

EAA 908 HYLITES

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

From the Top - By Kevin Griffin

It's April already and some of us will be heading up to Sun & Fun in Lakeland. I signed up for the FAA Seminars held on Thursday April 14. We have in the clubhouse a VFR Arrival Video for 2005 Sun & Fun. So if your planning on flying to Lakeland for Sun & Fun a good idea would be to stop at the club house put in the video tape marked 2005 Sun & Fun VFR so you know the Lakeland arrival rules.

At our homefield participation in the weekend events of March 19th was simply fabulous. Please extend my gratitude to your wives and girlfriends who assisted us with the Young Eagles. Tom Shedd please let your wife know we truly love her. Helping out with Young Eagles is really rewarding and it is the best thing we can do for the young people in our community. To give someone hope and introduce them to aviation is really really special. The pilots, you know who you are, came out in full force and met their Young Eagles with a smile and confidence that make all of us in EAA 908 proud to know them.

Back at the hangar, with Paul Fischer down with the flu, Jim, George, and Rick Stanley, stepped up and produced a great fly in breakfast. They were open early and closed late. Lee Roman and his gang of scroungers turned the clubhouse into a flea market with

all of the great stuff EAA 908 members donated for the garage sale. They made enough money to fund the membership appreciation Bar-B-Que to be held in the near future at the hangar.

Next on my list is the Ercoupe project which the board voted to abandon and put up for sale to members at cost. \$3,500. At that price the plane should sell moments after you read this newsletter. Contact the treasurer with your check for \$3,500 to own this airplane. The offer at this low price is open until April 15th at which time we will sell it for no less than \$4,500.

We are still looking for help with a professional looking web site. Romeo has produced a working model and he needs your suggestions. We have a service to publish the web site once it is built. EAA908.org. Call the clubhouse and talk to Romeo if you are interested.

Finally, the board had a round table discussion with a developer or builder of hangars. He gave the board some ideas and promised to forward a proposal. We are hiring a site engineer to develop a site plan. This is the very beginning of the project. The developer said he could have the hangars up in 45 days. Of course I would get that promise in writing.

That's it for now and I hope to see you around the hangar.
Kevin Griffin, President.



Mark Your Calendar:

- **April 12 - 18 Sun-N-Fun**
- **April 20th Chapter meeting**
- **May 7th - Chapter BBQ**
- **May 21-22 Wings & Wheels Airshow**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

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Computer Corner - by Richard

One of the nicest things that computers do is crunch numbers. The most important item on your pre-flight checklist is something that requires addition, multiplication and division of large numbers. But we seldom do this because we don't have a computer in the airplane or some other excuse. Yes, it is weight and balance. One of those required things before take-off. Yes the baseline calculations are on the paper in the seat back or other cubby hole, but we need to put in the exact configuration we will have for our flight. What I did in the past was do several "what-if" calculations on a computer spreadsheets and have them with me in my flight bag. But now I have a pocket computer that has AnyWhere Map GPS and can load the wgt/bal spreadsheet and have it on my control yoke. So fly safe and do your weight and balance for every flight, especially if you fly to the

Odds and Ends by Richard Chapman

The Flying Club has one membership for sale.

I found a for sale notice at my park clubhouse for a radial arm saw. At the owner's home, I noticed he had a picture of a Cunard winged airplane. I asked about it and he said that he had been a 908 Chapter member, had built several experimental aircraft, and had owned a partnership in a Bonanza with Jim Wetzel. He had a stroke a few years ago, and cannot build and fly anymore. Don Hummel sends his best wishes to those that remember him.

Bahamas, have all seats full, full fuel, and bought everything you could find at the native market. Does anyone remember a biz-jet that didn't make it off an island a few years ago?

Sun-N-Fun

Hello, and thanks again for your RSVP for the Chapter Leaders Barbeque, Fri., Apr. 15th at 5:30 pm, at the EAA Publications Tent on the Sun n Fun Grounds. Look forward to seeing you there.

We still need some volunteer help at the EAA Tent at the Sun 'n Fun main gate and at the EAA Membership Village...so we were wondering if you or anyone from your Chapter (that is coming to Sun n Fun) would be willing to volunteer for one or more 4 hour shifts. The work may include welcoming people to the venue, talking to people about EAA, helping people fill out an membership application, selling passes, run a cash

register, etc...We appreciate anything you can do to help, and if you can help out with three 4 hour shifts (or a total of 12 hours) we will give you a Sun 'n Fun Daily Pass, t-shirt, and a hat. If you can help out please call Sue Anderson, EAA Marketing Dept., for details, her cell phone number is (920) 252-1863. We look forward to seeing you at the Barbeque, and hopefully you will be able to participate in some of these other EAA Efforts!

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April Meeting by Lee Roman

April's guest speaker will be Mr. Gerd Pfelfe. Gerd is an engineer who is currently working on the final stages of a true general aviation diesel engine. It is to be manufactured in Germany. He will also talk about how the ELT and GPS will work together. Gerd is a frequent guest of other EAA Chapters, where his presentations have been greatly received.

If these are the kind of speakers that you want to hear at our chapter meetings, please inform me of your opinions and wants.

May Meeting by Lee Roman

At the May meeting we will have Mr. Curt Lopresti of Lopresti Speed Merchants of Vero Beach. They are presently building the "Fury", formally called the Swift. This is a certified aircraft. Lopresti also make modification kits for various aircraft that increase speed by decreasing drag. Mr. Lopresti's presentation should be very educational and interesting to all.

A good attendance can enhance our reputation of being an exciting and active EAA Chapter.

Young Eagles

Pictures from that March 19th Young Eagles flights. Submitted by Robin Blanton and Kevin Griffin



Tom Shedd and Ed Booth with a Young Eagle



Pilot, Robin Blanton and Young Eagle, Sam McTigue, and Ed Blanton's Cessna 140A



Ed Fry with a Young Eagle



Jerry Groendyke with young eagle and father



Young Eagle Sam McTigue with registration helpers Mrs. Ed Blanton on left and Mrs. Groendyke (Jerry's wife) on right

We had a great Chapter turnout for the 19 March YE Flight Rally. It was good to see Al Burdge who did the ATC briefing and our three veteran registrars. We had eight aircraft on the line with nine pilots available, good weather, and a disappointing turnout. For the first time all those who reserved check-in times appeared but the walk-in turnout was low. We need to discuss promotion at the next meeting. Twenty Eight youngsters were flown and the count by pilot is posted on the YE board. Thanks to all who participated. Tom

Pilot Humor

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten. - Robert Livingston, 'Flying The Aeronca

The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it is on fire. Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, sometime before his death in the 1920's

If you can't afford to do something right, then be darn sure you can afford to do it wrong. - Charlie Nelson

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day. - Layton A. Bennett

I hope you either take up parachute jumping or stay out of single motored airplanes at night. - Charles A. Lindbergh, to Wiley Post, 1931

Never fly the 'A' model of anything. - Ed Thompson

Keep thy airspeed up, lest the earth come from below and smite thee. - William Kershner

When a prang seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity, as slowly and gently as possible. - advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II.

Always keep an 'out' in your hip pocket. - Bevo Howard

The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you. - attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum. - Jon McBride, astronaut

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible. - Bob Hoover

If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it. Ride the bastard down. - Ernest K. Gann, advice from the 'old pelican'

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death I Shall Fear No Evil For I am 80,000 feet and Climbing. - sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location on Kadena AB Okinawa

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3. - Paul F Crickmore,

The emergencies you train for almost never happen. It's the one you can't train for that kills you. - Ernest K. Gann, advice from the 'old pelican'

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