

EAA Smilin 'Jack chapter 866 Newsletter

Nov. 2020



A display of some of our chapter airplanes and some of our members who showed for the Oct. 24 chapt. event at Dunn



Greetings Members and Friends of EAA Chapter 866,

I hope you are enjoying the recent turn of cooler and dryer weather we're having as the Fall season is now upon us. I find it much more pleasant when I can walk outside and my eyeglasses don't immediately turn into a pair of "Foggles"!

Sanford Airshow:

I also hope you're getting to enjoy some great aviation activities. We didn't make it to the Sanford Airshow this past weekend, but the USAF Thunderbird Flight Demonstration Team was there, and it looks like it was a fun time for all! I think this was the last Thunderbird show of the season before they take a break for Winter training.

The Sanford airshow was sponsored by Lockheed-Martin, and there were flight demonstrations by the Lockheed F-16 Viper, the Lockheed F-22 Raptor, the Lockheed F-35 Lighting II, and a helicopter air-to-air refueling demonstration by the famous Lockheed C-130 Hercules, among many other aerial performances. If anyone made it to the show, then please come to the Chapter meeting on Wednesday and give us a report!

There are several videos of the airshow posted online (Youtube, etc.) if you're interested.

(Here's one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoZy2AeLGzo>).

October Chapter Cook-Out:

As Chapter President, I'd like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the recent Chapter Cook-out! It was a nice way to give a send-off to Ed & Kimberly as they leave us for their new airpark home in South Carolina. They have been such a tremendous benefit to the Chapter, and it's sure hard to let them go!

I counted somewhere around 35-40 people at the cook-out and there was enough delicious hamburgers, hot-dogs, and other food to feed at least twice that many folks. For those that grilled, cooked and brought food, and helped to clean up afterward, Thank You for your efforts! We had planned to watch a movie also, but after a long day and a full belly, it seemed like the interest in the movie had faded quite a bit. I walked around and polled almost everyone there, and we decided to skip the movie, maybe another time.

Pancake Breakfasts:

As a reminder, we are planning to have a Chapter Member's only pancake breakfast on Nov. 7th. Think of this as "Recurrency Training", it will be an opportunity to warm up our grills and dust off our breakfast procedures. We'll talk more about this at the Wednesday Chapter meeting, so please plan to attend! If all goes well with our warm-up breakfast next Saturday, then we will plan to hold the December breakfast on Dec. 5th, and open it to the public.

Young Eagles & Eagles Flight:

As you know, our Chapter used to hold an annual Young Eagle event in the Fall of the year. However, we have not had a Young Eagles Coordinator for the last coupla years, and thus we haven't held a Y-E rally. In all honesty,

this year has been a particularly tough year for holding any sort of event. Mainly, I want to let everyone know that I've had some communications from a gentleman over at the Valiant Air Command museum, and they still have some interest in the EAA Young Eagles activities in some fashion. My point of all this is to simply put out a call for volunteers. If you are interested in coordinating some Young Eagles activities, then please let us know. The EAA website has a ton of guidance, good information and resources to help.

In fact, this year EAA HQ has rolled out something new called Young Eagles Workshops which offer young people an opportunity to learn about aviation in a social setting at a local airport, with some classroom style and hands-on-style activities that are geared to introduce kids to the basic elements of airplanes and aviation.

Here's a link to more information about the Young Eagle Workshops:

<https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/young-eagles-and-youth-activities/eaa-young-eagles-workshops>

In addition to Young Eagles, the folks at Headquarters have developed a program for adults who are interested in learning to fly. EAA's Eagle Flights is a free introductory flight experience and informal mentoring program designed to welcome and encourage adults who want to discover flying, but don't know how or where to take that first step. It begins with a hands-on introduction, where you'll fly with a local EAA-member pilot who will let you follow along at the controls of the airplane to get a feel for what being a pilot is all about.

More about Eagle Flights Here:

<https://eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/introductory-flights-for-free/eaa-eagle-flights-program>

As you can see, there are a lot of "initiatives" and opportunities within EAA that we as a Chapter can become involved with. It all depends on where we want to place our focus. I recognize there's also a risk of having too many things going on, to the point that our "initiatives" exceed our Chapter resources.

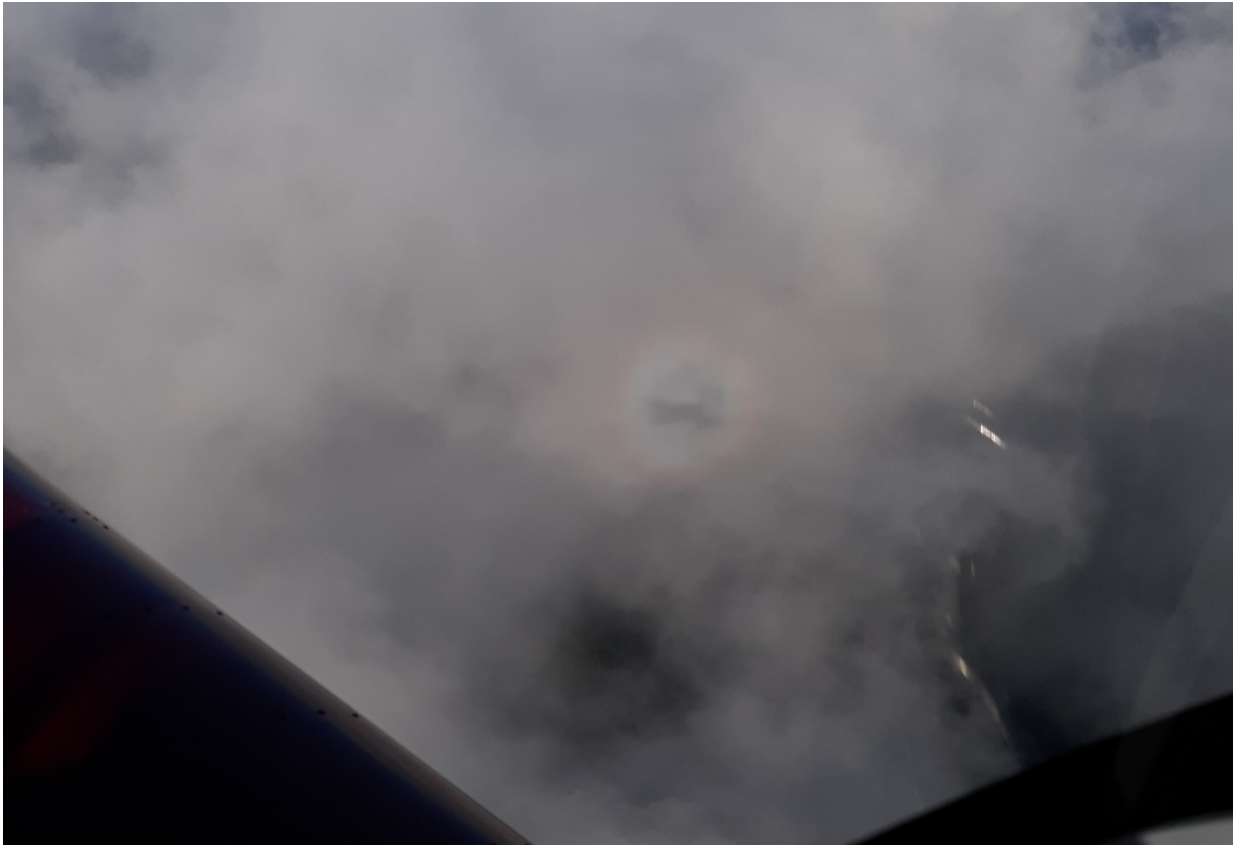
Officer Elections:

As we approach the end of the year, it is time to think about Chapter officer elections. In previous years, we've had the luxury of simply voting to "re-confirm" the existing cadre of Chapter officers. This year we will have some vacancies to fill, and I would like to encourage everyone to consider serving the chapter as an officer. The requirements for Chapter officers are outlined in our Chapter By-Laws, and I can supply anyone with a copy if they need one. We are blessed to have a very talented and accomplished group of people within the ranks of our membership. Being a Chapter officer is a rewarding experience, and the Chapter would benefit from the diversity of knowledge, skills, and experiences that any new officers would bring.

Winter Party Planning & Chapter Membership Dues Renewal:

At our last meeting, Debra graciously offered to coordinate our Winter Party in January. So our Winter Party planning is underway. Please take a moment to offer some help to Debra for the Winter Party planning and execution, . . . making calls, decorating, finding and scheduling entertainment, & ideas for door prizes, these are all tasks where you might be able to help. Most of all, please remember to Thank Debra for all the great work she does for our Chapter!!

When we have a date and a location all set, we will get Winter Party tickets printed and start selling them to the membership right away. This is also the time of year when we start to renew our Chapter Membership Dues and update the chapter roster. Please keep your dues current, and help us to keep our chapter roster current.



Others Dream of what Pilots have seen . . .

Seeing your shadow reflected off the top a cumulus cloud, encircled by a rainbow . . . Priceless!

Weekend Flying:

I saw some of our chapter members out at the airport on Saturday giving their airplanes a good workout. It was a nice day to fly, just a bit breezy, but the visibility was great in the morning, and it was a beautiful time to get some air under your wings!

I managed to get a good flight in the Panther on Saturday morning, including some slow flight, stalls, Lazy-8's, steep turns, and just general patrolling the skies around the Space Coast before returning to the airport for some pattern work. It is always rewarding when you can do a big Lazy-8 and feel that little "thump" when you hit your own wake!! I did that 3 times out of about 8 or 9 Lazy-8's! Somehow though, I managed to log about 4 of the worst landings I'd had in a long time. I could try to blame the crosswinds, but they were not all that bad. It just means I need more practice, and that means more flying!! And that's a good thing!!

I hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting, and at the upcoming breakfast events! And I hope you feel like a kid again every time you take off !!

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

Les Boatright

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President, EAA Chapter 866

The *Smilin' Jack* Chapter

CHAPTER MEETING

We WILL be holding our Regular NOVEMBER Monthly Chapter meeting at Arthur Dunn Airpark, Building 10.

Please Join Us on Wednesday NOV 4th at 7PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Some reminders about upcoming Chapter events & others:

Date	Calendar Event	Place/Info
Nov. 4 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Nov. 7 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Intended as small "Members Only" Breakfast . . . To warm up our grills & dust off our procedures . . .	Building 10 / 7-9 am Chapter 866 Members
Nov 11 th	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY	
Nov 26 th	THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY	
Dec. 2 nd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting (Officer Elections)	Building 10 / 7 pm

Dec. 5 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Tentatively ON, & OPEN to Public . . .	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Dec. 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY	
Jan. 1 st , 2021	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	
Jan. 2 nd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast Tentatively ON, & OPEN to Public . . .	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Jan. 6 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
TBD	WINTER PARTY – EAA Chapter 866	TBD
Jan. 28-30 th	DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase https://www.sportaviationshowcase.com/ (Re-Scheduled from Nov. to Jan. 2021, Due to COVID) (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	DeLand Municipal Airport (KDED)
Feb. 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Feb. 6 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
Mar. 3 rd	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
Mar. 6 th	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
April 3 rd	OUR Chapter 866 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	Building 10 / 8-10 am
April 7 th	Regular Chapter 866 Monthly Meeting	Building 10 / 7 pm
April 13- 18 th , 2021	Sun-N-Fun Fly-In (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	Lakeland, FL (KLAL)
July 26 th - Aug 1 st , 2021	EAA Airventure (<i>Fingers Crossed</i>)	Oshkosh, WI (KOSH)

PLEASE, SEND IN in any additions or updates to our Calendar of Events. Thanks!

A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

By: David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

Vice President of EAA Chapter 252

EAA Membership Development Manager

The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together, and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all of our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events.

This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation, and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.



One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back, and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator, or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization!

We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.

It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit www.EAA.org/Legacy to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By gifting a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!

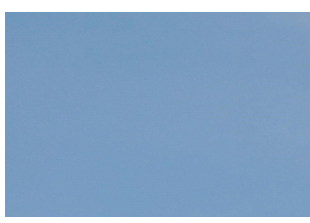
Message from EAA Hdqtrs

November 2020 – Now that November is here, it is time for your chapter to begin considering who you will nominate for leadership positions for the 2021 chapter year.

The best way to ensure the continued health and well-being of a chapter is to get the right people to take on officer roles. A best practice is to form a nominating committee of a few members to identify the best people and then recruit them for the position. As we discuss during our EAA Chapter Leadership Training Academies and Boot Camps, do not leave elections to chance, hoping a capable person will raise their hand. The nominating committee often will have to use a bit of flattery and arm-twisting to get the candidate over their initial objections of not having time or the presence of better candidates.

When the nominating committee does its job, the election becomes a mere formality and the continued health of the chapter is ensured.

Now that officer elections are just around the corner, be sure your chapter is prepared. It is not too late to get your chapter nominating committee in place and prepared to bring candidates forward.



Last Months Flying

Larry Gilbert

October was a lot of fun for me as the turf runway has gotten pretty solid again since it has stopped raining every day.

Bob Rychel and I managed to get an hour in with the Citabria. Bob was flying and he demonstrated his steep turning, slow flight and stalling maneuvers while I enjoyed the scenery and the ride. You know, it's fun to, every once in a while just go as a passenger!

Fred Burgess wanted to fly the Citabria so, I got another ride! Fred wanted to see if he could still handle a tail dragger as he hasn't flown one for decades. He's been flying a long time and is IFR, commercial, CFI, and helicopter rated. Oh, he can still handle a tail wheel airplane too! That was a fun ride for me.

Joe Marshall has a really nice Piper PA 28 – 140 Cherokee with double automatic every stuff on the instrument panel and we did some flying in that plane too. Joe is working on his flight review with me and we did a little xc stuff and locally, a bunch of x wind takeoffs and landings including a few power off landings next time we go, it will be the dreaded stalls, steep turns, slow flight and emergency procedures etc. Joe and I were going to fly on Mon. Nov2, so, he stopped at our hangar that morning and told me he was going to do the preflight and I said OK and I would meet him at his hangar in a few minutes. So, when I headed up to his hangar I noticed that the windsock was straight out and right down rwy 33. Well, I thought that if it stays right down 33 it be fun to land in that direct wind and have 15+ kts taken off our ground speed. Since Joe was PIC I didn't say anything about the wind to him just to see how this would work out. Before we taxied he checked AWOS and wind 020/16G22. We taxied out and I asked him how he felt about flying today and he said, "great, why do you ask?" Then he glanced up at the windsock as we passed it and said "wow, that's windy maybe we ought to postpone this!" About that time a C172 made a wing rocking approach and once they were close to landing, powered up to go around and then announced that they were departing the pattern. We didn't go. I consider that a good lesson! Know your limitations!

The windsock (new terminology Windcone) – WHY? The windcone was straight out and showing a 50° xwind off rwy 33 that Monday. Sometimes we listen to AWOS and don't really hear it, do we? I know that happens a lot because when I'm doing flight reviews and other training and we are returning to our airport the pilot tunes AWOS and it plays and then it's back to CTAF we're headed to the airport and I ask what runway we'll be using. Some times they ask me which one I want to use! We have to tune and hear AWOS again. Some times we listen to AWOS and don't hear it and that means tune it in again and hear what it says and use this information to plan for a runway.

Carlos Rosaly gave me a ride in his beautiful RV8. What a nice airplane and fine pilot he is! He let me do some turns and lazy 8s and just fly it around some. It handles like a fighter! (I never flew a fighter but, that must be a little like one) He has a cruise prop on a O360 Lycoming pulling it along nicely. Out of the North and approaching Dunn we were going 180 kts! We were headed slightly down hill though. He greased it on 33 with a wheel landing!
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Misc Stuff with our members at X21

Eddie Brennan has been around and is working on getting the time flown off the Zenith Cruzer he built. He talks to me about his flights and he is being diligent about doing the flight tests called for in stage one. He is always excited about the flights when he makes them and loves to talk about these. It's fun to see him so enthused!

Bob Rychel has completed hi Xflight auto pilot installation but hasn't had a chance to test fly the plane due to an engine issue. He'll work on it till it's fixed for sure. I think he's getting close to a fix.

Mario Jiminez has completed his Xflight auto pilot installation in his Mustang 2 and is in the process of test flying and fine tuning it.

Larry



"He's a Chihuahua/Great Dane mix."

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Weds. 11/4/20 7pm
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