

# EAA 908 HYLITES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EAA CHAPTER 908  
SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

## Chapter Officer Elections

President Jim Wetzel stated that there will be proxy or absentee voting this year. However, getting it set up will require that the elections move to November's meeting. The three positions this year are: President, Secretary, and a director.

## Young Eagles - November 15th

Sign up for pilots, airplanes and ground crew is in the clubhouse. This will be part of the Airport Open House day at St. Lucie County International Airport.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- **October 17th - Chapter Meeting**
- **October 18th - Pancake Breakfast**
- **November 15th - Young Eagles and FPR Airport Open House**
- **November 8 - 9 - VNA Airshow - Stuart**
- **November 19th - Chapter meeting with elections**
- **December 19th - Christmas Party at Elk's Club**
- **January 22 - 25, 2009 Sebring Light Sport Expo**
- **April 21 - 26, 2009 - Sun-N-Fun Lakeland**
- **Every Wednesday — coffee and donuts at clubhouse**
- **Every Sat. morning — coffee and donuts at clubhouse**
- **Every Sat. Lunch — Burgers and dogs (except on pancake days)**



## Officers:

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| President      | Jim Wetzel<br>878-1973                                |
| V. Pres.       | Ed Elder<br>595-5698                                  |
| Secretary      | Jerry Groendyke<br>489-9150                           |
| Treasurer      | Ron Knaggs<br>429-1241                                |
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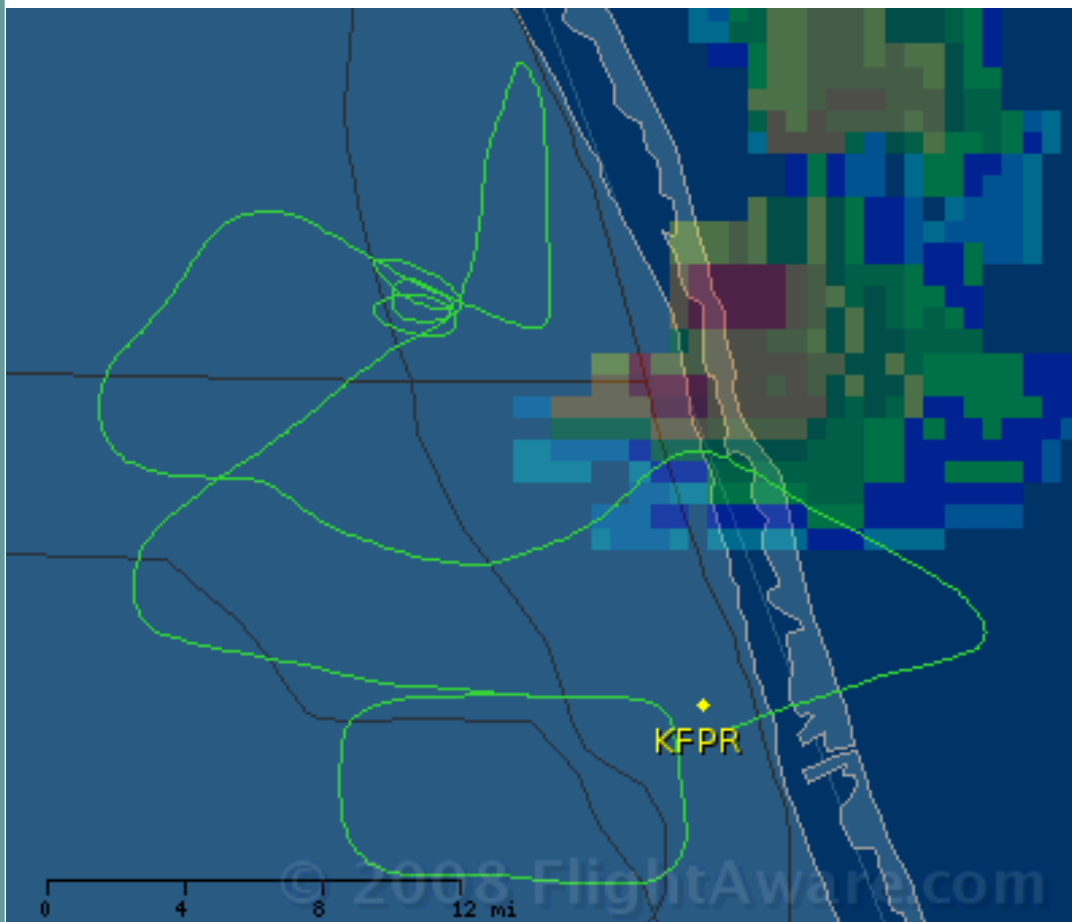
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**KFPR, east end use Taxiway Alpha or Delta to Delta One, or progressive to "EAA Ramp" Pancake fly-in pilots eat free**

## Flight Tracking

Sometime last year, I found a web site that tracks flights. It is at: [flightaware.com](http://flightaware.com) (no www needed). There are a lot of features, the two that I have found useful are individual aircraft tracking and an airport area display.

For the individual aircraft, there is a box on the left where you put in the N-number (N is not needed) and a list is presented for any of the recent flights. The most recent one is graphically displayed showing the flight track and some geographical landmarks, as well a summary of information of aircraft owner, type aircraft, takeoff and landing times, etc. If there are several recent flights, you click on the older ones to get the graphic and summary info. Some recent flights that I did a screen capture of the graphic are for the flying club Cherokee doing instrument training and a member going north for a visit.



Flying Club Cherokee,  
Friday Oct 10th:

Takeoff to the East, over water, probable vectors to KVRB via GPS Rwy 29L, holding at VRB, vectors to straight in to runway 9 FPR, missed approach, followed by vectors to another to a full stop. These last two were either on the exact same path and overlay each other, or the radar coverage was lost on final descent for the full stop landing. Does the holding look professional, or need more practice? Yes, that is weather in the display.

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Chapter member recent IFR flight. Map scale changes as needed by the web site. It looks like the arrival at the Atlanta area required vectors around Atlanta International to get into Fulton County - Brown Field.

The flight aware tracking is useful to advise your family or friends of your N-number and they can watch your progress and go to the airport when you are near to landing. This would be for IFR flights only. If you file VFR, the summary section shows the activation time and your ETA. With no flight plan, you don't show up. For practice, try 200MF, one of the DC3's for Missionary Flights. But no military flights or Air Force One are available.

For the airport activity, use FPR and you will see the data. The small 'radar' screen at the top right can be clicked on and a larger pop-up screen will appear. It gets updated about 5 minutes or so. A list of all the arrivals and departures is also presented, clicking 'More' will go back a day or so. One way to tell how busy an airport is and when is the slack or peak times.

There is an airline entry box, it appears to work similar to the N-number box. This might save time for picking up someone at PBI if there is a snow storm in New York or weather to avoid.

If you register, you can some more data. It is free and I plan to do it and report how much additional info is available. Also, they have some additional subscription capabilities that are generally for fleet operators, FBO's or airport management. There is a FAQ section that answers a lot of questions about their site and service. You should read it if you use their site more than casual glancing.

## Christmas Dinner

The Chapter Christmas dinner party is scheduled for Friday, 19 December. It will be at the Elks Club on US 1 Fort Pierce. The driveway entrance is on 5th Street, between Delaware and Georgia Avenues. The Chapter is paying the cost of dinner for members and one guest each. Ed Elder is coordinating this event and should have menu choices by the October meeting. Either a buffet or table served beef, chicken or fish. Sign up by November meeting. Program is to be determined, advise a board member if you have any suggestions. There will probably be a cash bar, so bring some folded presidential portraits.

## Around the Patch—by Richard Chapman

Dr. Roman Swiezy has purchased Lee Roman's Cessna 152. He has his Cessna 120 for sale, \$32,500.

These are some updates from the recent airport tenant's meeting:

The new parallel runway 9/27 is scheduled for completion July 2009, work slowed from the recent rains.

Runway 9/27 is scheduled for resurfacing by the end of 2008, it will be closed about 2 weeks.

Taxiway C6 is permanently closed due to collapse of the culvert system.

The voluntary noise abatement procedures are being modified. Staying west of US 1 will be removed as an exception. "Limited" touch and goes has been extended to 10pm from 9pm. It has to go before the County Board of Commissioners and also gets FAA approval.

Other airport notes:

The "Tiki" FBO has a new name of Volo Aviation. The Tiki Restaurant is still the name of the food service operation. Volo has some proposals for more hangars and buildings, some to be built north of Regional Flight Academy (old Pan Am) and the maintenance hangars adjoining taxiway E.

There are several new instrument approaches at FPR. Some are replacements for others with a 'new' name. The GPS Rwy 14 is a vertical navigation (VNAV) approach that goes down to 330 feet with a WAAS enabled receiver.

Security of the access gates has improved. Please keep up the vigilance of keeping our area secure.

There are still several shares of the flying club for sale.

Romeo Vadnais is selling a lot of aviation stuff on eBay. <http://shop.ebay.com/merchant/sparksromeo>

Joe Kohl has been sharpening mower blades and cutting a lot of the grass. Thanks Joe.

Parking: If you don't need to park around the hangar, please park outside the gate. Some Saturday's is so crowded that airplanes have trouble taxiing.

Engine run-ups should only be done on taxiways or other designated ramp locations. Not at the hangar.

Carl Deal did a test flight with his new engine in the Volksplane. More cc's in this engine gave a better climb.

It was encouraging to see all the quick replies to the what and where picture last month. Thanks for all the answers, all of which were correct. In the future when I do these pictures or quizzes, you will have to come to the Chapter to get your prize or award.



Last month's what and where picture was identified first by John Maitland. He was awarded a Chapter 908 hat.

It is the retirement home for government space research chimpanzees. It is located a couple miles north of the county fairgrounds. On one over flight, I did see a dark fur ball walking in the open. See the full story on their web site, [www.savethechimps.org](http://www.savethechimps.org) or there was a newspaper feature in Fri-

day October 10th 'Weekend' section. They do not allow visitors, so over-flight is the only way to see a 'resident'. But not too low please.