

EAA Smilin 'Jack Chapter 866 December 21 newsletter



*Joe Marshall and Les Boatright do a deal – even trade (not really, just thought the two red vehicles, nose to nose would make a neat picture)
Picture is of Joe and his new Corvette and Les with the Panther built by him along with Eddie and Bob*



Hello to all EAA Chapter Members and Friends,

Thanks to all who participated in the workday November 20th. I was very impressed that so many of you came out and worked so enthusiastically! I turned my back and everything was out of the building, the floors were washed, the shelves were re-arranged, the files cleaned out, and the meeting room was put in order. I was flabbergasted by the teamwork and spirit of helpfulness by all. It was so nice to sit down and enjoy some food and conversation as we all finished up. It is refreshing to enjoy everyone getting together -we make a great team!

As we have now moved into the holiday season, our Christmas (complimentary) breakfast will be served as usual, Saturday December 4th. This is typically one of the best attended breakfasts of the year. Our meeting this month – Wednesday December 1st, will feature a discussion on planning long distance cross-country flights. Bring along your experiences of flying to the west coast of our great country. I hope to bring a video of the latest flying trip that Bob and I took to Nevada, a brief talk on

maintaining a healthy engine and an update on the holiday party to be held January 29th. In addition to all of this we will have a representative of the TICO airport authority as a guest speaker. One more thing: I would like to ask if anyone might be interested in a club project. One member (Tom) has mentioned that he may be interested in building an ultralight type. It would be more fun if others were interested also. More details for discussion at the meeting. All of you are encouraged to add your own ideas and suggestions for meeting topics.

This is also the month we hold our election of officers. Unless something changes before the meeting - since I have yet to talk to anyone who wants to volunteer for office or change out the current slate of officers - I will be taking nominations from those who attend – then we will hold our election by paper ballot – and write-ins will be encouraged. A photo ID will not be required – even though we are in Florida!

I hope to have a flying/food event in January – similar in idea to the “Pie In” we tried to have a couple of years ago. The weather did not cooperate for that event, so we drove and had fun anyways. Bring your ideas to the December meeting.

This month’s member spotlight is on: **Deborah Van Treuren**



Deborah was born into a military family at Camp Zama, Japan, which is southwest of Tokyo. Her Dad was in the Army Special Forces Engineer Corps. She quickly became accustomed to changing location about every two years.

When she was one year old, her rapidly growing family relocated to the States via ship to the Port of Seattle, then on to Gary, Indiana, Ft Leonard Wood, MO. And Ft Belvoir (Arlington),VA. There were other stateside assignments then on to Germany, Okinawa and Korea. Needless to say, travelling became a way of life. As the family moved, they increased in numbers – she has four sisters and a brother.

Then in 1970, the family returned to the States – settling in Merritt Island. Nearing the end of his military service, her dad was reassigned to Vietnam then stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. After the Army, the family stayed on Merritt Island. Deborah became a Mustang – graduating from Merritt Island High. Afterwards, she attended The University of Florida, joined the Gator Guard Precision Drill Team as part of Army ROTC training. She later graduated with a degree in Business Management.

She had a successful career in Real Estate for over 30 years. Early in her career, she met her husband Richard and they built a “Dome Home” in Edgewater – where they reside today.

They have traveled to 6 continents and 69 countries ranging from Greenland to the tip of South America. She credits her travelling childhood with her desire to travel to this day.

Deborah had always had an interest in flying – but was discouraged from learning by her father. Ironically, after his death, she discovered that her father had been a pilot – but the family did not know this until they discovered his log books while going through his belongings.



First Flight. Photo: Larry Gilbert

Along the way, Richard's interest in airships brought them in contact with Australian Rowan Partridge. His own interest in airships and alternative history would inspire him to pen *ZRS: Zeppelin Rigid Scout*, as if rigid airships had been fully utilized in WWII. The author agreed to give them the movie rights for the book. The experimental "Twister" aircraft resembled BU Aer Design #124 which could fit in the Hangar bay of the USS *Macon*. As a result, they sought to find and purchase a kit. The perfect kit was found in California in 2011. The plan was for Richard and

friends to build the plane and use it in the movie.

Tell me again what's wrong with doing an engine top down overhaul in the family Room?



The catch was they needed a pilot; since Deborah always wanted to learn to fly – this was her chance. She wanted to learn in a taildragger, so she began her instruction in 2010 with our own favorite instructor and pancake chef extraordinaire, Larry Gilbert. He brought her to the verge of solo in his Citabria, *Fancy*, but his insurance policy would not allow students to solo in his aircraft. Deborah transitioned to the Cessna 172 to complete her training and obtain her private pilot's license.

Work was completed in 2017, and the airworthy designation was granted by the FAA. The Twister was trailered to Oshkosh and put on display during Airventure to generate publicity for the movie.



Concurrently, with her interest in fabrication work, she began to volunteer at the annual EAA convention in Oshkosh – in the Aeroplane Factory restoration shop. She learned how to work with fabric and was soon assisting in the fabric shop in the forum area. Next, she learned composites and found she had an aptitude there also. It wasn't long before she was co-chairman of the composite workshop at the Sun 'n Fun event in Lakeland each April. She managed to cut costs by contacting Aircraft Spruce and Specialty Company – who agreed to donate many of the materials that she needed to run the composite workshop.

While she was in pilot training, she would purchase her charts and any supplies from the Aero Supply shop in Daytona. There she met Vicky Sherman who asked her to be involved in the FAA FAAST Team and by 2018, she became an official FAAST Team representative. The FAA holds informative monthly meetings to promote aviation safety.

Deborah served as our Smilin' Jack – Chapter 866 president from 2013 through 2015 – and she did a great job. When asked if she would serve again, she replied that her present position as Breakfast Coordinator was enough for her to handle – along with all of the other things she is involved with.

Everyone would agree that we would not be able to put on the wonderful breakfasts that we have each month without her! Not to mention her skills at the egg grill! It is so encouraging each month for our guests to be

greeted by her smiling face and bubbly personality, along with “how do you want your eggs”?

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Titusville, Florida. The November EAA Chapter 866 meeting was held on the 3rd at the regular meeting location, 480 N Williams Ave, in

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 25 chapter members. Visitor Kieth Sole introduced himself, explain he is considering an airplane project.

A video of Bob Rychel’s first flight in the red Panther was presented.

Mathew Barnes of SkyDive Space Center made a presentation about his experiences in pilot training and as a King Air “jump pilot” taking up skydivers. Mrs. Charity Barnes accompanied the presentation. Members pummeled Mr. Barnes with questions ranging from technical details about flying the King Air to best-practice for members to co-operate with skydive operations.

Deborah Van Treuren explained the plan to have our Spruce Creek comrades perform a “missing man” formation to honor our fallen member Cedric Jackson at the Saturday breakfast.

Deborah’s husband explained some updates and enhancements he made to the Chapter’s computer and presentation / entertainment system.

The meet adjourned at about 8:00 pm for refreshments.

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

Deland Light Sport Expo



Loretta posed for me by the picture at the entrance to the show

The show ran from Thurs. Nov. 11 till Saturday the 13th and I thought that Saturday would be the best day to go because it would be well attended on that day. Really wanted to fly Tango up there as we have for the two previous shows but, we were having an issue with the left brake and I don't fly when the brakes aren't working. Beside that we couldn't have flown in anyway in the morning as they as they had a low ceiling and were IFR. We got there about 09:00. After the first circuit around the displays I stopped in to talk to the iFly person. There was a man talking with the rep. and another waiting to talk with him so, I waited about 15 minutes and left. I talked with another vendor who had a portable flight simulator in an enclosed trailer and offered services to people who wanted to save money by logging legal time working toward an instrument rating. He'd even bring the thing to your house and leave it there while you and your instructor used, (rented) it . Claims to save you thousands of dollars earning that rating! Interesting conversation! After this I went back to the iFly booth and the same man had the rep. tied up listening and demonstrating his product. He had used at least an hour of the mans time and I don't think he bought anything! When it was my turn I asked him a few questions that he answered to my satisfaction so, I asked if he was offering a show special on the 740b and he offered \$100.00 off and an extended subscription for the charts. I bought it! The other guy was hanging around listening to us. After making the circle around all of the displays three times it was time to head out.

The show was pretty well attended and it was a pleasant time because we met some folks that we hadn't seen for a while and talked with them. We also had a very interesting talk with the Velocity rep concerning the crash of Mr. Jackson at TIX a few weeks back!

Note from Mike Aman

I was at my tailor last week, and he has a rack of "customer never came back" clothes, which he sells for very little. I took a peek and found a size 36 or 38 long flight suit - green, zippers and pockets, Velcro, tag says "Flight Suit, Coveralls, Mens, Fire Resistant" and so forth. Made in the USA (this is the real deal, not some "surplus store knockoff"). The reason it was there is that there was some slight damage to a shoulder, which was fixed by sewing on a "Vietnam 1966" patch on one shoulder and "combat veteran" patch on the other. He wasn't particularly unhappy about losing the fee (a few dollars) for sewing on the patches, but he did complain that he paid out of pocket to have it properly and professionally dry cleaned that's the way he is, do it right or don't get started. I told him I knew some people who might be interested, he said he'd be glad to get \$20 for it, and handed it to me.

So I'll bring it on December 4, someone will get a heckuva deal on something really nice, the tailor will get \$20, and I will have done my good deed for the decade.

Best,

Mike

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The Airport Sign at Dunn

The sign near Bldg. 10 as you enter the parking area was getting kind of grungy looking due to the effect of our weather. You know, fading and discoloring from the intense sunshine and mold due to the high humidity and black stuff on the stones and structure of the sign/monument. A chapter member by the name of Wayne Bullington had taken care of maintenance on this up until he died a few years ago. Before he died, Loretta promised that she would take care of it when he was no longer able. As far as I know our EAA chapter had a very talented artist/builder who built that.

So instead of getting in the way of the cleaning crew at the bldg on Nov 13 we decided that it was time to spruce up the sign. Loretta repainted all of the lettering and markings and I pressure washed it. Probably no one will notice and that's OK. It does look a lot better now!

Larry

The facts are that flying satisfies deeply rooted desires.

For as long as time these desires have hungered vainly for fulfillment.

The horse, and later the motorcar, have merely teased them.

The upward sweep of the airplane signifies release

Bruce Gould, Sky Larking, 1929

A friend of mine gave me a book of 100 Quotes on the Wonder of Flight

I intend to use these in our newsletter from time to time because I really enjoy these.



Larry

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Would you?

If someone asked you for an airplane ride out to the Kennedy Space launch sites and fly past these over the shoreline to the East, could you?

Take a look at the chart illustration and figure it out, if you're interested and get back to me via email or at one of our lying sessions at hangar T3G some morning.

Larry



Chart supplement below

R-2907 B	2000 TO FL 230	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-2907 C	500 TO BUT NOT INCL 2000	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE TRACON
R-2910 A	TO FL 230	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-2910 B, C	TO 6000	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	CENTRAL FLORIDA TRACON
R-2910 D	2000 TO FL 230	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-2910 E	500 TO BUT NOT INCL 2000	INTERMITTENT 0800-2400 †6 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE TRACON
R-2932	TO BUT NOT INCL 5000	CONTINUOUS	MIAMI CNTR
R-2933	5000 TO UNLIMITED	INTERMITTENT BY NOTAM NORMALLY 24 HRS IN ADVANCE	MIAMI CNTR
R-2934	UNLIMITED	INTERMITTENT BY NOTAM NORMALLY 24 HRS IN ADVANCE	MIAMI CNTR
R-2935	11,000 TO UNLIMITED	INTERMITTENT BY NOTAM NORMALLY 24 HRS IN ADVANCE	MIAMI CNTR
R-3005 A, B, D, E	TO 29,000	0600-2400 †24 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-3005 C	TO 29,000	0600-0300 †24 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-3007 A	TO BUT NOT INCL 13,000	0700-2200 MON-FRI †24 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR
R-3007 B	1200 AGL TO BUT NOT INCL 13,000	0700-2200 MON-FRI †24 HRS IN ADVANCE	JACKSONVILLE CNTR

Chapter Meeting
Weds., Dec., 1, 7:00 pm
Bldg. 10 Meeting Room
, 480 N. Williams Ave.
Dunn Airpark (X21)
Titusville, FL 32796

Monthly Breakfast
Sat. Dec. 4, 8:00 am
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Annual Party
Sat. Jan. 29
Indian River Preserve
Mims FL

MERRY CHRISTMAS