



# EAA CHAPTER 103

# LAFANEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 8TH— 2ND SATURDAY - THERE WON'T EXACTLY BE MEETING OR A BREAKFAST. INSTEAD IT WILL BE A PILOT BRIEFING TO THE EAA CHAPTER 1241—MARATHON FLY-IN FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM. BRIEFING AT 07:30 AM AND TAKE OFF AT 08:00 AM. APPROXIMATE FLIGHT TIME 1 1/2 TO 2 HOURS. BE THERE!!!

BE SURE TO LOOK UP THE FAA SAFETY SEMINAR FOR THE NEXT SAFETY SEMINAR. THE LAKELAND AND ORLANDO AREA HAS A LOT OF SEMINARS THIS MONTH. CHECK ON THE SEMINAR THAT INTERESTS YOU.

NOV 22ND - 4TH SATURDAY - FLY OUT RESCHEDULED TO 8 NOV.

DEC 13TH - 2ND SATURDAY - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE A BBQ AT X51U WHICH WILL START AT 11AM. BRING A COVERED DISH. THIS IS FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILY.

### OVER THE HORIZON

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - UL71 HAS THEIR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT SW RANCHES AIRPORT (FORMERLY MCIVORS) AT 11AM. HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS SERVED.

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**Lafa OFFICERS FOR 2008**

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**NEWSLETTER EDITOR: BARRY HAWKES**  
**FLY-IN & FLY-OUT CHAIRMAN: BOB MUSGROVE**

**THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

October...

It is once again time for a new board to take over control of Lafa. As of this writing, myself, the Secretary and the Chef, will be resigning after 2 years of service, at the end of this term, which is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. We are actively looking for volunteers.

There are several members that have devoted countless sacrificing hours to our club that deserve the highest mention, such as Captain Bob Musgrove, Barry Hawkes, Ron & Claire Andersen, Ida Andersen, John Bubel and many others. It is time for the other members of our club to step up to the plate and support the mission of Lafa. You will not be alone if you choose to volunteer; those before you will be more than willing to show you the ropes and help you thru the very easy maze.

It is not a job; it is a love of flying that drives us to continue to pursue our mission of sharing our love of flying with everyone and anyone who shows a desire to be in the air. Share your dreams with others. Volunteer today.

We have heard from a very reliable source that X51U is going to be extended to accommodate the gliders and a tiki hut is going to be constructed at the field. This can only help us to promote our mission. Join us today for this exciting opportunity to make more of a presence at the field along with some of the creature comforts of home. Perhaps restrooms facilities will follow...

Our next membership meeting will be on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be having breakfast in the pilots lounge at Roberts Air at approximately 0900 hours. Please bring your family and friends and definitely, bring your appetites.

Blue Skies Up...  
Dick Bronnenberg

November.....

The monthly meeting for October was cancelled due to almost all officers being out of town. Myself and Sandy were at a fly-in in SC, Barry was in Honduras with Ricardo Martinez and Captain Bob was in Sebring taking the Rotax course.

Please don't forget that we need volunteers for officers. As of this writing, myself, the Secretary, and the Chef, will be resigning after 2 years of service at the end of this term, which is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. We are actively looking for volunteers. Please support your love of aviation. Volunteer today!!!!

Sandy & I attended a fly-in in Woodruff, SC. We trailered the trike up there. You must go to their website [www.tripletreeflyin.com](http://www.tripletreeflyin.com) It was a great week of fun and fellowship.

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Con't...

We were treated as special friends. And although the weather did not exactly cooperate some of the days (wind & rain), fun was had by all. It was a long drive (approx 13 hours), but worth every minute once getting there. Please visit their website to check out the facilities. Perhaps next year more Lafa members will attend. This place was amazing. 400 acres of remarkable land dedicated to flying by someone who has the money to entertain his friends and fellow aviators ... Mr. Pat Hartness of Hartness International.

Our next membership meeting will be on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. There won't exactly be a meeting or a breakfast. Instead it will be a pilot briefing to the EAA Chapter 1241 - Marathon fly-in from 10 am to 6 pm. Approx. 80 miles from Homestead. Briefing at 7:30 am and take off at 8:00 am. Approximate flight time 1 1/2 to 2 hours. BE THERE!!

The monthly meeting in December is going to be a Bar-B-Q at X51U starting @ approximately 11 am. The club will be providing food (hotdogs, hamburgers, etc.) & drinks; bringing a dish is certainly welcome and appreciated.

Blue Skies Up...  
Dick Bronnenberg



Lafa CLUB INSTRUCTORS WITH TRAINERS

\* CFII = Certified Flight Instructor Inst.

\*\*SEL/MES=SingleEngineLand/MultiEngineSea

\*\* ACL = Aerodynamic Control Land

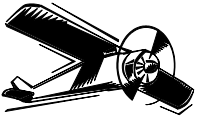
\*\* ACS = Aerodynamic Control Sea

\* CFI = Certified Flight Instructor (GA)

\*\* WSL = Weight Shift Land

BFI AND AFI INSTRUCTORS TO END 31 JAN 2008

* TYPE	NAME	** CLASS	TRAINER	PHONE #
CFI	Rob Mixon	SEL	Citabria 7ECA Basic Aerobatic Training	(863)465-5472 (305)336-3787(C)
CFI	Dick Bronnenberg	WSL	Trike	(954) 328-7468
CFII	Graham Harward	SEL/MES	GA Type	(305)283-0400



**Lafa MEETING MINUTES & Secretary's Notes**

**DATE:** Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**CALLED TO ORDER:** 9:35 a.m.

**OFFICER PRESIDING:** Dick Bronnenberg, President  
**SILENT MEMBER ROLL CALL:** 9 total

**MEMBERS PRESENT** (in no particular order): Dick & Sandy Bronnenberg, Captain Bob Musgrove, Barry Hawkes, Jim Lindberg, Paul Davies, Graham Harward, Randy Homyk & Jeff Obermeier.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** We re-introduced new prospective member John Sauvigne (soon to be trike pilot).

**TREASURER REPORT:** Read and approved.

**SAFETY OFFICER REPORT:** Barry Hawkes discussed multi-meters that check voltage, continuity and current. Very informative discussion with examples of different types and uses.

**CHEF's REPORT:** Master Chef Jim is resigning after two years of exemplary service. We need a volunteer or volunteers to continue his mission of feeding the fearless pilots of Lafa or anyone who dares join us.

**ANY OTHER REPORTS:** We discussed our upcoming Christmas Party. It was decided to have a Bar B Q like last year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in conjunction with our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The club will provide the food and drinks. This will be the last meeting for most of the current board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Curtis Pitts place is for sale in Homestead for approximately \$800K. It has two apartments that are rentable for income. 9 acres with a hangar and grass strip. Lafa would sure like it for a permanent home...

1940 Porterfield with a 65 Lycoming is for sale for \$10K or best offer. This aircraft is owned by former long time member Dick Nafe and he can be reached at 305-245-4047.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The President and Secretary are resigning after 2 years of service. Volunteers are being sought.

**EAA SAFETY SEMINAR:** Captain Bob, in lieu of the safety seminar gave us a list of upcoming fly-outs that he would like us all to seriously consider.

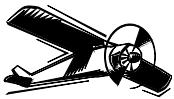
September 27<sup>th</sup> – re-try of the fly-out to Everglades City. Captain Bob explained why they never made it last month. Ron Anderson doing ground support. Briefing at 7:30 and lift off at 8:00 am.

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Proposed fly-out to Tavernaero. Grass strip approx 40 miles from Homestead.

November 8<sup>th</sup> – EAA Chapter 1241 – Marathon fly-in from 10 am to 6 pm. Approx 80 miles from Homestead. There will be no meeting or breakfast that day. Briefing at 7:30 am and take off at 8:00 am. Approximate flight time 1 ½ to 2 hours.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:45 a.m.

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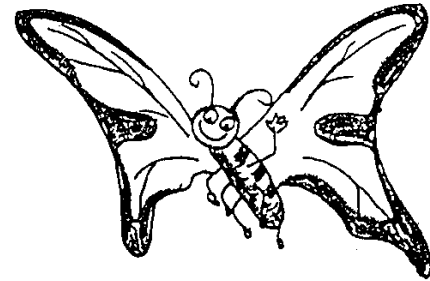


## THE INSTRUCTOR'S CORNER

### This Month - PREFLIGHTS

by "Cap'n Bob" Musgrove, USUA Basic Flight Instructor

The preflight inspection of my aircraft is a very important step toward the eventual happy landing that I'm expecting. The preflight, hopefully, will show my aircraft to be in proper condition for a safe flight. But if I do find some irregularity, now is the time to find it - on the ground, where I can do something about it. This is about the only time I find any pleasure looking for trouble!



There is a human frailty that I must overcome - habit. I mean the dictionary definition which states: 'An acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.' Habit causes me to do things the same way I did them the last time and the time before. The repetition looks at the same items each time in the same old way. But what about the other side of that same item, underneath, or from above? Is there a SINGLE square inch I haven't inspected lately? If variety is the spice of life, then I want it here! I'll poke around at different angles for different viewpoints. I usually start the inspection at the nose, then left wing, and so forth, back to the nose. This time for spice, I'll start at the tail and eventually wind up, of course, at the tail again.

Let's look deeper. Is this nut really secure?\* How about that bolt; is my painted line-up mark (witness) still lined up? Try twisting the fuel line. Is the clamp really holding the tubing tight onto the fitting? Having the attitude that there's something wrong and I just haven't found it yet, helps me to spot things that may not have been "right" since the day it was built!

Although I follow manufacturers maintenance schedules at the recommended intervals (airframe, engine, etc.), I will ask a favor of a fellow pilot. "Would you mind doing a preflight on my aircraft for me? And if you would like, I'll return the favor by doing a preflight of yours." This favor serves an excellent purpose by allowing a different set of eyes, hands and thought patterns to hopefully spot something that mine have overlooked.

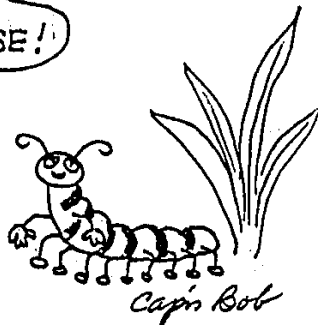
If I'm going to fly someone else's aircraft, I won't know its condition. It's up to me to do a thorough preflight - it's my responsibility, I am the pilot! I also refrain from interruptions during the preflight, 'cause in flying I don't want to miss a thing!

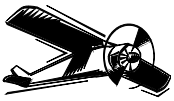
Happy Landings!

*Cap'n Bob*

YOU'LL NEVER  
GET ME UP  
IN ONE OF THOSE!

\* We're talking hardware integrity - not the pilot's self-esteem!





*Safety Pen,*



Here it is, Cold and Flu season. As I sit here at home trying to nurse myself back to health, it brings to mind some of the problems that we face today with "over the counter medicine".

Prior to flying you should be in good health. A stuffy nose can be a problem and taking something for it can be worse. If you are coughing a lot and figure on taking cough medicine, make sure that you read the label because most of them state that it may cause drowsiness. We normally don't fly high enough to have problems with low pressure from altitude, but if you go to Denver to fly, you could.

Just remember to look at the medication you are taking and determine if you are in good shape to fly. If you have any doubts, then wait for another day. It may be the best wait that you can have, that way you will have a second chance.

Have a safe flying year and "keep 'em Turnin"

*Barry Hawkes*



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**Don't forget the monthly Lafa meeting!!!**

**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
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HOMESTEAD GENERAL AIRPORT  
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