

EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter

August 2019



Airworthy!! Eddie Brennan (the one with the happy face) poses with FAA inspector on inspection day at Dunn hangar

Chapter VP Eddie's Zenith Cruiser passed the FAA inspection with flying colors this month. Now he has to get serious about flying this beautiful airplane. It is powered by the Viking converted Honda engine making about 100 HP, I think. This engine has been used by several other homebuilts based at Dunn Airpark and seems to be an excellent choice for this airplane.

The big moment, first flight is getting very close now and after becoming current as PIC he's going to fly her. From what I've observed this first flight is going to go well because the plane has been meticulously built and Eddie is making arrangements to fly some before actually making the first flight. He'll be ready when the time comes!

LG

July Breakfast

The breakfast went well and all our guests seemed to be pleased! We served about 125 eaters and there were approx.. 20 planes that flew in , according to Fred Burgess. I spoke with a pilot who flew in from Ft Lauderdale and one from Bartow. Those are pretty long distances to fly to Dunn for our breakfast they have to leave quite early to get to our breakfast with 100 mph airplanes and get to our breakfast line between 8:00 and 9:30 and then get home again before the Tstorms get here.

August Meeting 08/07/19

You don't want to miss the August meeting, especially if you are curious about the Basic Med option of flying legally as a private pilot! Eddie is going to explain the rules of basic med.

Eddie will be acting as president at this meeting. Oughta be good!

Joe Reus WWII Combat Aviator

Last month, Chapter 866 hosted a funny guest speaker and I for one was entertained, more so before his presentation than during it. Mr. Joseph Reus had those of who were at the meeting a little early got to meet the

real person and he had us in stitches with his comments! He is a lively dude for 92 yrs! WWII aviator shot down



twice and POW. Good story.

Larry



Bill Furnholm

Larry Gilbert

Long time 866 chapter member, Bill Furnholm celebrated his 90th birthday a couple of months ago and Loretta and I attended his party and had a wonderful time with this amazing man. He passed away a couple of weeks ago

In 1958 Bill served aboard the USN Nautilus, the world's first operational nuclear powered submarine when it made history by being the first submarine to complete a submerged transit of the North Pole on 3 August 1958. He also served two tours in Vietnam and was wounded while on river boat patrol while manning a machine gun one night when they were ambushed. Another thing that he did while in Vietnam was, whenever the Bird Dog Pilots had a seat in their L19s (Cessna) he would ask to ride along as an observer. When he told me this I asked if he ever came under fire while doing this and he said yes, small arms fire and the way you could tell was the muzzle flashes from the rifles on the ground. He enlisted in the Navy around 1946 and retired around the mid 70s as a mid ranking officer. After that he was sailed the Merchant Marines and I believe he retired from that also.

When Loretta and I located to Titusville in October of 1999 and attended our first EAA Chapter 866 meeting, he was one of the eight people in attendance. He regularly flew his Baby Ace from Dunn and flew with me quite a bit. He served as VP of the chapter for a number of years also.

I hope to be able to arrange for a “Missing Man” fly by formation by our Spruce Creek friends possibly at the Sept. breakfast. Will be inviting some of his family and close friends to witness this.

Bill is being interred at Arlington Natl Cemetery near his fellow veterans.



Bill and me in 2008

Larry

Some reminders about upcoming events:

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 ARPT, 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 any additions / updates to the Calendar of Events.

We'd like to keep this current and accurate!

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Compression Anxiety, is it real?

Rick Dinges told me that while he was having his Long EZ annualized this year while the mechanic was doing the cylinder compression checks, he was suffering from “Compression Anxiety” kinda like white coat syndrom, if you

know what I mean.



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.

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Chapter Meeting

Weds. Aug 7, 2019

7:00 PM

Chapter Meeting Room Bldg. 10

Dunn Airpark, Titusville, FL

Monthly Breakfast

Sat. Aug 3, 2019

8:00 AM

Bldg. 10, Dunn Airpark

Titusville, FL