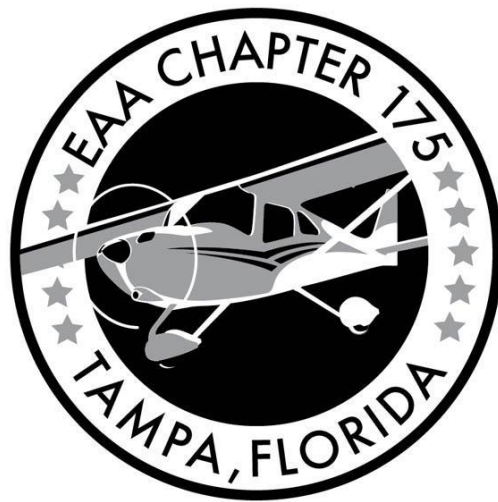


# *EAA Chapter 175*

## *Smoke Signals*

### *Newsletter*



December, 2014

Next Meeting: **Saturday**, 01/24/2015

**Breakfast @ 0800**

**Meeting @ 0900**

Speaker: Captain John "Lites" Leenhouts

## President's Corner

Hello everyone,

It has been a wonderful experience for me to have become your President for the past two years, and the accomplishments could not have been done without the Leadership team that was in place. There were many things that could not have been done without the financial support of the Board of Directors, and then with Don Miller's careful advise. I will be sorry to see him leave the Leadership, team; his advice will be missed.

An EAA chapter is unique, each totally different from the next, as they all have different interests, and so that tends to make up the overall personality of the chapter. We have builders, yet we don't build on our own or as a group. Ours is a more social chapter. Not enough of us fly to have fly outs, so we tend to lean more on our Young Eagle Coordinator to get our name out there, and have the YE Rally's so we can participate in them. It is a great cause, and even better for all of us, and for the kids. It would be wonderful if the pilots stuck with the kids and encouraged them, as is now required of the Eagle Flights, and a Mentoring program will be put into place when Jeff takes over the Presidency in January. You will love it, and it will be encouraging having these pilots who had to stop flying, for whatever reason, to assist them along on their way to fulfilling their dream, of obtaining their pilots license, or a new rating, just as we earned ours.

I have loved this chapter from the day Leon and I first walked in the door, Gordon was the first person to speak to me, and the rest, as they say, is history. Please make welcome your new Leadership, and make sure the folks that have stepped aside for whatever reasons, business, and family, are always made welcome, as we are a **family** here at our chapter, and we welcome all newcomers to join our family, and have a great time.

Merry Christmas to all of you, and stay well,

Ginger Adelstone, President, EAA 175



Max' Place, at the Le Teresita Restaurant for the Annual Dinner, January 10, 2015 - located at 3248 W Columbus Drive Tampa, FL 33607

The dinner will be from 6-9 pm, and will include the installation and presentation of the new officers, a wonderful dinner, and a surprise Program Speaker!

Make your reservations to Ginger Adelstone 813-264-7827 or email me at [pilot.adelstone9@gmail.com](mailto:pilot.adelstone9@gmail.com) Time is running down, so RSVP as ASAP!

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## January Speaker



### **CAPTAIN JOHN R. LEENHOUTS**

Captain John R. Leenhouts was born in Bryan, Texas and resided in numerous places throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Utah and Illinois. After graduating in 1973 from Oklahoma State University with an Aerospace Engineering degree, he entered the Navy via the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program. Commissioned an Ensign in March, 1974, he was designated a Naval Aviator on August 22, 1975 at NAS Kingsville, Texas.

Following flight training, he reported to VA-174 for A-7B training and then to VA-46 for duty. During this tour he completed three deployments aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67), the initial shakedown on USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69), and became the first fleet Landing Signal Officer (LSO) to cross-train in the F-14 and fly it concurrently with the A-7. Captain Leenhouts returned to the "Hellrazers" of VA-174 as an instructor pilot and LSO. In January 1982, he joined Carrier Air Wing ONE as the Staff Landing Signal Officer, flying the A-7E with VA-72 and the F-14A with VF-102 onboard USS AMERICA (CV-66) for both a deployment to the North Atlantic and the Indian Ocean.

Upon completion of an accident-free CAG Landing Signal Officer tour, Captain Leenhouts was selected to be the Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet Landing Signal Officer from December 1983 until December 1985. As an Operational Readiness Evaluator he flew with every East Coast Fighter and Light Attack Squadron from every carrier in the Atlantic Fleet. Returning to sea duty, Captain Leenhouts was assigned a second tour with VA-46 as a

Department Head, again deploying to the Mediterranean Sea on USS AMERICA (CV-66) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (cvm-69). In August 1988, Captain Leenhouts surpassed 3,000 Corsair hours and achieved 1,000 arrested landings as a Lieutenant Commander. Following duties on the Light Attack Wing ONE Readiness Staff, he was assigned as Attack Squadron 72 Executive Officer in June 1989, deploying to the Red Sea aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) in support of "OPERATION DESERT SHIELD". During "OPERATION DESERT STORM", he accumulated over 100 combat hours in 24 missions leading strikes into Iraq and Kuwait. He subsequently reported to Strike Fighter Squadron 136 in December 1991 as Executive Officer, he assumed command of the "Knighthawks" in March 1993 and deployed on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower to the Persian Gulf and on USS George Washington to the Mediterranean Sea.

Following his command tour, Captain Leenhouts attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base graduating in 1995. Subsequently, he became Deputy Director of Operations for the Joint Task Force Southwest Asia in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from August through December 1995. In February of 1996 he reported to Battle Force Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan as the Operations Officer and deployed to the Far East onboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62). Captain Leenhouts returned to the United States and assumed command of Strike-Fighter Wing, Atlantic in April 1997.

With 10 major deployments to his credit, Captain "Lites" Leenhouts has logged over 10,000 hours piloting more than 35 different types of military, antique and civilian aircraft and has become the all time leading Carrier Aviator having accumulated 1,645 traps on 16 different aircraft carriers. Additionally, Captain Leenhouts has exceeded 10,000 aerial photographs and is published world wide. His awards include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V" (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Individual Air Medal with Combat "V" (4 awards), 2 Strike Flight Air Medals with Combat "V", Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (2 awards), as well as various other individual, unit and expeditionary awards.

Captain Leenhouts gave up Command of the Strike Fighter Wing and retired from the U.S. Navy on 31 Jan 2001 and took a position with Northrop Grumman as the Jacksonville, Florida Area Manager and Program Manager for all F/A-18 Modification, Repair and Overhaul effort teamed with Boeing at the Cecil Field Commerce Center in Jacksonville, Fl. 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.

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## **OCTOBER'S MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** October 25, 2014: EAA Chapter House, Tampa Executive Airport (KVDF)

**ATTENDANCE:** 16

## **Business Meeting**

The chapter meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Ginger Adelstone, Thanks were given to Charlie and Dolores Henwood for preparing breakfast this morning. Two guests, Jessie Janay and Obie Young were introduced to the chapter. Jessie Janay expressed thanks to the chapter during his stay in Tampa.

### **Old Business**

#### *Treasurers Report*

Don Miller provided a treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as verbally presented. It was seconded and accepted by the membership and accepted without objection by the Chair.

#### *Meeting Minutes:*

Steve Reisser stated that the meeting minutes were distributed by email in Smoke Signals and posted to our website. No corrections were requested by the membership. The minutes were accepted and seconded by the membership and the Chair without objection.

### **New Business**

#### *Annual Dinner*

The membership discussed the location of the January 10, 2015 annual Dinner. Initial it was suggested that the expense of approximately \$35 might be too high a price for an annual dinner.

The facilities at the Columbia Restaurant and food service are exceptional and after further discussion, the chapter membership approved the use of the Columbia Restaurant for our upcoming annual dinner.

#### *Election of 2015-2016 Officers:*

The slate of nominees for 2015-2016 was presented to the membership as follows: Jeff Kaloostian, President; Ginger Adelstone, Vice-President; Steve Reisser, Secretary; Dave Presnell, Treasurer; and Michael Tippin as Membership. A motion was made to install the nominees as officers for EAA Chapter 175 during 2015 and 2016, seconded and approved without objection.

#### *Ford and EAA*

Ford has had an alliance with EAA to offer the EAA membership a discount if buying a new Ford or Lincoln vehicle. Check the EAA website for further details. Pamphlets were made available.

#### *Garage Clean-up*

Our membership will be working on a garage clean-up next Saturday starting at 9 a.m. with the members of CAP. A signup sheet was distributed.

#### *Volo hosting Madison Middle School Field Trip This Coming Wednesday*

Approximately 44 middle school students will arrive at Volo Aviation for a tour of the facilities and seminars. Several aircraft from our chapter will participate.

#### *EAA 2nd Annual Poker Run*

November 15th will be our 2nd Annual Blind Poker Run. Registration begins at 9:30 with departures at 10AM. Several members signed up to assist. There was no additional new business. A motion was made, seconded and accepted without objection. The business portion of the meeting ended at 9:20 AM.

## **Program**

*Obie Young. President of the National Aviation Safety Foundation (NASF), President and Producer of Florida Aviation Network (FAN), retired from the FAA.*

Obie has worked for the FAA for 20 years and recently retired from them. He now serves as president of the NASF. The focus of his program was safety. The volume of flight training in Florida is approximately 15-18% of ALL training in the USA because of good weather and it is less expensive than other places in the US. People need to focus on safety. Obie took his position with NASF to promote aviation safety. NASF was launched in 2001 and now includes an incredible website with tremendous resources; written, audio, and video to promote safety. You can access this website at [www.floridaaviationnetwork.com](http://www.floridaaviationnetwork.com) Obie took time to walk through the website pages to see the rich resources available to us. Obie also spent time walking through the recent TBAA Safety Seminar in Orlando, its speakers and safety seminars. The NTSB president reinforced the fact that we have to prevent degradation of professional pilot skills because of cockpit automation. It will not be in Florida next year, but will be back in Orlando in 2016. It was a very professional event. Obie concluded his presentation with several videos from Facebook and YouTube regarding aviation safety. Our chapter meeting and program was concluded at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Reisser, Secretary, EAA 175

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## **NOVEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 22, 2014: EAA Chapter House, Tampa Executive Airport (KVDF), **ATTENDANCE:** 22

**Business Meeting;** The chapter meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Ginger Adelstone. There were two visitors to the chapter.

### **Old Business**

#### **Treasurers Report**

Don Miller provided a treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's minutes as reviewed, seconded, and accepted without objection.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Steve Reisser stated that the October meeting minutes were not available at this time but that the October and November meeting minutes will be published in the next Smoke Signals. A motion was made to accept the "future" minutes, seconded and accepted without objection.

### **New Business**

#### **EAA 175-CAP Tenant Agreement:**

We are in the process of renewing the CAP-EAA 175 Letter of Agreement. (LOA) There are no changes from 2014 and is simply a matter of receiving a form to be completed by us from EAA and then they receive it back. I will then forward the agreement from EAA to CAP. This is a yearly process; I just wanted to bring you up to date with it.

## **Other Business**

1. There will be no December EAA 175 meeting due to holiday travel.
2. Officers need to be present for a Transition meeting on December 6, 2014 at 9:30 AM to exchange information and documentation.
3. Members of the chapter thanked Ginger and all other officers for their service in the 2013-2014 period.
4. Volo Aviation expressed their thanks to the chapter for our assistance with the Madison Middle School Field trip. A certificate of Appreciation was presented to the membership by Leon Adelstone.
5. There being no additional business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business portion of our meeting. The motion was accepted without objection.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Reisser, Secretary, EAA 175

**PROGRAM** (In future newsletters, there will only be a small “wrap-up” of the monthly program)

### **Guest Speaker: Dick Petrucci, ‘Building a Safety Culture’**

Mr. Petrucci presented an important program on the creation and building of a “positive” safety culture. It starts with “YOU”. So what is a safety culture? It is a way to:

- Perceive and prioritize safety
- It must exist throughout your organization
- It is what you do when no one is watching
- It is acquired
- It’s essence is the “importance of safety”
- It is managed, dynamic
- It core is perception and communication

*The simplified definition is “it is the way we do things around here”.* This process was really started after the Chernobyl incident when we realized the important of safety and the disasters that can happen with a lack of a safety culture.

We need to include a “Safety Management System” (SMS) which needs to include Senior Management commitment, realistic norms, and dynamic in that we monitor safety and change procedures as time and results required.

We have observed that accident/injury rates are influenced by:

- The amount of training we receive
- Good relations
- Monitoring work behavior
- Retention of staff
- Safety controls

What is a “Negative Culture”? Example is Captain Wild Bill Kelso from the movie 1941. Is EAA 175 a Positive or Negative Culture ...definitely Positive. Many organizations have a full time “safety Manager” with an emphasis on “Mishap Prevention”. Complications to safety include areas of performance, human limitations (non-use of Personal Minimums Checklist), variable hazards inherent to all flight operations, i.e., weather).

**WE ARE ALL SAFETY OFFICERS.** We must all practice safety first. It is a priority for everyone. Remember that accidents are “caused” therefore they are preventable. The leading cause of accidents is PILOT ERROR. You need to arm yourself with information and resources to increase you safety culture. Get involved with the FAA “WINGS PROGRAM”.

Keys to a positive culture include

• Safety as the First Priority

• It is “OK” to cancel

• Exercise conservative routes; “Know before you go”.

• Use all resources including FARs, POH, ADM, CRM, SMS, Wings Program and BFRs

• Other suggestions from members included practice approaches, stay current, and maintain the aircraft.

Remember all those great free resources!

• NASA’ Aviation Safety Reports

• FAA Safety Team

• FAA, EAA, AOPA and other GA website

• AOPA Aviation Safety Foundation

• Flight Safety Foundation

• Flying clubs

• State Aeronautical Agencies

• WINGS

The program ended at 11:15 with an appreciative audience for Mr Petrucci’s time and important message.

The cook out then commenced!

**Some 1,2,3...s** -----

## **AIRSHOWS**

### **Florida International Air Show, Punta Gorda, Fla.**

Each year at the end of March, Punta Gorda, FL kicks off air show season with the Florida International Air Show. Both military and civilian aircraft take to the skies to perform death-defying stunts. Back on the ground, visitors can see aircraft dating back to WWII up close.

*More information:* <http://www.floridaairshow.com/>

### **EAA Air Venture Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis.**

Oshkosh hosts the largest annual gathering of aviation enthusiasts in the country during the EAA Air Venture Oshkosh. With more than 10,000 aircraft in attendance, there's a little bit of everything represented, including Warbirds, home-built aircraft, ultralights and vintage planes.

*More information:* <http://www.airventure.org/>

### **Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In, Lakeland, Fla.**



Florida's Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In, another early-season event, invites solo pilots, military stunt teams and aviation exhibitors to Lakeland for plenty of family fun. If you've ever wanted to go up in one of these more eclectic aircraft, this show is a great place to do it.

More information: <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/FlyIn.aspx>



Blue Angels at MeMphis Millington Regional Jetport, 8182 Hornet Avenue, Millington, TN 38053, October 18<sup>th</sup>/19th 2014

Who is this new Newsletter editor?

I became a member of Chapter 175 last October. I became interested in flying as a lad, building and flying U-control models. Later, in my 30's, I learned to fly at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Having visited Oshkosh numerous times and also Sun-N-Fun, I have acquired plans for the Cozy, Defiant, Sonex, Hummel Bird, and Zenair 750 Cruiser. I attended a metal workshop after Sun-N-Fun, in May 2014. I learned first-hand how I have a complete lack of talent for riveting. I am gladdened by the growing number of designs that utilize pulled rivets. Alas I have yet to start a project.

I have been involved in electronic hardware and software design, real estate flipping, and science teaching in Hillsborough County public schools. I am a U.S. ARMY veteran where I served on the ground in Viet Nam. I went to college on the GI bill in the 70's, and later attended USF and Walden University. I am retired and enjoy flipping cars and machining metal parts on a part time basis.

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