

# EAA 908 HYLITES

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



## July Meeting

Richard Chapman gave a presentation on his recent visit to the Smithsonian Air/Space Annex at Dulles International Airport. He had over a hundred pictures of the exhibits., representing almost every category, type and era of aviation and space exploration. Anyone with a chance to visit it should make every effort to get there. Good news is that it is free, bad news is there is a parking charge.



Richard Chapman at Air/Space Annex in front of a US Army UH-1H "Huey". He has several hundred hours flight time in this particular model. This was the workhorse helicopter of the Viet Nam war.

## August Meeting

Mike Ketchpaw has arranged for the Coast Guard to fly in with a helicopter. There was a problem getting a commitment for July, so he is trying for August.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- **August 16 - Chapter Meeting**
- **August 19 - Pancake Breakfast**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**
- **November 4 - FPR Open House and Young Eagles**

### Officers:

President	Kevin Griffin 489-7776
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## Board Meeting Minutes - July 19th

Meeting called to Order by Vice President Elder at 6:15P.M.

All Board Members and Directors were present with the exception of President Griffin. President Griffin joined the meeting at 6:30P.M. Richard Chapman was present as a guest to make notes for the newsletter.

Treasurer Knaggs gave a Treasurers report, copy attached.

Treasurer Knaggs reported that income from hangars tiedowns and storage containers now totals \$1500.00/month. Lease is \$1,000/month and utilities are averaging \$260/month.

Treasurer Knaggs reported four new members: John Matlin, Edwin Howlett, Vincent Lombard, Larry Hopkins.

A 40' storage container has been delivered and is set up. Richard Chapman is moving into the new box.

The project to fit the Hurricane panels will take place the weekend of July 22nd, Ed Elder in charge.

Ron Knaggs reminded everyone that each hangar tenant is responsible for ensuring that their unit is properly secured prior to severe weather conditions.

It was agreed that the ceiling sound project has improved the acoustics in the clubhouse and that we would try current set up before deciding if any more needs to be done.

Mr. Jim Royal is replacing Lee Roman as the Chairman of the nominating committee.

Director Gordon asked that someone handle selling 50/50 raffle tickets on Saturday at the breakfast, to pay off the remaining amount owed on the recently purchased gas grill. It was decided that whoever is collecting the breakfast money will also sell 50/50.

Ron Knaggs reported that Young Eagles Coordinator Tom Shedd has proposed November 4th for the next Young Eagles event. It was discussed and decided that we want to do Young Eagles in conjunction with the next Airport Open House, and if that is scheduled for the 4th also which the Board believes it is, that will be the date for the Young Eagles.

Ron Knaggs read Tom Shedd's letter resigning as Young Eagles Coordinator effective after the Nov 4 event.

President Griffin announced that he would be interested in filling the Young Eagle Coordinator position.

Ron Knaggs explained that there is some confusion surrounding some paperwork which Tom Shedd presented concerning Young Eagles for pay flights. Kevin Griffin will review the paperwork and report to the Board.

Richard Chapman mentioned the chapter buying a projector screen for the chapter clubhouse. It was agreed that Chapman would handle purchasing a 70"X70" screen for \$109.00.

President Griffin mentioned an interest in investigating alternative power sources for electricity for the Chapter. There was a discussion, no action at this time.

Director Romeo suggested to Richard Chapman that he post events and Chapter information on the newspapers local events/information/news web site.

A motion was made and passed to pay outstanding bills due Culpepper for engineering site work performed, approximately \$600 at this time. President Griffin reported that total expense from Culpepper should total no more than \$5,000. Motion was made and passed to cap total paid to Culpepper at \$5,000, including what has already been paid.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Groendyke

### 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.

## More Critters

In past issues of HYLITES, I've discussed some critters to watch out for on runways or birds in flight. Dave Subers sent me a pilot episode with bees. In the warmer months, a colony will somehow split its members and send a "swarm" out to find a new home. The ones in the picture below were trying to use the engine cowlings of a twin turbo-prop to either rest in their journey or check it out for a new home. This happened within an hour of landing at an interim stop.



The airport firemen came to the rescue and hosed them down. Next came a shop vac to get some bees out of the cabin.



## 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

Jim Royal - 772 468 3524

The crew returned home at 22,000 feet with passengers, uneventful flight. The home base mechanics pulled the cowling and found a lot of bees, some cooked on the exhaust, some still crawling around. Boy, what a flight for them.

Here are some things to be mindful of. Be careful opening hanger doors, new tenants may have moved in. Preflight check any area that could have new stow-aways. Bees, birds and critters can move in while you are at lunch. Check pitot and static ports for bugs. Use covers when on the ramp for any extended periods of parking. If you find critters or any evidence thereof, eradicate them. Then pull all the covers and cowlings to make sure they are gone. These guys didn't and were lucky that there was no in flight fire or other emergency situation.



## Airport Notes & Miscellaneous

### **Airfield Update**

New security badges are now being used on the "main" ramp area. Airfield security training will be accomplished at the SEPTEMBER 20th meeting. NOTE the early start time of 7pm. This is needed to process all affected individuals. You will need a copy of your driver's license. The Chapter is planning to have a copier available, but if you bring a copy, it will speed things up. Enhanced security at the EAA will begin 1 October.

## Flying Club

Three shares were sold in the Flying Club. Mike Kaiser, Mike Ketchpaw and Ron Knaggs each sold their share.

Mark Frankenberger passed his instrument check ride July 21st.

The Cherokee's annual was completed in early August. Extensive painting was done to the fuselage and the prop.

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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