



EAA CHAPTER 66

FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

PAGE FIELD (FMY)

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

2026

We are now into February of 2026. It may seem a challenge to top the news in 2025 of completing the hangar project, and yet we just pulled off an awesome Old Farts flyin and seafood boil. Thanks to the help of the many volunteers who made this event run so smoothly we had a first class event. IFR weather around Florida stopped some our Old Farts pilots from making the trip, but the locals filled in the gaps. We served 203 meals with dessert to many smiling faces including our friends at Page Field Base Ops and others in the aviation community. Thanks to all the car parkers, shuttle drivers, plane marshallers and parkers, food prep and servers we made over \$3000 profit for the chapter. Add in the 50/50 and Maria's shirt and hat sales and we made \$4000 on the day. Thank you all who helped. Once again I must say I am very pleased with where our chapter is right now. We have new members applying every week. We are truly blessed.

Next Breakfast + Young Eagles
3/1/26 8:00-10:00am
2/28/26 setup/cleanup 9am

Next General Meeting
2/17/26 6:30 food, 7:00pm start

Ashley and I recently attended an EAA leadership conference in Orlando. I certainly got a few news ideas on chapter management and activities, and I met other chapter representatives who wanted to learn about chapter 66. I was very proud of our reputation amongst our peers. Please thank your board of directors for these accomplishments.

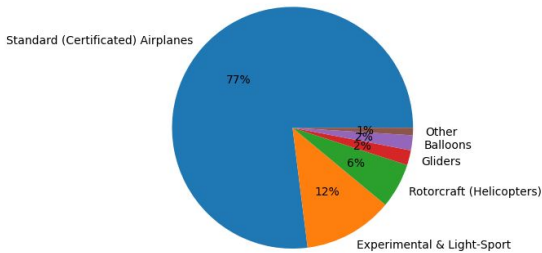
Now that the hangar is complete I expect us to get back to Thursday night building activities. With the hangar we can now literally "spread our wings" and get some work done.

See you all at the chapter meeting Tuesday.

Ch66 President, JEFF



Approximate U.S. General Aviation Fleet Composition



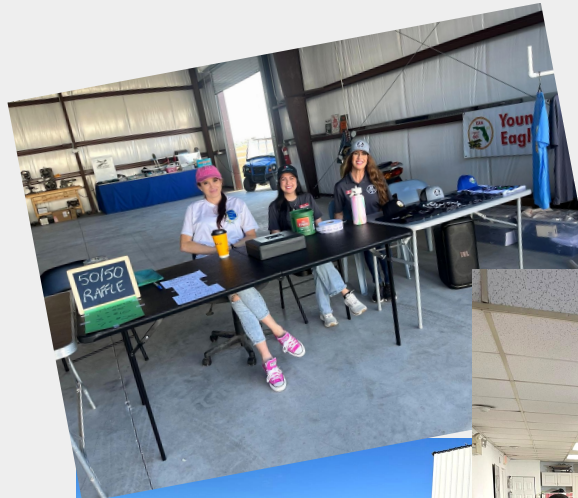
The new year brings new opportunities to inspire our young men and women to pursue their passion for aviation. Our new hangar will also spark the interest of our Young Eagles who want to build, maintain, and work on airplanes. I look forward to seeing all the new and exciting things our Young Eagles will accomplish this year.

Clear skies and happy flying to all.

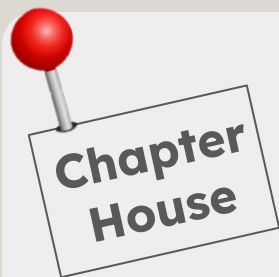
Young Eagles Coordinator **JIMMY**

FACT OF THE MONTH

As of 2026, experimental and light-sport aircraft make up one of the most active parts of general aviation, with over 30,000 aircraft flying more than 1.75 million hours annually, showing how homebuilt and kit planes have grown from a niche hobby into a major force driving innovation, accessibility, and improving safety across aviation.



https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/SS1201.aspx?utm_source=chatgpt.com



MONTHLY DATE'S THAT DON'T CHANGE:

Breakfast:	08:00	<i>*Set up the prior Saturday at 09:00</i> First Sunday of every month
Builders Night:	19:00	Every Thursday.
Friday Franks:	12:00	Every Friday from 11am-1pm
Members Meeting:	19:30	Every 3rd Tuesday (cook out at 18:30)
Officers Meeting:	18:00	Wednesday before members meeting

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