

# EAA Smilin Jack Chapter 866 November 2017 Newsletter



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



**It seems to me like October went by in a *FLASH!* We had a very nice pancake breakfast last month serving up well over 100 guests. We also had a very impressive turn-out for our annual Young Eagles Rally! It was a Great Day for the youngsters and for our chapter members.**





You all did a great job getting the word out about the Young Eagle Rally and rounding up candidates to fly. So good of a job in fact, that we were not able to fly all of the eager young flyers before the weather got too uncomfortable for rides. Even with the breezy conditions, our volunteer pilots managed to fly 30 Young Eagles and there were a lot of smiles and excitement to go around. Each of those Young Eagles went home with a Certificate, a Log Book, a *Smilin' Jack* Chapter patch, and a very special memory! I managed to show a couple of aviation videos in the chapter building using the new Audio Video equipment that Richard engineered. I had hoped that some folks could pass the time watching an EAA video while they waited for their airplane ride, and a few did. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the pilots, all the volunteers, and to your Young Eagle Coordinator Larry Gilbert for making this such a successful event again this year! The worst part of the event was having to turn away so many folks who had patiently waited for two or three hours to get a ride. So, we will be holding a "make-up" Y-E rally later this month on Saturday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll make every effort to fly the rest of the young folks who registered with us so that none of them miss the opportunity to go for an airplane ride. We'll talk more about that at the chapter meeting on Wednesday Nov. 1st.

In other Chapter 866 news, I recently stopped by to see the wonderful progress that Steve Quickel is making on his RV-12 project, and his craftsmanship is absolutely first rate! You should drop by and check it out sometime. Other projects in the chapter continue to move forward as well, including the Jim Morgan RV-6A that Bob Rychel is working on. Since we finished building the Panther, Bob has jumped back onto the RV-6A project and already has it sitting on its landing gear with the engine mounted! Just Amazing! Some other chapter members have made some interesting aviation-related trips recently, and I'm sure they will share their stories with us. So be sure not to miss the regular chapter meeting this month if you want to hear more project reports and updates.

As for the new Panther, since doing the first flight back in September, I've continued to spend time getting to know our sporty little airplane! The Phase 1 flight testing on this nimble steed continues and I'm up to around 7.5 hours of flight time, and about fifteen take-offs and landings so far. The FAA gave us a 40 hour flight test period and a 40 nautical mile radius from home for our Phase-1 test period. The little plane sure is teaching me a lot! Even the great Arthur Duncan might be impressed with my new Rudder-Pedal-Tap-Dancing skills!



The Panther LS sport plane. N866BR, our 'Little Red Wagon' of the sky



*Smilin' Jack* and your Chapter 866 President - Patrolling the skies over Arthur Dunn Airpark

Keep on Building, Flying, and Flippin those *Smilin'-Flap-Jacks*!

Les Boatright (EAA #563003)

President EAA 866, The Smilin' Jack Chapter

## ***Young Eagles..... It Ain't over yet!***

It seemed like 10/21 would never get here because the Y-E event was on my mind every day for a couple of months. On thurs 10/20 I told Loretta just a couple of more days and this Young Eagle stuff will all be out of our minds for this year anyway. We did a lot of planning and most of it worked out. We had over a period of months, lined up nine pilots and airplanes for the 21<sup>st</sup>. That was the one thing that we thought we didn't have to worry about. We were concentrating our efforts on getting the candidates more than anything and worried about not having enough to keep the pilots busy. Murphy's law kicked in and at our briefing we discussed the fact that the forecast for Sat at 9:00 am the wind will be 090@14G21 kts. Our wise and responsible pilots had second thoughts about flying someone's child in their airplane in those conditions and opted out. Some of us decided that we would see what developed in the morning. A shortage of airplanes and a surplus of candidates developed! Instead of nine airplanes we had only five airplanes and one of those wouldn't start when it came time to fly so we were left with 3 taildraggers and 1 nose dragger light sport airplane. All of them 2 place airplanes. We started flying and the high winds never materialized so another chapter member brought his 2 place nose dragger out to fly some of the youth. Four of us took advantage of the reduced X wind component (090@9kts) to use rwy 04 with a little more headwind component. The airport groomer, Mickey, made sure that rwys 04/22 were in top notch condition the grass was in good condition and no hay lying on the ground to tangle things up. I for one do appreciate that! With 5 planes we flew 30 Young Eagles and it took from 8:00 am to almost 1:00 pm to do that. So, 72 candidates showed and only 30 flew. A decision was made to re schedule a day for flying those who didn't get to fly. That day is Nov. 18.

What went very right was the registration and certificate process that was set up in bldg.. 10. The flow of paperwork went very well with Loretta's set up and with a table full of cookies and rice crispy treats that she made, the kids had a field day with this. Laura Wood did a wonderful job of taking pictures! Les did some ground school and visual video stuff with my laptop in the meeting room Eddie looked like he was doing some ground school too so, there was enough activity at all times to keep the kids busy. Two CAP cadets and their supervisors helped a lot out too. The disappointing part is that not all got to fly. I've been in touch via email with these 42 except for those who gave us an incorrect address (3 or 5) and gotten response from several. Most of these have been positive although a couple can't make it. It amazes me that the word got out to some so far away from Titusville. I did a ride with one from Orange City, at least one was from St. Cloud and a couple of were from Deland! Bill Heffron contacted Tville High School and at least 6 from the aviation program there showed up. Herman got a few as a result of his and Becky's efforts and other than the good Facebook response we got and the banner on our building got us a few. Loretta and I made physical sales calls to several local churches. I know you all made a good effort to recruit these Young Eagle candidates too. Good job!

We have 8 planes and pilots who say they'll fly and one who said he'd help if needed on the 18th. If the wx cooperates and everyone is well, it should be a beautiful thing. Hopefully our ground crew will return in force. I will be in touch with you all via email for the Nov. 18 event. I have the insurance coverage in place too. The Airport Authority no longer requires an event permit for Y-E Rallies.

Larry

## ***Hangar Talk***

After the Young Eagle rallies pilots involved in flying the kids generally stop at our hangar and we talk about how much fun we had flying these folks and mention our favorite candidate and the flight. Jeff Wilde and Ben and I were telling the stories about our flights and I remember Jeff telling about a 17 yr old girl named Sophie and how she has made her mind up already (before the Y-E flight) that her goal is to become an airline pilot! Her first flight in a light plane, an ELSA with a Wilde pilot!

Ben told us about a 13 yr old young man from Mims named Jaylen who was very pleasant to fly with.

My story is my flight with C'hi, a 12 yr old girl from Titusville. She is a wonderful outgoing lady who just made my day by talking about how beautiful it was flying out over the St. Johns River in flood stage. When I told her that the St. Johns River is one of two rivers in the US that flows to the North she was pleased to learn this and said that she would be telling all of her friends about this. I asked her where she went to school and she told me that she is being home schooled. She has a wonderful attitude about everything and is very bright! We also talked about the three axis of flight and demonstrated how they are controlled.



**She learned!**

**My most fun flight!**

Larry

**All of the pictures that Laura took will be available for viewing on our Facebook page soon**



Jeff and girl who aspires to be an airline pilot



Young man from Mims with Ben



My favorite ride was with this girl. So eager to learn! We're discussing roll control.



Bob w YE



Buck Crenshaw w new Y-E

**Some reminders about upcoming events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place/Info</b>
Nov. 1	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 2-4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Deland Sport Aviation Showcase ( <a href="http://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/">http://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/</a> )	DeLand Arpt (KDED) Thursday thru Saturday
Nov. 4	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Nov. 9	<b>FAA Safety Team Seminar - "Engine Failure Prevention and Survival"</b> Topic: Diego's Actual Engine Failure in a C-172 and the ATC Recording of Mayday	<b>Location:</b> Servant Air Ministries Hangar 471 Manor Drive, <b>Merritt Island</b> at 7 PM
Nov. 11	<b>Veteran's Day Holiday</b>	
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Chapter 866 Young Eagles Rally – Make-Up Day</b>	Arthur Dunn Airpark, Bldg 10 8AM to 1PM, Weather Permitting
Nov. 18	Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.)	Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am
Nov. 23	<b>Thanksgiving Day Holiday</b>	
Dec. 2	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Dec. 6	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Dec. 16	Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.)	Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am
Dec. 25	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
Jan. 1	<b>New Year's Day Holiday - 2018</b>	
Jan. 3	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Jan. 6	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Jan. 20	Valkaria Chapter 1288 - Pancake Breakfast (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.)	Valkaria Arpt (X59) 8-10 am
Jan. 24-27	Annual Sebring U.S. Sport Aviation Expo ( <a href="https://www.sportaviationexpo.com/">https://www.sportaviationexpo.com/</a> )	Sebring Regional Arprt (KSEF)
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.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/">http://www.flysnf.org/sun-n-fun-intl-fly-expo/</a> )	Lakeland Linder Arpt (KLAL)
July 23-29	OSHKOSH – EAA AirVenture 2018 ( <a href="https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure">https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure</a> )	Wittman Regional Arprt (KOSH)

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## **Chapter Meeting**

**Weds. Nov. 1, 2017, 7:00 pm**

**Building 10 meeting room**

**Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl**

## **Chapter Breakfast**

**Sat. Nov. 4, 2017, 8:00 am**

**Building 10**

**Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl**

## **Chapter Young Eagles Make Up Day**

**Sat. Nov. 18, 2017, 8:00 am**

**Bldg 10, Dunn Airpark**

**Titusville Fl**