

EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter 866

Newsletter

September 2023



Les and Emily taking an early flight w/Tango, out of (X21) Dunn Airpark Titusville, FL

September Meeting Report from EAA 866 President: Ott Thiele



Due to the hot weather and several engineering Jobs in Ohio, I have not been flying as much this Summer. Several members have been getting up early to work on their aircraft, probably in anticipation of cooler weather this fall. I am leaving for Chillicothe Ohio on Saturday August 26th and will not return until September 22nd. Vice President Chris Fauver will be taking over while I'm gone. His Email is cfauver10@gmail.com and his Phone # is (909) 573-6030.

Now more about what's going on with the Chapter 866:

Our members that went to Oshkosh have returned to Arthur Dunn without incident. Mario talked about the midair incident between the Gyroplane and helicopter. I flew a Magni M24 at Oshkosh with an instructor – it was pretty challenging. Oshkosh should have taken notes on how Sun-N-Fun does their airspaces. Sun -N-Fun divided the airspace into 3 areas:

1. Fixed wings have the Main runways.

2. Gyroplanes, Trikes, Light Sport, and powered parachutes have the grass strip.
3. Helicopters have their own area.

It appears the Arthur Dunn aircraft are slowly getting ready for Fall Flying:

Jack Curry has finished getting his Vans RV12 ready.

Adam and Brad have their Cardinal Painted.



Figure 1: Adam in front of the Cardinal

With the help of a motley crew, Willie Dorna is making his Vans 6A more airworthy.



Figure 2: Willie, Carlos, and Bob hard at work.

Roger Brown with Old Farts Flying Club sent me an Update. Terese fell last week and severely broke her left leg/ ankle/ foot. She has had surgery on the leg and needs a second surgery on her foot. Please keep her in your prayers. Roger says the fly into Arcadia with EAA Chapter 66 catering is scheduled for November 16th.

Old Fart Ken Hewes is organizing an Aircraft Poker Run on Saturday October 7th 8 AM- 4 PM at Lakeland Linder Airport KLAL: Warbird Ramp. Contact <http://www.caftampabaywing.org> and click on the Poker Run Tab. Cost is \$50.00 per aircraft. Lots of food and prizes.

If anyone has additional projects they would like reported on, please contact me with the information.

Please come the Saturday, September 2nd 8-10AM Breakfast and the Wednesday, August 6th 7-8PM meeting. Hopefully, the meeting room will be cooler- the AC filters were plugged with dirt. Debbie Van Treuren may be bringing a better circulating fan.

At present, the meeting topic is a mystery. Any Suggestions- call Chris.

We will be having a 15 min Wings Credit topic on "Preflight After Maintenance" after the Chapter meeting and Saturday Breakfast.

Also don't forget to preflight a rental plane before you fly. You never know what kind of landing the student before you did!

Many thanks to Joe Schmaiz (Orlando FSDO FAA Safety Team Wings Credit) for these presentations.

Working on these items for 2023:

1. What to do when the weather gets bad (besides praying to Jesus). Thinking of a review of advantages of Foreflight and other similar programs.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your help.

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Minutes of the Aug 2, 2023 Meeting of EAA Chapter 866 Inc.

The August EAA Chapter 866 meeting of 2023 was held on August 2 at 7:00 PM at the regular meeting location, 480 N Williams Ave, in Titusville, Florida.

Chapter President Ottmar Thiele presided over the meeting. Chris Fauver, Chapter Vice-president, Herman Nagel, Chapter Treasurer, and Richard Van Treuren, Chapter Secretary, were in attendance.

Deborah Van Treuren, member-at-large of the Chapter Board of Directors was also present, as was much of the regular membership of Chapter 866, numbering around 30, thereby establishing a voting quorum. Deborah had spent much of the day preparing the raw materials for the Chapter's upcoming regular breakfast.

The meeting began at 7pm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A new member and guests introduced themselves.

A report on participation at Oshkosh Airventure found several members had attended.

President Ottmar Thiele asked for progress reports and several Chapter members offered updates.

Guest Speaker Lewis DePaemelaere, an air controller under contract to the FAA, made a presentation about air controller procedures at and around Space Coast Regional Airport.

For Wings credit, Joe Schmalz made a presentation "Personal Minimums and Weather Cameras."

The meeting adjourned about 8:30 for coffee and deserts..... R G Van T

Chapter member Mario Jiminez flew his Cherokee into Oshkosh win formation with the Piper Cherokee group this year. The picture he sent to me below is Mario on final with five of the group airplanes either rolling out or about to land on runway 27. The five short red lines depict what the landing picture looked like.



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Chapter member Willie Dorna has been diligently working on the RV6A he recently purchased. All inspections are done and signed off and a little modification to the elevator hinges was done and now he's flying the plane and seems to be very happy with it. Now, just a little change of the color scheme of the paint and it will be complete!

Pictures to follow when it is finished.

Brent Hippert

Chapter member Brent Hippert went to Oshkosh and ordered a SubSonex Kit. It's a jet powered Sonex!

He also moved hi Bonanza from row T1 to row T4, right across from us.

Tango

Our wonderful old C172, Tango didn't get much of a workout in August because for one thing we were gone for a week. I managed to fly her all the way over to Space Coast Regional (7 mi) for gas once and did just a couple of flights each week to try and stay proficient. Loretta went with me once and Bob Rychel and I went out and did maneuvers and a solo flight is all I made. Gonna do better next month! Les took his daughter Emily for a ride and

she took the controls and followed his direction and did some flying! This just might be the beginning of something!



Les and daughter Emily return from flight with Tango. Emily flew the plane herself with direction from her Dad

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Monthly Chapter Breakfast

Sat. Sept 2, 2023 8:00 - am

Bldg. 10 Dunn Airpark

Chapter Meeting

Weds. Sept. 6 2023 7:00 pm

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