



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



CHAPTER 66 FORT MYERS, FL – PAGE FIELD (KFMY)

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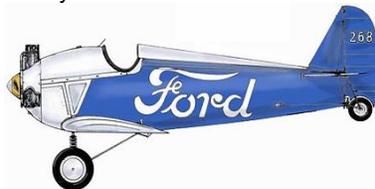
Rich Zeidman. Among them they

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flew 11 Young Eagles.

Please send your \$25 checks in for membership 2017. In accordance with our By-Laws, membership renewal is January 1st to March 1st. If you haven't paid by March 1st, you are no longer a member. We don't ever want to lose you, so pay up!

We have some exciting things brewing that I hope will generate more enthusiasm from club members. Tim Neil, who has been working with fund raising and state grants, is in the process of trying to secure a matching grant from the state in an effort to help us build the new hangar. Part of the justification for the grant would be the historical value of the club, but the bigger more important part would be community outreach, namely teaching the kids (young eagles) how to build planes. Tim is very active with the Ford museum and has asked us about the possibility of building a replica of the Ford Flivver, a small plane designed around 1925 to be Ford's idea of an "everyman's aircraft".



PRESIDENTS NOTES

Dear members,

April's Pancake breakfast was once more a record breaker with 149 attendees. That's three months in a row with record breaking numbers. I want to thank the usual suspects who work so hard to feed everybody. Tom Peppers and his lovely lady Debbie, Bob Ackert, Eddie Hayward and Steve Gagnon work nonstop at these breakfasts and their sacrifice of time and energy is well appreciated. Also, Neal Trombley's attention to detail and overall sense of responsibility in taking over the commissary and procuring everything we need is a tremendous contribution to this club. We owe all these great folks a debt of gratitude. The breakfast sales are our main source of income to pay rent and other bills and when we get these great turnouts it gives an added cushion of financial security for our chapter. I'd also like to thank Cheri Short who had her hands full with Young Eagles and did a great job coordinating the kids. A special thanks to the Young Eagle pilots, Tom Irlbeck, Tom Kracmer and

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Next Breakfast
Sunday May 7, 2017

Board Meeting
Thursday April 13, 2017
@ 6:30 PM

General Meeting Tuesday
April 18, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

**66 Farewell
Dinner**
Saturday April 22 at 6:00

**Young Eagle Pilots
Needed for the
Sunday Pancake
Breakfast**

Please contact Cheri Short
at
skydiver36c@yahoo.com

**Name Tags
Available at:**
Fred's Trophies
3512 Palm Beach
Blvd.
332-0363
Ask For: Theresa

It was designed by a man named Otto Koppen and one of the requirements was it "had to be small enough to fit in Ford's office". Now, I don't nearly possess the brain and common sense of a man like Henry Ford, but I have to wonder why he didn't just build a bigger office! The first prototype only had a 15' wingspan. Charles Lindbergh got to fly this prototype along with other versions with a bit larger wingspan. He later described the Flivver as "one of the worst aircraft I ever flew".

However, it would be a great teaching project involving rag, tube and wood. In addition, Tim would take care of supplying us with the materials and the plane would go to the Ford museum as a static display. This would negate the need for a DAR inspection and also garner us some great publicity with local news channels, as well as increase our chances of support for the hangar. We need to get more kids involved before we begin such a project.

Tim is a great asset to our chapter. He has some wonderful ideas. He also contributed that beautiful picture of the B-17 rudder mounted on foam board that enhances our fund raising display.

As I write this piece I realize several of our members are at Sun N' Fun. While I am not attending this year, I would encourage those who are thinking of building as well as Young Eagles to attend this event for at least one day next year. Two days would be better. There are several free workshops where you can learn to weld, do fabric work, bend metal, rivet, etc. Beyond that, you get to look at the beautiful craftsmanship our fellow pilots and builders have executed and it gives you a

standard to shoot for. In addition, there are several cool airshows!

It would be nice to fill that rudder up with placards. Remember, it requires a donation of at least \$100 to make the rudder. I will get you a placard. If you already donated, say, \$50, you just need to come up with another \$50 and you are on the rudder. (Now don't come up to me and say, "I gave two dollars, so here's ninety eight more. Put me on the rudder".) Surely, we can all see the benefit in this great project...a great hangar for all of us to enjoy. If we all help out with a small sacrifice, we can bring this to fruition.

Finally, we are still looking for a Treasurer. If any of you would be interested in helping us, we would certainly appreciate it.

Bill Bresnan - President Ch.66

What is Happening!

Farewell Dinner Planned for April 22!

From the March Meeting

The monthly meeting was held Tuesday March 21st at the EAA building. A fair turnout and hamburgers were served.

Len also talked about the Fort Myers Flying Club Poker Run and how it is open to all and that he also won \$50.00. Congratulations Len, guess you are buying the beer? Len reiterated that it would be nice to see more EAA members attend next year's Poker Run as you can participate by purchasing a hand of poker if you do not fly to the 4 airports to pick up the cards.

Tom Irlbeck gave an update on the hangar and reported that with \$75,000 we should be able to start construction and have a building for that amount with a door.

It was mentioned that it would be beneficial to see a set of plans with hard numbers for the entire project and a building schedule that is realistic before we begin construction.

Some discussion about pursuing the selling of the Zenith 650 was presented to help get us to our goal. We currently have \$45,000 in the hangar fund. However some comments were that the airplane should not be sold so the money could sit in the bank account and that the Zenith should be flown by members. Seeing that we still have to obtain the airplanes Air Worthiness Certificate this is a moot point. It may be more appropriate to fly the Zenith and accumulate a couple of hundred hours on it and this may make it more valuable proving its capability.

Time will tell.

Keven gave a speech about the history of Page Field. Many of the facts were new to a number of us, including the testing of airplanes for the Doolittle raid over Tokyo. A lot of training occurred here at page field and we also learned that Naples airport received its designation as APF – Alternative to Page Field. Thanks Keven and great job on the hamburgers.

David Burns talked about a single email list. A new account was created in Gmail to list all members email and to be able to consolidate the list into one.

You know the old adage, "If you do not receive this email contact us." Ok so how does that work? All I

can say is if you know someone who is not receiving the email, let them know that they need to update their contact info. Get a hold of our new

Membership Chairman

John Coleman

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And let him know that you need the information updated.

News Flash

Bahamas, Canada and Mexico do not recognize BasicMed in lieu of 3rd class medical.

Ok! So you want to fly to the Bahamas and you are going to opt for the new Medical program for FAA, BasicMed. Be aware that the Bahamian government does not recognize the BasicMed for flying in their country. You will need a 3rd Class medical to fly to the Bahamas and some of the other southern countries and Canada. So if you plan on flying to the Bahamas, keep getting that 3rd class medical. Also check with your insurance company, they may not cover you with Basic Med.

AOPA has requested that the governments of the Bahamas, Canada, and Mexico recognize the new FAA medical certification rule known as BasicMed, under which many FAA-certificated pilots plan to fly when the program launches May 1st.

Link <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2017/march/20/bahamas->

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The three countries are among the most popular destinations for general aviation pilots, “and we would like to see this continue and even grow,” said AOPA President Mark Baker in letters to the top transportation officials of the Bahamas, Canada, and Mexico.

Be sure to do what is right for your type of flying.

EAA Members attend the Rusty Pilot Program:



Fort Myers Flying Club with AOPA put on a program intended to help pilots get back into the air and refresh current pilots on many of the items we should be looking at each time we fly.



The class was well received and there were a large number of people from the area that were looking to get back into the air again. Also the Rusty Pilot program can be used of your one

hour ground review when you have your by-annual flight review.

Fort Myers Flying Club Poker Run

On Saturday March 18th the Fort Myers Flying Club held their annual poker run at the EAA building. We served around 40 lunches and after expenses we showed a small profit of approximately \$135.00. Thanks to the EAA members who helped make this a success!

Local Schools Visit EAA

On March 23rd Lee County Public Schools Science-Technology-Engineering-Math program sent three local high schools students to Page Field for a field trip (no pun intended). The students were broken up into 3 groups and toured the facilities including the base operations, Aeronautical Charter Inc. (ACI), the tower, Maintenance, Tomlinson Avionics, Air Traffic Control Tower, and EAA.

The students were met at EAA by David Burns, Bob Willaford and Rich Zeidman. They toured the EAA building and were introduced to the Young Eagle program which was followed up by a visit to David and Bob’s airplanes in the Foxtrot Hangar.



Bob explaining his engine.

Many of the students were interested in the construction process and the Young Eagle Program. They liked the idea so much so that many took the brochure and asked about flying on one of the upcoming Breakfast Sundays.



Rich showing his avionics.

It was nice that Rich was able to show what a completed airplane looks like! Many of the kids were quite impressed with the final product.

Interesting note: we spoke with Debbie of Base Ops and were told that next year, (2018) the Aviation Day Program would take place in April following Sun n Fun because of the construction.

Let's hope that we have a nice weekend next breakfast and more planes to fly students in.

Builders

- **David Burns** Glasair Sportsman 2+2
- **Bob Willaford** RV9
- **Art Coll & Mike Degeorgio** Zenith CH 750
- **Jerry Strom** Zenith CH 750
- **Bill Bresnan** HATZ
- **Raymond Kennedy** RV-6 (RV-7 Plans)
- **Ray Romeu and Bob Ackerman** is continuing to glue toothpicks together at his hangar at PGD
- **Neal Trombley** RV9a
- **Dietrick Feight** CH 640 (4 seats)
- **Tom Peppers** Zenith
- **Paul Yocum** Thorp

Currently Flying

- **Ray Romeu** Fisher Dakota Hawk
- **Tom Irlbeck** RV-8
- **Rich Zeidman** RV-7
- **Kurt Hosterman** RV-7
- **Tom Kracmer** RV-9A

Progress Report

Members Photos

Bob and Ray are making progress on their airplane working on the 4th wing.



I have to say that this is a labor of love and the detail that is in this airplane is remarkable

Paul Yocum put the wings back onto his airplane and is getting it ready to go back into the air.



Bill Bresnan continues the work on his Hatz. In his Hangar.



I think Bill is a little confused about which way to sit in the front, but don't let that fool you! Bill was connecting wires and is glad that he made his airplane a little bigger for his stature. The detailed work on the airplane is incredible and we all are looking forward to seeing the final product at one of our breakfasts.



Tom Peppers installed a new radio with Ray's help.

Tool Tips

We thought we would add tool tips to the newsletter and ask anyone who has a good idea about how to save time, effort, and or just a good idea.

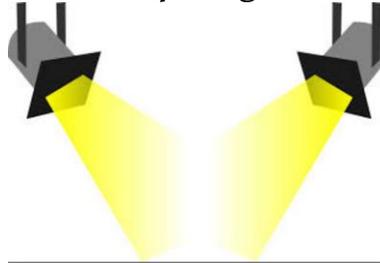
Here is our first tip from **Bob Willaford**. When filling break lines with fluid from the bottom up, take a clean water bottle and tie it up on the frame and use a plastic tube to go from the top of the break reservoir to the bottle. Now as you fill the break system and the reservoir fills the excess will flow into the bottle and not onto the floor. Kind of a hands free solution to making sure you do not have air in the system.

Thanks Bob.



Bob's brake bleeding bottle arrangement

EAA 66 Spotlight



Our spotlight will focus on our members, what they are doing and how they got there....THIS MONTH FUCUSING ON SUN-n-FUN

This year at Sun-n-Fun, amongst the many members who visited the airshow, four of our Chapter members distinguished themselves as volunteers for the entire show. They are Ray Romeu, Howard Worman, Tom Peppers, and Steve Gagnon.



Ray worked daily as a specialist in the Wooden Aircraft Workshop. This year they were fabricating the fuselage for a Volksplane VP-2. Next year they are planning to fabricate the wings and empennage.



Howard, Tom & Steve all worked daily at the On Site

Transportation. They either drove the tractor or were conductors on the trams that moved people around the Airshow. I am happy to report that no people were injured (read "run over") by the trams this year.



Tom Peppers on the job

All four camped out in Howard's RV adapting to the luxurious accommodations that Sun-n-Fun camping has to offer. A fun time was had by all

The Fab Four enjoying a well-earned evening rest.

A number of people spent time up at Sun-n-Fun and we are sorry we did not get all of the pictures. Here are a few of the visitors and activities.



David and Rai



A good group of flyers



Our Navy Pilot

A gaggle of airplanes flew up on Friday. As it was with a strong headwind they flew at 500 feet to avoid the really strong and bumpy stuff. I believe we had 4 airplanes in the group. Sorry if I missed one.

Maybe next year we will see more of our members flying up to the event.



Air Show

A good time was had by all!



Had to add this one, Rai directing some of the onlookers. ;-)

EAA 66 Classified Ad's

Hangar Available: Nice Hangar available at PGD on north side of airport. Available from now until November 1, 2017 at \$321 per month. Call Steve Gagnon at

215-718-5508. Immediate occupancy!

Any items you wish to list in the Classified Section of the Newsletter contact Steve or David

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David:

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Steve Gagnon - Newsletter Editor

David Burns – Photographer?

Editorials: Like many newspapers we can include a section for your comments and concerns. Got something that you want to say or an idea that would benefit the club? Great send it to David or Steve at the email address above and we will consider it for inclusion in the newsletter.

CHAPTER 66

General Meeting

Third Tuesday – Each
Month @ 7:30 PM

Pancake Breakfast

First Sunday – Each Month

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