covering a horizontal stabilizer there. Jason was demonstrating by covering one of the elevators. By Weds. Evening we had the stabilizers covered and Jason had a lot of that elevator done. We headed home



Wednesday evening with the three partially finished pieces and the two we hadn't started yet. Over the next two days we finished the three pieces we had started and headed back to the show on Friday just to see the show. I ordered the fuselage envelope from Aircraft Spruce and bought various pieces of hardware and stuff from some of the other vendors there. In the afternoon we found a nice indoor cool place for Loretta to stay while I went out to see the airshow. We spent Saturday and Sunday working on the remaining tail feather pieces in our dining room and finished them up Sunday night around 11pm. They are now primed with the first coat of Ekofil (UV block) and are lying on the spare bed in the back bedroom.



Loretta and Larry leaving Sun n Fun with Fancy's tail feathers

Fancy

With the tail feathers covered and primed, new trim cables, new rudder cables, new fuel line, (we kinked the old one) and a lot of other stuff that doesn't look like progress done, It looks as though we'll be putting the new prom gown on her body soon. Tomorrow I'm going to put her up off of her wheels on a frame so we can rotate the fuselage to make covering easier. The spring steel landing gear will be media blasted and coated with some stuff that won't let the rust form on it anymore. The prop is headed for the overhaul shop soon too. New tires and brakes and we'll be putting her back together soon. Only 90% left to do! Thanks to Jerry Russell

who is my supervisor who is over seeing the job it will be done someday.

FAA proposes 22 changes to sport pilot rule

By AOPA ePublishing staff

In the almost four years since the sport pilot rule was implemented, the pilot community and the FAA have gained a lot of practical experience. Now the FAA has used that experience to develop 22 proposed changes to the rule that would affect aircraft, pilots, and procedures.

Some of the proposed changes, which were published April 15, already are drawing pilot comment. Among them is the plan to alter altitude limitations—now set at a maximum of 10,000 feet msl—to include an agl limitation. This would increase the operating window for pilots who live in mountainous terrain. Another change to the rule would allow the use of light sport aircraft (LSAs) in Part 141 flight training programs.

Other changes would replace proficiency checks currently done by flight instructors with checks done by pilot examiners, retroactively require sport pilots to receive one hour of flight training on the control and maneuvering of an airplane solely by reference to instruments, and replace category and class logbook endorsements with ratings on the pilot's certificate, eliminating the need for pilots to carry their logbooks when they fly.

The FAA is allowing 120 days to file comments, and AOPA is carefully reviewing the proposed changes and their possible effects on members. You can review the full [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) online.

They Seem to Have Flown the Coop!!

They early morning sound of shotguns has died as our resident pigeons have seemed to have found a place where they are more welcome. (maybe they're dead) I don't know what happened to them but the pigeon population is way down. If it is because of our complaints about the pigeon damage to our airplanes and the Airport Authority has taken action or what I don't know but, we are grateful! If you're still having problems at your hangar and you're out of ammunition, contact airport maintenance. Richard Jones will be more than happy to help. You can contact Richard at rjones@flairport.com

USER FEES OUT OF FAA REAUTHORIZATION BILL

The Senate will likely vote on Monday or Tuesday on an FAA Reauthorization bill that does not contain user fees for general aviation. The breakthrough

came late Friday with an agreement between Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., chairman of the aviation subcommittee, which supported user fees, and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the finance committee, which opposed them. Under the deal, the tax on jet fuel for general aviation will rise 65 percent to 36 cents a gallon from the current 21.8 cents, increasing the contribution toward the FAA budget by corporate aviation by 2 percent to 5 percent. "This agreement is a good down payment toward ending the growing inequities that exist between airline passengers and corporate jet users," Rockefeller said in the statement. Eric Byer of the National Air Transportation Association said the deal had more to do with political expediency than any softening of Rockefeller's stance on user fees.

This Months Flying

Managed to get a few rides this past month, the best one was with Don Boulton in his Stearman biplane. Those planes are a wonder to behold and it is such a privilege to get to fly one. Don's Stearman is hanged next to me at Dunn and Ben Charvet's Baby Ace is right across from us. Ben showed up one Saturday afternoon to fly his plane and Don said since Ben was enthused enough to fly maybe he would too. He rolled the big biplane out and asked me if I wanted to go along. Are you kidding? I climbed into the front cockpit and we were soon under way. What is so different to me is the fact that those radial engines turn so slow that it doesn't seem like they are working hard enough to fly. We made some turns and such with the Stearman and soon spotted Ben in the Ace so, we sidled up along side with plenty of space between us and flew like that for a few minutes. Ben decided to land and we followed him in on the beautiful turf runway 22. Afterwards as usual we got together and talked about the flight with Ben. Fun!

Ben's Pietenpol

I made a trip to Ben Charvet's house and saw his Pietenpol project this month. The fuselage is sitting on the wheels and the wings which are almost complete are in the shop. He has a nice A65 Continental and a beautiful wood prop ready to be mounted. The engine cowlings are built of fiberglass and almost ready to paint. Ben is doing a nice job on it. He told me that his father was a fine craftsman and if he was around to supervise the project he would have had Ben re-do have of the stuff he made. Ben said he was very particular.

Mickey is Back!!

Have you noticed how well groomed our airport is becoming once again? Well our hard working airport 'one man band' Mickey is back on the equipment and Dunn is once again becoming the showplace that Mickey made.

Next chapter meeting Weds. May 7.



Alberto's Fly outs

Alberto Silva volunteered to be our fly out chairman and publishes a weekly fly out newsletter via e-mail. It is very interesting. Below is an example of his work.

Flying from X21- Saturday & Sunday, 4/19-20/2008

Sun'n Fun flying on Wednesday and the weekend was uneventful and fun. I enjoyed the show as I do every year. This year I had a particularly good camping spot... right at the beginning of general aviation camping, just off the end of runway 27. As this was the active runway for the weekend, we saw lots of airplanes.

For this week end, I am going to stay local and will go to breakfast at Deland. Wheels up around 0815. I may go for some local flying and gas at Massey afterwards. I will then stay at the airport and wash the airplane. I t really got filthy at Sun'n Fun.

As always, scroll down for events. Regular Sat/Sun events

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Wright Army Airfield / MidCoast Regional Airport Fly-In(LHW) **Event Tag(s): *Fly-in MidCoast Regional Airport, Hinesville, GA** Wright Army Airfield / MidCoast Regional Airport Fly-In (LHW) You are Invited to join us from 10 A.M. till 3 P.M. April 26, 2008 to see Our NEW Facility. FREE Lunch from 11- 1p.m. please r.s.v.p. at 912- 877- 4359 There will Fuel Discounts, Contest and prizes... A Great Time for Everyone ! Contact Wright Advisory for Landing Info @ 126.25 Phone: 912- 877- 4359

Next First Saturday May 3rd

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Saturday, May 3 – Cecil Field Airfest – Jacksonville
<http://www.jaa.aero/AirSys/CF.aspx>

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority presents Cecil Field Airfest 2008. The event will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, 9am-5pm and will include aircraft static displays and fly-bys, EAA Young Eagle Flights, fly-in, food, classic cars, kid zone, and a motorcycle poker run for the benefit of Fly, Drive, Ride for MS, LLC. Admission is free to the public. No coolers or pets will be allowed on the airport. For more information call: Cecil Field Operations (904) 573-1606.

July 4 - Celebration at Space Coast Regional (TIX). May not necessarily be a fly in event but it would be nice to support the airport in this celebration.

October

First Saturdays —

CANNON CREEK, FL -- First Saturday, CANNON CREEK AIRPARK, Bodacious Fly-In Breakfast \$5.00 Donation Requested. 800-766-0406, canoncrk@atlantic.net Shirley Mellen Roos, 904-752-1957, Field & Weather. Private Airport, Fly in at your own risk. Unicom 123.0, Lat 30° 10' Long 82° 40', 15FL. Our "Breakfast Buffet" includes, but not limited to, at least two fruit salads, chipped beef w/gravy and eggs, scrambled eggs, hashed browns, grits, quiche du jour, fried green tomatoes, spicy sausage pinwheels, pancakes, french toast, biscuits, sausage gravy, ham, bacon, sausage, seafood croissants, sticky buns, other pastries and the famous "9:30 Cake"

TITUSVILLE -- First Sat., Pancakes, sausage, coffee and O.J. for \$4.00. EAA Chapter 866 at Arthur Dunn Airpark (X-21), Titusville Steve Pangborn 321-631-1979 nc72085@brevard.net or Neale Cranston, 321-269-0803, cranedog@digital.net Larry Gilbert NLE at legilbert@juno.com

MARATHON -- First Sat., EAA Chapter 1241, Marathon, Tony (waco89@aol.com) pancake breakfast on the first Sat. of every month, 8AM till noon. The big yellow hanger on the West end of the airport. 305-743-6040 work anytime or home after seven 305-743-8784

LAKE CITY -- First Sat., 5:00 PM, Lake City EAA Chapter 977 meets at The Hangar Café. Place your food order prior to the meeting, participate in a very short meeting and enjoy the culinary skills of Doris Thomas

afterwards. Please Note: There will be no meeting in August. Pres. Virginia Hollins 386-758-0948 Sandra Krecioch, Newsletter Editor, Chapter 977 shkrec@atlantic.net

Worthington, FL. (Local Weather) Fly-In Breakfast. Flying Tiger (**FL54**) First Saturday of every month. Two turf runways, one 4,000; the other 6,000 ft. 16 nm northwest of Gainesville, FL. VERY friendly people gather here first Saturday of every month.

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Please join the Albert Whitted Airport Preservation Society For the most Absolutely Wonderful & Amazing Pancakes & Syrup. Pancakes served with eggs, bacon, grits, orange juice and coffee. Every first Saturday of every month from 8:30-11:00.

Vero Beach, FL. Vero Beach (KVRB). LoPresti First Saturday. Aces Fly-in featuring Corkey Forno, movie / tv stunt pilot, aerobatic / airshow pilot and chief pilot for the LoPresti Fury along with Nick Jones, test pilot and air racer who has survived more off airport landings than anyone we know. Charity Breakfas. Contact Mimi Erskine, 772-562-4757; .

Call Jim Shafer at 877-565-1731 for more information. <http://www.speedmods.com/>

FIRST SUNDAYS

Fort Myers, FL. Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles ([Website](#)). Page Field, EAA 66. ([KFMY](#)) <http://www.eaa66.org/>

First Sun of each month

7:30 - 10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Fly In EAA Building - Page Field

FT MYERS -- First Sun., (FMY) Page Field, Ft. Myers, EAA Chapter 66 has their Pancake Breakfast the first Sunday of each and every month 7:30 to 10 am at the EAA building. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, OJ, coffee and nice folks. WWW.EAA66.ORG, contact@eaa66.org

SECOND SATURDAYS

VANDENBERG, FL -- Second Saturday Tampa EAA Chapter 175, Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles at Vandenberg. Pete Lansbery 813-780-8891 or petelan@aol.com or Pres. Drew Martin 813-962-6580

MELROSE LANDING, FL -- Second Saturday Melrose Landing, FD22, Pancake Breakfast. (varying menus) 0900 to 1100 +/-, \$3.00. Contact Connie or Stan, 352-475-

3522 3500x60 asph r/w, 5/23 with 1500' grass at app end of 5, socks at both ends w/ white rock circle, MI RL & Beacon on all night. Tie down & parking with pavilion at app end of r/w 5. Loc: N29 39.55; W081 57.54, Unicom 122.90. FSS=GNV on 122.50, elev. 158'.

TAMPA -- 2nd Saturday Tampa EAA Chapter 175, Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles at Vandenberg Pete Lansbery 813-780-8891 or petelan@aol.com or Pres. Drew Martin 813-962-6580

Punta Gorda.Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Saturday of every month 8:30 am - 11:00 am
<http://www.eaa565.org/>

SECOND SUNDAYS

NAPLES, FL -- Second Sun. Naples Airport (APF) EAA Chapter 1067, Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Omelet, Sausage, Juice, Coffee \$4.00 Free Food for homebuilt pilots that fly in to APF, 8-11 AM Nancy Fessenden 941-352-7282, nanflys@yahoo.com or Lynn Daffron - LDaff@earthlink.net 941-774-3737

— **Avon Park, FL. Buffet Breakfast.** Avon Park Jet Center Inc (AVO) Civil Air Patrol & E. A. A. Sponsored Buffet Breakfast , every 2nd Sun of the Month, open to the Public Fly-Drive-In. Contact: George Von Eschenbach 1-863-257-0259, georgefla@embarqmail.com;

THIRD SATURDAYS

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL -- Third Saturday, Starting in October, EAA Chapter 203 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally at North Palm Beach County Airport (F45) - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information - Rick @ 561-818-9100. Call to verify.

FT. PIERCE -- (Fly In Breakfast). Saturday Following Third Wednesday Meeting. St Lucie International Airport (FPR) Monthly EAA 908 Chapter in the hangar. Great food and talk. Drive up welcome. Contact: Paul Fischer 772-464-0538, ekmojo@bellsouth.net Contact tower for instructions.

VALKARIA, FL -- Third Saturday, Pancake Breakfast, 8AM - 11AM, VALKARIA AIRPORT, Valkaria Aviation Association, Best Pancakes & Sausages in Florida! Fresh Orange Juice, Great Coffee, \$3.00 donation to the VAA, (Pancakes are all you can eat) Call Valkaria Aviation (407) 724-8671 and leave a message to arrange Young Eagles Flights, or e-mail: mark@flyflorida.com General Daniel "Chappy" James Chapter 1288 of the EAA. Russ Minton, Pres. 321-635-9533 SCALPEL876@aol.com

DELAND -- Third Sat of the Month - EAA Chapter 635 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally. 8:30am - 11:00am at Deland Municipal Airport (DED) --East end of field EAA T-Hangars. Email: vanv@mpinet.net or Telephone Van Vickers at (386) 668-0936

THIRD SUNDAYS

SEBRING, FL -- Third Sunday Sebring Airport EAA Chapter 803 Pancake Breakfast, 8AM 'til 11AM \$3.00 Donation Requested, Sebring FBO 941-655-6455 George Houghton 941-465-6996 Check with the FBO for discount fuel

As you may know the comic strip ran from 1933 to 1973 in many major newspapers in the U.S. Bill has provided me with a series which ran for the month of February 1939. I will print two of these in each newsletter until the entire series has been run. Below are the two for Feb 6 & 7, 1939. Hope you enjoy

SMILIN' JACK / 1939: Escape from Death Rock



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Monthly Chapter Breakfast
Saturday May 3
At Dunn Airpark, Bldg. 10, Titusville, FL
8:00 am

Chapter Meeting Weds. May 7
Bldg.10, Dunn Airpark,
7:30 pm

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