



Pictured above Kip Anderson departing X21 in his new Sonex

President's Message

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving- fellowship, family, friends and good food- we all have much to be thankful for!

November was more of a month of preparation- Les and Eddie spent a good deal of time on our entry for the Titusville Christmas Parade. Shortening the wing on our display plane and putting on new wing tips and painting, prep for the trailer and gathering all of those parts. Thanks for doing that. A few of us showed up on the 23rd for a workday to get most of the finish up done. Thanks again, Stu, for allowing the use of your trailer. You'll notice that the hangar space in Building 10 is a little rearranged and the meeting room has a different config as well, in prep for the parade and our speaker.

The November breakfast was well attended in spite of threatening weather, but December will be better.

Merritt Island hosted a Young Eagles Rally on the 16th of the month and some of our members helped out with that.

We did not have a speaker for November, instead, took care of business items and discussed the parade, our holiday party in January and our monthly projects updates.

Bob is getting close with his CH750- This is quite an amazing project- I had the opportunity to see it myself and give myself a good kick in the pants for not making better progress on the Twister!

Richard and I have done quite a bit of prep work on the control surfaces of the Twister and now we have ailerons, elevators, horizontals and the rudder painted in finish colors. A little wax and they will go into their places in the trailer. The left wing is ready for primer and paint and we have bent fuel lines and have them ready for connection.

Loretta and Larry made some really fabulous cream puffs for last meeting – thank you for the great treats!

No one objected when Ben and Eddie suggested I continue to serve an additional term as your Chapter President. Thank you all for trusting me to do this. It has been an honor to serve this year as your President and it has been one of the most interesting years of my life! I have learned so much from all of you!

Chapter Insurance through EAA has been line, and when they receive our check, it will effect for 2014. There are some changes and prohibitions.



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After watching so many of you take off from 4/22 on Young Eagles Day, I joined the club November 26th with my first Young Eagles two kids I hope will go further in aviation. was Massey Airpark north to the Ponce Inlet following the shoreline back to Massey. It was so much fun for me! I think they might have had a pretty good time, too! The 14 year old was ready to start Ground School when we got back!

15/33 and on flight for Our route Lighthouse

Please remember to get your Party tickets- \$25 each which includes your annual Chapter dues. Herman will have the tickets available at the meeting and again on Saturday. The party will be held January 11th at La Cita Country Club in Titusville. Kimberly has promised us a very nice party...

This month the breakfast is on the 7th of December. Let's hope for a good turn-out. December 7th is Pearl Harbour Day and it is always a good time to remember how dearly won our freedom to do as we like, including fly, is. Thank you to all of our Veterans who made the sacrifice, so that we might have those freedoms to enjoy!

Our speaker for December will be Francis Chapman from Airbus. He will be giving a presentation for us about Flight Testing the Airbus A-380. I hope everyone will turn out for this very special presentation. Frank is a former Chapter President from the Panhandle area. He will be here for other business and offered us this great topic. So come prepared to be learn something new and ask some questions!

Happy Holidays to everyone...

Blue Skies,

Deborah Van Treuren,

President

This Month's Flying --- Valkaria Breakfast

Loretta and I try to fly down to Valkaria on the 3rd Sat. of ea. Month for EAA Chapter 1288's breakfast. Last month we missed because of the Y-E event at Dunn, this month we made it! TV forecast was light rain down at (Valkaria) but, my Foreflight App showed ceiling at 4,000' vis. 7 miles and that's pretty good so we headed out at 8:30 and made the trip down in 41 min. We flew down the Indian river at 1,000' so, because of that we had to talk to the three controllers at those airports whose class "D" airspace cross the river and that was no problem. Arriving there I saw that **rwyt 10/28*** was all torn up as they are rebuilding this runway. Wind was from SE so we landed on 14.

Their chapter has use of a brand new hangar for the breakfast. It is not very far from where they've held it for the last couple of years. We sat with Brevard Co. Commissioner Trudy Infantini. I said to her that it was nice of her to support a local event like this and the only time we see public office holders and politicians at our breakfast is when it's near election time. I said it just to be funny but she acted a little offended by this. Airport Manager Steve Borowski was also at our table. We complimented them on the tremendous improvements at X59. I was kidding when I told Steve that our landing on *rwy 10 was kinda rough. He looked at me and said "you need a flight review if you landed on 10!" He invited us to a special rock concert being held as a celebration for the renovation of the airport. This will be Nov. 24th at the airport and all are invited, it runs from 12:30 – 8:30pm. **Big news there for those of us who like turf runways, there will be turf runways running parallel to the main paved runways.** Our Citabria really likes turf and we'll be using the turf for our landings from now on.

For those who are interested in supporting their breakfast, they do a nice job and have some good stuff to eat, the chapter people are nice folks and the airport is rapidly becoming a first class place. - Larry



Les Boatright and his father with the Ford Trimotor

I took my Dad to Jacksonville about 10 days ago to meet up with the EAA Ford Tri-motor and we took a ride together.

Even though he was never a pilot or mechanic, My Dad is the one who took me to see my first airshow when I was about 5 or 6 years old and lit the airplane spark in me.

Even though Dad turned 80 this year, he was still younger than the airplane (which is 84); there was also another gentleman on our flight who was 89 and told a story about when he took a short sight-seeing ride in a Tri-Motor as a kid, flying off the beach in Jacksonville for a mere 50 cents!

Les

Website

Have you seen the website that chapter member Ron Thompson put together? Check it out and send your member information and pictures of your flying activities and tell us about yourself, things like what you've flown, where and when you learned to fly. If you've built a plane or two and you have pictures send them to Ron and the stuff will be up on the website real soon. Check it out at 866.eeachapters.org.

Facebook

EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter 866 is our official facebook page. We will post events and news about our chapter on this page as needed.

For Sale

2011 Jabiru engine 2200 – used on Zenith 650, firewall forward for sale. This engine has approx.. 110 hrs on it. Installed on new Zenith 650 last year. This includes the Grand Rapids EIS eng monitoring system, lots of accessories included too! \$9,500.00

Reason for selling, want more power, installing Viking 110 hp

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Chapter meeting Weds. 12 04 13 - 7:00 pm Bldg.10, N. Williams Ave., Dunn Airpark, Titusville, Fl 32796

Special Program!! Frank Chapman, Airbus Test Pilot, will speak about Flight Testing the A380!!

Chapter Monthly Breakfast Sat. 12 07 13

Bldg. 10 Dunn airpark 8:00 am

See Our EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter Float in the Titusville Christmas Parade – Dec 14 Starts at 6:00 pm At Miracle City Mall and Moves North on Washington Ave to Broad St (Near garden St)

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