

EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter 866 newsletter



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Larry flipping the hotcakes. Kip and Stu were the pancake mixologists and making our secret recipe pancakes.

Happy New Year!!!!

Smilin Jack Chapter 866 members are starting the new year off in great style! First it is our monthly breakfast again in full swing on Jan 2, the chapter meeting on Weds. Jan. 6, then our biggest and best yet annual Winter Party being held on Sat. Jan. 23 at the royal Oak Country Club in Titusville. Speaking of that, do you have your tickets yet? We'll be selling them at the breakfast and the chapter meeting.

December Breakfast

Did you ever hear the old days mailmen creed? "*Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds*" I can remember as a kid our mail delivery was twice per day and in the state of Maine where I grew up, the winters were brutal and our mailman, on foot with his leather bag suspended from his shoulder always made his rounds and sometimes he was covered with snow. The way I remember this like a Norman Rockwell painting,

Our chapter breakfast workers are similarly dedicated folks. We don't see snow but we see rain, heat, and gloom of night because its still night time when we set up. Sat Dec 5 was a very rainy morning and knowing some people would still show up and expect us to be serving our monthly breakfast we set everything up inside bldg. 10 to accommodate our friends. In our meeting room we had seating for 26 people and a coffee and food line set up. In the outer part of the building we had the grills going with Ben and Ray manning the eggs and bacon and

Word from the pres.

Weather is great this time of the year to fly. Even a Cessna doesn't need the curvature of the earth to take off because of the cool temperatures and good overall performance.

I have included a link to a few pictures for your enjoyment.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/silva500/>

Check the above site out. Alberto has flown to a lot of places and taken some very interesting pictures.

Fancy

Our Citabria, 'Fancy, has been grounded for around a month now. During the annual inspection IA Jerry Russell found some excess play in the right aileron. Further investigation revealed a worn bellcrank bushing. This has been replaced by a factory new bushing. The other thing is U bolts that strap the landing gear to the frame have to be changed. We expect to be boring skyholes again soon!

FIRST FLIGHT EXPECTED SOON FOR JET-POWERED SONEX

The folks at Sonex have announced that they successfully tested the PBS TJ-100, a Czech-built small jet engine, on board their [SubSonex](#) single-seat aircraft, and they plan to begin flight tests soon. The aircraft was displayed at EAA AirVenture this summer with a different jet engine, a small Heward design derived from radio-controlled model aircraft technology, but the new TJ-100 is a full-featured production engine. The new engine has many advantages over the original choice, according to Sonex, including a dedicated oil system that eliminates the need to pre-mix engine oil with fuel, high-quality components, and pre-wired instrumentation and throttle control for "plug and play" installation. The change in engine type made it possible to accelerate the project's timeline. The test aircraft was modified to accept the TJ-100 with a new engine mount and modifications to the electrical and fuel systems. The engine tests were conducted on Dec. 18, comprising three runs with power settings up to 100 percent. [Click here](#) for a video of the tests. First flight will take place following an FAA airworthiness inspection and is dependent on cooperative weather, which is scarce this time of year at the Sonex base in Oshkosh, Wis. [More...](#)

Hey Kip, it's probably not too late for your Sonex!

Chapter Member Projects

Curtis Langholz is making good progress on his Murphy Rebel. The fuselage and cabin are close to being finished and I think he said that the boot cowl was next.

Ben is rebuilding the engine for his completed (except for the engine) Pietenpol.

Kip is hard at it on his 80% complete Sonex. I think he said he is working on engine mounts.

Harry Teal is tweaking his Soneri and said he'd had some oil pressure problems and as soon as this is solved he's good to go. He is using a liquid cooled VW engine.

Les Boatwright is making headway on his RV.

Jim Morgan is wrapping up the fuselage work of his RV6.

Little known project at Dunn is a complete rebuild of a Navy N3N. This is being done by Master craftsman Gene Day. The framework of the fuselage is nearing completion, the landing

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gear is being re bushed and redone. The tail feathers are nearly complete. All of a sudden the thing is going to look like a real airplane again.

Winter Party Entertainment Line up

Naome Bradshaw



Naome (vocalist) is a born performer. Influences include Bonnie Raitt, Heart, Melissa Etheridge, and Journey. Naome is eclectic, celebrating a variety of musical genres and styles. She can glide effortlessly from one style to another honestly and powerfully. Besides being an incredible live performer, Naome has extensive recording experience. She has spent years perfecting her craft in nightclubs, festivals and concerts. Naome's voice can be heard on an episode of The Simpson's, which featured N'SYNC. People who see Naome perform for the first time are always amazed not only by her voice, but also by her enthusiasm to entertain. The audience responds to her – and inevitably, they become fascinated by her energy.

Tony Sams



(guitar, keys, vocals) started playing at age 7 and has toured with many national acts including Motley Crue, Warrant, Poison, and Slaughter. Tony also played lead guitar on tour with Brian Howe from Bad Company

Breakfast Sat. Jan. 2 – Dunn Airpark 8:00am

**Chapter Meeting Weds. Jan. 6, 7:30pm
Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10**

**Big Winter Party Sat. Jan. 23, 6:30pm
Royal Oak Country Club
Titusville, Fl**