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# JUST PLANE NEWS . . .

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EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter    September 2023

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## SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 9TH (Saturday)  
Chapter Mtg: 9:00 donuts/coffee;  
10:00 mtg; Carlile's Hangar:  
15720 SE 175th ST Weirsdale

SEPTEMBER 21ST (Thursday).  
IMC/VMC mtg. 7:00pm Carlile's  
Pilots Lounge

OCTOBER 14TH (Saturday).  
Next month's Chapter mtg. -  
9:00am donuts; 10:00 mtg.

NOVEMBER 4th (Saturday).  
"Wings Over Weirsdale" Annual  
Chapter Fly In

## Chapter 1236 Officers

Pres. John Carlile  
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## What's Happening at the next Chapter meeting - September 9th Celebrating National Women's Aviation Day

Join us at 9:00AM for coffee/donuts and 10:00 meeting. Kathy Hirtz's fascination with aviation started nearly 50 years ago. Her actual aviation career didn't start until 2001. You will discover that her experiences are diverse as well as fascinating. Hope to see all of you at the September EAA Chapter meeting for a not to be missed presentation.



## Also at the upcoming September meeting...

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We will be taking volunteer sign ups in September for the upcoming "Wings Over Weirsdale" Chapter Fly In on November 4th. We need volunteers for Food Service/ Prep, Set up/Take Down, Aircraft Parking, Car Parking, and more. Fly in details will be shared and an additional plea for more volunteers will occur at the October Chapter meeting.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

### AUGUST 2023:

Edwin Medina & Ambar Mejas.  
Ken & Janet Cashwell

### WELCOME BACK!

Howard Farley & Hanh Vu.  
Art & Margie Schiavone



## HEADS UP

### 2023 CHAPTER DUES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 9TH MEETING

\$15 for individual,  
\$20 for Family  
80+ years young? Honorary  
member FREE

### CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING TO PAY?

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

## Craig Ritson, Experimental Aircraft Test Pilot, shares experiences at the August Chapter Meeting

Craig Ritson, Chapter member, shared his experiences of test piloting several aircraft. He also gave invaluable insights as to the role of the test pilot preparing for the initial flight of a recently built aircraft.



Craig Ritson



Over 60 members attended this meeting.



Craig brought to the meeting the RV 7A that he recently tested.



An up close look at John Stahr's amazing detailed designs on this RV7A aircraft.



Painted guns on the wings...it's so detailed that gun residue was painted on the topside of the wing.



Frank McMullan is responsible for our Chapter Nametag needs. Each Nametag is created by hand by Frank with a special engraving machine.



Frank has been doing our nametags for the past 3 years. We appreciate his handiwork.

## Need a Chapter Nametag?

Nametags are being made for the new 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.

## A Pilot's Job is an Easy One

(The following paper was written by a 5th grader and was sent to the Richmond Airport Mgr. Anthony Dowd.)

"I want to be a pilot when I grow up because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying today. Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read road maps so they won't be lost. Pilots should be brave so they won't be scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off they should stay calm so they'll know what to do. Pilots have to have good eyes to see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they're closer to them than we are. The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they spend. This is because most people think plane flying is dangerous except pilots don't because they know how easy it is. There isn't much I don't like, except girls like pilots and all the stewardesses want to marry pilots so they always have to chase them away so they don't bother them. I hope I don't get air sick because I get car sick and if I get air sick I couldn't be a pilot and then I'd have to go to work."



## EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023: by the NUMBERS

10,000+ total aircraft  
677,00+ attended AirVenture  
21,883 aircraft operations in 11 day period.  
148 average of takeoffs and landings per hour.  
3,365 total showplaces  
1,497 registered in vintage aircraft parking.  
1,067 homebuilt aircraft  
380 warbirds  
194 ultralights  
134 seaplanes & amphibians  
52 aerobatic aircraft  
41 rotorcraft  
13,000 camping sites inc aircraft/drive in  
5,500 volunteers / 250,000+ hours  
848 commercial exhibitors (a record #)  
1,400 forums, workshops, presentations for week  
2,372 registered international visitors.



From Byron Covey: instrument panel in Rotec powered LoCamp, Oshkosh 2023

# Food Truck Fly-in!



### Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM), Kissimmee, FL

Multiple food trucks, static aircraft displays and exhibitors 10:00 - 3:00. FREE event open to the public.

Contact: Shaun Germolus

Phone: 407-518-2505

Website: <http://www.flykissimmee.com>

Email



### Airport Information:

[Kissimmee Gateway \(ISM\)](#)

[More info from AirNav.com](#)

Latitude: 28-17-23.3000N

Longitude: 081-26-13.5000W

Elevation: 82

Fuel: 100LL Jet-A

CTAF: 124.45

Unicom: 122.95

# TOYS IN THE TOY BOX - Special Edition

On April 16, 2021, the first grandchild of John & Janette Carlile was born to their daughter & son in law, Christie & Marlon Cox. Shortly after Elijah Cox was born, John ordered a Mini Pedal Pitts airplane kit from a company in Iowa. He knew that it would have to be completed by the time Elijah was old enough and tall enough to pedal this toy plane. It was finally completed August 6, 2023. The following photos document what a special project this was.



Voytek Kulesza, master woodworker at the Villages WoodShop, built the airplane body from the plans but also made improved modifications to the design. He said this was his favorite project he's ever worked on.



Proud Grandpa John Carlile worked on details as well.



Steve Wolf did the metal work that included the cowling. He improved the design and declared that this aircraft can indeed be called a Wolf Pitts.



Meanwhile, Elijah Cox (28 months old), undergoes rigorous Pilot Training from his CFI, Grandpa Carlile. After two days of learning to pedal a Radio Flyer tricycle, Elijah solo'd in record time. The only concern is if his feet will reach the Mini Pitts pedals.



Grandpa John customized the instrument panel & had a local Weirsdale upholstery expert complete the cockpit.

Grandpa John prepared the Mini Pitts for painting by applying several coats of primer.

Ready to be delivered for the final leg of the journey... Painting and artwork by John Stahr.



The wheelpan's are a one of a kind work of art in itself...

John Stahr, the master, at work...

All that's left is putting it together.



Painted and styled like Grandpa John's Pitts, but also uniquely Elijah's plane.



John Stahr signing Elijah's plane.



Steve Wolf also signed his smallest Wolf Pitts design .



Elijah's reaction to his new plane was true and heartfelt. Grandpa John had added recorded Pitt's engine sounds and that was a total hit with this two year old. John has since added smoke that trails the plane as Elijah pedals (smoke works on a remote control).

Elijah's feet do reach. . . just barely, but he can still get the airplane moving. He will continue to grow into it - who knows what enhancements Grandpa will think of next for this Mini Pedal Pitts Special.



Steve & John were on hand for Elijah's first ride in his Mini Pedal Pitts. Pure joy!

## Looking for Toy Box Submissions...

Want to share a photo or two of the toys ALREADY in YOUR Toy Box? OR maybe you acquired a new toy? Working on a fixer upper? Ideally, you might have a pic of yourself next to your Toy? Send pics and information to [janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

## John Stahr's Customized Aviation "Aloha" Style Shirt now available at Pilot Quarters...Here's how

Website: <http://pilotquarters.com>

Search by State, (Southeast Florida)

Find "Loves Landing Flyby" (John Stahr's Customized Shirt)

There are 3 pages of various Florida chart shirts



KO Oliver & Bill Near model their new custom Aviation shirts by John Stahr.

## Working on Your Pilot's License? A New Rating? Tell us about it...

[janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

Send your info and a maybe photo of you "in action".



**ALERT! ALERT! We REALLY need your help in finding speakers for future meetings. . .**

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) who has an interesting aviation story to tell? Please email Bruce Cynamon with names and contact info:

[CynamonB@aol.com](mailto:CynamonB@aol.com)

## New Chapter T-shirts Now Available

Thanks to our Chapter Secretary, Ana Kircher, we now have new Chapter T-shirts. We have mens and ladies styles; sizes Sm to 3X. Multiple color choices and a choice of two aviation quotes on the back of the shirt. All shirts are priced at \$25. Orders will be taken at the meeting. There are multiple size samples that can be tried on. We also have stocked up on the every popular "better than Yeti" Chapter mugs - great for ice cold or hot beverages. \$20 each. Multiple colors available. \$5 of each T-shirt or mug sale goes into the young aviator/mechanic donation fund.



Men's style, crew neck  
Multiple colors & sizes  
available



Ladies' style, V neck,  
Multiple colors & sizes  
available



Quote choice 1 (located  
on back of shirt) "Life  
Without Flying is just  
Plane Grounded"



Quote choice 2  
(located on back of  
shirt) "Until You  
Spread Your Wings,  
You Have No Idea How  
Far You Will Fly"