



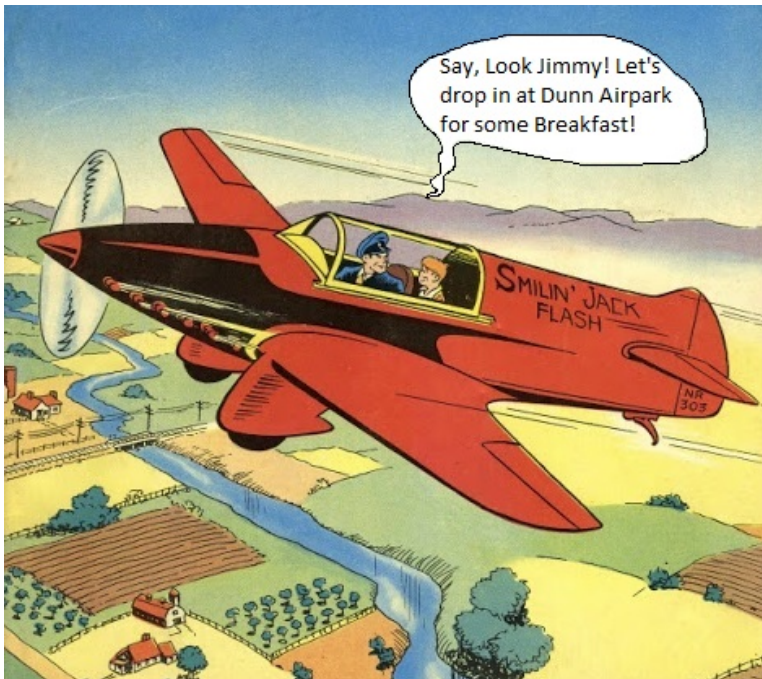
## EAA Smilin' Jack Chapter 866 February 2018 Newsletter

J3 Cub restoration 1st start with Ray Thomas on the controls. Ray's 1<sup>st</sup> solo (1947) in this plane

### *Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866, Greetings*

Our Annual Chapter 866 Winter Party went well last month. It was great to see everyone come out and have a good time. The chapter owes a **BIG Thanks** to Kimberly Brennan for all the planning, preparations, and decorations. Also, a big Thanks to Kimberly's friend Tangee who really went **ALL OUT** on the aviation themed decorations, and to the DJ, Roger, who managed to teach a few of us some new dance moves. Congratulations to Kathy Anderson for taking home the Chapter 866 Service Award Trophy this year! It was Well Deserved!

This coming Saturday (Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>) is our next Chapter Pancake Breakfast! Come out and enjoy the Best EAA pancake breakfast in Florida! Have a Short Stack with *Smilin' Jack* !

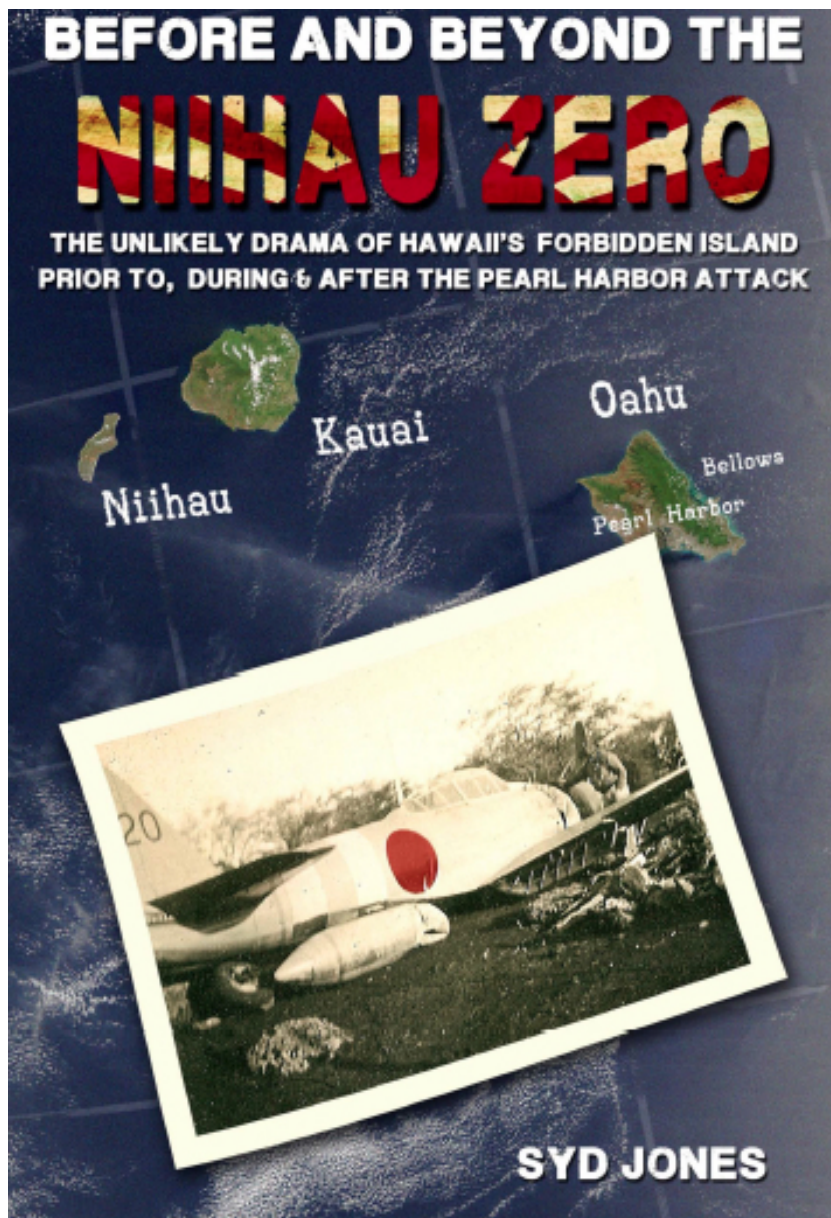


## **Special Chapter 866 Presentation !!**

### **The Niihau Zero**

DON'T MISS IT !

Be sure and come out to our next Chapter meeting on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. We are hosting a very special Presentation. Warbird Pilots, Authors and Aviation Archaeologists, KT Budde-Jones and Syd Jones will be joining us for the evening to share their story about a little known event which took place in the days immediately after Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941.



*"On the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a battle damaged Japanese Zero landed on a remote, privately owned Hawaiian island. The Zero pilot survived for almost a week on what locals call the "Forbidden Island", assisted by a local worker while terrorizing the island's population before being killed by a*

*native Hawaiian. Though the air raid on December 7, 1941 caught many by surprise, the island's owner had actually begun preparations against the attack years earlier, inspired by a remarkably accurate prophecy. The wreckage of the Japanese plane was abandoned on the island, but its legacy was not forgotten. Sixty-five years later the Zero and the story surrounding it became part of a new aviation museum in Hawaii. This book contains original reports as well as documents never before published that give unique perspectives into one of the most curious and thought provoking events of WWII."*

**At our February meeting, Chapter 866 will host a Presentation and book signing by Syd Jones and KT Budde-Jones. Autographed Books will be available for \$15.00. Cash and Checks only, please.**



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**COMING SOON to an EAA Chapter near you!!!**  
**Smilin' Jack Chapter Movie & Pizza Night**

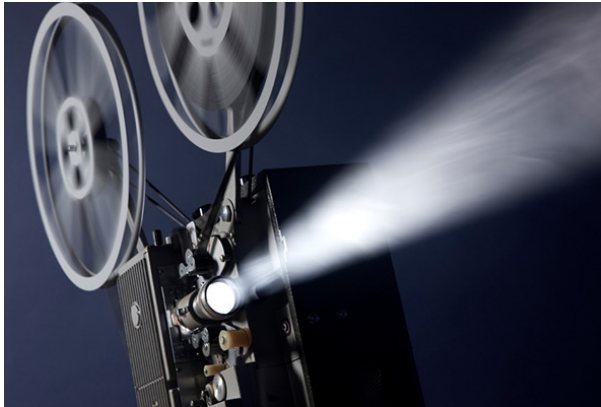


**DATE:** Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

**PIZZA TIME:** Pizzas served at 6PM

**SHOWTIME:** Movie rolls at 6:30 PM (It's a Wrap by 9:00 PM).

**PLACE:** Chapter 866 Clubhouse; Building 10 at Dunn Airpark (X21)



## Fly the Ford Tri-Motor

COMING TO TITUSVILLE !!



**EAA's Air Tours operation is bring the Tri-Motor to Titusville! The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter is hosting the Ford Tri-Motor in March. (March 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Experience the adventure, excitement, and pure joy of flying the airlines the way it was in the 1920's & 1930's. This is a rare opportunity to get a glimpse into what it was like to travel the airlines during the Golden Era of aviation. 199 Tri-Motors were built by Henry Ford's STOUT metal airplane division, only a handful remain. The EAA has two of these rare airplanes on tour stops around the country, and if you've never taken a flight on one, you won't be disappointed.**

**Most of the details have been finalized. Chapter 866 will be the host EAA Chapter and provide volunteers to help facilitate the event. The tour operation will take place at the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum at the nearby Space Coast Regional Airport.**

**We need several volunteers to help make this event a success. A sign up roster will be going around this month. Please consider volunteering for a time slot, and please help to get the word out to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers, in order to ensure a big turn-out! We want to share the excitement and history of aviation with anyone who has an interest. You never know where it might lead someone. If you can't volunteer, then at least consider booking a flight and experience this historical aircraft for yourself. You can read more about the history of this specific Tri-Motor here:**

**<https://www.eaa.org/en/eea/flight-experiences/fly-the-ford-eea-ford-tri-motor-airplane-tour>**



*The 1928 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B from the Liberty Aviation Museum*

During my tenure as your Chapter President, I've been interested in establishing a chapter Tool Library or shared Tool crib years ago. Those have gotten quite a lot of use. There are obvious advantages to our chapter members having access to a . As aircraft owners, operators, and fabricators, many of us have an occasional need for a specialty aviation tool. Some tool items are expensive and only get used every once-in-a-while. An example is the Aircraft Scales the chapter purchased a few Tool Library, where items can be checked out and returned. One of the barriers has been the lack of a good quality, lockable storage cabinet. This has been a back-burner project, but I'm happy to report the Chapter now has a dedicated, lockable storage cabinet in our building just for tools! At a future meeting, we'll go over a simple process for borrowing items from the library.

As you can see, there's a lot going around the Chapter. Thanks for all you do to make this such a nice little EAA chapter!

Best Regards,

Les Boatright (EAA #563003)

President EAA 866, The Smilin' Jack Chapter

Some reminders about upcoming events:

Date	Event	Place/Info
Feb. 3	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Feb. 7	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Feb. 16	CHAPTER MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT Food at 6PM; Movie at 6:30PM	Building 10 / 6:00 pm
Feb. 17	Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.)	Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am
Feb. 19	<b>President's Day Federal Holiday</b>	
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 <sup>th</sup> thru 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FLY THE FORD</b> – EAA 866 hosts the Ford Tri-Motor Tour at TICO. Daily flights 8AM – 5PM.	TBD location @ TICO Arpt (KTIX)
Mar.	<b>SPRING FORWARD – Daylight Savings</b>	

11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Time Begins</b>	
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.)	Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am
Apr. 2-6	<b>Brevard County Public Schools Spring Break</b>	
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 <sup>st</sup> year) <a href="http://www.valiantaircommand.com/airshow">http://www.valiantaircommand.com/airshow</a>	TICO Arpt (KTIX)
Apr. 10-15	44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sun-N-Fun Fly-In 2018 ( <a href="http://www.flvsnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/">http://www.flvsnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/</a> )	Lakeland Linder Arpt (KLAL)
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
July 23-29	OSHKOSH – EAA AirVenture 2018 ( <a href="https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure">https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure</a> )	Wittman Regional Arpt (KOSH)

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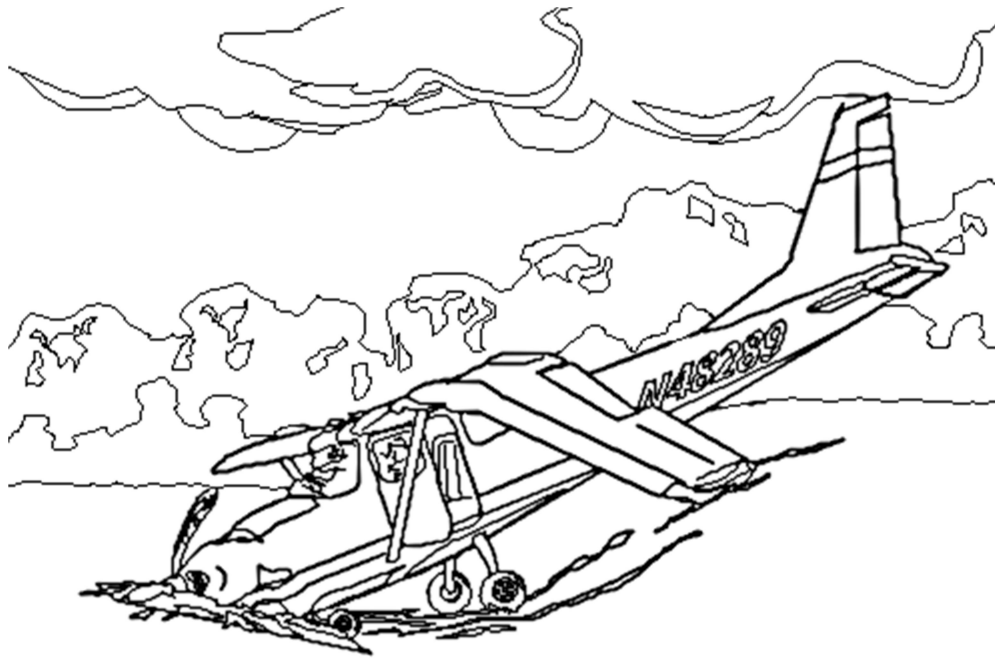
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Hmmm . . .



**Two European hunters hired a Bush Pilot to fly them deep into the Canadian Yukon wilderness, where they managed to bag TWO big Bull Moose.**

**As they were loading the plane to return, the pilot said the plane could only take the hunters, their gear and ONE moose.**

**The hunters objected strongly saying, "Last year we shot two, and the pilot let us take them both...and he had exactly the same airplane as yours."**

**Reluctantly, the pilot not wanting to be outdone by another bush pilot, gave in and everything was loaded into the plane.**

**Even with maximum power, the little airplane struggled to get into the air, climbed sluggishly under the excess load, and then went down, crashing into the wooded Canadian wilderness.**

**Somehow, surrounded by the moose carcasses, clothing, sleeping bags, and other gear, Bartek and Olek managed to survive the crash!**

**After climbing out of the wreckage, Bartek asked, "Any idea where we are?" Olek replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."**

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### ***Piper J3 Cub Restoration***

***Larry***

**The Cub restoration that the partnership between Ray Thomas, Kathy Anderson, and Ben Charvet is really taking shape. They purchased and installed a used Continental 65 w/ prop and started the engine on the first blade! Can you imagine what Ray is feeling at this point? He's 90 yrs and still has 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical and current as a CFI! You should experience the privilege of flying with him!**





Ray Thomas Looks the Cub over after engine installation of the restoration of the J3 Cub he soloed in, in 1947



Ray doing first start is satisfied with run up!



### *Nice story about travel on Tri Motor*

Neale Cranston was a charter member of C866 and served as Sec/treas for many years he was an active member in the chapter until a few years ago. Health issues restrict his activity now. His wife Nan sent me this when she read in last months' newsletter that we're sponsoring the Tri Motor

Larry,

**Very interesting re: Ford Tri Motor. Neale and I are very familiar with that plane. We lived on South Bass Island in Lake Erie for two years. The Ford Tri Motor was our means of getting to the mainland when the ferry boat was not able to travel. Our first son Chris was 5 days old and sat in the co-pilot's seat with me on our return from the hospital. Then there were the times when the aisles were loaded with barrels of fresh fish. The plane was also used as a school bus. Every school day it would fly from our island to a very small island called rattlesnake island to pick up a student as our school. Needless to say this was a great time in our lives.**

Nanette Cranston

### *Paraglider Operations at Dunn Airpark*

**A couple of weeks ago I rec'd an email from the TICO executive Administrator, Mr. Michael Powell, concerning the use of Dunn Airpark for Motorized Paragliding operations. The Authority had been contacted by a person interested in doing this at Dunn. Mr. Powell suggested that we tenants and pilots who use this airport contact and welcome him and ensure that he understands the dynamics of the airport operations. I made contact with Ed Bennett via email and suggested that we meet and discuss his operation with a Paraglider at the airport. He called me early one morning and said he could meet right away and drove to the airport. Mark Briere and I met with him at my hangar. As it turns out he is a Private Pilot and has a very good understanding of regulations Part 91 and Part 103 and told us that he is in the training phase of flying this kind of aircraft and feels that Dunn would be a good place to do this. He is looking for a safe place to fly. He favors the use of rwy 04 and his take off and landing operations will all be within the boundaries of the airport and on the west side of the airport. He has a**

radio and understands traffic pattern positions and is able to announce his information when operating at Dunn. The aircraft consists of a parachute (wing) and an engine/propeller (190cc 2 stroke) worn on his back. The landing gear is his legs and feet. (foot launched). According to Ed, he can fly at 25 mph. He said that his flying would be very early in the morning or late in the evening. If he finds a better place to do this he may never operate out of Dunn. So, we have to be very alert always and maybe even more alert with a paraglider sharing our airport. See and avoid, see and avoid! Be friendly to Ed when you see him.

Larry

### *This Months Flying*

*Larry Gilbert*

Loretta and I flew a few times including a run down to Valkaria to the chapter 1288 monthly breakfast. Saw a lot of familiar faces and enjoyed the meal. There were quite a number of fly-ins there probably because of the perfect morning for this. Really fun for me because going through TICO and Patrick airspace we get a chance to communicate with those control towers. I listen to Melbourne tower but generally fly over their class D as it only goes to [18]. My 16yr old student came out for a flight one afternoon and that was fun (for me). Deborah came out and took us for a ride one morning but low ceiling kept us from doing air work. There were a few other flights and I shot some more for the fun of it video to send to my jealous friends up North. Its been windy this January and one morning just for the practice did some landings on 04 winds 09010G14. Didn't break anything! Love the



turf!

**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. Feb. 3, 2018, 8:00 AM**

**Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark**

**Titusville, Fl**

## **Meeting**

**Weds. Feb. 7, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**Bldg. 10 Titusville, Fl Monthly**

**Dunn Airpark**