

EAA CHAPTER 66



KFMY-Page Field Fort Myers, FL September Newsletter



Bulletin BOARD

A few comments from the BOARD on what is going on. First a welcome back to our Snowbirds. It is always good to see you back and we look forward to another great season. It seems things never change and yet everything changes. Pancake breakfast is still on the first Sunday. We plan on having our normal routine of dinners and fly outs and maybe a change or two.

We plan on a Young Eagle program at Base Ops on Saturday, Sept. 21. It will be similar to our event in May, 9 to 11:30 in the morning. Pilots show up before 9. Candy will be handling the reservations and Pepper the pre-flight events. Base Ops expects us and will handle the event similar to last May.

We hope to have a YE event in October and more hopefully on a monthly basis. Hurry back Rich Zeidman.

We are also planning a Pot Luck dinner on Sat., Oct. 26th. We get great attendance at these dinners and everyone has a good time. Hopefully, we can do the Pot Luck on a quarterly basis and tie them in with Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year and a farewell event in March.

Additionally, we would like to do more fly outs. We always talk about fly outs, but they very seldom come about. Except for the fly out to LaBelle to celebrate Sam James's birthday, how old now Sam, we very seldom do more. We need to make an honest effort to get this ball rolling. There plenty of events every month. We can use our website to inform folks of when and where we are going.

As we discuss Fall events, let us not forget Aviation Day, on Nov. 6 of this year. It has been about 18 months since the last one in April 2018, so we need to start thinking early about it. We are also looking for a chairperson to head up the effort. As always it will include lunch, a homebuilt display and an area devoted to YE info. To get things started, we are looking at a new 10 X 20ft tent for our cooking/ lunch area. Thanks to Paul Yocum for getting us in the right direction with "thegazebostore.com".

That's it for now. Hope to see some of you at the YE event on Sat. September 21st. Any and all pilots and pals are welcome.

The BOARD

YES!!! THERE'S A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Don't everybody get upset. I, Steve Gagnon, have agreed to end the "arm-twisting" and I'm back at editing the EAA Chapter 66 Monthly Newsletter.

I am asking your patience in accepting the present format of the newsletter. I'm doing this in my "spare time". But, in time, it will get better.

IT'S ELECTION TIME

November elections are just around the corner. What role do you want to play in the chapters future? We will need at the very least, a President, Vice-President for 2020. Without those positions being filled, we will lose our status as an EAA chapter. Talk with myself or Len if interested in keeping EAA Chapter 66 alive for another 50 years.

NEW WEBSITE...REALLY!

I know, we've all heard this one before. But the previous three sites combined cannot do what this new one can. We'll be converting over to www.eaachapter66.org within a week. This will have our calendar, collect dues, email each other post photos and more. It'll also be ours and not through a third party. We've asked David Burns to close the current site. The Meetup site never caught on as int need and that too will be shut down. Another update will be forthcoming soon. "Line up and wait."

Our webmaster is EAA member Joe Keenan. Joe has years of experience with websites and we will be able to have full control of our content. Thank you Joe, for working with the Board of Directors on giving us a full version site.

(And, it actually works well. I just logged onto it with my new password. I couldn't remember my old password. But, the "can't remember my password" feature works swell. Ed.)

GATE CODE CHANGE

By now, we have all been informed there's a new gate codes for all the gates. You should have received an email from our Membership Chair John Coleman with the new code. All paid EAA Chapter members should check their emails. If you're a paid member and have not received the code, please check with John or Base Ops. If your dues has not been paid, good time to fill out this form or send in your \$25 dues check payable to EAA Chapter 66 mail to PO Box 60204 Ft. Myers, FL. 33906

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING FOR DORIAN RELIEF TO THE BAHAMAS

Our very own Chapter Members, Charley Valera, David Burns and Bob Willaford (that's all I know of at this time) have been very busy working with Skip Bently for Hurricane Dorian Relief to the Bahamas.

Charley has been very busy as the Director of Emergency Services for Aerobridge. In this capacity, he has been coordinating relief flight efforts out of Ft. Myers (KFMY), Ft Lauderdale (KFXE), and North Perry Hollywood (KHWD). He advised me they have shipped over 500,000 pounds of relief supplies to the Bahamas in about a week. The shipments have all been going in GA aircraft. From an RV7 to a PC12.

Charley has also been working with Mark Miller, of the Sundowners, to design a process to get flights in & out of the Bahamas. The process has been rather dynamic in change due to the Bahamian Government & the TFR set up by the FAA in an effort to regulate traffic to the few airports available .

Charley has also been working with Mark Baker and Tom Haines of AOPA to accomplish this mission. AND, having his kitchen remodeled, AND with a book release happening within the next 3 weeks. Busy guy.

Skip Bently (Of the Ft Myers Flying Club) has been very busy gathering the truckloads of supplies and gathering moneys for supplies, while taking care of his wife, who was in a car accident. Another busy guy.

Meanwhile, ALL that David Burns and Bob Willaford have been doing is flying some of the missions with Mark Steinburg (of the Sundowners), and Mark Miller (in his Aztec). I'm sure that there are many more pilots flying. I must admit I do not know all of them at this time.

The following pictures are courtesy of David Burns. I'm sure that they are meant to show just how much can be hauled by one of those "little planes".

This all demonstrates how a well-coordinated effort by a group of dedicated GA pilots can make a difference. They all report that the devastation in some areas is close to 100% destruction. All of these efforts are going towards easing the Humanitarian Disaster that this hurricane has wrought. It's going to be a long while before some areas can begin to get back to normal.

Any and all contributions are still being accepted. Contact Skip Bentley at 239-691-6698, or captskipbentley@gmail.com, or his facebook page.





BUILDERS UPDATES

I must apologize for not having builder's reports for all of the folks building. But, I do have ONE report for my aircraft.

On Friday, August 2, Cozy N15CZ was loaded on a trailer and delivered to Jake Arner Airport, 22N. Commissioning commenced to get her airworthy and flying. However, after about 3 hours of engine running, the pressure regulator on the Ellison Throttle body ruptured. (I'm Glad it happened while on the ground.) So, the throttle body has been shipped back to the Ellison folks to be rebuilt. I guess that having it in storage for 15 years dried out the diaphragm. Now grounded for 3-6 weeks while it is repaired.

And, yes. That's a Life-Flight helicopter in the background. Hope I don't need their services.



BY THE WAY...HURRICANE SEASON AIN'T OVER YET!!! BE PREPARED

If a 150 – 200 MPH wind sat over your home for 24 hours, what do you think it would look like afterwards?

For Your Convenience...here's a EAA Chapter 66 application Form in case you need it for a new member. It's also available on the EAA Chapter 66 web site.

EAA CHAPTER 66 APPLICATION

Please give Application to Treasurer or a Board Member. Checks payable to "EAA Chapter 66"
Chapter Yearly Dues \$25.00, Renewed Beginning of Year

Official Use Only Treasurer's Initials _____

Date of Application _____ Joined in Jan. 1 to June 30 = \$25.00

Date Paid _____ Joined in July 1 to Sept. 30 = \$15.00

Cash (circle) Ck# _____ Joined in Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 = \$25.00, includes next year

National EAA # _____ Expiration date _____

We strongly suggest for you to join National EAA to get all of its benefits. Ask for an application.

Male Applicants First Name _____ Mi _____

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Local Address Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ Fl. Zip _____

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Airman Ratings _____ Current Y__ N __

Repairman Ratings _____ Current Y__ N __

Present Aircraft Owned or Building _____

Aviation or EAA Experience _____

i.e. Builder, Sport, Warbird, Antique, Aerobatic, Military, Instructor, Advisor, etc.

Do you have any subjects you could give a program on? Y __ N __

What? _____

Would you like to participate on a committee or the board in the future? Y __ N __ Maybe __

Occupation or experience _____

The chapter may need your expertise at some point. **Retired is not an answer.**

We can always use your help somewhere. If you see somewhere you could help i.e. Monthly breakfast, Young

Eagles, dinners, or you have an idea for a new position we could use, just jump in. Your input or help will be

appreciated.

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