

EAA Chapter 66

Monthly Newsletter, October 2008

Greetings from your president. The news this month flows fast and furiously. Welcome back to our members from up north. We missed you guys. The pancake griddle just doesn't seem the same without Eddie Hayward behind it.

As you can see, this is the third variation on a monthly newsletter in the last three months. We would like someone to take over this task. It is driving me nuts! The person needs to be a masochist with Micro-soft Publisher skills. Both previous letters were done in Publisher. The individual must also know how to create and use PDF files. With these "simple" skills, he should have little trouble putting out the newsletter. This job is not restricted to Ft. Myers as it is totally computer related. This would be a great opportunity for one of our snowbird members to stay in touch with the chapter as monthly newsletter editor.

Our YE program continues to be a success. On Nov. 2 we will be hosting Cub Pack 102 from Estero FL. We estimate a dozen YE fliers. This will be an opportunity for all our pilots to fly. Additionally, we have purchased a new printer for the certificates. Ray Romeu has fixed the computer so that we can now edit and print all the YE data including the pilot's signature. Much thanks to Ray.

On this same topic, the parents of Doug Short, a regular Sunday morning flyer, have donated another computer to our program. Many thanks to Sheri and Richard Short for the additional computer capacity they have provided us. We may now want to consider a computer aviation game or educational flight program.

There are three events coming up that you will all want to attend. The Page Field aviation center hosts a weekly lunch every Friday from 1100 to 1300. On Friday Oct. 24 it will be held at Paragon's hangar and will feature a Bar-B-Que. This will be a fun event and all Page Field associates are invited.

The Sundowners are hosting their annual dinner dance on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the ACI hangar. Tickets are \$45 each pre-paid and \$50 at the door. There will be a C-47 as part of the static display. Last year's event was a blast and a good time was had by all. Anyone who is anyone on the Page Field scene will be there. Flyers with further information will be available in the aviation center and elsewhere.

The EAA Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday Dec. 13. It will be a steak dinner and the cost will be \$10 per person. It is also "pot luck" and we are looking for hot items, salads and desserts. Also it is BYOB. Tickets will be available at the chapter meetings. See Paul Preston to purchase. We are limiting attendance to 60.

We are going to relocate our Nov. 11 meeting to the training center at RSW. The Cub Club has invited us to participate with them in a lecture by a chart expert from the Feds in D.C. More on this later.

At our Dec. meeting we will have an election for the EAA 66 Treasurer position. Paul Preston will run for a second, two year term. We would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be on the Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to see how this program really runs.

Dennis Labbee has told us that the Warbirds of America are planning a river cruise early in Dec. More details on this later.

And finally Aviation Days is on Saturday Nov. 15. The theme this year is "The Berlin Airlift" with 1948 era aircraft. This is our one big chance to promote EAA and make some money. We will again have our aircraft corral available in front of our food booth. We would like to have 6 or so homebuilt aircraft to show the public what EAA can accomplish.

Our food stand, in its regular place, is always a great success because of you. Volunteers are needed. See Paul Yocum. The day starts about 0800 with set-up and goes to 1700, so volunteers are needed throughout the day. We will be using our new gas fired, Bar-B-Que grill so the cooking of the 1/2lb hamburgers should be much easier. We are looking forward to a successful event. And yes, the portable drink cart will be available to anyone who wants to man it.

See you at the next meeting, Tuesday Oct. 14.

Len DeNardo and remember, "Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do"