

EAA 908 HYLITES

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

Editor - Richard Chapman

Around the Patch — by Ed Booth

As our President wrote in his column last month, “we need new blood in the management of the Chapter”.

Truer words were never put to paper, witness the really good looking “HYLITES” edited and published by Richard Chapman I thought that this issue was the best that I had ever seen.

The Chapter can look forward to an even greater newsletter than before.

This was a difficult decision to make, giving up HYLITES but as you can see, It's in good hands.

Send your articles to Richard Chapman at cfo@cypress-und.com

Jim was right we do need new ideas, new actions to keep the Chapter grow-

ing and improving.

I spoke with Lee Roman the other day and asked him to look for nominations for Chapter Treasurer. My term is not up until 2005, but conditions warrant that I should step down early. The New Treasurer should be elected for one year and then in 2005 be re-elected to the two year term.

Enough of that, we are back from our super vacation to Europe but we still aren't in sync yet. While cruising the Kiel Canal I spotted the only GA airport that we saw on the entire trip. Really there is not much General Aviation over there. Auto Gas is \$1.46 per liter, God knows the price of AvGas might be.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Sept 15th Chapter meeting**
- **Oct 20th Chapter meeting - Off. Nominations**
- **Nov 6th Young Eagles**
- **Nov 17th Chapter Mtg. Off. Elections**
- **Dec 15 Christmas Party meeting**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at club house**

From the Left Seat - by Jim Wetzel

Thanks to all that helped fix the hangers on sat. . This is going to be short and not so sweet. I got a call from Connie Ostrowski letting me know that Stan had passed away on Sept. 3 and would be buried on Saturday the 17th in Bushnell FL. For all you that

don't know, Stan was one of the original members of our chapter. He will be missed. There is a new storm coming I am boarding up and getting ready to fly. I will help where needed when I return. Jim



This is Jim Wetzel just returning from Key West, where he 'weathered' Hurricane Jeanne. He said that many other planes were there from South Florida.

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Notes from the Editor - Richard Chapman

Well it looks like I have kept the job. So far I have heard good feedback on my first newsletter for the Chapter.

I started this edition of *HYLITES* a few days before Frances came into our lives. Then before I could get back to normal, Jeanne made a visit. So this will cover the three months of September, October, and November. Personally, my home sustained little damage from Frances and I was just getting resettled before Jeanne hit. And I had no further damage; however, my neighbors in Causeway Mobile Home Park were about 80% totally or heavily damaged and the City of Ft. Pierce has declared

the park as 'unsafe and illegal and should be abated by demolition.' Power was not restored and water was cut off the middle of October. What a mess. I

In the storm aftermath, I had a lot of flashback to when I was a young Army helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. Lines for meals, ice, water, MP guards at road blocks, M-16 rifles, radio/tv that may not work, official situation briefings, generators humming through the day and most of the night, debris and damaged structures everywhere, hot/humid weather with the only relief at 5,000 feet, and dangling wires everywhere.

Anyway, back to airplanes and EAA stuff.

Around The Patch (October) by Ed Booth

The Chapter did not escape damage from Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne. We lost our sign that was mounted on the end of the Club House and the doors from the Chapter Hangar and the Flying club Hangar were blown right off their tracks. One of the Chapter hangar doors was blown over the Hangars and was on the South Side near Robin Moorman's hangar. With both hurricanes hangar doors were blown off their tracks but only with Jeanne did the blow off. Jim Royal who had his Commander in the Chapter hangar suffered a ding on the Leading edge of the wing and a bent propeller when the door blew off.

We had a work party Saturday the ninth of October. Earlier in that week our VP Eddy Kemper and the 908 FC Pres, Harry Newbern, removed the Upper door guide wheels from the doors. Eddy spent the week straightening the brackets, cleaning the wheels, finding new bolts for the wheel axles painting and just in general rebuilding those assemblies.

We are fortunate to have the members we have that so freely give of their time and tools. We would have been nowhere without Bob Quick Jr. And his forklift that he brought to help reset the doors, Eddy, Kemper, Harry Newbern, Jerry Groendyke, Mike Ketchpaw and Richard Creighton. There was a lot of clean up to do and trash to haul away, thanks to Romeo Vadnais and Harry for their help here providing a truck and a trailer. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Newsletter Editor Richard Chapman. There were others but these were the real workers. Say thanks the next time you see them.

Tail Wind and Clear Skies



908 Flying Club by Richard Chapman

The Garmin 430 was installed in about two days in early August. Looks like a great job. The Annual was completed later in the month, and new struts, brakes, and tires were installed. But the monsoon season is upon us and several have cancelled flying due to weather. Ed Fry's scheduled trip to the Bahama's on Labor Day weekend would have been in the middle of Frances. Andrew Thomas flew the plane to Pensacola for the storm, and returned without any problem. Except that one hanger door was off the track and he parked outside for a day.

For hurricane Jeanne, Eric Pinon flew down to a south Miami airport. He also returned without problem. This time both hanger doors had blown down and I used my truck to pull them out to the grass area clear of the taxiway. All of the parts, tools and equipment was rained on and blown around. The sink disappeared into the Land of Oz. Hope Dorothy can use it.

A reminder that the club meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday, 7pm at the club house. The meeting was moved from just before the Chapter meeting, as we were running over and not getting all the business accomplished.

Joe Papasso's share was sold. Jason Caron purchased it. Dr. Edmonston has put his share up for sale.

Rick Whittemore reported that the Garmin 430 simulator computer program works great. You can plan, take-

off, fly enroute and shoot approaches at any airport, including our local ones. This makes it very easy to become familiar with all the features of the unit and to practice using it in the local airspace that you would actually use.

With the GPS install, we removed three radios that we will sell to anyone. The Loran is a Foster 500 that should be in a museum. Others are a Narco 120 comm only (720 channel) radio and a Narco 121 VOR 'all-in-one' unit. This tunes frequencies and OBS all from the unit display. It however, does not work with VRB VOR and we were told by the factory that a one of the crystals for tuning the higher frequencies was probably bad. Factory yellow tag service would be about \$300. At the last meeting we had not set prices, but a member had volunteered to put up on eBay auction.

November Update: Dr. Edmonston's share is probably sold. Also, another person is interested in buying in, as soon as a share is available.

Picture below is the Club hanger, on Monday after hurricane Jeanne. Eric parked his SUV at the back and avoided damage from the collapse of the right door into the hanger. The left door fell outside.



Nominations by Lee Roman

There will be several officer and board vacancies open for nomination. Specifically, President, Treasurer, and Board member. The nomination committee is seeking members interested in these position. Contact any committee person if you are interested, Lee is chairman, and Harry Newbern, Tom Squeo and Richard Creighton are members.

Nominations are made at the October meeting, with elec-

tion in November.

October Meeting update: The nominations are as follows:

President: John Kevin Griffin

Treasurer: Pete Stryker and Ron Knaggs

Odds and Ends by Editor

Several new members have joined, names will be published when available. Welcome to them all.

At the October meeting, Jerry Groendyke gave a very informative talk on Ft. Pierce Tower operations. Things don't always go as planned for tower personnel or pilots. Phraseology changes are made as a result of accidents and other identified problems. If you are ever in doubt about what you should do, ask for clarification. I will include more from my notes in future *HYLITES*.

PanAm flew most of their fleet to Arizona before the storms. Some are now coming back, it was nice and quiet while they were gone.

Runway 14-32 is close for resurfacing. It may open in another month or so, depending on weather and equipment. Also, a cut-over taxiway is being added at the end of Delta. This should make it easier to get over to the end of Rwy 09 for takeoff.

There was a Sport Expo at Sebring on the last weekend of October. Several members flew over on Saturday and said that it was interesting.

July Pancake Breakfast



This is a Hummel Bird with half a VW engine. Hungry pilot flew up from Ft. Lauderdale area.



After Clem bought avgas, he didn't have money left for shoes.