

# JUST PLANE NEWS . . .

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter February 2023

## SAVE THE DATES

February 11th (Saturday) Chapter Mtg; 9:00 donuts/coffee:10:00 mtg; Carlile's hangar: 15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale

FEBRUARY 16TH (Thursday)  
IMC/VMC mtg 7:00PM Carlile's Pilots Lounge.

MARCH 11TH (Saturday). Next month's Chapter mtg. - PANCAKE BREAKFAST -details soon!

## Chapter 1236 Officers

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## January's mtg - Journey to Air & Space Museum and so much more . . .

Steve Wolf, Chapter member, updated us on his P-47 project with photos of his remarkable progress. He also shared the background story of how he designed aerobatic aircraft for himself and Sean Tucker's Challenger III. The Oracle sponsored aircraft is now hanging inverted in the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum.



The fuselage for the P-47



Steve showed us photos of Jack Hallett, during his distinguished aviation career.



Steve Wolf, Sean Tucker, Kathy Hirtz reuniting under the Oracle, Challenger III at the Air & Space Museum



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

### DECEMBER 2022: (2 newbies)

Gary Pratt

Craig Ritson

### JANUARY 2023: ( 11 newbies)

Chris & Billie Durbin (Weirsdale)

Mike & Deb Kelley (The Villages)

David Krakowsky & Val Marcelin  
(Weirsdale)

Harlon & Mary Jo Simons  
(Lady Lake)

Brad Sparks. (Orlando)

Dean van Zwoll & Betsey Bracy  
(Ocala - Leeward)

**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT  
THESE NEW MEMBERS:** Every  
single one of the new members  
above attended the Annual  
Chapter Party in January  
**KUDOS** to them for jumping  
right in as active members...and  
partiers!



## What's ahead for February's Chapter meeting?

February 11th, Saturday - 9:00 donuts & coffee;  
10:00 meeting....

Craig Ritson, a new Chapter member and recent Love's Landing homeowner, will be sharing what it was like to fly in South Africa. Craig and his wife, Mandy, have lived in the states for over 20 years. They recently moved to central Florida from upstate New York, but they are originally from South Africa.

### HEADS UP. . .

#### 2023 CHAPTER DUES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE FEBRUARY 11TH MEETING...

\$15 for Individual, \$20 for Family  
80 + years young? Honorary Member (free)

#### CANT' MAKE THE MEETING TO PAY?

Please make your check out to "EAA Chapter 1236"  
and pop in the mail to  
Tricia Angell  
17921 SE 158th Ct.  
Weirsdale, Fl. 32195



70+ members including a dozen new members  
attended the January 2023 Chapter meeting.



# A little bit of country...a little bit of rock & roll at the Chapter's Annual Member & Volunteer Appreciation Party, January 21, 2023

118 members RSVP'd for this not-to-be-missed Member & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Party. John Carlile, Chapter President, thanked the multitude of volunteers who made all 2022 events a reality and a success. Thanks went out to John Leary & Julie Dane for the use of their hangar, to Sue Pease & Brian Willenbring for invading their homespace during the party. Thanks also went out to Ana Kircher and team for the decorations...to Tricia Angell and her team for the catered food & service... and the dozens of chapter members who set up prior and cleaned up after this great shindig. Again, volunteers made this happen and we are so grateful.



Just before the festivities...



Party in full swing...



Ana Kircher designed the  
table decorations - so  
beautiful...



Dinner was catered by Sammy's and  
generous portions were served by Bob  
Blankenship, Roberta Ricketts, Lee  
Blankenship, Julie Dane, Mona Tripp &  
Tricia Goodhue



Joy Ayer cutting the Volunteer  
Thank You dessert cake.





## SNAPSHOTS OF A GOOD TIME

Ron (Ron Gustaitis) The Music Man entertained us during dinner and then on the dance floor.



Special Guests, Bob & Maria Tracy of Heather Oak Farm. "Friends of the Chapter". They make the delicious pulled pork for our Fly In's







Special Guests, our Friends of the Chapter, Brad Winkler and the Battery Boys family...











We had the added pleasure of listening to Mike Ricketts playing on his guitar to some of the hits that Ron the Music Man provided.



The first dancers on the dance floor...Steve Wolf and Judy Brown - they really got the party started!



The Music and Dancing went on until about 8:45. Great times...

This is the last Page of this February Issue, but still an important one...

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND  
THAT...

### Still looking for Toy Box Submissions...

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Acquired a new toy? Working on a fixer  
upper? Send pics and information to  
[janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

### Need a Chapter Nametag?

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Nametags are being made for the new  
December and January members...BUT if you  
never got one, or it broke, or lost one (I mean  
REALLY lost as opposed to misplaced) let  
Janette know at the next meeting OR email:  
[janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

BTW- new name tags are also kept on the  
magnetic nametag "parking lot" next to the  
membership photo wall in the Carlile's hangar.

### We Are Looking for Speakers for upcoming meetings...

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Maybe you have been to other aviation  
oriented clubs & organizations? We are  
looking for good speakers for 20-30min(max)  
presentations that our membership would  
enjoy. OR maybe you know of someone (or  
yourself) that has an interesting aviation story  
to tell? Please email Bruce Cynamon with names  
and contact info:  
[CynamonB@aol.com](mailto:CynamonB@aol.com)

### AND FINALLY. . .

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I, (Janette Carlile) don't have a sense of  
whether this newsletter is being read by  
the membership or maybe some folks are  
not even getting it through the email.

I would like your honest input as to  
whether this newsletter is relevant to the  
membership...or maybe it's not necessary.  
OR Feel free to let me know if there's  
anything you'd like to see in a future  
newsletter. Thank you . . .

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