



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 66 Ft. Myers, Fl. Page Field



# 66 SQUAWK SHEET

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February 2006

## PI C Briefing

We have a lot planned this month and a great program. See below for program info.

**Chapter Work Day** This Saturday Feb. 11, 9AM, we are having a work day on the building. Several things need to be done for all trades and skills. Bring your common tools and a tall step ladder if you have one. We need your help here, don't leave it up to the same few people who always help.

**General Meeting** Hope to see you at our meeting Feb. 14. We are having a great program on the "X-43 Hyper-X Program" I know it's Valentines Day, but hope you can make it anyway.

**Fly-Out** We are planning a fly-out to "Wings Over Miami Museum" Air Show at Kendall-Tamiami Airport Feb. 18. Meet at the chapter building for a 9AM departure. The airport will be closed from 2PM to 4PM for air show activity. On landing tell ground control you are going to Silver Express parking. Please RSVP me at [N211PY@comcast.net](mailto:N211PY@comcast.net) or 267-7980 so I know the interest and that I won't be the only one there. Let's not leave any members behind that want to go. Fill your empty seat.

**Dinner** We are having a Steak Dinner Feb. 25, 6PM. Tickets are sold in advance for \$12.00. You can get your tickets at the meeting or by contacting Claire Sloss at 466-5378. Bring a covered dish. Bob Haas and Ray Dauer, Chefs

**Heads up** To give you a heads up on what's going on next month. Charlotte County is having their Air Show April 1, 2. Arcadia is having a plane and car show April 2. The 99's will be having a meeting March 11 at our building. **Our March 14 general meeting will be moved to the RSW training center for a joint meeting with the Cub Club, 7PM. A Program on "Considerations For Aging Pilots" will be given.** We are working together with the Cub Club to organize a poker run March 26. Mark your calendars.

**Record** We had a great turn out for Feb. breakfast, 89 adults & 4 kids. I think that's a record. But noticeably missing were the Buckingham group.

**WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG EAGLE PILOTS GONE!!** For the past few months and longer, we have had YE's to fly and no pilots to fly them. What's up. I have had to fly all that came one at a time in my plane, except for in Dec. when I talked Don Abbott into helping. We had about 12 YE's that month. My point is, we used to have no problem getting pilots to fly when we were reaching for the million mark. Then we took a year off to relax. Now that we are trying to ramp up again there's no participation. **Should we just tell the kids we're not giving rides anymore?**

That is all, Dismissed  
Paul Yocum



## Notam's

Fly-Out Feb. 18 (rain 19)  
"Wings Over Miami"  
Kendall-Tamiami  
[www.wingsovermiami.com](http://www.wingsovermiami.com)

Ch 66 Steak Dinner Feb. 25, 6 PM. Advance tickets \$12.00

Charlotte Co. Air Show April 1 & 2  
[www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=AIRSHOW](http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=AIRSHOW)

Arcadia Airplane & Custom Car Show April 2

Next Meeting Feb. 14  
Next Breakfast Mar. 5  
Next Board Mtg. Mar. 7

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

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

**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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[Event\\_State=FL](http://www.fun-places-to-fly.com/events/events.asp?Event_State=FL)

**Fuel Stop 100LL**  
[www.airnav.com/fuel/](http://www.airnav.com/fuel/)

**Web Sites to Check**  
[www.sacskyranch.com/index.htm](http://www.sacskyranch.com/index.htm)  
[www.smartplugs.com/indexi.html](http://www.smartplugs.com/indexi.html)

## Touch and Go

Final Notice for 2006 Dues. See Below.

**CHAPTER 66 WORK DAY, SAT. FEB. 11, 9AM.  
BRING YOUR TOOLS AND TALL LADDER.**

## Flight Plan

Our own Chuck McClinton will speak to us about the  
"X-43 – Breaking the Hypersonic Barrier.  
See below for more details

## Prop Wash

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"  
Student: "When I was number one for takeoff".

"TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees.."  
"Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"  
"Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

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## Subject "X-43 – Breaking the Hypersonic Barrier.

Charles (Chuck) McClinton, NASA Retired, was the Technology Manager for the recently completed Hyper-X Program, and was responsible for the X-43 vehicle definition, wind tunnel testing, and hypersonic technology development. The first flight of the X-43, June 2, 2001, was not successful, due to the booster rocket control system failure. After an extensive fix to the Pegasus launch vehicle systems, the second and third flights were successfully conducted on March 27, 2004 and Nov. 16, 2004. These two flights set successively higher world speed records for jet-powered aircraft. The March flight featured jet-powered accelerating flight at Mach 6.83, or 5,000 miles per hour. The final flight demonstrated cruise flight at Mach 9.68, 7,000 MPH at 110,000 feet. Chucks will present details of the X-43 vehicle and its systems, movies and video taken during the flights, flight controller computer visualization of the flight characteristics and maneuvers, flight test measurements and comparison with pretest predictions, and vision for use of this technology.



Chuck has authored numerous publications over the last 38 years with NASA, just stepped down as the Chairman of the Joint Army, NASA, Navy and Air Force (JANNAF) Air breathing Propulsion Subcommittee. His awards including the NASP Gene Zara Award (1989), NASA Medal for Exceptional Engineering Achievement (1993), NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal (2000), the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) 2000 Air Breathing Propulsion Medal, and the 2006 AIAA Dryden Memorial Lectureship (picture below). Chuck is also an aviation enthusiast: a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (Williamsburg Va., Chapter 156; and Fort Myers, Chapter 66), the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Aviation Historical Society, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

## Changes to Page Field Airspace

Recently, changes to FMY and RSW airspace were mandated by the FAA. Effective February 1st, the 5 mile ring around RSW, which comes to 1 mile of Page Field, will be enforced, and landing and departing pilots will no longer be granted carte blanche access to that shelf of airspace. This will mean that FMY tower controllers, before issuing a clearance to pilots departing from runway 13, must obtain a release from RSW. Aircraft arriving on runway 31 will have to be pointed out to RSW controllers before being given a clearance to land. Most times, you may not notice the change, but there may be delays in runway 13/31 operations for which there is no apparent reason. These changes took effect on February 1, 2006. If you have questions, you may contact Bob Schultz, the tower manager. Please review your sectional—pilots must have a clearance to enter Class C airspace.

### Dues Time

It time to pay your annual Chapter Dues. Make your \$25.00 check to "EAA Chapter 66" and send to:  
Claire Sloss  
15030 Bonaire Court  
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33908

### Good Job 66 by Dot Haas

The Sport Plane Expo started out great on Thursday and Friday, good weather and so many visitors that the entire ramp filled up by midday. Saturday and Sunday weather was something else, high winds on Saturday and rather chilly to say the least both days. Jack Nugent, Eddie Hayward, Bob Haas, and Don Black were flagging in planes as fast as they got there the first two days. Bruce Carpenter substituted on the two 6 place gas powered golf carts that Dot Haas and Margaret Black seemed to have control of most of the time. Doug Jenkins was all over the place in his neon green shirt doing whatever was needed. And Ray Romeu spent most of his time out at the mid taxi way catching all of the planes that turned off there. Dot and Margaret left on Sunday morning after the ice began to form on the front of their golf carts. There were more Chapter 66 members there in the neon green and I apologize for not mentioning everyone. It was a good show of club members and at the volunteers dinner on Friday night Bob Woods, the director of the Expo, was very generous with his praise for Chapter 66's contribution to the event.

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