

EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter



Jim Morgan /Bob Rychel RV6A First flight w/ Bob and Carlos in the cockpit



Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

Happy Independence Day to Everyone!! As we celebrate the 243rd birthday of our country, let us remember how blessed we are to live in a country where we enjoy so many freedoms, including the incredible freedom to build and fly our own flying machines!



In case you were wondering, our fair city of Titusville will be having a 4th of July celebration and fireworks display at Sand Point Park, with Fireworks launched out of the Marina area starting at 9:15 PM. Details: <https://titusville.org/event/red-white-and-boom-over-north-brevard>

RED, WHITE AND BOOM
OVER NORTH BREVARD

JULY 4TH
7:00 TO 10:00 P.M.
SANDPOINT PARK

FREE ADMISSION

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC WITH
THEM SEEDS, VENDORS, FAMILY FUN &
A FABULOUS FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:15 P.M.

FIREWORKS LAUNCHED FROM MARINA PARK

DONATE TO THE FIREWORKS FUND! WWW.CROWDRISE.COM/RWB2019
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 321-267-3036

If you missed our recent Chapter movie night, you missed some great food, a classic aviation movie, and a nice time of socializing! We had hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, yummy devil'd eggs, chips, fixins, and some ice cream treats too. We watched the *Battle of Britain* movie on the big screen. It has been 50 years since that film was made, and it still has some of the best military aviation flying sequences on film. No surprise, the Brits and their "Spits" won again! A Huge THANK YOU to all of our members who helped put this on!! You all are terrific, and through your efforts, you make the *Smilin' Jack* chapter one of the best EAA chapters in the state!

The month of July is now upon us, and that means it is time for EAA AirVenture, or "Oshkosh" as most folks call it. I have tickets all lined up for my family, and the girls are counting down the days until we launch for Wisconsin! This is the 50th year that the national EAA convention is being held at Wittman Field in Oshkosh. There is usually a theme for the show each year, and the theme this year is the "Year of the Fighter". Examples of Fighter aircraft from WWI all the way up to the modern era are expected to be on static display, and also put

on aerial demonstrations. Of course, virtually every kind of interesting flying machine can be found at Oshkosh. I hope to bring back some great stories and photos. More AirVenture details here:

<https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure>

This year's Features and Attractions:

<https://www.eaa.org/airventure/features-and-attractions/airventure-highlight>





The month of July is also the 50th Anniversary of the First Manned Lunar Landing, perhaps one of humankind's most audacious achievements. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Complex and NASA are planning a number of celebrations for the weekend of July 20th, to commemorate the event. Check them out here:

<https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/landing-pages/apollo-50th>

and Here: <https://www.nasa.gov/specials/apollo50th/events.html>



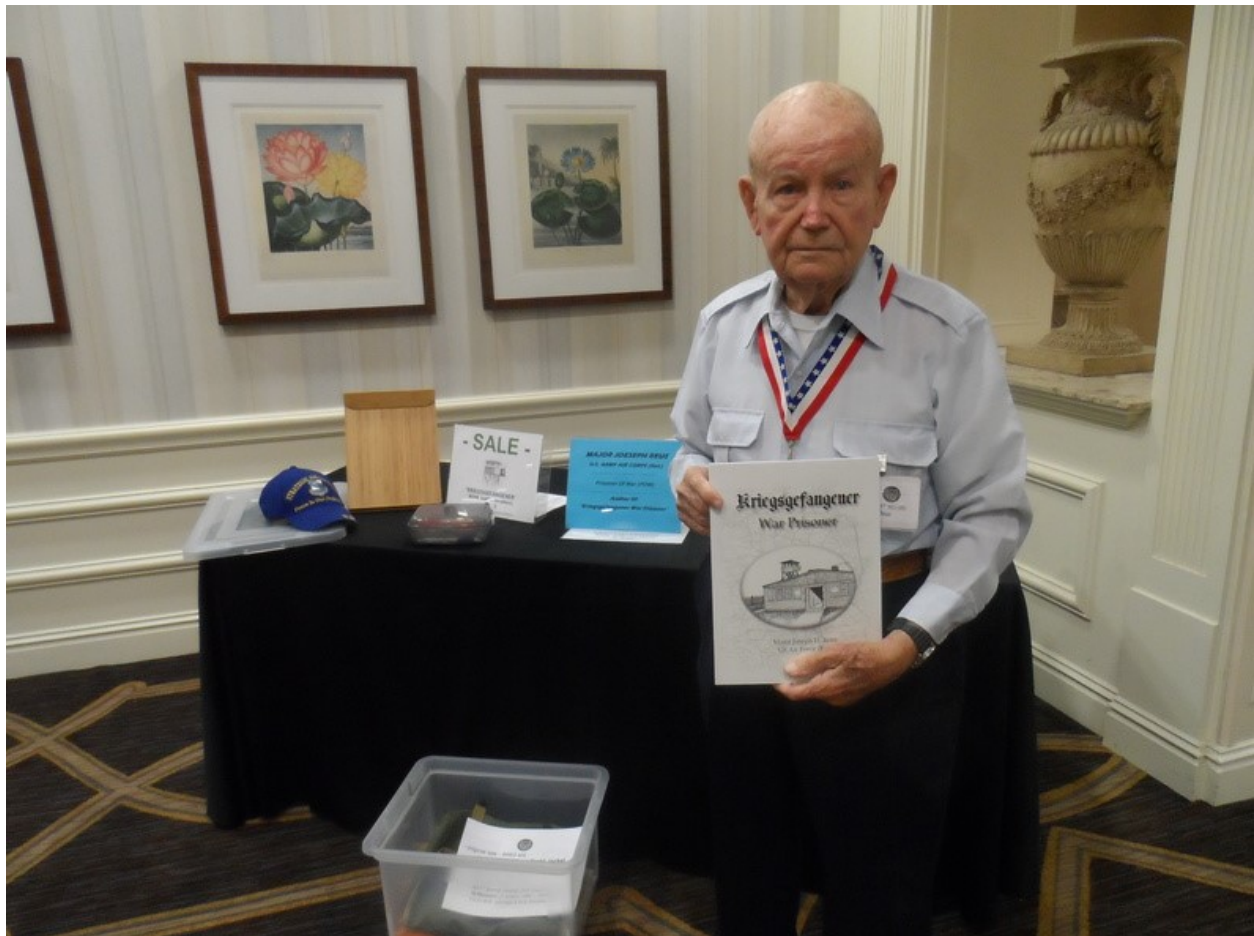
As a Footnote, the following day, July 21st, will be the 8 year Anniversary of the Landing of Space Shuttle Atlantis on mission STS-135, the final mission of the amazing 30 year-long Space Shuttle Program.

https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/sts135/launch/sts-135_mission-overview.html



***A VERY SPECIAL GUEST for our JULY 3rd Chapter Meeting !!
Please Don't Miss It***

This month, Chapter 866 is hosting a very special guest speaker, Mr. Joseph Reus! He is a WW2 veteran, was a navigator on a B-24, was a prisoner of war, and is a local author, having written a book about his wartime experiences. He is expected to have some copies of his book for sale at our meeting. This is truly a MUST NOT MISS Presentation !!



As a final reminder, if you're a re looking for something else to round out your extended July 4th holiday weekend plans, don't forget that it's pancake time again!! The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter puts on the best pancake breakfast anywhere, and we will be battering up the grill again this coming Saturday! We can always use an extra hand to help with set-up, serving, cooking, clean up or whatever you feel like doing. I want to say a big Thank You to all of our members and volunteers who do the planning, preparations, and cooking for our pancake breakfasts. Month after month, you go above and beyond. Great Job Everyone!

Pancake Breakfast



See you for Breakfast on Saturday July 6th at Arthur Dunn!!

Keep on Building, Flying, and Flippin those *Smilin'-Flap-Jacks!*
Les Boatright
EAA Lifetime #563003
President, EAA Chapter 866
The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

“President for a Day” Reminder

If you are a current, Dues-Paid member of EAA Chapter 866, then you can be chapter “*President for a Day*”! See the schedule below. There are a few open slots for the remainder of this year. Give a safety briefing, introduce a guest speaker, do a presentation about your project, give a flight or trip report, bring a video, the sky's the limit! Just let me know, it's that simple.

Meeting Date	2019 “President for a Day” Program
July 3 rd	RICHARD VanTreuren – Brings us a Guest Speaker: WW2 veteran, and recent Author Joseph Reus talks about his experiences as a B-24 Navigator in the 8 th Air Force over Germany in 1944. Don't Miss This One!!
Aug. 7 th	ED Brennan -
Sept. 4 th	OPEN SLOT
Oct. 2 nd	OPEN SLOT
Nov. 6 th	OPEN SLOT
Dec. 4 th	LES Boatright - (Officer Elections for 2020)

Some reminders about upcoming events:

Date	Calendar Event	Place/Info
July 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
July 4 th	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY	
July 6 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
July 18-21 st	Hatz/Pietenpol Fly-In - http://www.eaa431.org/ Hosted by EAA 431 – The Cheeseland Chapter 90 Anniversary of Pietenpol! http://www.pietenpols.org/annual-pietenpol-reunion/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2Ch9QhwyBY	Brodhead, WI (C37)
July 20 th	50th Anniversary of the First Manned Lunar Landing – Apollo 11 https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/landing-pages/apollo-50th	
July 21 st	8th Anniversary of Final Landing of Space Shuttle Atlantis - STS-135	
July 22-28	OSHKOSH – EAA AirVenture 2019 – Celebrate 50 yrs! https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ws1sS_D-xSo	Wittman Regional Arprt (KOSH)
Aug 3 rd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Aug 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Sept 2 nd	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	
Sept 4 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Sept 7 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Sept 20-21	28th annual Zenith Aircraft Open Hangar Days and Homecoming. http://www.zenithair.com/events.htm	Mexico Memorial ARPRT, MO (MYJ)
Oct. 2 nd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Oct. 5 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Oct. 14 th	COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY	
Nov. 2 nd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Nov. 6 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 11 th	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY	
Nov 14-16 th	Deland Sport Aviation Showcase – Thurs, Fri, Sat https://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/	Deland, FL (KDED)
Nov. 28 th	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
Dec 4 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm

PLEASE SEND IN in any additions / updates to the Calendar of Events.
We'd like to keep this current and accurate!

PROJECT FOR SALE !!

SPENCER AIR CAR PROJECT/PLANS • \$100 • Plans, Completed wing structures - less covering, miscellaneous parts & wood materials; This project was saved from the estate of local builder. The workmanship seems very nice. For a motivated plans-builder looking to build a 4-place amphibian, this is a good jump start on the project! • Contact [Les Boatright](#) President EAA Chapter 866, located Titusville, FL USA (X21) • Telephone: 321-269-1723



STANDARD DATA: Gross wt. 3,200. Empty wt. 2,190. Fuel capacity 94. Wingspan 37'4". Length 26'5". Engine 285-hp Continental.

PERFORMANCE: Top mph 147. [Cruise](#) mph 135. Stall mph 43. Climb rate 1,000. Takeoff time 16 sec. Range 700.

The Air Car is a four-place retractable with a strong family resemblance to the old Republic Seabee. The resemblance is no accident because the Air Car was designed by the same man, P.H. Spencer. The Seabee was designed in metal, but Spencer has gone back to wood covered with fiberglass for the basic Air Car hull structure. Extensive use is made of molded fiberglass for the fuselage, cabin section, engine cowl, wing root fairings, tips, floats, and miscellaneous parts. The heart of the [Air Car](#) design is a single steel-tube weldment combining the engine mount, wing-spar carrythroughs, and lift strut attach [points](#). This steel skeleton attaches to the hull and carries all major flight loads. The all-wooden wings have a mahogany threeply skin. The original powerplant was a 260-hp Lycoming; a 210- or 285-hp Continental may also be mounted on the airframe.



Titusville Resident Needed for TICO Airport Board

Wouldn't it be good if we could get a X21 pilot on the board? How about if that person was an EAA Chapter 866 member?

There is an open board position for the "City of Titusville" on the TICO Airport board. Please contact the city of Titusville Manager

75 Anniversary of the D-Day Airborne Invasion. 24 DC-3's and C-47's Flying into Dux

A link to the D-day muster pics Photos ----- by Andy McKee

Andy is a friend of Deborah and fellow Twister builder/pilot. This is a great collection of photos and video by

Submitted to be used in the newsletter by Deborah Van Treuren

Thanks Deb

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/andymac53/albums/72157708928012021>

Dunn Airpark Tenant meeting

Larry Gilbert

TICO Arthur Dunn projects public meeting

The TICO Airport Authority uses Avcon Engineering for projects at the three airports and we have a small project at Dunn to be done in the fall. The company is considerate enough to try and make the closing of the runways as painless as possible for us by having a meeting with us to get our input on the subject. Soon there will be a meeting scheduled for this. It appears that this will be done on the week of July 22nd. If you are a tenant and have interest (you should) please plan to attend when we get it set up. It will be held at bldg..10 in the EAA meeting room.

The letter below was sent to me this week and I want to pass this information along to our chapter 866 membership.

Larry

Robert Hambrecht, P.E.

Senior Project Manager | [AVCON, INC.](#)



Hambrecht, Robert <rhambrecht@avconinc.com>

Wed, Jun 26, 5:52
PM (4 days ago)

to me, C.M., Kim, Ashley

Good afternoon Mr. Gilbert,

I received your contact information from Mr. Michael Powell at the Airport Authority. As you may have heard, the Authority is planning 2 construction projects at Arthur Dunn in the near future. The first is the PAPI Replacement Project and the second is the Pavement Re-Marking Project. AVCON is the Engineering Consultant working for the airport and I am the Engineering Project Manager responsible for the projects. Mr. Powell suggested we contact you for assistance with setting up a tenant/ user meeting regarding the projects.

The construction will obviously require periodic closures of the runway for safety while work is conducted on the runway. Mr. Powell suggested we contact you for help setting up a public tenant/ stakeholder meeting to obtain input from the airport users before we finalize the construction plans and before we get started on the construction. The goal of the meeting would be to make sure we plan ahead and schedule the closure(s) at a time

that will be least disruptive to the airport users. For example, the marking project is anticipated to take approximately 2-3 days. Would it be preferable to close the runway for 2-3 days? Or schedule 5 days of 6 hour runway closures either early in the morning or late in the afternoon?

Our schedule has contractor selection this fall. In order to remain on schedule we would like to schedule the public meeting in mid-July. We would prefer to schedule the meeting for the week of July 22. Also, Mr. Powell suggested you might have a desirable location to host the meeting?

At this point I wanted to make initial contact with you and see if you could help us get the message out to everyone? We certainly appreciate any help you can provide. Mr. Powell is excited about making the airport better and safer with these projects, with as little disruption as possible.

Thanks

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Ben is at it Again!



Latest Ben Charvet project

The sawdust is flying and the wood working tools are buzzing in Ben's hangar which is next to ours. He's building another airplane, it's called a Flitzer! He's been flying the Ray Thomas J3 Cub that he and Kathy Anderson restored last year. They co own the Cub with Ray. Before the Cub Ben completed a Pietenpol Air Camper that he has been flying since 2010. Before that he owned and flew a sweet little Baby Ace.



The Flitzer (under construction)



Bens' Baby Ace



Pietenpol and Model A Ford



Ray and Ben with the J3 Cub



Chapter members Carlos and Captain Bob wearing the famous RV grin!

Bob and Carlos after the 1st flight of the RV6A at Dunn Airpark this month. The first flight which lasted about ½ hr went well with only a couple of minor issues which will involve some tweaking. Outside air temps were in low 90s at Dunn when they flew and the cabin heat was on and couldn't be turned off so, the cabin air was a little on the warm side, they said.



Greaser landing!



Fly by

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Chapter Meeting

Weds. June 3, 2019

7:00 PM

Chapter Meeting Room Bldg. 10

Dunn Airpark, Titusville, FL

Monthly Breakfast

Sat. June 6, 2019

8:00 AM

Bldg. 10, Dunn Airpark

Titusville, FL