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CHAPTER 66 FORT MYERS, FL – PAGE FIELD (KFMY)
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66 SQUAWK SHEET APRIL 2018

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Well, we had a good Aviation Day. Thanks to Neal Trombley and David Burns for taking the reins on this one. They came up with a few new ideas, which were more tables and chairs, a rented tent that was 20' x 20' and a rented grill which would have been a great help except for problems with the grill. The idea was two big long grills, with two chefs at each one. Thankfully, our Chapter 66 grill did not let us down, but the rented grill had some issues which we will iron out for next year. The concept was great otherwise. The rental company did not charge us for the grill which was a good business move on their part and they are to be commended for their fair and decent approach to doing business. There were many lessons learned and the glitches will help us improve for next year.

Again, our fearless and ambitious volunteers did an outstanding job. I want to thank the two Morgan brothers, Jerry and Jim who made an outstanding contribution to our club with their tireless efforts, as well as Eddie Hayward, Steve Gagnon, Gene Grueling, Ross (check last name), Ulla and Dietrich Fecht, Len DeNardo, Bob and Mary Ann Spry, Neal and Cindi Trombley, Dan Mahoney, Jack Bleakly (check spelling), Ken Haas, Cheri Short,... You know, I have to cut this short. Rich Zeidman just called me as I am writing this, to announce that my beloved test pilot, mentor and dear friend Tom Irlbeck was killed today in his glider. He was behind the tow plane and at 400' the plane flipped upside down and he crashed. I don't know the details, yet, it could have been a medical issue. All I know is, like many of you, I am in shock. I loved the man and was expecting to learn many things about flying. I've lost many friends, great, brave men along the way and he joins those who will always be with me. He has done so much for our club, flying Young Eagles for years and inspiring youth toward aviation. There's not much more I care

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Next Breakfast
Sunday May 6, 2018
8:00 to 10:00 AM

Board Meetings
-Thursday Apr 12 @ 6:30 at
Base Ops
-Thursday May 10 @ 6:30
PM at Base Ops

General Meeting 3rd
Tuesday of the month
Apr 17 @ 7:30 (dinner @
6:30)

Builders Night is every
Thursday 7:00 – 9:00PM

**Young Eagle Pilots
Needed for the
Sunday Pancake
Breakfast**

Please contact Cheri Short
at
skydiver36c@yahoo.com

to say at this time as I am devastated. We need to do what we can for Katy and his family. God Bless all of you and stay safe.

Bill Bresnan - President - EAA Ch.66

What's Happening

EAA66 Chapter Meeting Mar 20, 2018

- 1) 27 members present
- 2) Treasurer reports
\$6,260 in General Fund,
\$1,963 reserve, \$52,999 in
Hanger fund
- 3) If you are going to Sun-
n-Fun on Fri, Apr 13;
EAA66 buying beer at
Beer Garden 1700 – 1830
- 4) April 28, Joint Fly-in
with PGD EAA & 66 at
PGD EAA Facility
- 5) Sundowners will use
our bldg. 1st Wed of every
month 6-9pm
- 6) Aviation Day at FMY is
April 7th.
 - a. Neal arranger for a
large tent to be set up for
us
 - b. EAA66 is planning to
cook more (than usual)
hot dogs & hamburgers
 - c. Lots of volunteers
needed Apr 6 @ 5:30 to
load trailer and
 - d. Help is needed for
food preps to keep cooks
functional

e. Young Eagles/
Eagles rep needed

7) David Burns has a DAR
April 5. Anyone else
needing a DAR can
schedule with him

8) David is also weighing
his aircraft on Thurs Mar
29 w/ raffle for guessing
the correct weight

9) Art Coll has electricals
done & turned it on for 1st
time (without any smoke)

10) Neal Trombly has
moved his wings to the
airport and hoping to fly
next fall

11) Bill Bresnan; flew for
1st time with Tom Irlbeck
in his bi-plane. Found out
the 30's series planes
were basically
unstable...but you can get
used to it. 21.4 hrs on the
plane

12) Tom Pepper presented
the EAA Chapter Monthly
video

a. Hint for Homebuilders
videos

b. EAA Leadership
Academy

13) Paul Yocum & Tom
Irlbeck have resigned from

the board. Neal Trombly
is now on the Board.

14) Meeting adjourned
about 8:30

General Meeting Apr 17th

Don't forget that the
Chapter BBQ's
hamburgers and hotdogs
for the General Meetings.
The grill is usually fired up
an hour before the
meeting starts.

**We invite/encourage all
of our new members to
attend all of our events.
After all, this is your
Chapter too.**

Going Flying?



**Be Sure to Check FSS
for TFRs**

Page Field Update

I am also pleased to
announce that the

rehabilitation project for Runway 13-31 has officially started. This project includes pavement rehabilitation on 13-31, new lighting and signage for the runway and Taxiway B, and extending Taxiway E from E2 to the approach end of Runway 13.

As part of this project it will be necessary to schedule overnight closures on Runway 5-23 to allow for work on 13-31 that falls within the 5-23 safety area.

Please continue to check NOTAMs for the most current airfield information. Thank you.

Regards,

Scott C. Sheets
Sr. Manager
Maintenance and
Operations
Page Field (FMY)
239-590-6603

Please go to
<http://www.flylcpa.com/fmyairfieldimprovements/>
for a diagram of current runway and taxiway closures at Page.

As always, please continue to check NOTAMs for the most current airfield information. If you forget all that, be sure to listen very carefully to the KFMY ASOS. It

also has current information. Thank you.

STAYING INFORMED **Tom Irlbeck Update**

Saturday at 7 p.m. we are having a "Celebration of Life" get together for Tom at our EAA building. This was his family's wish. We can cook some of the leftover hamburgers and hot dogs. His family is coming down from Wisconsin.

Chapter Website

-David Burns now has the Chapter website up & running as

EAA66.org

Check it out.

SNOWBIRDS **FAREWELL FLY OUT**

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CHAPTERS 565 & 66

WHEN: Saturday APRIL
28, 2018 1200 – 1400hr

WHERE: PUNTA GORDA
AIRPORT, KPGD AT EAA
565 RAMP. SOUTHWEST
SIDE OF AIRPORT

LUNCH: 1200hr,
PULLED PORK
SANDWICHES , CHIPS
AND A DRINK, \$7 per
person. 50/50 RAFFLE

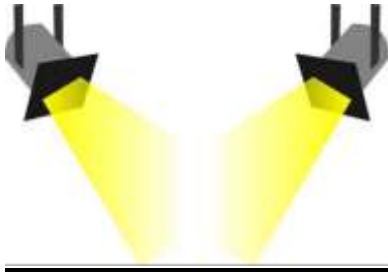
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sale. (tables provided)

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GROUND: 119.55
VOR: 110.2 PGD

SHARPEN YOUR VOR
SKILLS. CENTER THE
CDI AND FLY THE (TO)
BEARING TO THE FIELD.

EAA 66 Spotlight



Builders Night is a hit! Lots of new members are attending builders night and we are seeing more interest in building airplanes. If you have not attended one recently come by on Thursday night and see what is happening. Learn how to bend, rivet and read blueprints to make an airplane.

Builder Updates



The following pictures are to provide an idea of what the completed plane may look like by our builders. If we get some new pictures we can update the newsletter on where the builders are at in the process.

- Art Coll & Mike Degeorgio Zenith CH

750.



- Jerry Strom Zenith CH 750



- Raymond Kennedy RV-6 (RV-7 Plans)



Congratulations Ray!

- Ray Romeu and Bob Ackert started completion of the fuselage.



- Neal Trombley RV9a



- Tim Parker – RV 9a



- Dietrich and Ulla Fecht CH 640 (4 seats)



- Tom Peppers Sonex



- Steve Gagnon Cozy I



The engine is being rebuilt this winter.

EAA 66 Flyers

We have a lot of people that are flyers and have or access to a flying aircraft. We are going to list these here so we can help remind people that we are not just for builders! EAA 66 is made up of 4 groups.

1. Our Builders
2. Our flyers
 - a. Home Built
 - b. Certified
3. Our social group
4. Anyone else that knows our members!

We would like to recognize more flyers in this area so please send in a picture and some information about your airplane or the plane you have access to fly.

And the others that we have not listed, please send us a photo of your airplane so we can recognize you in our organization.

Charles Black – Cessna Cardinal RG



Bob Willaford – RV9



Flying the northern leg of his test area. Bob has his test hours flown off and is now flying his bird A LOT instead of painting it.

Tom Kracmer – RV9a



Tom Irlbeck – RV8
PIK-20B Glider:

Tom's glider, PIK-20B



It is also a 15 Meter glider, 40-1 glide ratio.

Tom's RV8



Kurt Hosterman's RV7



Creighton Smith's Europa



This is my Europa, the second completed in the USA. I rebuilt it over a year and a half and we flew to New Hampshire and back, to Wyoming for the eclipse, to Nova Scotia, Canada and lots of local flying. It has an 80hp Rotax and trues 125kt @ 70%

John Coleman 1976 C-182



Rich and Pat Zeidman
RV7



Cold day in LaBelle –
Riches 2nd RV and a real
performer.

Dave Stone – American
Legend Cub



This is a fantastic airplane
with dossal handling
charities.



Wayne Nagy has two
airplanes, his Cessna
310A and a Searay
experimental



Andy Hartzeld Cessna
172.



- David Burns Glasair
Sportsman 2+2



This month we have the pleasure of PROMOTING (moving) David's plane from the "Builders Update" to the "EAA 66 Fliers" section of the newsletter. David received his Airworthiness Certificate in March and his FIRST FLIGHT was on April 6. The following pics are of David receiving his Certificate from the DAR, and after his first flight. Note that he really didn't want to get out of the aircraft...so the lighting is a little off in the picture. But rest assured, there is a really BIG GRIN in there. Congratulations David. It was almost 3 years ago when you ordered your kit at Sun-n-Fun and now you are flying it. GREAT JOB!!



We would like to know what type of airplane you have and share with the rest of the members. Pictures are great! Please send info to the following email address: eaachapter66@gmail.com



Young Eagle Updates

**Cheri Short: EAA 66
Young Eagles
Coordinator**

1 Young Eagle and 0 Eagles were flown at the Apr 1st breakfast. HEY!! Let's bring those kids so Cheri has something to do.

Flights were conducted by Rich Zeidman.

Breakfast Highlights

70 breakfasts were served. Our outlook is for less breakfasts in the coming months as our snowbirds head North and bikers show up for our fabulous meals.

A big thank you goes out to Neal Trombley for procuring all of the food. Further thanks go to our crew; Bob Willaford, Tom Peppers, Bob Ackert, Eddie Hayward, David Burns, & Ray Romeu.

From Len DeNardo..

We are looking for volunteers to help man the gate on Breakfast Sundays. An adult is needed, if at all possible, to monitor the guests who come in. Barry Bratton rode by today and was very happy to see the gate manned. We will also try to get a golf cart from the line to facilitate getting back and forth to the gate.

AVIATION HUMOR

Sorry folks. I cannot come up with any humor this month. I am filled with remorse for losing Tom Irlbeck. He was a fine gentleman, a great pilot, a person who lived and loved aviation, and a dear friend. May he rest in peace as he's "Gone West". "Not alone into the sunset but into the company of friends who have gone before him". Blue skies to ya, Tom. Steve G. ed

EAA 66 Classified Ad's:

Any items you wish to list in the Classified Section of the Newsletter contact Steve

Hangar for Rent

I am member of EAA 565 at Punta Gorda, and hoping to sublet my hangar in the 600's at KPGD from April - Nov. \$250/ month. Contact Ron Cooke at 941-347-7434 or email Caron.cooke@gmail.com

STEEN SKYBOLT

(BI-PLANE) KIT:

\$7,500 All wing ribs (1/4" spruce with mahogany gussets), epoxied using aircraft nails, spars cut and tapered plus all wing bows and compression

struts. Fuselage and tail feathers appear to be professionally jigged and welded 4130 tubing, primed and ready for epoxy primer. Included is fabric to complete the aircraft. Landing gear has already been fabricated, streamline tubing is included to fabricate wing struts. This is a magnificent find which will save years of work on a time proven and well-regarded aircraft. A STEAL at \$7,500. All reasonable offers considered. Located at EAA Chapter 66 at Page Field, Ft. Myers, FL. Contact Bill Bresnan, 239-898-6694 or Len DeNardo, 239-849-7984.



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Construction updates



CHAPTER 66

General Meeting

Third Tuesday – Each
Month @ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each
month 6:00 PM

Pancake Breakfast

First Sunday – Each Month
8:00 to 10:00AM

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