

The Ultimate Experimental Aircraft



Chapter 866 member Curtis Langholz pictured above with Space Shuttle Endeavor being readied for April, 2011 flight

EAA Chapter 866 Smilin Jack Newsletter April 2011

March Meeting

At the March meeting there were 27 people in attendance. There were two new people attending and two members who have been away for quite a while. We picked up several new members and renewals. Jeff Wilde brought a friend who is building a Sea Rey. His name is Tom Ault. (spelling could be wrong)

Jeff Wilde spoke about his RV12 project and had pictures to show of the completed wings.

Alberto Silva spoke about his corrosion protection steps he has taken on his C172. He said that he is using a HVLP paint sprayer and this only sprays at 6 psi and there is no overspray. He has to do some work on the interior and re assemble the tail section and should be back in the air some day.

Gil Jones said he is making progress on his Nieuport 11 project has finally finished the landing gear. Gil also announced that he is a tech counselor and A&P and is willing to help anyone with their project. Gil also had a display of antique toy airplanes, most of them cast metal. He put them out on a table for chapter members to play with.

Kip Anderson talked about his Sonex and said that he'd been to a Sportair workshop on electrical wiring of homebuilts. He also said he learned some "black magic" about radio antennae.

Gene McCoy said he needs a heater for his Kolb Firefly.

Deborah Vantreuren told us she would be volunteering at the Sun n Fun workshops again this year.

Ben Charvet said he would be taking his Pietenpol to Sun n Fun this year. Ben also just finished his annual condition inspection on the Piet and found a defective gascolator drain. A very simple thing that was ready to fail and the failure would have emptied his fuel tank in about 15 minutes and he may not have known it was happening!

Pres. Ben asked if anyone would volunteer to buy chapter shirts and Gil Jones stepped up to the plate.

The program was a talk by member Casey Fesperman who started a company in Alaska in the 1950s, mapping the entire state from the air. Casey kept us spellbound with Alaska flying adventures and pictures of some of the aircraft he flew.

After the meeting, Loretta served up the famous home made ice cream, Apple pie and strawberries. Good!

March Breakfast a Record Breaker!

The line was from the pancake grill all the way across the parking lot for an hour! The line kept moving as the pancake guy and the egg cooking girl were cooking as fast as they could to keep it going. The girls behind the food counter serving bacon, sausage gravy with

biscuits, grits, and other goodies did their part too wearing their friendly smiles. The banter that goes on during these breakfasts is fun to listen to because it appears that people are having fun. I didn't hear any complaints either. By 9:50 we had served 216 folks! Forty plus airplanes showed up too and there was even one or two helicopters in the mix. The highlight of the flying was when the missing man formation was flown in honor of our member Jerry Russell who passed away in Feb. Just a mighty fine time to be a part of EAA Smilin 'Jack chapter 866.

A PILOT GETS HOME LATE....

Submitted by unnamed chapter member

He left home about 8:30 a.m. to do some work in his hangar at the airport with his friends. On the way out the door he answered his wife's "what time will you be home?" question with "probably about 1:30, I'll have lunch at the airport." 1:30 came & went, 3:00 passed, 6:15, still not home, finally at about 7:00 pm he rolls in the driveway, and presents his wife with a pizza and begins the apologetic story: "I finished cleaning the plane about 11:30, had lunch, and I started home, when alongside the road I saw this attractive girl with a flat tire on her car. I stopped to help, got the tire changed, and looked around for a place to wash my hands. She offered money, but I refused, so she suggested that I at least allow her to buy me a beer. She said there's a tavern just up the road, and they have a restroom, you can clean up a bit. I agreed to stop, we had a beer, then another beer, then a couple more, and I realized that this girl was not only pretty, she was very friendly, and a good companion to spend time with. Before I knew it, we were having a rendezvous in the motel next door. And that is why I am so late getting home." His wife looked him right in the eye and said, "Don't lie to me, you went flying didn't you?!!!"



Don Garrison's Bonanza in flight

President's moment April 2011

It sure has been great flying weather. I've spent the last 2 weeks getting the Pietenpol ready for its first trip to Sun-N-Fun. Even pushed it out and washed it! Right now the weather looks a little questionable, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I don't end up arriving by car like last year. I understand that the March breakfast was a big success, serving 216! I'm sorry I was working and missed it. April's breakfast is the Saturday of Sun-N-Fun and I'm hoping we aren't quite that busy because our usual pancake chef, and our biscuit and pastry baker will be in Pennsylvania for a wedding. This is my chance to redeem myself from the "pancake patting" incident a few years ago.

One Saturday a few weeks ago I got the chance to do some flying way outside my norm. Jim Garrison took me up for a ride in his Bonanza, and Don Garrison flew along in his Bonanza. These things really move! Even at 3000 feet you could notice the ground moving by at a pretty good pace. We flew all the way to New Smyrna and back in about 1/3 the time it takes in the Pietenpol. It was nice to be able to just ride along and enjoy the scenery.

Hope to see some of you at Sun-N-Fun, and if not there, at the pancake breakfast April 2. Don't forget the new meeting time is 7 PM.

Ben

Chapter Image Improvements

Next time you drive up to building 10 take note of the sign near the entrance. I'm not sure of the history of the sign but it obviously was a chapter 866 project at one time to build it and put it there. The sign has a bronze plaque imbedded in the foundation commemorating a person of Rankin. The sign reads Dunn Airpark on the top section and EAA Chapter 866 on the bottom section. There is a planter section on the top of the foundation just below the signs. For a long time we have taken the sign for granted and ignored it. Wayne Bullington has taken the initiative to refurbish the sign and has spent many hours repainting the lettering, staining the boards, and planting flowers on this. It is really perked up! Great job Wayne, we really appreciate this effort.



Thank You from Sharon

DEAR EAA CHAPTER 866,
 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
 FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF JERRY
 RUSSELL. THEY WERE LOVELY,
 AND A WONDERFUL REMINDER
 OF THE MANY FRIENDS WE
 HAVE. THE CHAPEL, AND
 ALL OF YOU, MEANT A GREAT
 DEAL TO JERRY. THANK
 YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP
 AND SUPPORT.
 SHARON RUSSELL

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EAA Chapter 866 Shirts, hats, etc.

Now is your chance to buy Chapter clothing. Gil Jones has taken on the task of getting this stuff that members and friends have been asking for. He has developed an ordering form. Order what you want and **USE THE FORM**. Get the form and money to Gil by **Weds. April 7**. This is our meeting night at building 10.

See form that follows

Address

Phone

Email

T-shirt	\$10.00	Circle	Size and	Color	# of shirts	\$ Amount
			Sm	Red	_____	_____
			M	White		
			L	Blue		
			XL	Grey		
			XXL			
			XXXL			
		Add \$3				

Polo Shirt	\$15.00	Circle	Size and	Color	# of Shirts	\$ Amount
			Sm	Red	_____	_____
			M	White		
			L	Blue		
			XL	Grey		
			XXL			
			XXXL			
		Add \$3				

Sweatshirt	\$20.00	Circle	Size and	Color	# of Shirts	\$ Amount
			Sm	Red	_____	_____
crewneck			M	White		
long sleeve			L	Blue		
No hood			XL	Grey		
No pocket			XXL			
No zipper		Add \$5	XXXL			

EAA 866	Base-ball cap	\$10.00	One size	Color	# of Caps	\$ Amount
	cotton twill			Beautiful	_____	_____
					Total order	\$ _____

Return order with check or cash to Gil at or before April meeting. Make check to EAChapter 866.

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Monthly Breakfast
Sat. April 2, 2011 8:00am til 10:00
Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10
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Monthly Meeting
New Meeting Time!!!!!!! 7:00pm
Weds. April 6, 2011
Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark
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