



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 66 Ft. Myers, Fl. Page Field



# 66 SQUAWK SHEET

## PI C Briefing

[WWW.EAA66.ORG](http://WWW.EAA66.ORG)

When was the last time you checked our web site

April 2008

As a famous author once said, "These are the best of times; these are the worst of times". The best of times include our pancake breakfasts which are having record attendance. Also our Young Eagles program is always a success, and we will be filing our 501(c) 3 applications in the next week or so. Nancy, I will be calling you.

We also know that "Sun-n-Fun" starts next Tuesday and goes through April 13, 2008. This is a great time to go up to Lakeland and see what is new and different in grass roots aviation. We will ask our members to give a little review of "Sun-n-Fun" at our May meeting. As Sun-n-Fun is next week, we expect our April meeting to be lightly attended. Even so, we will have business as usual and some training videos by Barry Schiff.

It is the worst of times when we have to admit that our hangar project is dead. We had a meeting with our attorney last week and our original hangar project will not happen. The reasons are many and we will answer any and all questions at our April and May meetings. But here is a recap.

The original contract from February 2005 was terminated when we failed to take delivery of the hangar at Sun-Fun, 2005.

Verbal communications with the hangar builder, while in good faith, are not part of the contract and are not admissible to the contract that was terminated.

Any disputes with the builder regarding the hangar, price, delivery or set-up would have to be settled in the court of the Georgia tribe of the Eastern Cherokee nation.

The builder of the hangar went out of business last December and closed his doors on December 31, 2007.

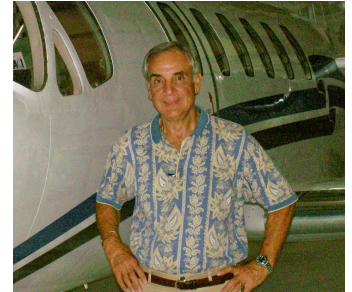
This is why I am a little down at this time.

On the other hand we have a great organization, a great tradition and are working on a great project. We have money in the bank, a clubhouse the envy of many organizations, terrific Young Eagle pilots and a real "can do" attitude. I am positive that we can put this behind us and go on to bigger and better things.

PS

We could use a few more volunteers for our extra-curricular activities, and we need to do more with fly-outs.

Len DeNardo



## Notam's

Sun-n-Fun April 8—13

Next Meeting April 8  
Next Breakfast May 13  
Next Board Mtg. May 6

Operation  
**"LAMB"**  
Leave **A** Magazine **B**ehind

PGD Breakfast 2nd Saturday  
APF Breakfast 2nd Sunday

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

## Links

### Florida Fly-in's

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

### Fuel Stop 100LL

[www.airnav.com/fuel/](http://www.airnav.com/fuel/)  
[www.100ll.com/](http://www.100ll.com/)

### Web Sites to Check

[www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/)  
[http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory\\_and\\_Guidance\\_Library/  
rgAdvisoryCircu-  
lar.nsf/0/99C827DB9BAAC81B86256B4500596C4E?](http://rgl.faa.gov/Regulatory_and_Guidance_Library/rgAdvisoryCircular.nsf/0/99C827DB9BAAC81B86256B4500596C4E?)

## Touch and Go

If you have been saving all of those aviation magazines and now want to get rid of them, take them to ACI on Danley Dr. at Page Field. Glenn Frith will see that they get to one of the high schools.

The late Dean Berger's family has donated a large tool box of tools to the chapter. Thank you.

## Flight Plan

This month we will continue with our safety/training video from Barry Schiff.

## Prop Wash

**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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Gate code \*\*\*\*\*

STEEP BANKS - Banks that charge pilots more than 10% interest.

TURN & BANK INDICATOR - An instrument largely ignored by pilots.

USEFUL LOAD - Volumetric capacity of the aircraft, disregarding weight.

VOR - Radio navigation aid, named after the VORtex effect on pilots trying to home in on it.

WAC CHART - Directions to the Army female barracks.

YANKEE - Any pilot who has to ask New Orleans tower to "Say again".

**More News Below**

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## A word from our co-pilot (VP)

I have read the Presidents' comments and also agree that this has been the best and worst of times, though I would say worse instead of worst. There are several inputs I'd like to make, briefly.

1. EAA and Ch 66
2. Newsletter
3. Membership
4. Young Eagles (YE)
5. Builder's Project

1. EAA/Chapter. I hear mixed emotions about EAA in general from many chapter VPs I talk with. Just like any assn, I do hear comments from others that they feel it has become a personal money maker for its founders and board. I believe the future will show it is maturing and the future is bright. China is supposed to go to 'open skies' in 2010-12. If this becomes reality, imagine the number of new chapters that may open there. China is a prime example of grass roots aviation in the making. The opportunity to establish connections with millions of Chinese youth and adults who in turn will see us for who we are, and maybe help to make peace a reality for future generations. Our chapter can take part in that in many ways-establish ties with a 'sister' chapter there, etc... Our chapter is also maturing, although we have been established on Page since the 70s.

2. Newsletter. Paul Yocum has spent the past 8 years plus as editor of the newsletter. He has done a great job and deserves to be recognized for that accomplishment. With that, I would ask that any member with an interest consider becoming the next editor or at least offer assistance to Paul. Being in several other assns, I know how it can be. So please give him a call.

3. Membership. We have members on the rolls who actively participate, some who don't, some Snowbirds, etc. We also have members who may have personal feelings, whether valid or not, about how business has been conducted in the past. I am making a personal appeal to those members to forgive and forget and to come back to the fold. The hangar issue, aviation days, port authority have been sticking points, but that has created a division in the chapter. It's time to let it go and get back to what the EAA and chapter are about...people with similar interests working together to further the dream of aviation and make it fun again.

4. Young Eagles. The program is flying well. There is a revamping at the chapter level going on. More to come but for now, please remember that anyone in the chapter can participate and that I will be asking for assistance. Young Paul has been a great assistant and is to be recognized for his dedication. I would like to see a flight sim computer set up for both adults to log time on and youth. Anyone able?

5. Builder's Project. With the hangar issue resolved, we need to look closely at the next step in the project. I believe that it can be a big recruitment tool as well as something to bring members together. I feel that we need to develop a plan for its completion with a timeline. I don't want to alienate anyone but we do need to be realistic and consider the possibilities. I'd like the builders to get together one night and develop a plan of action.

6. Positions. There is no formal chapter staff other than the board. That doesn't mean that we can't have a Safety Officer, Tech Advisor, etc. If anyone has a desire to fill a position or volunteer to make presentations, please let us know. I would especially like to see a chapter safety program established as well as a tech advisor more active. Safety could range from presentations to scheduling airfield fire station visits and egress training. Tech advisor could let us know what's new or look at what we're doing. To that end, the newsletter is a tool that we need to utilize more. Give Paul an article, photos, etc. The website is also another tool available for members.

That's it for now but one more thing. Fly Safe! And remember- use the checklist and check the ELT before shutdown!

Banzai  
Jim McClain

### **YAAAHOOOO!!**

We now have a Yahoo Message Group set up. If you are already a Yahoo member you can go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EAA66/> If you are not a Yahoo member you will be asked to register. You will have a choice to have the message's forwarded to you or you can only view them when you go to the group. Then you will need to register for the EAA 66 group.

Use this to announce that you are flying somewhere and would like company. Ask chapter members a question. Sell something to chapter members. Post important information. Ask for help. Post updates on your project.

Let's keep it to relative chapter needs. No junk please. Enjoy it and Use it.

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