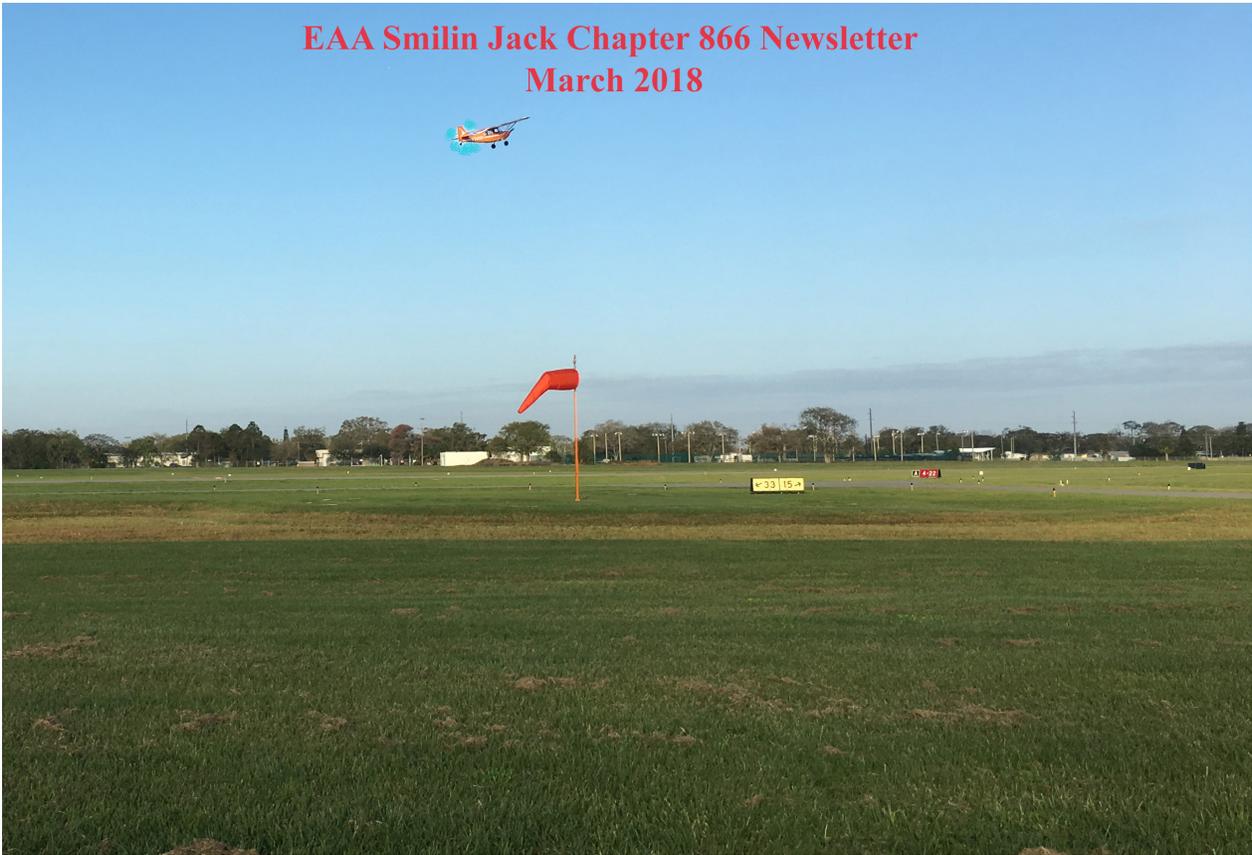


**EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter
March 2018**



Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

Many members and guests of Chapter 866 enjoyed getting together last month for Pizza and a movie at our Chapter movie night. A BIG Thanks to everyone who helped gather the food and drinks and bring desserts, it was terrific! The movie had plenty of flying action, and little bit of “*Mystery Science Theater 3000*” thrown in too, which made it all the more fun. If you have some ideas for a great aviation movie that your fellow chapter members might enjoy, let me know for future reference.

Speaking of Food & Fun, in case you missed the last chapter pancake breakfast, we had a wonderful time there too. By Herman’s count we had around 193 guests for breakfast! I’m not sure how many folks arrived by airplane, but there were plenty! It’s always a great treat to get together with fellow airplane aficionados and socialize and talk about flying and airplanes. It’s even more fun when there’s lots of airplanes breaking overhead and dropping in for a fast break. In fact, our break fast event is very popular and well-known among the aviators around the area. It couldn’t happen without all the great work from our chapter members and volunteers! You all do an outstanding job and are to be commended!

Last month, we hosted TWO special guest speakers at our Chapter get-together, Syd Jones & KT Budde-Jones. They shared with us the fascinating story about the Niihau Zero from the days immediately following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. It’s a story which has almost been lost to history, but the persistence of these two and their research has helped to preserve and document this little-known story for future generations. It was a special honor and treat to host these authors and Warbird pilots at our last Chapter get together.

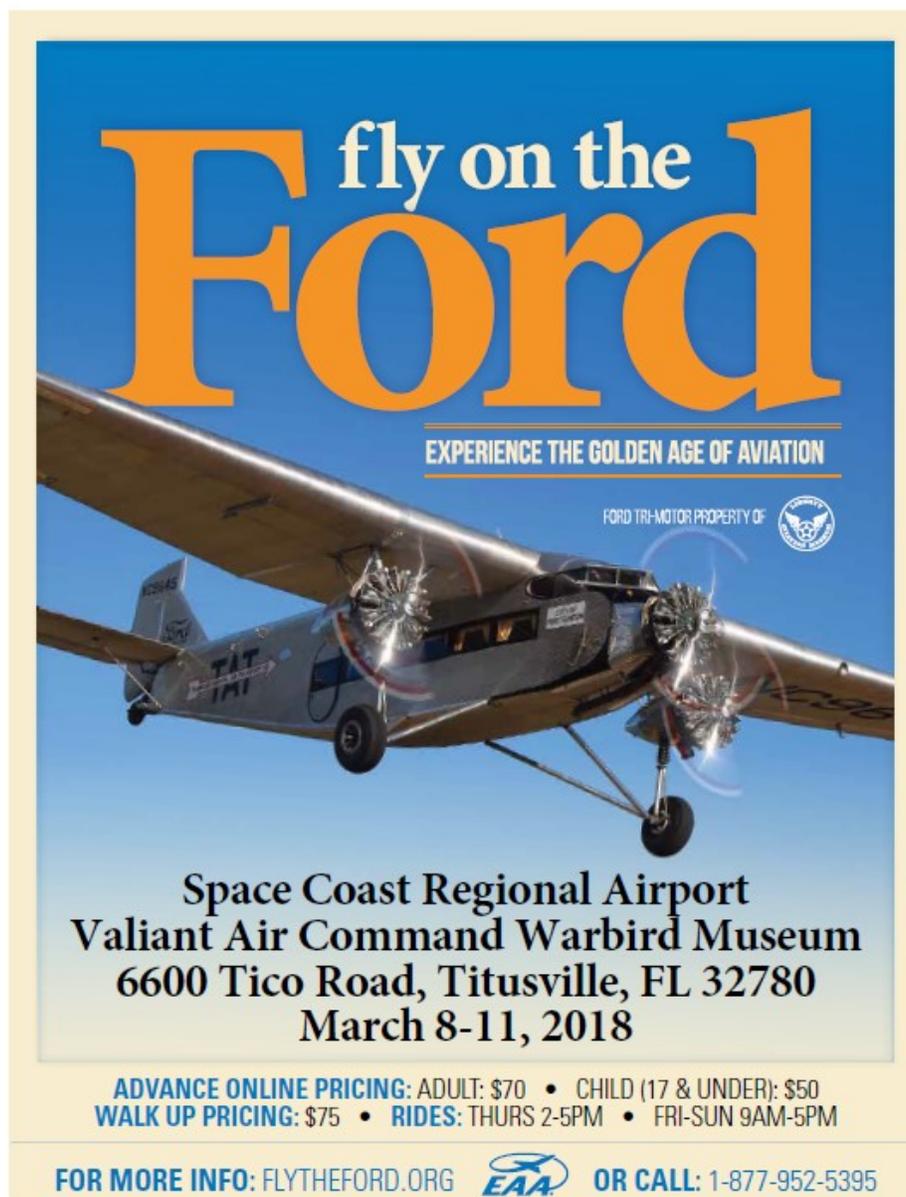
As you can see, the chapter has been very active and having lots of fun at the same time. The Month of March is looking even better! In addition to our normal pancake breakfast and monthly meeting, we’ll also be hosting the EAA Ford Tri-Motor Air Tour (www.FlyTheFord.org), and planning a small group outing for a tour of the Control Tower over at the former Space Shuttle Landing Facility (SLF) at Kennedy Space Center. At our

March chapter meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for folks who would like to volunteer to help with the Tri-Motor event, and a sign-up sheet and more instructions for the SLF Tower Tour.

Fly on the Ford Tri-Motor!

The 1928 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B from the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton, Ohio
IS COMING TO TITUSVILLE !!

The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter is hosting the Ford Tri-Motor this month, March 8th – 11th. This is part of the EAA Air Tours operation. The whole affair will be operating out of Space Coast Regional Airport (TICO) from the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum. This is a very special and historic airplane, and a rare opportunity to be able to have a flight experience. Be sure to let your friends and neighbors know about it. Book your Flight now! (www.FlyTheFord.org)

A promotional poster for the 'Fly on the Ford' event. The background is a clear blue sky with a silver Ford Tri-Motor airplane flying from the bottom left towards the top right. The text 'fly on the Ford' is prominently displayed in white and orange. Below this, it says 'EXPERIENCE THE GOLDEN AGE OF AVIATION' and 'FORD TRI-MOTOR PROPERTY OF' followed by the EAA logo. The event details, including the location (Space Coast Regional Airport, Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum, 6600 Tico Road, Titusville, FL 32780) and dates (March 8-11, 2018), are listed in black text. At the bottom, pricing information is provided: 'ADVANCE ONLINE PRICING: ADULT: \$70 • CHILD (17 & UNDER): \$50' and 'WALK UP PRICING: \$75 • RIDES: THURS 2-5PM • FRI-SUN 9AM-5PM'. The footer contains the website 'FLYTHEFORD.ORG', the EAA logo, and the phone number '1-877-952-5395'.

We still could use a few more volunteers to help make this event a success.

Recently your Chapter Treasurer, Herman Nagel, and I participated in an EAA Leadership Bootcamp training session hosted by EAA Headquarters and the Daytona Chapter 288, located at Spruce Creek. The folks at Chapter 288 and Spruce Creek were wonderful, gracious and generous hosts!! There were more than 60 other

EAA chapter leaders in attendance from chapters all around the state of Florida, and other states as well. Three staff members from EAA Headquarters had graciously given up a few days of harsh Wisconsin Winter weather to selflessly make the trip down to Florida. All kidding aside, they did a terrific job conducting the Leadership event, and covered a myriad of topics and ideas which can help chapters grow and share the mission of EAA.

EAA Mission Statement: “To grow participation in aviation”

There was a tremendous amount of information shared at the leadership training event, and I thought I’d share a couple quotes with you from the founder of EAA . . .

“There is no question about it, the men and women who make up the membership of the Experimental Aircraft Association are the most dedicated people to aviation that can be found anywhere.”

-Paul Poberezny, *Sport Aviation*, July 1969

“To derive the wonderful pleasures that aviation can offer, it just takes a little extra effort to stay with it. It takes a person with dauntless enthusiasm, faith and courage. This explains why EAA is blessed with the cream of the crop, the real backbone of aviation.”

-Paul Poberezny, *Sport Aviation*, June 1963

I’m pleased and honored to be able to associate with the members of Chapter 866, who certainly do represent the backbone of aviation!

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

Les Boatright (EAA #563003)

President EAA 866, The Smilin' Jack Chapter

Some reminders about upcoming events:

| Date | Event | Place/Info |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Mar. 3 | OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast | Building 10 / 8-10 am |
| Mar. 7 | Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting | Building 10 / 7 pm |
| Mar. 8 th thru 11 th | FLY THE FORD – EAA 866 hosts the Ford Tri-Motor Tour at TICO. Daily flights 8AM – 5PM. www.FlyTheFord.org | TBD location @ TICO Arpt (KTIX) |
| Mar. 11 th | SPRING FORWARD – Daylight Savings Time Begins | |
| Mar. 16 th | Shuttle Landing Facility Tower Tour – Tour limited to 20 members; Sign up at March meeting. | Kennedy Space Center, 9am – 12Noon |
| Mar. 17 th | Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 rd Sat.) | Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am |
| Apr. 2-6 | Brevard County Public Schools Spring Break Week | |
| Apr. 4 | Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting | Building 10 / 7 pm |
| Apr. 7 | OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast | Building 10 / 8-10 am |
| Apr. 6-8 | Valiant Air Command’s Warbird Airshow (41 st year) http://www.valiantaircommand.com/airshow | TICO Arpt (KTIX) |
| Apr. 10-15 | 44 th Annual Sun-N-Fun Fly-In 2018 http://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/ | Lakeland Linder Arpt (KLAL) |
| May 2nd | Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting | Building 10 / 7 pm |
| May 5 th | OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast | Building 10 / 8-10 am |
| May 28 th | Memorial Day Holiday Observed – Thank a Veteran! | |
| July 23-29 | OSHKOSH – EAA AirVenture 2018 https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure | Wittman Regional Arpt (KOSH) |

Reminder about the upcoming Valiant Air Command Warbird Airshow! Don't miss it!

2018 SPACE COAST WARBIRO AIRSHOW
APRIL 6, 7 & 8
SPACE COAST REGIONAL AIRPORT
TITUSVILLE • FLORIDA

FRIDAY
Afternoon & Night Shows
Ending with Giant Fireworks
Gates Open 12 Noon

SAT & SUN
Air-to-Air Combat
All-Day Fun on the Grounds
Gates Open 8:30a

AEROBATICS JET DEMOS FIGHTER & BOMBER FLIGHTS

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Tri-Motor Event

Larry Gilbert

Marketing the Tri-Motor event is probably the hardest part of the event, in my opinion. Facebook is always soliciting me to “Boost” the exposure for this event for a price so, I bit and spent the \$10.00 to help get the word out. I don't really know what this is doing for us except our FB page is getting a lot more likes now. Really, I don't know what I'm doing with this. The event is posted on the NBBB website and I don't know if anyone is responding to that either. It's been posted on a site called ” Titusville did you hear what happened?” That one at least got some likes and comments. Loretta and I put it on our personal fb pages and there were no responses! Loretta and I are on a circuit where we attend dances 2- 3 time s week and we have the large Tri-Motor poster posted at all of these places. It will be disappointing if there aren't many passengers for the event.

I've signed up to work the event Friday and Saturday and I hope to work as a starter.

Where ya gonna go?

Larry Gilbert

A few years ago at one of our hangar meetings the group was discussing the “where are you going to go on take off if your engine quits” at Dunn Airpark and we decided that the straight ahead option when you’ve got only a couple hundred feet under you is very, very hazardous at Dunn. This is because our airport is located in a residential neighborhood. The turn back to the runway is very, very hazardous too! When doing flight reviews usually we talk about this and when I ask “where are you going to go if it quits right now” during the climb out and I get a lot of unrealistic answers. Some even think that they can return to the runway from 400’! We all know what the first thing we’re going to do if it does quit, right? Your answer had better be push and you should learn to do this instinctively or chances are, well never mind, you probably already know, right?

Maybe I’m getting too carried away here but I think about this whenever someone begins a takeoff and the engine sputters or isn’t developing the normal power and the takeoff is aborted. This is a good move if it happens early enough to stop the plane on the runway safely. It’s a scary feeling when this happens to me because I think about it not happening until we’re airborne and at low altitude departing Dunn. We should think about this every time we line up for takeoff.

There was an incident a couple of weeks ago at our airport when one of ours began the takeoff roll and the engine sputtered and the pilot did the right thing and aborted safely. That pilot has probably thought about the possibility of that sputtering happening while airborne and I’ll bet he’s thought about the “where are you going to go” scenario at Dunn.

There are some things that I do on takeoff which I think do improve the chances of making a landing with the least amount of damage to me and my passenger or folks on the ground. I’d be glad to share! Just ask.

Sad News

Chapter member Lenny Duncil has decided to sell his nice C140. Interested? Contact him. Chances are, he’ll be at the breakfast and at our regular meeting.

IMPORTANT: Chapter members, if you wish to work the Tri-Motor event you need to watch the training video. Here’s the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfpu3PR1enA>

Worker sign up sheet will be available at our monthly breakfast and at our regular monthly meeting

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Monthly Breakfast

Sat. Mar. 3, 2018, 8:00 AM

Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark

Titusville, Fl

Meeting

Weds. Mar. 7, 2018, 7:00 PM

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Dunn Airpark

TRI-MOTOR RIDES

Mar. 8 – 11

Space Coast Regional

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