

EAA 908 HYLITES

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

Sun-N-Fun - Richard Chapman

A lot of Chapter 908 members attended Sun-N-Fun. The club Cherokee was scheduled to fly over by different pilots on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I drove over Friday morning, I wanted to stay through Saturday evening. After going through the main gate, I ran into Robin Moorman and Mike Ketchpaw. Robin was working the WASP tent while all the members were giving a presentation at the Florida Air Museum. Mike and his wife happened to be there too. Ron Knaggs had been by a little earlier.

One of my goals was to attend some of the seminars and educational forums that are free with the admission. So I checked the schedule and found a couple to attend Friday. It seems we can never quit learning things in our lives, and if we stay active in almost any phase of aviation, there is always a lot of things to keep abreast of or learn for the first time. Building an aircraft can be quite a challenge as there are so many different phases of the construction process to become proficient in. Some of the basics include: welding, wiring, avionics, fuel systems, vacuum systems, flight controls, engines, and canopy design and install. Then depending on the airframe construction, we need skills in sheet metal, woodwork, fiberglass, painting, and upholstery. Some or all of these can be partially or fully assembled, but then we can make the choice of how much time, cost and quality we want in each of our aircraft systems.

Anyway, I attended as many of the forums and seminars as I could that had my interest. All were given by qualified persons that knew their subject matter. Some had good presentation skills and some stated they weren't the best public speakers. But all were worth the time to attend. I attended the professional welding forum that was given by Lincoln. They offered hands on experience with both gas and TIG welding. I would have liked to attend some of the pilot skills seminars, but this trip was mostly to get some building knowledge.

Then rounding out my two days was the vendor areas, flight line, air shows and keeping hydrated and fed.



Mark Your Calendar:

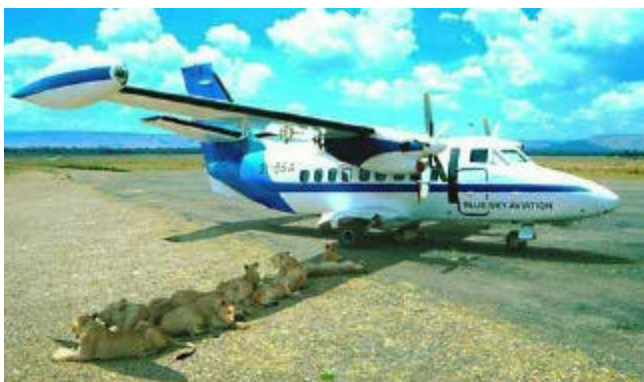
- **April 19 - Chapter Meeting**
- **April 22 - Pancake Breakfast**
- **April 4 - 10, 2006 Sun-N-Fun at Lakeland**
- **April 29 - FPR Fly-In**
- **June 10 - National Young Eagles Day**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

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Sun-N-Fun photos by Rick Whittmore

Compare these two pictures. The one below is from the internet, Doug Wilcoxson sent it in. The pilots were making a medical supply delivery in South Africa and came back to find some visitors waiting for the "Air Show" to start.

**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.

Young Eagles - Tom Shedd

We passed out about 700 flyers for our 10 June International Young Eagles Day Flight Rally at the Wings N Wheels event. We will have another opportunity to distribute flyers at the Airport Day in April. Then again in May before the event. Please call me if you wish to fly on 10 June. New members are invited, the more flying the easier the load is on the regulars.

If you are still doing your taxes remember your deductions for supporting the YE program. See www.youngeagles.com and download the form. This applies to the ground volunteers as well.

Thanks to Romeo for reminding me that Phillips 66 gives a \$1/gal rebate for young eagles flights. I believe the procedure is to pay at the pump and send the receipts to the company. I'll check it out and post the procedure at the hangar. nearest Phillips 66 dealer is Paris Air at the Vero Beach Airport.

See you at Sun N Fun Tom your YEC

Member News:

David Subers completed the Instrument Pilot check ride.

Richard Chapman passed the passed the Ham Radio Technician exam. Also, Romeo is posting the Ham Radio call signs on the Chapter web site.

Dr. Gordon has completed the IRCC Police Academy program and will graduate on 21 April. He invites everyone to attend the ceremony.

From the Top - Kevin Griffin

It was windy blue skies and fabulous for everyone who attended the Air Show on March 25-26. One of the most popular venues was the EAA 908 tent and Larry Andrew's Ercoupe display. The tent was manned by a host of volunteers see the photos accompanying this article. Our own Fred Humphrey for two full days took up ground support role escorting passengers on and off the Bell 57 Jet Ranger Helicopter. The air show for EAA 908 was a huge success for our Young Eagles Program and membership recruitment and community public relations. We passed out hundreds of aviation magazines each stuffed with a Young Eagle announcement for the June 19th event. We also promoted the EAA 908 Fly for Donation event for April 29th. Romeo graphically depicted the route of flight in the poster he designed. A special thanks to Paul Fischer for furnishing the Tent and thanks to all who helped raise the tent. The video display we had on hand didn't turn out so well because of the wonderful sunlight we had for the two days. All in all it was a fabulous event for our chapter and those that participated be proud of your contribution to the cause.

The Chapter meeting this month is a covered dish so please bring a dish to share; meat or vegetable. Beverages will be provided. I'm bringing vegetables. Bring what you can. Byob.

On Saturday April 29th from 10 until 3 at the Airport Terminal we will have a small area set up to register passengers for the Fly for Donation flights. The suggested donation is \$30 and two dollars of that is to go toward the Exchange Club Castle program for abused children. Several EAA pilots have graciously volunteered their time and aircraft for this event. Remember Safety is Paramount. Attention to fuel load and passenger load is essential. Pilots your role in this event is to safely fly our passengers. The EAA 908 ground crew shall handle all administrative details and the escorting of passengers safely to the aircraft. Harry Newbern is coordinating with our treasurer to take credit card payments for the rides. Posters for this event are in the Clubhouse please take a few of these and place them in your favorite restaurant or store so the public will know about this thrilling event. \$30 to see Fort Pierce from the air in a general aviation airplane; what a good deal.

Wings N Wheels



Chapter Booth with Larry Andrew's AirCoupe project at right
photo by Kevin Griffin



Flight line marshalling
photo by Kevin Griffin

The plans for the new hangar have been submitted to the county and to the FAA for approval. The next step is to secure financing for the construction. My goal for the project is to keep the costs below \$200,000. We anticipate hangar rent at \$250 a unit. If you are on the hangar list be prepared for board action to require a deposit to raise the 20% of the project cost.

Several members became upset about my painting over a local realtor's name that was on our EAA 908 portable sign. To those I apologize for taking this independent action and protecting the integrity of the Chapter. This emergency action was necessary because thousands of people entering the air show would assume that EAA 908 was associated with this realtor. We are not and no money was received for the advertisement. We are a proud group of individuals who are part of something special in this community. See you around the hangar.

Kevin Griffin

President EAA 908

Airport Notes & Miscellaneous

Subject: Airfield Conditions Update

The Beacon will be out of service starting Monday Evening 4/10/06 for 3 to 5 days while we upgrade the electronics.

The Glideslope is out of service until further notice. A new Glideslope is on order and the technician advises it should be replaced by Mid May.

Taxiway B will open late this afternoon at the B2 intersection for the weekend. Taxiway B is planned to close on Monday, April 10, 2006 at the B2 intersection to continue work on the ditch.

Taxiway E remains closed between Runway 9/27 and Runway 14/32. Taxiway E should open in May.

Great News!

The airfield electrical infrastructure project was completed yesterday. This project started in October of 2004. It was a major undertaking to replace the

electrical infrastructure on the entire airfield. Over 800 new taxiway lights have also been installed and all runway lights have been upgraded. All wiring has been replaced and installed in conduit.

Now that the airfield electrical rehab has been completed the signage upgrade work began Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The signage upgrade is planned to be completed by mid May.

Thank you for your cooperation and support while we upgrade the St. Lucie County International Airport airfield facilities.

Barbara Churchill
Airport Manager

The Chapter could always use any tools or equipment for the shop area. Also, some aviation things. Books, tapes, computers, printers, copiers are also possible. But please, contact an officer before you drop something off to make sure it could have a use.

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