

EAA 908 HYLITES

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



Young Eagles

Sixty Two young people flew with Chapter 908 pilots at the 10 February Young Eagle Flight Rally. We welcomed two new pilots to our rallies, Steve Blank and John Maitland. Robin Moorman flew two sets of twin girls, the Gardner and Rice twins. For the Rice twins it was their 12th birthday! Shirley Ketchpaw single handedly ran the registration desk - it is the toughest of the ground jobs and we salute her. Support from the airport staff was outstanding, we were set up quickly on Friday. The weather was perfect and we hope it will be the same at our next rally on International Young Eagles Day in June. - Tom Shedd

Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman

February 8th there was a presentation by a Garmin factory representative at the clubhouse. Many members were there, as well as many others from the aviation community that almost completely filled the room. The portable GPS units were discussed and demonstrated first, it is amazing how much technology can be crammed into these units. A lot of emphasis was on the weather capabilities, which does require a subscription to XM weather downloads via a satellite interface. After a break the Garmin guy went over the 430 and 530 panel mount units and the new WAAS capabilities that will be available this year on them. The upgrade for a 430 will run about \$2,000 and take a week. The unit goes to the Garmin factory and gets some new insides, which will include terrain mapping. The show and tell ended with about a dozen door prizes given out.

February 15th found a few 908 members at the Vero Beach Flight Safety facility for a presentation by Diego Alfonso of the FAA. He's a very interesting "folksy" speaker that relates aviation safety topics very well. He got us all charged up to go try some spins and stalls. At least under the right conditions.

After a complaint or two, the airport management put out a

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Mark Your Calendar:

- **Feb 10th - Young Eagles**
- **Feb 21st - Chapter Meeting**
- **Feb 24th Pancake Breakfast**
- **March 3rd - Vero Avn Day**
- **March 17 - 18 Tico Airshow**
- **April 17 - 23, 2007 Sun-N-Fun Lakeland**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

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Safety

The inane practice of using the phrase “any traffic please advise” has become so wide spread that the FAA has finally included a “do not do this” in the latest version of the AIM. You will find the following quote at paragraph 4-1-9 G 1 in the latest version of the AIM:

Self-announce is a procedure whereby pilots broadcast their position or intended flight activity or ground operation on the designated CTAF. This procedure is used primarily at airports which do not have an FSS on the airport. The self-announce procedure should also be used if a pilot is unable to communicate with the FSS on the designated CTAF. Pilots stating, "Traffic in the area, please advise" is not a recognized Self-Announce Position and/or Intention phrase and should not be used under any condition.



If you do not have a current copy of the AIM, you can reference one online at: <http://www.faa.gov/ATPUBS/AIM/>

A Bakeng Duce flown into a recent pancake breakfast by J.W. French of Buckingham Florida.

ST. LUCIE AIRPORT LOOKING FOR HISTORIC AVIATION ITEMS, STORIES

FORT PIERCE – Do you remember airplanes landing in fields before St. Lucie County built its current airport? And do you also remember how the airport looked during the early days?

St. Lucie County International Airport staff members, along with the St. Lucie Historical Society, are looking for names, locations, photographs, newspaper clips and other memorabilia of early “airports” in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie.

If you have stories or items that you would like to share, please contact Joe Arbeit at (772) 462-1789 or arbeitj@stlucieco.gov.

The St. Lucie County International Airport is located at 300 Curtis King Blvd., Fort Pierce. For more information about the airport visit: www.stlucieco.gov/airport or call (772) 462-1732.

From the Editor:

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

request to not do any full power run-ups in the hangar area. This applies mostly the congested area near and behind the Tiki. But we should also be aware of our surroundings around the 908 hangars, they seem to be more crowded every day, and especially on Saturdays.

Ron Knaggs wants to thank Butch LaBrassuer and Tom Shedd for the work they have done around the hangar.

On Saturday, 3 March, Vero Beach airport will have an Aviation Day Fly-in. EAA Chapter 99 coordinates and hosts the event. They usually attract dozens of aircraft of all shapes and sizes, including many experimentals.

Board Minutes - January 2007

January 17, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 8:04P.M.

All Board members and Directors were present.

President Wetzel reported that the paperwork outlining the changes required by the County for the new hangar have been delivered to Culpepper Terpening to get an estimate on how much the changes would cost.

Hamburger sales have been going well on Saturdays, funds have been used to buy a pop up shade tent.

Ron Knaggs is handling Chapter E-Mails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Groendyke-Secretary



Ed Booth doing a great job with the YE Certificates. photo by Robin Blanton



Two CAP cadets that helped all day with ramp control. photo by Robin Blanton

Young Eagles Day Pictures - all taken by Robin Blanton



Robin Moorman with two Young Eagles



Paul Fisher and Jim Royal



With just 2 seats, Robin Blanton does a lot of flying for each Young Eagle tally.



Tom Shedd came out of retirement to run this month's Young Eagles program. Thanks Tom



Shirley Ketchpaw running the registration desk and signing up a Young Eagle.