

EAA 908 HYLITES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EAA CHAPTER 908
SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chapter Happenings

Young Eagles -- March 12th we held a YE Rally at the Chapter Clubhouse. Volunteer turnout was very good. Small turnout of kids, who got rides early.

April Meeting -- Michael Young has a presentation he has on flight planning that he learned of while at Sun N Fun. He also has a new plane to talk about.

Fly Out -- We have a fly out planned for May 7 to go have breakfast in Sebring (KSEF). We'll plan on meeting at 0730, wheels up 0800. While there they have an aerobatic competition we can watch if there's any interest in that. The flight there is 35 minutes. I'll have the aircraft involved displayed on the board for Wednesday's meeting. As of now Paul Dekker, Dave East, and Mike Ketchpaw are the planes lined up right now. Anyone in the flying club interested? Mike Ketchpaw is the leader, let him know.

Sun-N-Fun -- Several members did make it this year, and have some interesting stories.



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KFPR, east end use Taxiway Alpha or Delta to Delta One, or progressive to "EAA Ramp" Pancake fly-in pilots eat free

Mark Your Calendar:

- **April 20th - Chapter Meeting - 7pm**
- **April 23rd - Pancake Breakfast 8a-11a**
- **May 21 - Learn to Fly Day**
- **June 11th - International Young Eagles Day**
- **July 25 - July 31, 2011 - AirVenture Oshkosh**
- **Every Wednesday — coffee and donuts at club house**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**
- **Every Sat. Lunch — Burgers and dogs (except on pancake days)**

President's Corner

Hello again to our members and welcome to a wonderful Spring time here in Fort Pierce where the days and nights have been really great for flying. It's time for me to share some information with you about Chapter events and happenings. International Learn To Fly Day/Young Eagles Rally – Saturday, May 21, 2011: This will be our day to shine and to let the community know who we are and what we do. This is our chance to acquire new members and get the community involved in aviation. Every available Chapter 908 member will be called upon to participate in this important event. Please mark your calendars and look for Chapter announcements on how you can make a difference in promoting our Chapter and sharing aviation with the community. Fly-Outs: You ask for more fly-outs so check out Mike Ketchpaw's fly-out for May 7th. This is the type of activity that was requested by the membership during our Chapter survey so please take advantage of this great opportunity. Sale of Ed Elder's plane: The Board of Directors has not sold the Piper Colt as of this newsletter. We did receive an offer from Chapter member Mike Young for \$10,000.00 but we had just advertised the Colt in Trade-A-Plane and wanted to see if we could get a price closer the Colts true value. Mike has since purchased a Piper Colt tail dragger (108hp) and understandably is no longer interested in the Chapter's plane. Thanks to Mike for his offer and congratulations and best luck on his new purchase. We'll have to see how our advertisement in Trade-A-Plane works out. In the meantime the Colt is in the Chapter's hangar so at least we're is not losing money. New Computer/Flight Simulator: The Board of Directors is determining if we can combine the purchase of a new computer with the purchase of a flight simulator thus saving the Chapter some money. As you are all aware everything is more expensive these days so we need to consider ways to stretch our dollars. Stay tuned for further developments. Hangar Door Tracks: After inspection of all door tracks on the hangars it was determined that part of the door tracks on Lee Roman's and Jim Hooper's (Ed Elder's old hangar) hangars were in need of replacement. The Board is obtaining cost estimates to make appropriate repairs and intends to have the repairs completed as soon as possible. Thanks to Lee Roman for his patience during this process. Outside Lighting: After installation of the new light fixtures on the hangars, Jim Hooper and Mike Young were returning from a night flight and noted that the light on the northwest corner of the hangar was causing a problem in trying to see the taxiway leading to the hangars. Ron Knaggs, Ron Kowalski and Paul Whelan will be working to correct this problem in addition to installing a new light on the clubhouse so light will be focused on the area outside the clubhouse door. My apologies to Paul Whelan for failing to thank him for his time and effort on the initial installation of the new hangar lights. New Planes: If you haven't been out to the clubhouse for a while you're in for a pleasant surprise. Two new planes are tied down outside! Jim Royal's and Ron Kowalski's, so stop by and see these two new additions. See you at the Chapter's general meeting at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

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Close Call -- by Mike Young

I thought the members of Chapter908 would be interested in a close call recently experienced by two members training in a Cessna 150.

Winds calm (but favoring 10R/L) sky clear.

We planned to fly one traffic pattern to a full stop then depart to the Southwest for air work.

When cleared for takeoff we were instructed to fly right traffic for 10R, on climb out that instruction was changed to left traffic for 10L, while climbing crosswind and abeam 10L a Cessna 172 was cleared for takeoff on runway 10L and instructed to follow the Cessna turning left downwind (Us). The student pilot in the 172 acknowledged.

Abeam the numbers we were cleared to land #2 behind another aircraft at 2 ½ miles final. We flew base and turned final for 10L, in the mean time the 172 following us was cleared to land #2 on runway 10R

At approx 1 mile final the 172 passed **in front of us at the same altitude** and about 100' spacing, this was too close for comfort.

After landing, the situation was reported to the Tower by phone and instructions to the student to telephone the tower were heard on the radio.

Later the Tower Chief contacted this crew and advised that the Student had been counseled, apparently he had mis-understood the situation and concentrated on the second aircraft on 10R and ignoring us. (Perhaps the staggered runways contributed to the 172's choice of base track)

CONCLUSIONS

What can be learned from this? Perhaps the Student had not been trained to look along final when flying base leg, **ALWAYS ALWAYS**, look back along final when on base, the base to final is probably the most dangerous place in the traffic pattern. There have been past fatalities at KFPR due to base/final collision, let's not add to the list.

Safe Flying,

Mike

Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman

The locks on the Chapter facilities will be changing this month. Your membership card will contain the new combo, and will be available at the meeting.

The Flying Club Cherokee completed its annual inspection this month. Also installed upgraded battery cables per the Piper SB and the Bogert STC. What a difference in starting. Some new paint got applied to areas that were peeling.

Thursday April 21st is an FAA Safety Seminar at Vero Beach. Basic Aerodynamics Part 2 will be presented by Diego Alfonso, who is on the FAA Orlando FSDO staff. Diego never disappoints in his knowledge and presentation style. The seminar is at Flight Safety Classroom M.

Lots of other activities, flying, tinkering, socializing, learning, and having fun. See you at the Chapter facilities.

FAA Safety Bulletin

Runway Safety Bulletin No. 36

April 8, 2011

TO: All Towered Airport Managers
FROM: Anna Cohen, Regional Runway Safety Program Manager
Southern Region

Safety Alert

Runway incursions are on the rise. In particular, we are addressing Vehicle Pedestrian Deviations in this alert. There have been 5 vehicle/pedestrian deviations recently. We urge you to speak with your employees and tenants as soon as possible and remind them to use **vigilance** while on the airfield. The following are some examples of types of incidents that have occurred recently.

A tug followed an air traffic controller's instructions that was not for the tug but for an aircraft

Be aware of ALL radio transmissions

An ARFF vehicle who didn't read back instructions

Always Read Back Instructions

A tug driver looking for a part that was blown onto the taxiway due to windy conditions did not communicate with controller

Don't assume anything, communicate with ATC

An unauthorized person accessing the airfield and walking on the approach end of a runway.

Make sure that tenants are aware of security and gate policies and that gates and fence lines are inspected every day.

Everyone Should: Stay Alert – Stay Focused

Listen to ALL Radio Transmissions

Follow Instructions and Be Extra Careful

If you are not sure what to do, ASK ATC to repeat instructions

Chapter 908 Young Eagle Pilots

Pilot	Flights	Last Flight
Robin Moorman	302	03/28/09
Jerry G. Groendyke	203	10/30/10
James Wetzel	188	10/30/10
Pieter Stryker	130	06/14/08
Mike Ketchpaw	110	11/20/10
Stephan Blank	108	11/20/10
Jerome Gordon	78	06/25/05
Richard Whittemore	73	04/24/10
Richard Chapman	67	11/20/10
Ed Dannemann	65	02/16/02
Robin Blanton	52	06/13/09
Clemens Kramer	46	02/25/06
Arthur Worden	38	11/06/04
John Maitland	31	10/30/10
Robert Schafer	29	06/01/02
John Fadok	28	03/22/97
Ed Fry	18	11/21/09
Edward Blanton	15	03/13/04
Stan Swiezy	15	10/30/10
Michael Thompson	15	06/01/02
Paul Dekker	14	04/24/10
Robert Englmeier	12	10/12/02
Frank Woodall	11	08/25/01
Mark Delia	10	05/15/10

The above list of pilots and YE Flights was obtained from the EAA dot org web site. It is all the pilots with 10 or more Young Eagles flown, not the actual number of flights. It is only for our Chapter, and current dues EAA members. As you can see by the date last flown, some members may have 'retired' from flying YE's. Thanks to these pilots for supporting this great program, and passing on your passion for aviation to our youth.