

EAA 908 HYLITES

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR EAA CHAPTER 908
SAINT LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

President's Corner



Our safety meetings will be recognized by the FFAST team with credit to the WINGS program . Join us this Sat for a program presented by our Wings presenter Jack Hartery.

Membership: As of May we have 87 members paid. If you know of someone that would like to join 908 invite them to our meeting.

Welcome new members;

Sal Marinello

Paul Wilson

Heather Grimes



Officers:

President	Mike Ketchpaw 772-766-6957
V. Pres.	Jack Hartery 863-332-4711
Secretary	Patty Licardi 772-453-8923
Treasurer	Ed Fry 772-971-5619
Director	John Licardi 772-453-8923
Director	Jerry Groendyke 772-418-7506
Director	Tina Gouin 240-447-8049
Past President	Paul Dekker 908-770-1698

WEB Site:

www.908.eaachapter.org
Webmaster: Tina Gouin

Chapter Clubhouse:
3100 Industrial Ave 3
Fort Pierce, FL 34946
KFPR, east end use Taxiway
Alpha or Echo to taxi lane
Hotel, or progressive to "EAA
Ramp"

Mark Your calendar;

5-17-2025 BOD meeting 8:30

5-17- 2025 908 Safety meeting 9:30

5-17- 2025 908 general meeting 10:15

5-28-2025 RSAT FPR meeting @ 908 10:00

President's Corner - (continued)**For gate malfunctions**

Call airport administration; 772-462-1732
Mon—Fri 8 am—5 pm.
After hours 772-370-3492

**Young Eagles March 29, 2025**

Very good day for our YE rally. The day started off a bit windy with only 3 planes. But as the day progressed every thing came together with acceptable winds and 6 airplanes. **We flew 39 YE's**. Many thanks to all that helped doing registration, briefers, dispatch, escorts, & pilots. Good job!



We are working on having our hanger roof replaced and with the board approval we will move forward to get this project moving. We've picked a contractor to do the construction and have a loan pre approved with PNC Bank. In order to accomplish this renovation there are increases in rental pricing starting 6-1-2025. See page 3.



The new rental rates for hanger and tie downs will take effect 6-1-25

Hanger				\$400.00 per month + tax
Hard surface tie down	60.00	“	”	“ ”
Grass	“	“	40.00	“ ” “ ”

These increases will help offset the cost of the hanger repairs. Once our contractor updates his estimate we will schedule the actual work.

At this time we are working with \$71,875 total, 908 will put up \$25,000 and we'll get the bank loan for the balance \$46,875.

Hanger occupants will be notified in advance of any construction to their individual hanger.

We have 2 aircraft in delicate conditions right now so we'll delay the start of construction until they are more mobile.

★ Up date on the removing of our containers from the property as requested by the airport director. We have removed 3 so far with 2 more ready for pickup and 3 more to empty. There are two work benches available . This Saturday they will be offered. If there are no takers they will be offered to the public (road side).



Both benches are on large castor wheels

This bench has a fluorescent hanging on suspended frame.



President's Corner - (continued)

★ The CAP has donated to 908 a new computer, monitor, and laser printer. These will be put to good use. Especially our original equipment that needs so much updating. There may be other items we can use depending on available space in the clubhouse.

★ Jerry Groendyke is diligently getting N172JG back together after his plane was flooded in Henderson N.C last year. Lots of details but Jerry and his mechanic Mike Winstead are working to get it back in the air.



But at times it takes a village to get things done, especially getting the wings in place.

Around the Patch (Mike Ketchpaw)

Board of Directors Meetings: The Chapter's BOD meets have been changed to the 3rd Saturday @8:00am at the clubhouse, unless otherwise noted. **Next BOD 5-15-2025 8:30**

The use of the Chapter Hangar: The procedure for scheduling use of the Chapter's hangar will be to call Mike Ketchpaw at 772-766-6957 in order to maintain coordinated use of the hangar. No other method is authorized.

We are getting a new sign for the front of the clubhouse. Once the sign is finished we will need some help taking down the 4x8 panels, re-finishing if necessary, and installing the new decal to the sign board, and re-installing the signboard to the building. Tina Gouin is our project manager and we'll have scaffolding to work with getting boards up and down. Once we get a firm date I'll reach out for some help. The 2 smaller decals are for the Yankee out front.



Newsletter Editor: Mike Ketchpaw - email to: ketch15@bellsouth.com

All articles and pictures are the credit of the Editor, Mike Ketchpaw, unless otherwise noted.

Many thanks to those that contributed. Anyone with stories, news, trips, aircraft projects, bios of members, etc. can share it with the world through *HYLITES*, as we archive the recent issues on the web. We have not copyrighted anything in the past, but may work up something in the future. Generally, any other EAA or not-for-profit publication is free to use anything in this newsletter, just give us credit and send us a copy.