

# EAA 908 HYLITES

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

## From the Top - Kevin Griffin

It seems that time has done more flying than me during the past two years since you voted me in as President. With that in mind I want to remind all of you of the election coming up in October. I have appointed Lee Roman as the chairman of the chapter Nominating Committee and I also appoint Jim Royal and Paul Fischer to the committee. There are three positions coming up for election and if you are interested please contact Lee Roman. In October you will elect a new president, a secretary, and one director. The present secretary Jerry Groendyke has done a splendid job in that position for me and I know too for Jim Wetzel when he was the president. Romeo Vadnais has been an outstanding director and I hope as I right this to you he runs again for the position. Two years is long enough for me to be at the helm of the chapter. I have accomplished or to put it more accurately I'm in the process of accomplishing all of the goals I set out to achieve when you elected me in October 2004. We have achieved full Not for Profit IRS status as a 501 c 3 organization, the web site EAA 908.org, and we are on target to fly 200 Young Eagles, and the chapter is in better financial shape than when I took the controls. All of this could not have been accomplished without very able people assisting me every step of the way and I thank them for there consul and assistance. Lastly is the one project I hope to have completed or put in concrete before the October election and that is the new hangar. The hangar site plan application is n and we are waiting on the wheels of county government to approve what we have so thoroughly planned out. The hangar list is long but it has the legitimacy of being conceived and administered through strict procedures. Your position on the hangar list is based upon the order in which you submitted a written request to the treasurer. You don't know me if you believe placement on the list is based upon who you know. We have a set of rules we follow and these are published in the clubhouse and on the web site for all to see. Any member can obtain a financial statement from our treasurer. If you believe any of these statements not to be true than please contact me 24/7 at 489-7776. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you and I look forward to many more years as part of EAA 908.

See you around the hangar



## Mark Your Calendar:

- **May 17 - Chapter Meeting**
- **May 20 - Pancake Breakfast**
- **June 10 - National Young Eagles Day**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

## Officers:

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## Computer Corner - Richard Chapman

Recently, I was bidding on an experimental project on eBay. I had learned that some bidders tend to wait until the last few minutes to get the best prices for things. So about 20 minutes before the close of bidding, I got up near my budget limit. But then some last minute guys jumped in, so I stretched another bid with less than five minutes to go. But alas, I was outbid again. I later learned that there is some automatic bid software that you can buy to do these things for you. This is in addition to the automatic next highest bid that eBay does for you when you put in your maximum bid. Anyway, I might have bid the "Buy it Now" price if I was more certain about the paperwork for the project. As everyone that owns an airplane knows, complete logbooks are half the value of an aircraft.

Then a few days later, I get an email saying that I had a second chance to purchase at my last bid price. Oh great, that might work, as the seller was also offering to ship at his expense. But then the seller also moved his address from a small town in South Carolina to Las Vegas. And an email asking about how delicate airplane parts would be shipped to me brought no response. Can you smell SCAM? I copied the email to eBay security and asked for help with its validity. Got back canned responses to check for several things, two of which marked it as a scam. The first was that all sales emails will also show up in your eBay email in addition to being sent to you direct. The second was that eBay recommends that you never pay via Western Union wire transfers and this "second chance" required payment in this manner.

So there are a lot of interesting aviation things for sale on eBay at any given time. Last week there were two experimentals based at Merritt Island, one is a Barracuda and the other a turbine powered 8 seater that I'd never heard of before. The price on the turbine was in the \$250k range. This week there's 17 experimental items, from

wing skins to a Velocity RG with 500 hours TTAF.

At Sun-N-Fun this year, I did a once a month, two year subscription to Trade-A-Plane. With it you get access to their web site for real time browsing of all the listings. I have not been there yet, so that is a topic for a future column.

As I have reported in a past issue, several of us have purchased the Anywhere Map software and associated hardware. This provides aviation GPS navigation via a receiver and a pocket PC display that mounts on the yoke. It also works in your car, boat, RV, or backyard. I recently found several competing products and checked out what they had at their web sites and at Sun-N-Fun. Most have demo or trial software that works on the hardware I purchased to use with Anywhere Map. PocketFMS is actually free, only requiring a lot of time for the downloads. The same version runs on a desktop PC, notebook PC or Pocket PC. Anywhere Map has a planning version that you can use on a desktop or notebook PC, but it is different functionality. Pocket FMS also has most of the world available, so those flights to the Bahamas, Mexico, or New Zealand are possible. I even saw Hanoi FIR and may try to download to see what the flight environment of Viet Nam is these days. The bad news is the more flight information regions (FIR) that you select, the longer the downloads. Don't even consider this software unless you have a high speed internet port. Support is via a forum on their web site that appears to be monitored daily. Even though the software is free and "full functioning" from the start, there are a few features that can only be accessed after you make a donation of \$60 or more. Or 50 Euros, as the developers and maintainers are based in Europe. But for use in small aircraft, possibly even without an electrical system, this looks like it would be good value. Especially for planning those Key West to Cancun flights. Or down the Bahamas to Puerto Rico. Did I mention that Baghdad FIR is available too?  
Update - The KR2 project is back on eBay!

### 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.

## FPR Fly-In - Ron Knaggs

It was a breezy day for a flying event, but many of our fellow Chapter members showed up at the St. Lucie County International Airport Open House on April 29. EAA908 was providing the opportunity to see Ft. Pierce from the air. While the advertising of the event left lots to be desired, our portion of the event was successful and well received. We could have handled a lot more flyers, but even with limited attendance we made some money, had an opportunity to promote the EAA activities, including Young Eagles, and further our good relationship with airport management.

Thanks to the many that were there, including Ed and Peg Kemper, greeting folks, Harry Newbern and Pat for handling the money, and Ed Booth provided the flyers the opportunity to have their pictures taken on the flight line. Outside the terminal coordinating the activities, dispatching and manning the flight line were Kevin Griffin, Romeo Vadnais and Mike Ketchpaw. Ed Elder and his crew got us all set up and then returned to take it all down and back to the Chapter House when we were done.

We had two active planes provided by Don Nichols and the 908 Flying Club. Richard Chapman and Rick Whittmore flew the club Cherokee. A total of thirteen people were flown. Others were on standby if the weather improved, which it did not.

Finally, thanks to Steve Bracken for providing the lunch for the volunteers.

The experience gained was great and we could have handled many more flyers and hopefully will at future events.



Fly-In "Rides for Donations" crews and pax

## May Meeting

The visitation I have scheduled for this coming Wednesday night is at the hanger of Missionary Flights International at their new hanger facility. They have relocated to Ft Pierce from WPB starting last month. They are now in the new hanger that was once Mirabella Yachts (3170 Airmans Dr). They conduct airlifting operations both cargo and passengers to the West Indies using mainly DC3's. They will have a presentation and static displays. 1900 (7:00) 05-17-06, at their hanger. Give me a call if you need further information. Mike

## Young Eagles - Tom Shedd

International Young Eagles Day comes at a time when many of our flight rally regulars will be out of town, including your YEC. We only scheduled the event to run from 0800 to 1200 based on the advice of our pilots. As it stands we only have five aircraft confirmed so if you can fly, even for part of the morning, please confirm with dispatcher Romeo Vadnais at 461-6089. Were also short of ground volunteers. At this time, we need two registrars, an ATC briefer, a helper for Romeo, a couple of people to help Dick Creighton set up on Friday afternoon and take down at noon on Saturday, and a couple more members to man the flight line.

During the past month 1,000 flyers were handed out at the Wings and Wheels Airshow, at Airport Day, and distributed by members. A small run of about 300 will be printed on the 18th for additional distribution. Get your flyers at the clubhouse and pass the word to your friends, neighbors, and contacts.

All the job sheets for the ground positions have been revised to conform with the current YE Office guidance and to streamline our procedures for handling the paperwork. While you all make this event a success I'll be homeward bound across the Atlantic on the Friendly Skies.

## Airport Notes & Miscellaneous

### Airfield Conditions Update

The rotating beacon was replaced.

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 B2 intersection will continue work on the ditch.

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

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.

### Pilot Rules and Thoughts:

1. As an aviator in flight you can do anything you want... As long as it's right... And they'll let you know if it's right after you get down.
2. You can't fly forever without getting killed.
3. As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you and one of them will.
  - a. One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight.
  - b. One day you will walk out to the airplane not knowing that it is your last flight.
4. Any flight over water in a single engine airplane will absolutely guarantee abnormal engine noises and vibrations.

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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