

# ***EAA Chapter 866 Smilin 'Jack Newsletter February 2013***



***Kip Anderson is presented with the chapter trophy at our Winter Party***



***From the President...***

**Looks like we are all off to a good start for the year...**

Great party at Paul's Smokehouse, well attended. Many thanks to Larry and Loretta for their amazing efforts making the party happen, to all who donated or secured door prizes, and of course to all our members and guests who turned out for the evening! Congratulations to all the members who were given well earned awards. 2012 Officers, Ben Charvet as past President and Tech Counselor, Les Boatright as Vice President, Kip Anderson as Secretary, Herman Nagel as Treasurer, Larry Gilbert- Young Eagles Coordinator and Newsletter Editor, Kip Anderson also took home the Chapter Service Trophy. Dot Morgan was given a lovely pin in recognition of her many hours making the beautiful quilts that have been given as a coveted door prize. Many thanks to all our officers for their service this past year and everyone else who has given of their time to make our Chapter what it is.

Many thanks to Donna Thomas for the nice refreshments at the January meeting.

This month we have the breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February which falls before our meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

January was pretty busy for us with the change at the helm, our breakfast and party.

Our meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> will feature a guest speaker making a presentation near and dear to our hearts. Charlie Kohler is a DAR and will present "Preparation for the Initial Airworthiness Certification of Amateur Built, Experimental Aircraft". So many of us are in the project stage of building aircraft, I felt that this would be an excellent program with which to expand our knowledge. Mr. Kohler is a wealth of information, has many years of experience and will open the floor for questions at the end of his talk. I hope everyone will come to the meeting and take advantage of this opportunity!

This past month, Les Boatright has been working on the Patch Project. He has come up with a good design after a number of revisions. I think we have a winner. The lead time is not too long and I am hoping we will have the patches in our hands by our March meeting. Cost per patch will be reasonable and a fun addition to your flight jacket!

Look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday...

Deborah Van Treuren

## ***January Meeting***

New pres., Deborah Van Treuren brought the meeting to order with the pledge to our flag at 7:00pm. Thirty one people were in attendance.

The first item on her agenda was a discussion about the up and coming WAI event which may be held at Dunn Airpark in March. She said that maybe chapter members would be willing to give free airplane rides to women and girls during this event. The other item and a goal to get a new refrigerator and a new air conditioner for the meeting room.

Members project reports: Pete Burris Meyers Said that he has a new battery for his RV 6 so now he can go flying again.

Steve Camlin is finishing up his Thunder Gull. He found it to be a little tail heavy and is in the process of removing lead from the elevator. When he gets the wt. and bal. right he'll be ready for FAA inspection and certification. Steve's project is hangar row 1 at Dunn Airpark.

Kip announced that he is now an official 'airport bum now since he has a hangar at TICO and the Sonex he built is in this hangar. Getting close to inspection time for this project.

Les announced that he now has the wings of his RV4 at Dunn Airpark in his new hangar, He'll be moving the fuselage to the airport soon. Another airport bum?

Bob Rychel - Little Bit, his newly constructed Zodiac 650 is having some carbureator issues and he only flew 5 hrs in Dec. He has contacted Jabiru and Bing Carb. People and they told him that he needs a larger starting jet for the carb. The BIG NEWS, Bob is starting another airplane, this one will be a Zodiac CH 750. Should take him about 4 months to build, he says.

Deborah said that she just built a carbon fiber fairing for the tail light on her Twister. She said that they had the rudder & tail wheel hooked up and working. She said that they are ready to mount the engine but are waiting for the engine mount.

Les Boatright said that he would look into embroidered chapter patches if enough members were interested and by a show of hands we're interested so, Les will be getting us the details.

Richard announced that he had Airship calendars for sale for \$15.00.

Meeting came to a close and we were treated to a couple of cakes that Donna made with liquor in them. I would have had two pieces but someone would have had to drive me home. Good stuff!

### ***This month's Flying***

Most of my flying was done in Fancy although I did get to fly Jim Morgan's C152 for about an hour. It's fun to fly that little plane and this one is a nice one.

Bob Rychel and I flew Fancy over to the St. Johns river north of Debary on a photo mission. We shot the new St. Johns Rivership the "Barbra Lee". It took four tries to finally get it right but it was worth the effort and



was also fun!

< St. Johns rivership



< In search of Rivership on St. Johns river

My flight review was due again this Jan. so I got Ray Thomas to administer this. Ray is a very accomplished flight instructor, he says that the two things that kill the most pilots are 1, fuel exhaustion and 2 stall spin on the base to final turn when pilots cross control the airplane. We went to altitude and crossed her up to simulate that mistake and stalled the plane. It's not bad if you know what's coming and you know how to get out of a spin and there is altitude. It is altogether different though when turning base to final at low altitude and it's a surprise! I like reviews with Ray because I always learn something.

There were other flights but none as memorable as the flight review!

## The Party

Our party which was held at Paul's Smokehouse in Titusville and by all accounts, was a huge success. People raved especially about the prime rib served there. I had the seafood platter and it was delicious. The final count was 60 people and the large room appeared to be full. There was an illusionist roaming around



performing his sleight of hand at the dining tables.

Pres. Deborah welcomed members and guests and said a few words in the beginning , dinner was served. Then came the chapter awards. Past pres. Ben Charvet , Vice Pres. Les Boatright, Secretary Kip Anderson,

treasurer Herman Nagel, Newsletter/ Y-E co ordinator Larry Gilbert and the annual trophy award was presented to Kip Anderson. (well deserved) After this the door prizes were drawn with the grand prize going to Jim Garrison. This was a certificate for two people to cruise on the Rivership Barbra Lee out of the Sanford Marina across Lake Monroe and down the St. Johns river and back. Other prizes, a beautiful large crocheted American flag by Loretta, A beautiful quilt by Dot Morgan and gift certificates for flights from Don Garrison and Larry Gilbert. There were five Mary Kay products donated by Donna Thomas and a kit of small tools by Deborah.

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**William R. "Bill"  
Mitchell**

Titusville, FL



William R. (Bill) Mitchell, born March 15, 1930 and passed January 23, 2013 at the age of 82 from cancer. Bill started his career as a mechanic at Eastern Airlines in Miami, FL in 1958, and moved to Titusville in 1979 where he retired at the age of 55.

A celebration of Bill's life will take place on Saturday, February 2 from 12 noon until 6 pm at his home.

For more information call Marti, at 321-506-0416 or Scott, at 321-362-0817.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.north-brevardfuneralhome.com](http://www.north-brevardfuneralhome.com).

**Bill was a really fun guy and the best mechanic on Dunn Airpark! He may have been a charter member of 866, I'm not sure. He knew Zack Mosley, who was the creator of the Smilin Jack Comic strip and he may have been instrumental in acquiring the permission to use the Smilin Jack name for our EAA chapter. Great guy!**

# **Chapter Breakfast**

**Sat. Feb. 2, 2013 8:00 am**

**Building 10 – Dunn Airpark  
N. Williams ave, Titusville,  
Fl**

**Chapter Meeting**

**Weds. Feb. 6, 2013**

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