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# JUST PLANE NEWS . . .

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EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter    May 2023

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## SAVE THE DATES

MAY 13TH (Saturday) Chapter  
Mtg: 9:00 donuts/coffee; 10:00  
mtg; Carlile's Hangar:  
15720 SE 175th ST Weirsdale

MAY 18TH (Thursday).  
IMC/VMC mtg. 7:00pm Carlile's  
Pilot Lounge

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

## Chapter 1236 Officers

Pres. John Carlile  
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Membership Janette Carlile

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## "Elvis" was in the Building. . . Well Kinda. . .

Over 70 members enjoyed guest speaker, Ron Strauss, who was the private pilot for Elvis Presley on the "Lisa Marie" from 1975 until Elvis' untimely death in 1977. The "Lisa Marie" was a Convair 880 and was refurbished to hold 29 people and a private bedroom suite for the King himself. The crew included two pilots and an engineer who were all "on call" 24/7. Ron shared many stories, but one can read about his extensive aviation career in a book written by Sally A. Hoedel, "Destined To Fly, the Story of Pilot Ron Strauss".



Guest speaker, Ron Strauss



The "Lisa Marie", a Convair 880

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

APRIL 2023: (1 newbie)

Carol Walker



## HEADS UP

**2023 CHAPTER DUES WILL BE  
COLLECTED AT THE  
MAY 13TH 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

## What's Happening at the next meeting, May 13th

Join us at 9:00AM for coffee/donuts and  
10:00 meeting. Chapter member, Mike Kelley, will  
be sharing his experience flying his Sonex cross  
country from Independence, Oregon to Florida.

In addition, Joel Samu will be telling us about his  
graduate level research project at Emery-Riddle  
involving General Aviation pilots. He'll also be  
asking the pilots in the group to help him by filling  
out a short 10 minute written survey before  
and/or after the meeting. Survey responses will  
be anonymous and asking only general questions.  
Individual personal responses will not be shared  
with anyone.



**(FIRST DAY AS A PILOT)**

**CONTROL TOWER:** *Can you give  
me your position?*

**ME:** *I'm next to a cloud that  
looks like a lion.*

**CONTROL TOWER:** *Can you be  
more specific?*

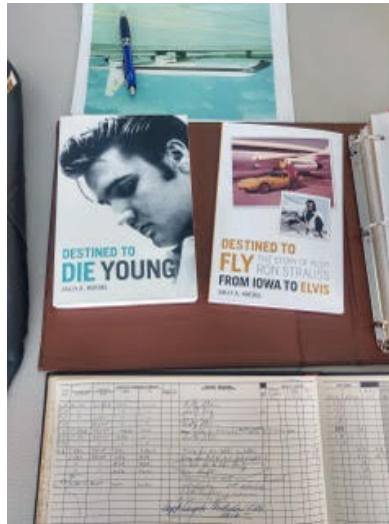


**ME:** *Simba.*

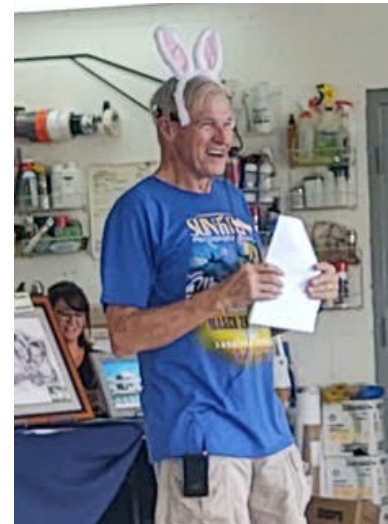
## APRIL MEETING HAPPENINGS



John Carlile with Ron Strauss



Author Sally Hoedel's books about Ron Strauss and Elvis Presley



The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to the meeting!



Memorabilia presented by Ron Strauss during the Elvis years.



Another meeting guest, Sandy Giameo, shared information on the company called Sentimental Art. This company can take your photos and hand draw them in pencil, charcoal, watercolor and other mediums. In addition to drawing family members & pets, the company is very interested in getting some airplanes drawn to have on display at next year's Sun 'n Fun. They are also able to accept several individual photos of people and incorporate them into one drawing. Call 727-348-8434 OR email: [SentimentalArtFL@aol.com](mailto:SentimentalArtFL@aol.com) OR visit website: [www.SentimentalArtFlorida.com](http://www.SentimentalArtFlorida.com) for more info



# TOYS IN THE TOY BOX



Chapter member, Bob Kircher celebrates his insurance checkout in his new toy. Bob Blankenship, also a Chapter member was his instructor. WooHoo!



Bob Kircher's "new" toy, 1946 Aeronca Champ 7AC-Conversion (L-16B) Bob thanks Bob Boyer, Mark Macario and Dwight Russell who helped make this Champ flight worthy.

## Looking for Toy Box Submissions...

Want to share a photo or two of the toys 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)



A peak inside Bob Kircher's Champ. . .

## 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".

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### Need a Chapter Nametag?

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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.

**ALERT! ALERT! We REALLY need your help in finding speakers for future 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) who has an interesting aviation story to tell? Please email Bruce Cynamon with names and contact info:  
[CynamonB@aol.com](mailto:CynamonB@aol.com)

