

# EAA 908 HYLITES

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



## From the Top - Kevin Griffin

Saturday June 10th is Young Eagles Day at EAA 908. Tom Shedd our Young Eagles coordinator has done a marvelous job producing a great YE program for us. This Saturday even though he will not be in attendance the program goes on as scheduled. 8:00 am at the Airport terminal and we set up Friday afternoon as usual. Those of you who have volunteered in advance thank you. We shut down at 11:30 or 12:00 due to thermal bumping. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Until then see you around the hangar.

## May Meeting

At the May meeting, we visited the hangar of Missionary Flights International (MFI). This is a new facility, having been rebuilt from the foundation of a previous hangar used by Mirabella Yachts that was destroyed by the hurricanes of 2004. MFI relocated to Ft Pierce from PBI in the last few months. They conduct airlifting operations of both cargo and passengers to the Bahamas and Haiti, primarily using DC3's. One is turbine powered and the other two are radial piston powered. All three airframes date from the 1940's and have interesting backgrounds. MFI is a charitable, tax exempt flight activity where the support comes mostly from religious organizations and private contributions. Their move from PBI to FPR was due primarily to out-growing their facility at PBI and not fitting into the airport's future plans. They are happy to be in Fort Pierce with a new facility and long term lease arrangement. All the flight crews and some of the management are paid based on the amount of earmarked contributions that each person can raise. In addition, each pilot is also a mechanic. Volunteers are always welcome to work on things or be a flight attendant on the passenger carrying flights. Chapter member Tom Squeo asked for information about the flights and is considering volunteering as a flight attendant. Tom does have cockpit time in DC3's.

## June Meeting

Mike Ketchpaw has arranged for an Air Force F-16 pilot to visit and give a presentation.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- **June 10 - National Young Eagles Day**
- **June 21 - Chapter Meeting**
- **June 24 - Pancake Breakfast**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

## Officers:

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## Missionary Flights Tour



MFI Chief Pilot - Dick Snook



Ron Knaggs and Mike Ketchpaw - next to MFI DC-3

Gear and Engine Check



At Right, Dr. Gordon checking a propeller



### 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.

**Nominations - Lee Roman**

The chapter is looking for members to fill three vacancies. These are the following positions to be filled: President – Secretary and a board member.

Anyone interested in the above or would like to recommend someone to fill these vacancies, please contact the following:

Chairman of the election committee:

Lee Roman – 772 770 5984

Paul Fischer – 772 464 0538

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**Young Eagles - 10 June**

Robin Moorman guiding two Young Eagles into her Cessna 182



Dave Subers about to fly 3 Young Eagles in his Piper Cherokee (in background)

## Airport Notes & Miscellaneous

### Airfield Update

The ILS Glideslope is back in service

Taxiway E remains closed between Runway 9/27 and Runway 14/32. Taxiway E should open soon. This was a runway that has been narrowed, repaved, restriped and a runup area retained at the Alpha intersection.

The signage upgrade is planned to be completed by mid May.

New security badging will begin in a few weeks. The applications were emailed to all members with a current address. Badges will be required inside the fenced airport area and you may be challenged if you do not have one.

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

### Pilot Rules and Thoughts:

7. There are Rules and there are Laws. The Rules are made by men who think that they know how to fly your airplane better than you. The Laws (of Physics) were made by the Great One. You can, and sometimes should, suspend the Rules but you can never suspend the Laws.

8. More about Rules:

- a. The rules are a good place to hide if you don't have a better idea and the talent to execute it.
- b. If you deviate from a rule, it must be a flawless performance. (e.g., if you fly under a bridge, don't hit the bridge.)

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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