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RV Heaven at Spruce Creek



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I have to say I'm sorry for the late bi-monthly Newsletter. I've had some challenges over the last two months which many of you are aware of. Wearing the hat of President, Treasurer and now Newsletter Editor brings on a lot of responsibility and time commitment for one person. That said, this is a little time consuming but, I can generally knock out each newsletter in 3-4 hours. We are still looking hard for a volunteer in our membership to handle this and maybe get us back up to a monthly Newsletter again. Please consider YOUR life and schedule, and if you can contribute to the heartbeat of our chapter; our monthly communication!

Beth and I have made two trips to Florida this year (well, she made one in November too). The past three years were challenging for me to get down there when two of them entailed serious surgeries and Physical Therapy recoveries. Other than a very pesky Sciatica flare up over the last 7-8 months, I'm able to make regular trips to our Spruce Creek home this winter. We will be heading back again on March 11th for a couple more weeks. Projects on the Florida home are a real factor now after limited time down there lately. I'm sure many of you know me and having projects to complete when I'm not at home puts me in my happy zone.

The social aspect of our time at "The Creek" has changed a lot this year as well. We've met some new friends down there and it's great to expand on that front. No longer are the Doug and Nancy Gallman obligated to host all our social activities. They are part of the "New Group", as well as Mike and Kathy Kelly, the ones who hosted us on our first visit to the Creek 7 years ago. Doug and Nancy will still be our "go to" friends, since they are our longest "Permanent Resident" friends there and only a couple doors down. They really look out for us and our home when we are gone (and then wonder why we want to pay for dinner when we go out). Having property over 1,000 miles away requires support friends to help you out when things go array.

I've changed one aspect of my interaction with the aviation world with my Newsletter obligation. Whenever I see an interesting aviation photo opportunity the camera phone is out immediately. Not having two submitters with written articles anymore, I'm trying to provide aviation "Eye Candy" in the remainder of the Newsletter. This edition will have pictures taken at Spruce Creek Airpark. As you members view these pictures, remember we will host anyone wanting to stop by this amazing airpark and give them "the tour". We have a "3 bench seat" golf cart, which can easily seat 6 adults and a few kids. If you happen to visit on a Friday afternoon, you can attend the "Gathering" at "The Tree". That's a weekly tailgate party type event where a large group comes out to socialize and watch numerous formation flights, with smoke oil, do fly overs. There are a lot of retired military pilots on this airpark and the formation flights are pretty impressive.

Because of my intensely busy schedule, and being in Florida for half the month of March, I really can't see scheduling a chapter meeting unit after I get back. I will try to set up an April Meeting. We need to discuss and plan for the last phase of Hangar completion; more structural walls and sheeting inside, metal wall sheeting on the outside. Our Tyvek is on its second winter, evidenced by the repairs Beth and I completed after a nasty wind event in December. I don't think it will survive another winter. I'm just hoping the ridiculous steel pricing will come down some by the time we need to order it. OSB pricing has dropped, but still nowhere near pre-Covid prices. We'll need that installed on some walls, per the blueprints, before we can wrap up the permits with a final inspection. I'll advise via another newsletter or by email on the next meeting time and location.

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3/08/22	Mustang: The History of EAA's P-51s—Part2	Chris Henry/Ben Page
*3/09/22	Shiny Side Up—Avoiding Spatial Disorientation	Prof H. Paul Shuch
*3/16/22	International & Cross Border Aircraft Transactions	Paul Herbers & Patrick Floyd
*3/23/22	Home Flight Simulation for PP Training & Proficiency	Even Reiter & Phil Coyle
3/24/22	Young Eagles Workshops-Bringing Youth Back to the Airport	Serena Kamps
3/29/22	EAA Learn to Fly Day—Hosting a Flying Start Event	David Leiting
**3/30/22	Taming the Tailwheel Shimmy	Will Fox

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