

Positive Incident

Presidents Corner

We are gearing up for the new season and we want to welcome back all the snowbirds. Those who were here all summer know how wet it was. The field and road was flooded for weeks at a time. Then Hurricane Milton blew through, ripping up our main runway.

We used the loss to find better runway material. Nate contacted the Cape Coral club to find out what they used, he then found a supplier with a reasonable price.

To say the install was a little rough would be an understatement. No one knew exactly how to put the runway down, things got a little confusing and the wind picked up shutting down the first day of work. The next day Gary and I worked through most of the problems. Work continued for several days until the new runway was down. Special thanks to all who helped, Gary, Nate, jJoe, Frank(from Canada), Frank(from Pa), Brian.Doug and Don.

Does lightning strike twice?

Several weeks ago I met new member Frank(fromPa). He told me that he lost a small Pitts bi plane in the woods and figured it was lost forever when he couldn't find it

after several attempts. Last week I had a low battery in my Four Star 54 and it went into the woods. I went in looking for it and got completely lost (Lewis and Clark I am not). In my aimless wandering I came across a small clearing with a small Pitts sitting right in the middle of the clearing with minor damage. The hardest part was getting out. I called my wife and had her come over and park on the road and hunk the horn so I could find my way out. People from across the road thought she had a problem and needles to say I had an audience there watching me climb out of the woods.

A couple of days later I decided to give it one more try at finding my plane. This time I brought a compass with me. As I walked in looking at the top of the trees I started feeling it was a lost cause. Then I spotted a small swatch of red on the ground fifty feet in front of me. I walked closer and couldn't believe it. My plane was sitting on the narrow path under a canopy of tree branches in near perfect condition. A broken prop and small tear in the covering was the only damage.

More on the field

We were lucky to catch the guy with the bush hog with an open day. He cleaned the high grass around the field and down the driveway.

I was able to get to the field on Saturday and stain the two bench tops and put the rebuild kit in the grill.