

EAA 908 HYLITES

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

Young Eagles

National EAA Young Eagles rally day for 2007 is June 9th. Pilots, please mark your schedules. We always need ground support personnel also.

Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman

The Flying Club has scheduled the WAAS update for the Garmin 430 for the first week of April through Peninsular Avionics.

The ground clearing and site preparation for the new fire station is coming along. Due to permitting problems, it's almost a year behind schedule.

Speaking of permitting problems, our new hangar project is on "indefinite hold" for cost overruns due to enhancements required by the permitting process. That means its dead right now unless some end-run miracle happens that eliminates his obstacle.

As a result, Ron Knaggs has been resetting the outdoor tie-downs to accommodate some more aircraft. There is a waiting list for tie-downs, both grass and paved. The hangar list is a mile long and newest names are probably a 25 year wait. I've heard rumors of some people giving up. Also remember that if your chapter dues lapses, your waiting list position is lost.

That was a great lead in to a reminder that dues for 2007 should have been paid. Bills were sent out in January, leave a check for \$40 at the Chapter hangar mail drop or send in the mail.

A new flight school is in the process of leasing the old PanAm facilities. Falcon Aviation has operations in other Florida locations and wants to expand to Ft. Pierce. The county held a hearing on the topic of airport noise and, you guessed it, the citizens of St. Lucie Village showed up to protest the deal.

The airport does have a voluntary noise abatement procedure and in general terms, it requests that touch and go landings not



Mark Your Calendar:

- **March 21st - Chapter Meeting**
- **March 24th Pancake Breakfast**
- **March 17 - 18 Tico Airshow**
- **April 17 - 23, 2007 Sun-N-Fun Lakeland**
- **June 9th Young Eagles**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

Officers:

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Security- Richard Chapman

A week ago Friday, I was working on the top of my storage container. It's extensive rust made it quite religious - holy. Several members were there throughout the day, but in mid-afternoon all the rest had left. And unfortunately, the last person to leave did not shut the gate. So I heard a person calling up to me on the roof that turned out to be an airport employee. He asked about the gate and why no one was monitoring it. I was told about ramp security and how the chapter could be fined if there was a runway incursion incident through our gate. And I was informed that the current system of gate access could be in jeopardy if airport personnel continually find the gate unlocked and not monitored. We closed and locked the gate while I finished up my rust chipping project.



What happened here? Did someone steal a wing?

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Roger Elowitz sent me this list of stuff he has for sale: Here's a listing of items I have for sale.

- 1- Kelly/MagnaFlite MZ-6222, 12V, 149 Tooth, for Lycoming engines, BRAND NEW, NEVER USED
- 1- Whelen Comet Tail Beacon- HR, CFA-14/28, USED, good working condition
- 1- Whelen Comet Flash Power Supply- A413A HDA-DF-14, USED, good working condition
- 1- Garmin 295-GPS, USED, good working condition
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- 1- LightSpeed Headset- 20K USED, good working condition
- 1- LightSpeed Headset- 15K HARDLY USED, good working condition

Please call or E-mail me for pricing. If anyone is interested they may contact me at:

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From the Editor:

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Around the Patch - Continued

be performed on Sundays and holidays or 2 hours after sunset. This does not limit full stop and go landings or full stop and taxi back. The airport has a part time employee that comes in most days and reviews that tower frequency tape recording for the previous day(s) or night(s). It is voice activated recording and he then sends letters to the owner of any N-number that he deems to have violated the "voluntary noise abatement procedures." Yes, the club plane has received a couple letters.

Romeo has some more items for sale in the classified section of the web site.

The new parallel runway 9-27 will be out for construction bills soon. Award date is late summer and completion is next year.

Couple of Saturday's ago, a panther was spotted across D-1 taxiway, Joe Gardner got a picture that is posted in the clubhouse.

Board Minutes - February 2007

February 21, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 8:32P.M.

All Board members with the exception of Directors Gordon and Moorman were present.

It was agreed that the guest speaker coordinator should plan on having guest speakers every other meeting.

President Wetzel explained that the paperwork received from the engineering firm Culpepper Terpening working on the new hangar proposal shows expenses of \$38,000 required to complete permit process. In addition, drainage required by South Florida Water Management District will be cost prohibitive.

President Wetzel plans are to focus on improving the tie downs. This will include possibly providing more paved spots.

President Wetzel reported that the County has budgeted for an electric gate on Chapter property, and it should be installed by the end of next year. Included would be moving existing fence to allow more room for tie downs.

Board agreed to fund purchase of 25 of the license plates and 100 stickers for re-sale to members.

The April meeting will include a pot-luck dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Groendyke-Secretary

Chapter Picture Gallery



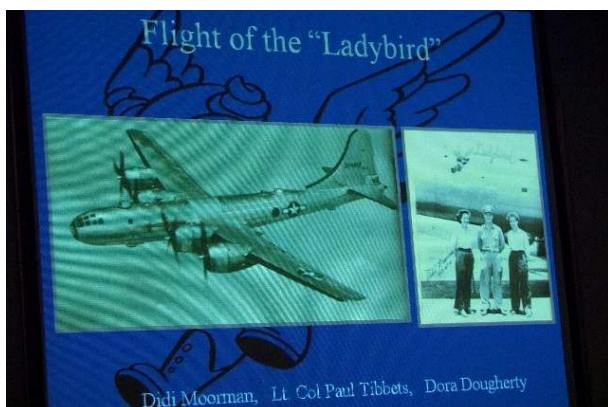
Jerry Groendyke single-handedly painted the entire Chapter 908 clubhouse. This was one evening after work doing the south wall
Great job Jerry, thanks.



Ed Fry cleaning spark plugs for the flying club's Cherokee.



Above is Carl Deal and his airplane. It's about to fly again, he was taxiing it around this past weekend.



At left is one of the slides from Robin Moorman's presentation on WASP's. B-29 "Ladybird, and her mom, Paul Tibbets, Dora Dougherty. Great presentation if you missed it.