

EAA 908 HYLITES

Monthly Newsletter for Chapter 908, EAA
Saint Lucie County, Florida

Young Eagles

Our Chapter YE goal for 2006 was 200 which we would have handily met had our last event not been canceled due to unsatisfactory weather conditions.

The first event for 2007 will be Saturday 10 February, the airport director has concurred with our use of the terminal building for this date. Please plan to participate. - Tom Shedd

Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman

Robin Moorman will be our speaker at the January Meeting. Her presentation will be on the WASP program and how her mom learned to fly.

So much going on at the Chapter, the hangars, and the projects. Larry Andrews keeps plugging away on his Erocoupe. Carl Deal has his projects tied down on the grass and keeps tinkering on it. Ron Knaggs has almost finished fixing his gyroplane and it should fly again soon. Bill Stewart had his Grumman trailered onto the ramp this past Saturday.

With the new year, the airshow and air expo season begins again. Here in Florida it runs almost all year, a few slow months in the summer and generally ends in November with the Blue Angels 'homecoming' final show in Pensacola around Veterans Day. This week is the Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring. Their web site shows a lot of product demos, forums and workshops. Less than 2 hours drive or a short flight. Check notams for closed runways and special traffic.

Just over three months away is Sun-N-Fun. It's web site shows about the same setup as past years. The weekend admission for Florida residents is \$15 per day and the general public will now have flight line access.

Jim Wetzel is taking over the hangar project. A newspaper story this week described that the county building permit office had problems with timely completion of applications. Our hangar application has been waiting approval for about six months.



Mark Your Calendar:

- Jan 13th Stuart Avn Days
- Jan 17th - Chapter Meeting
- Jan 20th Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 10th - Young Eagles
- Jan 11 - 14 US Sport Aviation Expo - Sebring
- April 17 - 23, 2007 Sun-N-Fun Lakeland
- Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house

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Safety Programs

Title "Wings Award Program and Spacial Disorientation"

Topic Review of the Wings Program and Spacial Disorientation Program

Date and Time Thursday, January 18, 2007, starting at 7:00 pm

Speaker(s) Robert E. Jex, ASI, FAA, Orlando FSDO

Brief Description The Treasure Coast FAASTeam will host seminars on the exciting Wings Program and an enlightening Spacial Disorientation program. Both programs will be presented by Robert E. Jex, ASI, FAA Orlando FSDO.

Select Number SO1513489

Location of Event FlightSafety International's Hangar

3530 Cherokee Drive

Vero Beach, FL 32960

FlightSafety International's hangar is just west of Vero Beach Airport's main terminal building. Enter FlightSafety's hangar on west side of hangar; meeting room "M".

Seating 125 seats at the facility, 106 remaining for online registration.

Sponsoring Division North Florida FAASTeam

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Full Description The Treasure Coast FAASTeam will host presentations by Robert E. Jex, ASI, FAA Orlando FSDO on the FAA's Pilot Proficiency Program, better known as the Wings Program. This program is open to all pilots above the Student Pilot level. Each award satisfies the requirements for a Flight Review. What's more, achievement of each Phase earns the pilot a certificate, suitable for framing. Phase 1 through X also earns a distinctive lapel pin. Come and learn how this exciting and versatile program applies to pilots and flight instructors; begin earning credit NOW for you next Wings Phase!

The Spatial Disorientation program will be presented by Robert E. Jex, ASI, FAA, Orlando FSDO. This enlightening program reviews the basics, including visual and sensory illusions plus survival skills. Using members of the audience, the presentation will feature demonstrations of the "Barany Chair", a device designed to induce spatial disorientation.

From the Editor:

Due to some health issues on my part, the November and December issues are combined. Many thanks to those that contributed. Anyone with a stories, news, trips to Key West, aircraft projects, bios of members, etc. can share it with the world through *HYLITES*, as we archive the recent issues on the web. We have not copyrighted anything in the past, but may work up something in the future. Generally, any other EAA or not-for-profit publication is free to use anything in this newsletter, just give us credit and send us a copy.

Around the Patch - Continued

Ron Knaggs reported that the old lawn mower bit the dust. So anyone with one in usable condition that would like to donate it to the Chapter, Ron would gladly accept it and provide a donation certificate.

Romeo has done a great job in keeping up the web site. He has a great link to the airport security briefing that AOPA has developed for general aviation. It runs about 20 minutes and is well worth watching. If you do see suspicious activity at FPR or any airport you visit, how do you call, what information do you collect and report, and what action do you take. It doesn't cover everything, but it does give you the basics.

After winning the new version of Microsoft Flight Simulator, I did have to spend some Christmas money on a joy stick. I've got it loaded and did the "hello" demo. It looks to be a great program, with good graphics from many parts of the world. You can add in winds and weather to various levels and with a high speed internet connection, have actual current weather for your flight. I've been caught in some really bad weather on a couple of real flights, and may try to see what happens when a flight goes into some real ugly weather system. You can select various aircraft to fly, so a fast powerful jet may actually be able to penetrate more of the bad stuff. Joe Gardner said that he has the previous version and used it with great success.

A while back, in one of the FAA's budget cuts, they stopped mailing out meeting notices for safety seminars and conferences. You can sign up to receive them via email at the FAA web site. When each FSDO had their own web sites, some here in Florida had a page listing all the safety and training opportunities for the FSDO geographic area. Orlando's was extensive as it covered the Lakeland center that produced many video productions for all other FAA regions. This included the satellite fed productions that we have the dish and receiver at the clubhouse. Romeo has found the production schedule and has it posted on the Chapter web site. Also, the part of the FAA safety program that deals with us in general aviation has been renamed "FAASTeam". Safety Counselors now go by a new name and have an on-line training program. This all happened about the beginning of the government's fiscal year. The first local safety training opportunity that I have heard of is detailed on page 2.

A recent newspaper article explained that boat owners or operators could no longer use their EPIRB's that broadcast on 121.5mz. Well what does this have to do with us you ask. The answer is that in a few years, there will be no more government satellite coverage that detects ELT signals on 121.5 or 243.0. The frequency congestion and reliability of fixing a location is such that aviation ELTs will also have to use only 406mz signals. Cost of these units is coming out of the 4-figure strata, and with higher production for added aviation use, will get more affordable. Some added features are included, such as owner's digitized code name, and possibly digitized GPS location.

The Flying Club has 2 shares for sale.

There was no Board meeting in December.

February 8th there will be a Garmin giving a presentation at the Clubhouse, time probably about 7pm.

See Ron or Romeo if you can help with parts ID, cataloging and sale of the Corsair engine.

Tool room shelves are done, thanks go to Paul Fischer and Butch LaBrassuer for their help.



**Ron Knaggs' RAF2000
gyroplane all ready to go.**



**Merit is checking Roger's Dakota. Yes, the
bottom cowl did come off too.**



**At left is Kevin
Griffin, Richard
Chapman, Eddy
Kemper in the
back, and Bill
Stewart**

**Thanks to Tom
Shedd for your
great leadership
and commitment
to the Young
Eagles program
for the last
several years.**

