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EAA Chapter 175 Newsletter



Newsletter for January, 2014

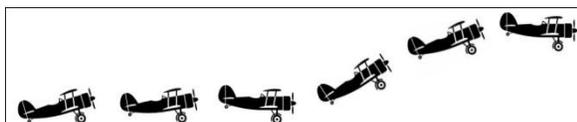
Next Meeting:

Saturday

01/25/2014

Breakfast @ 0800

Meeting@ 0900



Program

John R. "Lites" Leenhouts

John R. "Lites" Leenhouts is SUN 'n FUN's President & CEO. He is a 27-year veteran of the United States Navy with a distinguished record of service as a carrier fighter pilot along with an extensive list of community involvement.

Leenhouts obtained his private pilot license in 1970 and has accumulated more than 10,000 hours as piloting various military, antique and civilian aircraft. Commissioned an Ensign in March, 1974, he was designated a Naval Aviator on August 22, 1975 at NAS Kingsville, Texas. After a distinguished 27-year career, he retired from the Navy in 2001 holding the rank of Captain. Leenhouts primarily flew the A-7 Corsair, F-14 Tomcat, and the F/A-18 and holds the distinction of performing more landings (or "traps" in naval nomenclature) on an aircraft carrier than any other naval aviator in U.S. history with 1645 arrested landings.

Since his retirement from the Navy, Leenhouts worked for over ten years for the Northrop Grumman Corporation as the F/A-18 Program Manager in the Jacksonville, Florida area. Much of his

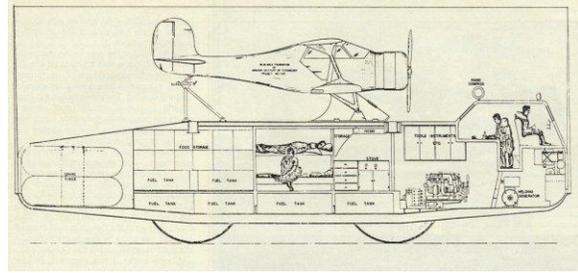
work related to modification and overhaul for the F/A-18 "Super Hornet."

In his time out of the office, "Lites" enjoys flying his 1941 Stearman or 1930 Waco, driving antique British cars, or riding his Harley on the many back roads of our great nation.



[An interesting Winter Ref:](#)

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President's Corner

President's Corner by Ginger Adelstone

Happy New Year everyone!

Last year saw us with some wonderful events, and new (and some not so new) Leadership for our chapter, and a lot of events.

It is great to see that we have grown, and hope to see more growth for our future!

We had a lot of events this past year, and many of you volunteered and helped, either as pilots or ground. Thank you! Nothing can happen if we don't as a group come together. I would love to hear from you, ideas you may have that would be fun for everyone. Just send me an email at pilot.adelstone9@gmail.com

Our SNF Kitchen Director, Rich Denton did a great job last year with all the volunteers that helped him, many that have been helping out in the Kitchen for over 20 years! I had a chance to help them out last year, for a few days, and they are truly a well oiled machine, everyone working for the greater good, to feed all the other volunteers there on the SNF campus. He will be here this coming week on the 25th at our next meeting to discuss this with you, and see how you may help also!

Late last year I had the opportunity to attend the EAA Leadership Conference in October at Oshkosh. My husband Leon attended at his own expense. It was exciting, to meet

the other chapter leaders from all over the USA, and gain new ideas, learn more about the responsibilities of the EAA National, Insurance, Legal, just everything! There was some discussion about the possibility of having a Leadership weekend here in Lakeland, but it has not been confirmed. However, if this should happen, perhaps it will be convenient for some of the officers to attend.

Then... we lost a couple of our members and friends recently.

We will always remember Lyle Flagg, who passed away this past year. He was truly a wonderful friend, Leader, and just a great guy. He was active in golf, flying and many other activities. He had a huge smile and a big heart. Everyone was a friend. We will miss him. Our hearts and love go to his family.

And if you have ever had your plane here at VDF, and had Reliable Aviation do work for you, give an Annual, etc, then you knew Howard Keech. Howard lost his battle to cancer on Friday, Jan 10, 2014. I thought the world of him, as he always lent me a helping hand when I was in training, answering my questions, or he or Don were coming out to helping me with the Cherokee. Sat mornings used to be a coffee group in the Reliable office with Howard, myself, and several other pilots. It was great fun, and I was able to meet some of the local pilots here at the airport. We will miss you Howard, and wish the very best for your family. Our love goes to them.

This year promises to be exciting, lots of interesting events coming up, starting with the Blind Poker Run on Feb 8 at Leading Edge. It will be great fun, and a good way to kick off the new year! Come out and help if you can, let Leon at uncleleon@aol.com know or Steve Reisser, at stevereisser@yahoo.com as they are working together on this event. And thanks to all of who have already volunteered for this fun time!

Have a great year everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful, prosperous and healthy New Year!

Ginger Adelstone
EAA 175

Text of the proposed Protection of General Aviation Act (Drivers icense Medical).

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(Original Signature of Member)
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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. R
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introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee

A BILL

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue or revise regulations with respect to the medical certification of certain small aircraft pilots, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013".

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SEC. 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN SMALL AIR-

CRAFT PILOTS.

(a) IN

GENERAL

.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue or revise medical certification regulations to ensure that an individual may operate as pilot in command of a covered aircraft without regard to any medical certification or proof of health requirement otherwise applicable under Federal law if—

(1) the individual possesses a valid State driver's license and complies with any medical require-

ment associated with that license;
(2) the individual is transporting not more than 5 passengers;
(3) the individual is operating under visual flight rules; and
(4) the relevant flight, including each portion thereof, is not carried out—
(A) for compensation, including that no passenger or property on the flight is being carried for compensation;
(B) at an altitude that is more than 14,000 feet above mean sea level;

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(C) outside the United States, unless authorized by the country in which the flight is conducted; or

(D) at a speed exceeding 250 knots.

(b) COVERED AIRCRAFT DEFINED

.—In this section,

the term “covered aircraft” means an aircraft that—

(1) is not authorized under Federal law to carry more than 6 occupants; and

(2) has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of not more than 6000 pounds.

SEC. 3. REPORT.

Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall submit to Congress a report that describes the impact that the regulations issued or revised under section 2 have had, including statistics with respect to changes in small aircraft activity and

Brief and to the point!

We can hope. We can also write our congressmen & congresswomen. Note that this will save costs at a financially strapped FAA as well as within the pilot community --

ATTENTION 'SEASONED' PILOTS!!!

If any chapter member has been flying for 50 years, and has not already received his or her Master Pilot Award, please contact Dennis Whitley, our Program Chair, but also the FAA Team member who will research your safety

record, and would also be your presenter at our Annual Dinner in January with a beautiful award plaque for you, and a pin.

Please contact him at

dhwhitley@tampabay.rr.com

Summary of January 11, 2014 Annual Dinner of EAA Chapter 175

Twenty-five members and friends of EAA 175 gathered for the annual dinner between 5-6 PM at the Family Steakhouse in Tampa, FL.

Prior to dinner President Ginger Adelstone presented chapter service awards to the following persons: Jeff Kaloostian, VP and Young Eagles Coordinator, Don Miller, Treasurer, Steve Reisser, Secretary, Bill Johnston, Membership

Director, Richard Ilfeld, Newsletter Director, and Richard Denton, Sun'n Fun Kitchen Director, and Cmdr. Gail Ryan, Young Eagles Coordinator. A special Chapter Leader Pin was presented to Gordon Knapp for all his mentoring to not only the current President of our Chapter, but other Chapter Leaders throughout the years. Many thanks Gordon, our Leadership, and everyone else, have always counted on you.

At 7::30 PM, following dinner, a program was presented by LCDR Scott Price, NOAA Aircraft Operations at McDill AFB. Scott gave an overview of the mission and equipment used in NOAA operations to observe, measure and chart oceanic and marine events that impact us and our planet. The mission is supported by 95 persons and 9 aircraft of which 8 of those aircraft are stationed at McDill.

We are most familiar with the operations of the 2 P-3, four engine turboprop aircraft and their hurricane surveillance operations but the mission of NOAA extends far beyond monitoring hurricanes. NOAA is interested in the not just the track but the etiology and formation of storms as well as coastal mapping, Photogrammetry, Airport Photography, Emergency reporting and reconnaissance after disasters. All aircraft used in the NOAA mission were discussed as well as future predictions of NOAA equipment.

Future equipment is trending toward Unmanned Aerial Vehicles including quadcopters, the use of the Coyote UAV which is dropped from an aircraft, and self launched UAVs to reduce costs and risk to human life.

The EAA 175 Annual Dinner
was concluded at 8:15 PM.

By Steve Reisser



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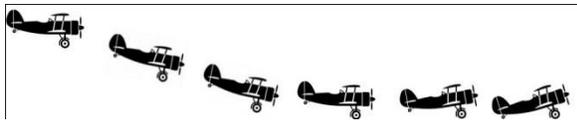
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