



Chapter Newsletter

Oct 2011

September meeting: We enjoyed a presentation by our very own Ed Cihoski. Ed, an Air Force veteran was a crew member on an Air Force RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft. Thanks Ed for a great presentation. October Meeting will be a pancake breakfast at the CAP Bldg on 29 October 2011



RC-135 at Shemya AFS Alaska



We flew our ops for recon out of Shemya AFS, using RC-135S aircraft. Our home base was Eielson AFB, south of Fairbanks, Alaska, about 20 miles. We flew to Shemya with the crews, using KC-135 tanker aircraft, because they had a freight door and freight deck, along with troop seats, to accommodate the personnel, as well as our supplies-food, clothing, etc-for the week or two we were there. One thing I hadn't mentioned was there still exists to this day, a P-39 Airacobra complete with the Russian Red star on its tail, sitting in the woods outside of Fairbanks. It crash landed during WW2 while being delivered to Russia as part of lend-lease. It is rediscovered each Spring when the snow melts. I was on Shemya during Dec, 1973. That year was to be the last year that Bob Hope would do his holiday visits to the troops. He was returning home via the North Pacific route. Our Det. commander, Col Jolly, made a request that he make a stop on his way back. Nothing was promised. Weather on Shemya was always iffy, with just one runway, next to the water and no overruns. So we were all waiting and wondering, late in the day, when we heard engines outside the hangar door-we lived in the hangar with our plane. The door opens and there is Bob Hope, together with Joey Heatherton, and Les Brown and his "band of renown". They took a few minutes to set up on the hangar floor in front of the RC, and then put on a show, with Bob, Joey, and the band and other girls. It was like being 5 again and hearing Santa Claus come down the chimney. Bob got a little put out because he gave Les the cut signal, so he could do his lines and Les just kept on directing the band, but then finally stopped. It was funny. They were all doing their best. I have never forgotten that Bob cared enough to make a stop on that lonely rock in the Bering Sea. The night was finished by all of us singing, "Silent Night". Ed C

Its that time again, anybody that would like to become one of the club Officers, please contact a member of the nominating committee – Ed Cihoski, Charlie Schnitzlein or Dale Cornelius. Their phone numbers are in the box at the end of the newsletter.

Remember - Get Your reservations and Money to Ed Cihoski for the Christmas Party – you need to have it in by the 19th of November. \$25 per person.

Events and Fun Places to Fly.

October 28-30 2011 – Mount Dora Splash-in Lakeside Inn, Mt Dora Florida
questions call Bill Schmalz at 561-414-6865

November 12-13, 2011 _ South Florida Seaplane Splash-In, The night-before dinner and Sunday Social, Sunset Grill, Lake Jackson Sebring, Florida
Food served 11Am til 10PM More inf: jwschamalz3@bellsouth.net

Don't Forget the Annual Fall EAA/Flying Gators Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In at Flying Gators Field Groveland, Florida on November 19th. We look forward to having all members there, you can also help with the setup etc. www.flyinggators.com

Tom Bowdens, Searey Splash-IN

Mark your calender. Saturday, November 12, 2011
www.Bowdens-Landing.com

R.S.V.P. between 10/15/11 and 11/6/11 so he will know how many Burgers to buy.

For Sale and For Rent at Florida Flying Gator's Airfield.

We welcome new [memberships](#) to our flying club

Hangars rent for \$105 a month. Yearly club membership is only \$60

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Contact : Alan Resnick Pres@flyinggators.com 407-493-8597

Aircraft for Sale

TM-5

2 place tandem, 0-200A zero time. All Metal (flush rivets), electric trim, electric flaps with wheel skirts (new) and Mode-C.

Contact: Earl Johns
352-343-4564

Searey LSX kit, available for sale. Get the latest model at Last years prices.
Contact: Dale Cornelius 352-360-2654 or jdcorneilus@live.com

Anybody looking to travel especially on a cruise, Our Vice President Dave Pierce is now a registered travel Agent. 407-469-0014



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