



EAA CHAPTER 66

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NEWSLETTER

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We are now past the busy holiday season and welcome in 2026 with the last of the snowbirds arriving to warm sunny Florida. Good to see you all. The chapter is already busy starting with the Labelle flyin and Sam James Birthday. Good to see everyone.

We are finishing up a few punch list item and expect final inspection very soon. We just completed the connecting doors between hanger and chapter house. That has been successfully inspected by fire marshal. Also had a visit from TDM engineering to certify that the hanger was built to specs and plans. We have some drywall and paint issues to complete before final inspection. We look forward to finishing the inspections so we can get back to building on Thursday evenings.



Next Breakfast + Young Eagles
2/1/26 8:00-10:00am
1/31/26 setup/cleanup 9am

Next General Meeting
1/20/26 6:30 food, 7:00pm start

Old Farts @ EAA66
2/12/26 (volunteers arrive early)

The Young Eagles program is going strong with lots in attendance on Thursday evenings. The board of directors has started the process of funding and selecting a young pilot scholar. On February 12 we are hold our third annual Old Farts seafood boil. Have already started plans and met with Base Ops to finalize plans. We will need lots of volunteers to run this event. Please attend the members meeting Tuesday to get details and sign up to help. Thank you for making chapter 66 what it is today. See you all soon.

Ch66 President, JEFF



FACT OF THE MONTH

One of the biggest new developments in general aviation is that the FAA is getting close to finalizing updated rules for BVLOS flights—meaning drones flying beyond the operator’s visual line of sight. That matters to GA pilots because it’s a key step toward more routine, higher-volume drone operations in the same low-altitude airspace.

<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/futureflight/2026-01-01/faas-bvlos-overhaul-approaches-finish-line>

As we start a new year we look forward to all of the amazing things that our young eagles will accomplish this year. The young eagles RC builds are going good and those airplanes will soon hit the sky! February young eagles rally will have a special guest David Leiting. He is the head young eagles coordinator for national EAA. Also, if anyone is interested in helping run our young eagles rally, please let me know. We do need some help. **JIMMY**



MONTHLY DATE'S THAT DON'T CHANGE:

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

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