



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 66 Ft. Myers, Fl. Page Field



# 66 SQUAWK SHEET

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When was the last time you checked our web site out?

## PI C Briefing

November 2006

November started out with a bang. We had 81 adults and 13 kids for breakfast. And we still don't have all of our snowbird members here or all of our regular attendees. Great work and thanks to everyone who helped. With the crowds getting bigger we could use more help. The cooks could use some time off, Young Eagles need help and pilots, security of the ramp when aircraft come & go, cleaning up afterwards. Please step in for 30 to 60 minutes and let the people who always work hard have a chance to mingle and enjoy themselves. Also with all of the strangers and kids we get, everyone needs to watch for safety and do something about it when needed.



As you know we are selling food at Aviation Day Nov. 18. We have several volunteers to work but could use more. With more help people can be rotated around and on and off, so everyone can enjoy themselves and not be over worked. We also need several large coolers for ice and food. If you have one please put your name on it and bring it to Tuesdays meeting. All volunteers and owners of "Homebuilt Corral" aircraft please attend this meeting for instructions.

Hangar construction appears to be just around the corner after we complete on more piece of paper work. So if you are in the concrete, metal roofing, masonry, or excavating business and could save us some money, now is the time to come forward. If not, you can help by your donation of dollars to help fund this project. Look for more information on how you can donate in the next month or two.

Between the donations of computer equipment from Bruce Kershaw, Bert Schultz and myself, we now can print out YE's certificate's in a clear and legible way. The program also keeps track of YE's so we can tell if they are repeats to us. It also keeps pilot info. Chapter 66, we are on the verge of breaking into the 20th century.

We need to complete our election process this month. Len DeNardo has stepped forward to replace Ray Romeu who wants off the board. And I have announced that I will continue for another year. If you have any nominations or want a position yourself, this is your last chance. Final voting to be done.

We should have a very interesting program next month. Our Own Tom Irbeck will tell us about his days at Top Gun and about his giving aerobatic instruction. If you want to do some stunts, come and talk to Tom.

Our Christmas Party/Steak Dinner is Saturday, December 16. You can start getting your tickets at this months meeting. Only 60 will be available. Price \$12.00 each person.

You probably got the notice about hangar inspection on Page Field. What bothered me was the constant mentioning of the word STORAGE. So I asked the question, "What is the definition of STORAGE. Is it a sofa and chair that is being used, or is it a bunch of items not being used." What it boils down to is that there should be nothing in your hangar but the airplane. So if you want to relax after your flight and have a cold drink and talk to your buddies and read your Sport Aviation, you'd better do it standing up outside with a warm drink. Or take advantage of the new environmentally controlled picnic area with its hard benches and the cold drink you got from the Circle K outside the gate. "Basically, a hangar is for the storage of an aircraft, not a social place." A loose quote of the fire inspector. What's up, doesn't other airports get fire inspected or don't they care. Or is ours just being nitpicky and letter perfect. I believe that the fire codes pertaining to hangars are antiquated and need to be reviewed with new science and common sense. I work at a marina that stores hundreds of boats inside a closed structure and we don't have these problems. I'll probably get in trouble for this. But I'm calling it as I see it. I'm also on a tear about grounding aircraft, but maybe more on that later.

That is All,  
Paul Yocum

## Notam's

Page Field Aviation Day  
Nov. 18

EAA 66 Christmas Party  
Dec. 16

Sport Aviation Expo  
Sebring Fl.  
Jan 11—14

Next Meeting Nov. 14  
Next Breakfast Dec. 3  
Next Board Mtg. Dec. 5

Operation  
**"LAMB"**  
Leave A Magazine Behind

PGD Breakfast 2nd Saturday

APF Breakfast 2nd Sunday

**EAA is about participation: Be a member! Be a volunteer!**

## Links

**Chapter 66 mtg.**  
2nd. Tues. of each  
Month 7:30 PM

**Ch 66 Board Mtg.**  
1st. Tues. of mth.  
7:15 PM

**Pancake Breakfast**  
1st Sunday of each  
Month

**Airplane Builders**  
Thurs' 7:00 PM

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## Touch and Go

**FREE** (sort of) For a donation to CAP:

DelRay, over cab, piggy back camper. Needs work. Must go now. Call Carl Peltzer 656-1730. Perfect for putting on a flat bed trailer and taking to S-n-F.

## Flight Plan

No program has been scheduled. We will be talking a lot about our part in Aviation Day. Next month is a good one.

## Prop Wash

After finishing his medical a pilot asked his AME, Doc Williams, this question: "Doc I'm worried about my wife" What's wrong? "I'm afraid she going deaf" Why? "She never answers my question" Ok give her this test. From 10 feet in a normal voice ask her a question and she should be able to hear and respond. "OK, I'll try it"

The Pilot walked into his kitchen and from ten feet asked his wife. "Honey what's for dinner?" She did not respond so he stepped closer and from five feet repeated "honey what's for dinner?" No answer. Finally he took her by the shoulders and turned her around to face him and asked "Honey what's for dinner?"

She said. "For the third time Chicken"

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## Sharing

We all joined our local EAA chapter for different reasons; I didn't know much about experimental aviation and didn't care much for it. Like most novices, I went by what I heard from my CFI which was that experimental airplanes were unsafe and that I should stay away from them, so I did.

The reason I became a member is that I wanted to learn more about aviation and that this was the only "local" group I knew of. I've been a member for almost two years and in that time I've attended our Thursday's builders night religiously learning more about construction methods which has given me the crazy idea that I could build my own airplane, an RV-7. I joined the board of directors at our last election and took over Secretary duties when Bruce Carpenter moved away. I consider myself quite active in the chapter, yet I don't know most of the other members.

Last month, I attended another club's meeting where I was pleasantly surprised to find a packed house where a happy family atmosphere reigned which made me really happy and a little sad. I was sad because we are not doing as good a job of getting together as they are. I was lucky to find a seat next to one of the few familiar faces in the room, another EAA 66 member whom I didn't know. The conversation quickly turned to aviation and what kind of flying we did. Like most other pilots, Tom and I originally planned on getting our IFR rating but haven't done so yet which is not surprising. However Tom's reason was: he was building an RV-7A! This of course led to more discussion.

Having just started on my project, I really appreciated talking to Tom and learning from him. I wish I had known about Tom earlier as he could have put me at ease before I bought the tail kit. Not having knowledge of this is partly my fault. I should have either told the members that attend meetings or wrote something in the newsletter, I most likely would have learned about Tom and other [RV] builders.

Since "Sharing of the skills, knowledge and experience of other EAA Members was one of the original, founding tenants of the EAA", and the sole reason local chapters are created, I don't understand part of our chapter's dynamics. It seems that we have happily divided into subgroups and don't have a common goal or even care to have one. I would really like to see us become a big happy group in which everyone participates.

I hope to start a chapter builder list. I'd like it to include current and past builders as well as dreamers. It is my desire for the list to be used by all who are on the list as each could gain from talking to the other. Please contact me so I can add you to the list if you fall into the criteria mentioned above contact Paul Thomas.

By becoming an active part of the chapter, I've met some great people and I hope to meet more. I have learned that experimental aviation is not something dangerous and as such one should stay away from it. As one of the chapter leaders, part of my responsibility is making sure the needs of the members are being met and it's quite hard not knowing what you want. I'm open to all criticism and suggestions.

Paul Thomas

## November Young Eagles Report

by Paul Thomas

The Young Eagles program was brought in the 21<sup>st</sup> century thanks to computer (Bert Shultz and Bruce Kershaw) printer (Paul Yocum) donations. In addition to printing professional looking certificates, the Young Eagles software we downloaded from the EAA website enables us to keep track of pilots and Young Eagles and it reduces paperwork.

Breakfast was well attended with many children present. Young Eagles applications quickly got filled out, but I didn't see any of our usual Young Eagles pilots, which scared me as I would abhor disappointing young children who came here to experience the joy flying because we didn't have any airplanes.

The award for most flown goes to Glen Frith. He flew his Super Cub with five Young Eagles. In second place, David Harning flew three Young Eagles in his beautiful Cardinal. Mark Liebetreu, Dennis Labbe and Paul Yocum ended up tied in third place, each flying two Young Eagles.

Including some repeat offenders, 14 Young Eagles enjoyed a great flight experience. Thanks to all the pilots and ground crew (Jim McLain, Ray Romeu and Len DeNardo) would helped make this possible, I'm sure the children and parents appreciated it.

### Chapter 66 General Meeting Minutes:

The following items were discussed:

- Bert Schultz & Bruce Kershaw each donated chapter 66 a computer. Thank you very much.
- Paul Yocum installed a new electronic lock
- The county finally approved the permit for our hangar
- Aviation Day: Volunteers signed up for food and parking. We will be selling Hot Dogs & Burgers, drinks and chips. We are still unsure of who else will be there. We hope to be located near the entrance to get most of the crowd. We may use Paul's trailer as a shelter.
- Officer and Board members
  - Using the provision passed in our bylaws last month, Paul is running for president for one more year.
  - Len DeNardo is running for the spot vacated by Ray Romeu on the board of directors. Should he be elected, he will also take over the program directors duties.
- We will hold the Christmas party at our clubhouse on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Breakfast's, we hope to increase the amount of people that attend breakfast. Some suggestions from members include, advertising to other clubs, such as car clubs, and advertising through the press.

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