

# EAA Smilin' Jack Chapter 866 Newsletter Oct. 2021



*Chapter member John Godke shot this picture of the annual bloom of Ox Eye Sun flowers  
Out on the beautiful St. Johns River, beauty everywhere! Neat perspective from the air.*



*Hello to all EAA Chapter members and friends,*

With cooler weather enroute and soon advancing to the final approach fix, I anticipate intercepting the cool weather glide slope soon. This bodes well for more comfortable outside activities during the day – so rather than have a pre-meeting supper this month, we will have a lunch event on a Saturday at the beginning of November. I am wondering what you might have for ideas for flyouts and activities for the cooler part of the year. Send me a text or email, or please see me at the breakfast or the next meeting with your suggestions.

You will recall that last meeting's speaker was Travis Gier, who spoke to us about flying competition aerobatics. He encouraged us to go ahead and get a little aerobatic instruction – it can only improve one's piloting skills and provide an extra measure of confidence. His talk was interesting and informative – to say the least.

Our meeting this month – will feature our members who have had an emergency in flight. This month we will hear about emergencies caused by engine problems. Larry Gilbert, John Godke, other members who want to chime in, and (time permitting) me, will relate our experiences to you. At another meeting, we will discuss other

types of in-flight emergencies – so get your stories ready. The reason behind topics like this is to exchange information to prevent these types of problems – before they happen to you.

If you want to present photos at the meeting, please send me your photos as soon as possible. By receiving the photos or videos ahead of time, I hope this will eliminate the snafus we have had with the computer/monitor system that we have. Send along your info to [N73KA@earthlink.net](mailto:N73KA@earthlink.net). I will reply when I get your email. If I do not reply within 24 hours, assume I did not get the email and give me a call or text 321-795-8810.

In addition this month, Don White from the Merritt Island Chapter will tell us about the upcoming Chapter 724 - 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on October 30<sup>th</sup>, which will feature a “poker run” and food afterwards. Hope to see y’all at the breakfast, Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, then again at the meeting Wednesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*This month’s members and friends spotlight is on Joe Marshall:*



Joe was born in Washington, DC in 1937, one of four children.

His Dad worked as a cook on the railroad, often working the route from New York to Birmingham and Miami. His job was considered essential by the government; as a result, he was not drafted into military service during WWII. His Mom was a registered nurse and also worked driving a cab – which often involved transporting patients.

At the age of nine, he started his first job – a paper route. Later, in high school he participated in the rifle squad, swim team and football. He attended a vocational high school – so he already had valuable skills to share.

As soon as he graduated, he enlisted in the Navy and was sent to electrical school. In his Navy career, he shipped out on 2 different carriers and then a submarine. When he advanced to warrant officer, he worked a submarine tender, became proficient at loading ordnance and became a weapons officer.

Along the way, he had 2 sons and 2 daughters, all of whom now live in the Washington, DC area.





**When it was time to retire from the Navy, he went to work for Bechtel in Oak Ridge, TN doing nuclear power plant construction work. During his time at Bechtel, he also got his college degree and got his private pilot license in 2001 – shortly after 9/11.**

**With Bechtel, he advanced to Vice President and eventually did a three-year tour in the Marshall Islands on Kwajalein Atoll as the logistics manager. After he left there, he retired *for about four days*, then went to work for the Department of Energy, in Oak Ridge, as a project manager.**

**While at Bechtel, he purchased a Mooney but had to leave it hangered while he was on Kwajalein. When he returned, he sold it for a Bellanca Viking, which he eventually donated to Pilots for Christ, when he bought his current plane: Cherokee N8245N.**

**Joe had decided that cold weather was not for him. He came to Florida through a realtor connected to a Kwajalein friend. He found his home when introduced to the Indian River Country Club.**

**He is involved in several endeavors: three EAA chapters, an associate member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Cancer Society, the Red Cross, and often organizes and runs golf tournaments to benefit charity.**

**I asked him about the best times in his life and he responded “I loved to work”. Whether it was the Navy, Bechtel or the DOE – he loved all the jobs he had! How many people would say that? Joe Marshall: another interesting, multitalented, EAA member!**



## **EAA Chapter 866 Inc. The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter**

The September EAA Chapter 866 meeting was held on the 1st at the regular meeting location, 480 N Williams Ave, in Titusville, Florida, immediately following a hamburger & hot dog meal for members, with donated and Chapter foodstuffs prepared by the officers and their helpers.

Chapter President Kathy Anderson presided over the meeting, which she opened at 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ben Charvet, Chapter Vice-president, Herman Nagel, Chapter Treasurer, and Richard Van Treuren, Chapter Secretary, were in attendance, along with about 20 members, and one new guest, Mr. Ken Novak, who mentioned he was considering building an RV.

President Anderson shared a video of a homebuilt “flying wing” inspired by a design shown in Japanese Animation, also witnessed at Oshkosh 2019. She also shared how to create buss bars from copper bracelet stock sold on Amazon.

Guest speaker Travis Gier made a presentation about acrobatic flying, competition and the advantages for pilots to obtain such training. As a background Mr. Gier offered some of his flying videos from his youtube channel. If you missed the meeting but would like to see his videos, here is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=acrotray](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=acrotray)

The meeting adjourned about 8 pm for coffee and apple pie.

Meeting Minutes were assembled & submitted by Chapter Secretary, Richard Van Treuren.

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**Corner of Ransom Rd and NASA Causeway on Merritt Island. I saw what looks like Blue Origin sneaking something out to a launch pad, maybe?**

## **Event:**

I saw this in the publication General Aviation News Sept. 9 edition Some of our members may be interested.

Tavares, Fl, which bills itself as “America’s Seaplane City,” has a triple threat scheduled for Oct. 16: **A Monster Splash Fly-In**, a Rocktoberfest concert, and the ribbon-cutting of the city’s new marina. The splash-in will include several contests for pilots, including a pumpkin bomb drop.



The Monster Splash Fly-In is slated for Oct. 16. (Photo by City of Tavares)

**Kinda sounds like fun, Tavares isn’t that far to drive either!**

**Larry**

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## **Update on Tango,**

Tango is our 1960 C172 that we acquired last Feb. Since I first flew it in June and then had some engine trouble that required installing a new cylinder after disassembling and triling the plane back to Dunn from where Bob Rychel and I put the plane down in Scotsmoor on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are in the final stages of getting Tango ready to fly again! The engine is repaired and I have been ground running it and it seems to be running well. The engine has been signed off to use again. Next is the inspection and logbook entries that state the plane has been re assembled and the flight controls re rigged properly.

The first flight will be soon and I can begin flying regularly again once I’m assured everything is as it should be and the new cylinder has been broken in. It has been a long dry spell for me and I’m anxious to be back in the saddle again.

**Larry**



**Rigging Tango**





**Dave Webb – keeping Dunn Airpark beautiful**

**Good job Dave**

**Chapter**

Breakfast report ▶ Inbox x



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What a nice day for breakfast. We had 115 regular diners plus 5 discounted late comers, note on print out. I did not get a plane count today.

Becky & Herman

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# **Chapter Breakfast**

**Sat. Oct. 2, 2021**

**8:00 AM Dunn Airpark**

**Titusville (X21), FL**

# **Chapter Meeting**

**Weds. Oct. 6, 2021**

**7:00 PM Dunn Airpark**

**Bldg. 10 489 N Williams ave**

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