

EAA 908 HYLITES

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

Sheriff Aviation Department

For the February meeting, we visited the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Aviation facility. They currently have four helicopters, three of which are in flyable status. One is in a rebuild status, it was an Army surplus OH-58 scout helicopter. This is essentially the military model of the Bell Jet Ranger. Of the three flyable helicopters, two are Jet Rangers and one is the Augusta "medivac" that was procured with funds from the Fire Department. Thanks to Pilot Brent Wineka for the tour.



Mark Your Calendar:

- **March 15 - Chapter Meeting**
- **March 18 - Pancake Breakfast**
- **March 25-26, 2006 Wings and Wheels Airshow FPR**
- **April 4 - 10, 2006 Sun-N-Fun at Lakeland**
- **June 10 - National Young Eagles Day**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

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Aviation Day - Vero Beach



Allegro 2000



Velocity



B-25 Mitchell

Young Eagles - Tom Shedd

The highest number of aircraft flying for any Chapter YE Rally to date. Thank you to all the aircraft owners and the FC. Nine aircraft flying, two static aircraft, twelve Chapter pilots, and 50 kids flown before the WX ended our flying day. Ron Knaggs took on the certificate printing task with short notice - well done. (Ed Booth had surgery on the 24th, we wish him a speedy recovery.) Roger Elowitz took on the airport/ATC briefing - welcome. We could have used two more to help expediting the groups of kids from station to station and for relief. Special thanks to Lee, Pat, and Peg our registrars for this event.

There are things we can be doing to improve efficiency. Romeo has already come up with and implemented a few. Please come a few minutes early to the 15 March business meeting with your recommendations. If you will not be at the meeting please contact me and pass along your ideas. And yes, for all who asked - brownies will return to the menu.

Our next event is scheduled for the 10 June International Young Eagles Day. We will operate only from 0800 through 1130.

Please plan to support this event.

Advertising for IYED will commence at our booth for the Wings and Wheels air show. Any writers/media folks who can help with promotion of YE events please contact me or any Chapter Officer.

Tom - your YEC

From the Editor:

I've found a bunch of stuff to fill this edition, so it's almost done. 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.

Lopresti Update

Last year we had a meeting program presented by the Lopresti factory up the road in Vero Beach. Following is an update on one of their programs.



PLANS FOR LOPRESTI FURY MOVE AHEAD

Fifty-four communities throughout the country are seeking the plant that LoPresti Speed Merchants will build to produce its LoPresti Fury, based on the SwiftFury that was first offered in 1989 but never built. R.J. Siegel, the Vero Beach company's vice president of operations who is now based in Wisconsin, said the initial investment in the plant is \$28 million. Interested communities have provided property and capital as incentives. The first year's production of 60 aircraft is sold out. The aircraft will have a base price of \$295,000. Siegel predicted the aircraft will have an indicated cruise speed of 215 mph (186 knots) using a Lycoming IO-360 engine.

If you have changes in address or email, please call, mail to the chapter address, or email it to Ron Knaggs at rknaggs@bellsouth.net



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Robinson R-44 giving rides at Vero Beach Aviation Day

Sun-N-Fun

You are invited to attend the EAA Chapter Leaders Barbeque on Thursday April 6h at Sun n Fun 2006, Lakeland, FL. (RSVP Required). Wisconsin style Bratwurst served at 5:30pm. Located near the EAA Publications Tent - Sun n Fun Grounds - Adjacent to Johnson's BBQ (same location as last year).

Come join us for some great food (FREE!), and evening of interacting with other Chapters Leaders, and EAA Staff. We are also pleased to announce that EAA President, Tom Poberezny, will be attending the Barbeque this year.

All Chapter Leaders are invited. Also invited are any Chapter Members who are interested in the future direction of EAA and your Chapter. If you plan on attending, please RSVP by email to: tuelle@eaa.org, please include your name and Chapter Number. If you are bringing other Chapter Leaders/Members with you, please include their information in your reply. Space and food is limited so please don't wait to RSVP.

Flying Club

The Cherokee flew several Young Eagles this past month. Thanks to Rick Whitemore and Mike Ketchpaw.

Parts have been received to upgrade the turn coordinator and install a low vacuum warning light. This will enhance the IFR capabilities of the airplane.

Below is Larry Andrew's Aircoupe project. This was several weeks ago, he now has the



Airport Notes & Miscellaneous

Subject: Airfield Update

Taxiway E continues to be closed between runway 9/27 and taxiway A for pavement rehab. Should be completed around the end of March.

Taxiway B is closed east of Taxiway B3 to runway 14/32 while we repair the ditch, should open in a few weeks.

Good news! March 11, 2006 the contractor will have replaced all the electrical wiring on the airfield. After March 11, 2006 we can repair the lighted signs. We are working on a schedule now.

Thanks again for your support while we work on the airfield.

Ron Knaggs and a variety of work crews have been cleaning and organizing the chapter hangar, chapter storage room, and outside parking tie-downs. One project was to install a light fixture in Robin Moorman's hangar.

--IMPORTANT--

Chapter dues was due in January. Bills were sent out and most have paid. New member cards have been prepared and will be handed out at the March 15 Chapter Meeting. **The lock combinations will be changed that night.** A member has volunteered to bring a laminating machine to the meeting to keep the card from being destroyed in the wash or whatever.

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