

# FAMFAM UPDATE

Friday AM Friends of Airport Manatee

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## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



Hurricane Ian left its mark in some deadly hidden places. If your aircraft was exposed to heavy winds, look it over very carefully. Airport Manatee aircraft had their share of obvious damage as well as hidden damage that wasn't obvious without a close examination. A Cessna 172 had the rivets sheared off the torque tube attached to the elevator. No damage was noticeable until the elevators were moved by hand. It is a bit of a shock to see one side move independently of the other.

The wind bent an aileron pushrod 45° and snapped it on a Cessna 150. The flap bellcrank hidden behind the headliner on a Cessna 140 became an aluminum

pretzel. Any one of these could prove fatal if not found before flight. The amazing thing is that one of these aircraft did fly but managed to return to earth safely. There were others damaged as well but suffice it to say, a full inspection should be conducted before flying any aircraft after weathering a hurricane. FLY SAFE!



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## FAMFAM CHRISTMAS DINNER PLANNED



Tom Sawyer bounced the idea of a Christmas Dinner off the dozen or so Friday AM Friends of Airport Manatee that gathered for the usual Friday lunch at Popi's diner. Once Pastor Ron Jarvis quieted the crowded table conversations, told a joke, and said a prayer, everyone dug into clam chowder, BLTs, burgers, Cubans, and more. After the usual flying tales, political dishing, more bad jokes, and some discussion about a Christmas Dinner, everyone agreed to put Saturday, December 10th, at 6:00 PM on the calendar to meet at Popi's. All the Airport Manatee family is invited. Tom Sawyer volunteered to coordinate with Popi's.

If you haven't done so, you should consider joining us for lunch on Fridays at Popi's as well. Get a bowl of the best clam chowder for under four dollars, and you can't beat the company.

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## SOLD... ONE PRETTY T-CRAFT



There is now one less Taylorcraft on the field. Darrell Mas-sengale and his wife picked up Ron Jarvis' T-craft last Monday after a whirlwind purchase. Darrell saw the airplane on Facebook the day I posted it and signed the Bill of Sale the next.



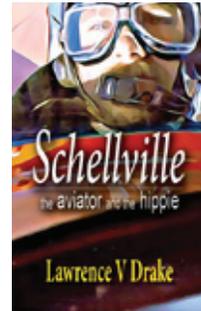
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