

# EAA 908 HYLITES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EAA CHAPTER 908  
SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

## Chapter Elections

We are coming up to elections again in Oct. This year one director, the Vice President and the Treasurer positions will be filled. Jim Wetzel our President has appointed a nominating committee of Lee Roman, Jim Royal and Richard Creighton. Please contact any of these committee members with your nominations for the positions.

## Web Site

Due to privacy issues we have moved the members information for the Chapter members to the "members only" section of our website. To access that section you need a password. Contact Romeo for your personal password at 461-6089.



### Officers:

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**KFPR, east end use Taxiway  
Alpha or Delta to Delta One, or  
progressive to "EAA Ramp"  
Pancake fly-in pilots eat free**

### Mark Your Calendar:

- **August 19th - Chapter Meeting - 7pm**
- **August 20th - Safety seminar at VRB, Flight Safety**
- **August 22nd - Pancake Breakfast 8a-11a**
- **September 17th -- New runway dedication**
- **November 7th -- Airport Open House**
- **January 21-24, 2010 - Sport Aviation Expo - Sebring**
- **April 13-18, 2010 - Sun-N-Fun at Lakeland**
- **July 26 - Aug 1, 2010 - AirVenture Oshkosh**
- **Every Wednesday — coffee and donuts at club house**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**
- **Every Sat. Lunch — Burgers and dogs (except on pancake days)**

## New Airport Runway

New runway 10 Left and 28 Right will probably have a 'soft' opening before the end of August. The power lines have been moved and construction should be completed soon. There is a service road that connects to the run-up area at the end of Runway 10 Right. This road has 40 foot gates that will clear many small airplanes, but it is not a taxiway. Tow or tug operations to/from the new runway only. The runway will be lighted for night operations, the tower controls lights until they close at 9pm. After that, it is pilot controlled with all the other runways, on the CTAF.

The official dedication will be September 17th. This info per Diana Lewis, Airport Director.

## July Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:05P.M.

Vice-President Elder, Treasurer Knaggs, Secretary Groendyke, Director East were present.

Bill Stewart made a presentation on proposed By Law changes. Mr. Stewart and Ron Knaggs will get together and organize the proposals.

Discussion on donating money to Stuart Chapter to help with the expense they incurred sending one young man to camp. Agreed to \$150 to be given to Stuart Chapter.

Dave East will be checking into what programs are available as the next step for Young Eagles interested in continuing in aviation.

Pick-up truck donated by Kevin Griffin will be advertised on E-Bay.

Container donated by Bob Quick needs a roof. President Wetzel gave a recommendation of a company to Ron Knaggs. Initial rough estimate was \$500.00. Ron will get a detailed estimate and will authorize work if \$400.00 or less.

Discussion on e-mail received from Airport Director Diana Lewis reference service by Miami Center. 908 will not take a position on the issue.

Advertising in the newsletter will be accepted, initially \$5.00/newsletter for business card sized ad. Ron Knaggs will advise Donato Martino, who had asked about advertising.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Groendyke-Secretary

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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.

## August Meeting

Jerry Groendyke, Fort Pierce Tower Chief, will do a presentation on the new traffic procedures for the new parallel runway (10 Left -- 28 Right). This should be very informative and of interest to all pilots, as the runway should be operational before the end of the month.

## Chapter notes

Kevin Griffin donated a well used pickup truck. You may have seen it parked at the Chapter house. It was sold on eBay.

A new phone was purchased for the chapter house, the old one took a voltage spick, probably from one of our famous Florida thunderstorms.

Bob Quick donated a 20 foot shipping container. But it is real religious, very holey. So a new roof is getting installed.

## Badges at EAA 908 by Ron Knaggs

The St. Lucie County Airport has a system of identification used to ensure those on the field have passed the requirements to be on the field. This covers anyone who enters the field within the fence system from the land. It does not apply to personnel that have arrived by air.

Each tenant, and sub tenant including those that rent hangars, or are employees of tenants are covered. Before a badge is issued certain requirements must be met. This includes attending a training session, and receiving employer or tenant approval. In our case that means getting Jim Wetzell, Ed Elder or Ron Knaggs to sign the application for a badge.

In all other areas of the airport you must have a valid badge to enter the field because of the gate control system. In other words, you have to use the badge to open the gate. At EAA we do not need a badge to open our gates. Thus, only members that are on the field unaccompanied are required to have a badge. This would include anyone that hangars, ties downs or has a container at the Chapter. All others would not need one as they would be considered accompanied by a badge holder. This includes Wednesday coffee, weekends, meeting nights and flying with other members. As a member of EAA 908 you have a membership card.

Each badge has your birthday on it. Each year this badge needs to be renewed or it is invalid after your birthday. A different form is required and again requires the signature of one of the officers noted above.

Having said that, no one to my knowledge has been challenged by an FAA, HSD or airport personnel that required showing a badge. Could happen we are told.

Loss of the badge carries a \$50 fine! Unless you meet the requirement above please do NOT get a badge. It takes time from both your officers, the airport personnel and you pay if it is lost.

Forms are available in the rack next to the door in the Chapter house.

The training schedule can be determined by calling the airport at 462-1732. Initial badges, training and renewals are only available during normal business hours at the Airport Admin building on Curtis King Blvd.

## Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman

Don't forget to the new FAA rule requiring a 'plastic' pilot certificate. Also, if you fly internationally, the certificate should be endorsed with the English competent notation. The FAA was giving free replacements at Oshkosh, I ordered one that should arrive in a few weeks.

Bid for lease of the building next door was not enough. Aircraft window tinting company was high bidder.

Remember to lock or close the gates. For the ones with a padlock, you must move the digits off the combination to allow it to lock. If you are the last out of the clubhouse, turn off coffeepot, lights, computer and air conditioner.

Also remember that the runway lights are now PCL after the tower closes. This includes all the runways, including the new one upon completion.

Ron Knaggs stated that there are no open tie-down spots available.

Shares for sale in the Flying Club. See Ron Knaggs, Richard Chapman.

Don't forget to sign up for eAPIS if you are going to fly to the Bahamas.

Per Donato Martino, Key Air will be selling premium car gas without ethanol by the end of next week. Mid-August. Don't know cost yet.

Jim Royal had heart surgery a few weeks ago. So he's not available for cooking burgers or pancakes.

## Oshkosh

What a trip! About 3200 miles on the road, pulling a 29 foot RV trailer. Bought the trailer on Tuesday, packed on Wednesday and Thursday and got to the Georgia border Thursday evening. Two more driving days and pulled into Camp Scholler campground at 7pm Saturday. Got set up that night and more on Sunday. Then about noon got to the flight line and watched the dedication of the new walkway in front of the old brown arch. Free refreshments afterward, and they disappeared quickly. Hundreds of aircraft had already arrived and more were coming in. AirVenture doesn't officially open until Monday morning, but Sunday has a lot of activities as a somewhat 'free' day. Including a couple of shows at the Fly-In Theatre. *Barnstorming* was the first of two short films and was by an independent film crew about some guys that land in a pasture and give an 'airshow' and rides. Well worth the 'free' admission that comes with the \$21 per night camping fee.

While driving north, I passed a lot of mid-America farm land. Some corn had tasseled but some still had not. But what's this got to do with aviation and Chapter 908? Well some of the fields had signs on the fences that touted the benefits of renewable energy source that replaces foreign oil. Yes, alcohol or ethanol comes mostly from corn here in the US. (Brazil uses sugar cane.) It was that special interest group that got congress to install the ethanol fuel percentage that we see in the auto gas. Both the STCs for auto gas specify no alcohol in the fuel. And most experimental aircraft have problems with these new blends.

So much to see and do. I took several hundred pictures, digital cameras sure can make this a lot more affordable. That is until I want to make prints. Anyway, more next month and some of the pictures. Considering doing a Friday night popcorn or pizza show at the Clubhouse.