

# EAA 908 HYLITES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EAA CHAPTER 908  
 SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

## Chapter Elections

We are coming up to elections again in November. 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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### Mark Your Calendar:

- **October 21th - Chapter Meeting - 7pm**
- **October 24th - Pancake Breakfast 8a-11a**
- **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.

## August Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:36P.M.

Present were: Vice-President Ed Elder, President Jim Wetzel, Treasurer Ron Knaggs, Secretary Jerry Groendyke, and Director David East.

Discussion on continuing to pursue former TCF building, possibly as a sub-lease from Aero Shade, company scheduled to take over the buildings. Director David East will contact Aero Shade to see if there is any interest from them in a sub lease.

President Wetzel is planning on meeting with Airport Director Diana Lewis and County Commissioner Chris Craft to explain our position on why we feel Chapter 908 should be allowed to lease one of the former TCF buildings.

Proposed by-law changes were briefly discussed:

1. Address proxy voting. No comment at this time.
2. Having entire general membership vote on all issues brought before the Board. Board of Directors position is that it is job of the Board to handle the Chapter business, and to leave Chapter meetings open for educational and entertainment speakers.
3. Term Limits of Board members. Board's position is that this has not been a problem.
4. Family memberships. Board feels 1 paid membership deserves 1 vote.

Director East made a motion to table by-law changes, seconded by President Wetzel, vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Groendyke-Secretary

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## October Meeting

Mike Ketchpaw has arranged for a speaker on Aircraft Exhaust Systems.

## October Fly-Out

Four airplanes were ready to go this past Saturday, October 17th. Jerry Groendyke in his Cessna 172, David East in his Cherokee, Richard Chapman with the club's Cherokee 180, and Mike Ketchpaw in American AA-5 who had set up the event. All had Chapter member passengers.

The new Kissimmee Air Museum was hosting the event, and had ramp space, food, refreshments and of course, aircraft to observe. All the aircraft were stated as in flyable condition. Richard Creighton had come along as a passenger and was looking at Hiller helicopter. I asked if he had flown one like it, and he said yes, he had instructed in one while in the Army. Also back in the corner was a French built Alouette II helicopter. This was painted in a tiger stripe design that the guide said was for a movie production. The museum was proudly showing the Focke Wulf 190 restoration project that has been going on for several years and has about 3 years more to go. The project's goal is to have a flyable airplane that will be as original as possible. The basic airframe was from a crash on a hill side in Norway during the winter. An original complete engine was found in a warehouse in Europe, that was intended to be used as a wartime spare.

## September General Meeting

Editor Note: No Board meeting, and lots of news

Meeting called to order at 7:00P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Treasurer Knaggs reported President Wetzel is sick and unable to attend, Vice-President Elder is out of town, and Richard Chapman is out of town, so there is no new newsletter.

Welcome back to Jim Royal returning from heart surgery.

Thanks to Paul Decker, Joe Kohl, Joe Garner, and Bob Quick for grass mowing.

Secretary Groendyke briefed on 10L grand opening ceremony on September 17, 2009.

Treasurer Knaggs reported that he and President Wetzel were still working on the County Commission reference the former TCF building.

Guest Scott introduced himself.

Treasurer Knaggs reported that Chapter donated \$80.00 towards pastries for the 10L opening ceremonies.

Treasurer Knaggs reported that the Board of Directors will be reviewing Bylaw changes, and that the Vice President, Treasurer, and one Directors position are up for re-election. David East and Eddy Kemper have been nominated for the Vice-Presidents position, Ron Knaggs for treasurer, and Ed Elder for Director. Elections will be held in November.

Breakfast Saturday the 19th will be in clubhouse. Help is needed Friday morning for set up and Saturday afternoon for cleanup.

Robin Moorman sold her C182, and Tom Squeo will be taking her hangar.

## **Around the Patch - by Richard Chapman**

Don't forget to the new FAA rule requiring a 'plastic' pilot certificate, effective March 2010. Also, if you fly internationally, the certificate should be endorsed with the English competent notation.

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.

Update on the hangars, Tom Squeo's plane purchase fell through and he gave up the hangar to Kevin Griffin, who is diligently looking for something with wings. Honda cycle in there now.

Carl Deal told me that his Peitenpol is for sale, asking \$8,000.

## **Sept. Meeting continued**

Doc Swiezy is hoping to sell his C150 and when he does will bring his C120 back.

Treasurer Knaggs reported that he will be heading up a work crew in the fall to paint the hangar roof.

Joe Garner reported that he has flown his Zenith, but has had heating problems.

Frank Tompson is building a Zenith 750.

Bob Juback reports that his and Ed's airplane is ready to fly, but needs an instructor, and is unable to insure the aircraft until the first 25 hours are flown off.

Roy Albert plans to start work on his airframe in 4 weeks.

David East is looking for input on selling shares in his 140. He wants to keep it, but also buy a Cherokee 6.

Jim Rowntree reported on his 8,000 mile motorcycle trip from Colorado to Alaska, Wisconsin and return.

Mike Ketchpaw is working on a day trip to Kissimmee Air Museum for October 17th.

David East reported that Sebastian is working on getting business into the airport and trying to start a monthly fly in. He also reports that his GATV will be going satellite soon, and will be available on some TV channels. Advertising rates will be going up when they go satellite, so anyone interested in getting in on current rates should see Dave now.

Dave has plans to attend the AOPA summit in Tampa.

Chapter 908 will be selling business card sized ads in upcoming newsletters.

Doc Swiezy won \$26.00 in the 50/50.

Treasurer's report is posted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Groendyke-Secretary