

JUST PLANE NEWS ...

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter MAY, 2025

SAVE THE DATES

MAY 10TH (Saturday)

Chapter Mtg. 9:00 donuts/coffee

10:00 mtg: Carlile's hangar

15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale

MAY 15TH (Thursday) VMC/IMC

7:00PM Carlile's Pilots Lounge

(Hangar)

JUNE 14TH (Saturday)

Chapter Mtg 9:00 donuts/coffee.

10:00 Mtg. Carlile's Hangar

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May 10, 2025 Meeting

Honor Flight Remembered

Gary Pratt will share his experiences with his Father's Honor Flight

Chapter member, Gary Pratt, will be our speaker for May's meeting. He will not only share his Father's Honor Flight experience, he will tell of his Father's WW II years in Germany and his escape from a POW camp. In addition, top representatives of The Villages Honor Flight will be there to answer questions about the program.

But wait! Many members/friends of Gary's Classic Car Club will be at the meeting to hear his presentation. Be sure to welcome them and feel free to view their vehicles in the parking area before and after the meeting.

The meeting will be held Saturday, May 10, 2025; 9:00 donuts/coffee; 10:00 mtg. at the Carlile's Hangar. 15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale, WI 53195



Gary's Father (lower right) Staff Sergeant Lawrence R. Pratt and his many supporters.

Tim Savage, April's Speaker, Shared His Trip to Europe in his DC 3 for the 80th Anniversary of DDay

Nearly 60 members and guests listened to Tim's once-in-a-lifetime trip with his son and crew to the United Kingdom and then to Cherbourg, France came to life via photos and commentary. His extraordinary 47 day journey went from the U.S.A. to Canada to Greenland to Iceland to Scotland to UK (Battle of Britain airfield) to London to Cherbourg, France (DDay event) and then to Wiesbaden, Germany and then eventually back to home base at Leeward Air Ranch, FL.



The aircraft shown above is Tim's C47A N33VW, *Wabbit Express*.

Bruce's Most Excellent Adventure in the Siai Marchetti S211

So. . . what would you do if you got a phone call and you're asked if you'd like to co-pilot and help ferry a jet to Gainesville, TX? Oh. . . and you would have to leave in two days? Oh. . . and you now have to run it by your wife? (uh oh) Well, the pictures tell the story of Bruce Cynamon (our Chapter Pres) and his most excellent adventure to Texas in the Siai Marchetti S211 jet. Bruce shared a video montage at April's meeting of his jet fueled journey that memorable day.



Approaching Loves' Airfield



Bruce accompanied by Chapter member, Teri Hull in her aircraft, did a low pass over Loves Landing with friends and neighbors cheering him on.

A success trip to Gainesville, Texas



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

APRIL 2025

Calvin Brandt

Welcome Back to

Hal & Beth Peters



2025 CHAPTER DUES TO
BE COLLECTED AT
MAY 10th mtg

NOTE: If you joined the Chapter during
July-Dec. 2024, you will not need to pay
2025 dues.

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

80+ YEARS YOUNG? See Patti
Stahr to become an Honorary
Member

CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING TO
PAY? Please make your check out to

"EAA Chapter 1236" and mail to

Patti Stahr

16085 SE 179th St.

Weirsdale, FL 32195

Check Out Our Chapter's Website!

chapters.eaa.org/ea1236

WebMaster: Bob Rolfe

Bob's email: bob@lifestyle-reflections.com

Bob's cell: 352-350-4322

Did you know that our chapter has a CLASSIFIED
SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE? This is for our
chapter members to use to advertise any of their
aviation related items (including aircraft)
FOR SALE or WANTED.

If you are selling: All you have to do is send me
(Bob) a word document (no PDF's) description of
your item(s) as you would like your ad to read. Also
send me up to 5 photos (JPEG format) of your
item(s) and I will include them in your classified ad
as well.

If you are looking for an item: please send a
description of what you are looking for.

In either case, please include your contact
information for the ad.

Cost? Zip, Nada, Zilch, Zero (that means FREE)

Bob's contact info above. . .



From our Chapter Members. . .

Tim Berthiaume. . .

Tim led a group from his Corvette Club to do the Piper Aircraft Company tour in Vero Beach a few years ago. Since they drove, they turned it into an overnight venture. Perhaps one or more of our chapter members would like to organize a Fly Out to Vero Beach for a tour? Or possibly a Roadtrip? Here is their website:

www.piper.com/piper-factory-tours/

Ed McCaskill. . .

Ed wrote: A couple of years ago (2023) I finished restoring a 1973 C177RG Cardinal. At age 77, I made a 6000 mile trip around the US in 15 days in that C177. One of the many highlights of my trip was visiting old Navy mates. I was more than happy to have met Capt. Royce William at a QB luncheon in San Diego. I sat next to Royce and he was a delight to talk to. We can only hope we are as brilliant at age 98.

Now at 100, American Airlines might fly Royce to NAS Pensacola. He might be receiving the Medal of Honor at the Navy Museum. With 4 confirmed MIG 15 kills and most likely 7 in one mission, he miraculously returned to his carrier. He deserves the MOH as those MIGs were enroute to the fleet. Happy 100th Roy, hand salute.

Brian Willenbring. . .

Brian saw this quilted wallhanging (below) at the Spanish Plaines OneBlood Facility. The biplane in the quilt (NC11713) is an actual aircraft that has been at Sun 'n Fun. The glider (N121FL) is also around but experienced a minor incident decades ago. Brian noted that even in The Villages area, aviation is a shared interest.



Toys in the Toy Box. . .



We got a sneak peak last month of Bruce Cynamon's new paint job on his Bonanza. It's finally finished and home now. Bruce is so pleased how it turned out. He also had the interior redone - turned out really nice!



Of course Bruce's pilot buds had to do the final inspection of the new look.

Toys in the Toy Box

We'd love for you to share what's in your hangar (Toy Box)...maybe it's a favorite plane you travel XCountry with? Or maybe just putz around locally? An ongoing project? A new acquisition? Send Janette Carlile a photo or two with explanations. Make sure you're in at least one of the photos! Send to:
janette.g.carlile@gmail.com



Did you know that Florida General Aviation License Plates are now available? Click on this link to find more info.
<https://floridageneralaviation.com/>



More Events for Your Calendar.

SAVE THE DATES. . .

OSHKOSH: JULY 21-27, 2025

WINGS OVER WEIRSDALE (our Chapter Fly In)

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

LOCAL (mostly) AVIATION EVENTS



EAA Chapter 1674

Fly-in / Drive-in Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Inverness, FL

Saturday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WHAT:

Come join us for pancakes, coffee, orange juice, and meet aviation people. Indoor and covered outdoor seating is available. Suggested donation is \$10 with proceeds going to fund an aviation youth scholarship for a glider rating. Cash and Debit/Credit cards are accepted. 50/50 tickets will be available at \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 8 tickets (2 FREE tickets) with drawing at 11:30 am. Can't make it to the event, no problem! You can donate via PayPal by going to eaa1674.org and clicking on the Donate button or mailing a check to:

EAA Chapter 1674
4250 S Airport RD
Inverness, FL 34450

WHERE:

Inverness Airport FBO - KINF
4250 S Airport Rd
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Standard weekly Events:

Tuesday:

X06 Arcadia "Taco Tuesday". They have a Taco truck and a BBQ truck serving delicious food and the best fuel prices around with 10 additional cents off on Tuesdays!

Wed:

2J9 Quincy DawgFlight Grill at Quincy, FL every Wednesday 11am-12:30pm. Burgers and Dogs, sometimes more, never less. Donations accepted, all proceeds go to charities!

Thursday:

42J - Keystone Airpark "Dawg Gone Thursdays" 11:30-1:30. Deli Style hotdogs with chips and drink \$7

Friday:

48X Every Friday at 1030 am. All are welcome. Group get together and hangar talk. Those who come bearing baked goods are accorded an extra warm welcome.

Saturday:

X06 they now have a "Seafood Saturday" every Saturday right now. The same Seafood truck that is there on Tue is open on Saturday.

Source: FaceBook's Florida's Fly Ins



**Chapter Member, Jamie
Macpherson. earns additional
ratings!**

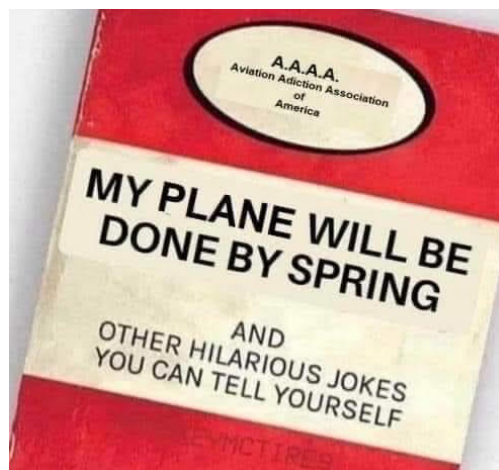


On April 30th, Jamie earned not only his Commercial Single Engine Seaplane Rating, he also completed his Commercial Multi-Engine Land Rating. Congrats, Jamie!

**We Really Want to Hear Your
Story!**

Please share photos of day trips, long trips in your aircraft. Have you been to a really cool Aviation museum that others might want to know about? You ALL have stories to tell. . Please share with me:

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**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 us with names and contact info:

Bruce Cynamon

CynamonB@aol.com.

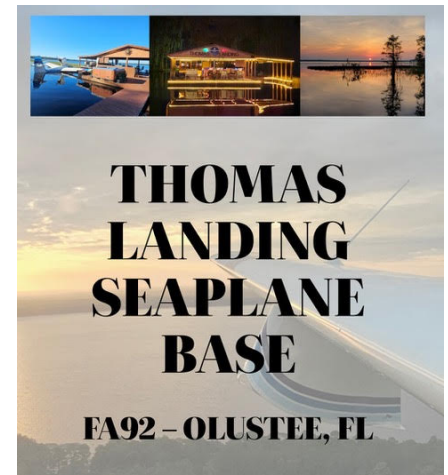
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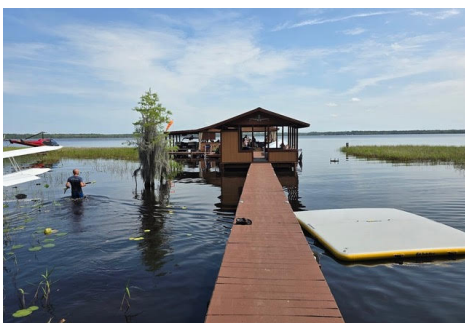
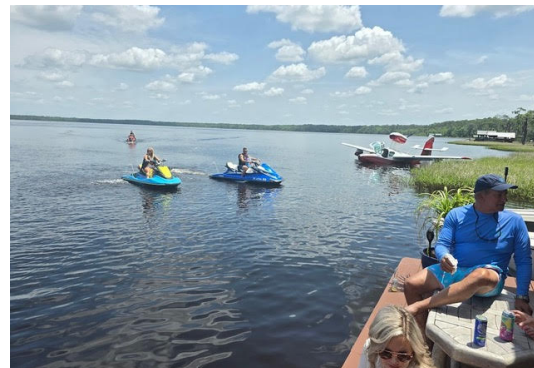
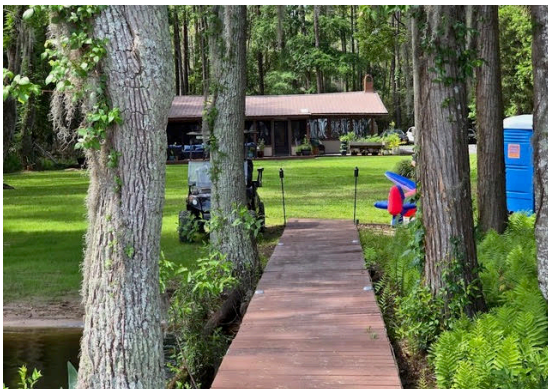


Who Knows Where You'll Go With Wings and a Map. . .



Bruce Cynamon & Bobby Blankenship attended the First (EVER) Thomas Landing Seaplane Base Splash-In event.

From Bruce: Saturday, April 26th, Bobby B and I flew to Olustee, FL, to attend the first (and hopefully annual) Seaplane Splash-In at the newly established Thomas Landing Seaplane Base FA92, located on Lake Ocean Pond in the Osceola Wildlife Management Area. Our hosts, Damon and Christie, were super hospitable. We were advised that this would be a "wet event", so Bobby and I wore swimsuits and water shoes. Well, that turned out to be totally unnecessary as we were met by Damon and Stephen who "walked" us over to the dock so that we could disembark without getting our feet wet. Damon then took my Super Petrol over to a sheltered area and anchored it for the duration of the Splash-In. Soon there were lots of other seaplanes, boats, jet skis and people who drove in for the event. Music started, lunch was served and soon it was time to bring the Super Petrol back to the dock, load up, and head home.



WINGS & A MAP

Let me know if you've had a trip in your plane or are planning one. We'd love to feature it in the newsletter. janette.g.carlile@gmail.com

Did You Know?

Recently, a video from 1926 went viral on the internet. Gladys Ingle, a pilot and wing walker, is shown with a wheel on her back as she moves from one biplane to another one that was missing a wheel. Not only does she move from one to the other without tethers, she shimmies down to the wheel base and replaces the missing wheel - essentially saving the life of the pilot who lands safely with her balancing on the wing. So - did this really happen? Was this merely a stunt? Historians have looked at the footage as well as other reels taken at the same event. They have concluded it was real and not a stunt. There were skeptics because Gladys was the only female member of a Hollywood Stunt Pilot daredevil team called 13 Black Cats, who performed for crowds and money. To view the colorized 1926 film, click on the link below. . .

<https://youtu.be/qW98Ji6hHmY?si=-M4pQz-NitoNVj8P>



Preparing to transfer over to the second plane.

Fast forward 99 years from that 1926 film to today's daredevil stunt wing walker, Tom Cruise. The link below shows what he did for his upcoming Mission Impossible film.

https://youtu.be/vGQcnZ3esvU?si=g1q-iABDuFs6_Pyh

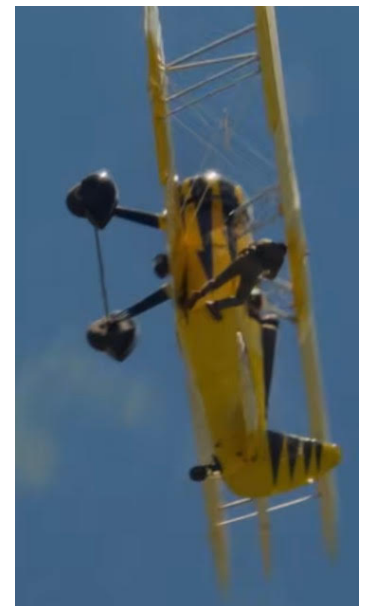


Attaching the wheel to Gladys' Back

Standing on the wing of the first biplane before transferring to the second aircraft with the missing wheel.



Placing the much needed wheel.



CHAPTER 1236 TOOL BIN

Don Bartlett, our EAA Chapter Tech Counselor, is the keeper of the Tool Bin Inventory. These items can be signed out and returned via Don by contacting him at flyerpa22@gmail.com or 618-521-8591

INVENTORY: Rotax carburetor synchronization gauge set

three Rotax 912 engine manuals

cable tensioner 50-350 lbs for 3/16 and 5/32 cables

cable tensioner 10-70 lbs. for 1/16, 3/32, 1/8 cables

Hawkeye Bore Scope with functioning AA Battery light source, plus a non-functioning high intensity light source (needs charger)

dual shop light set

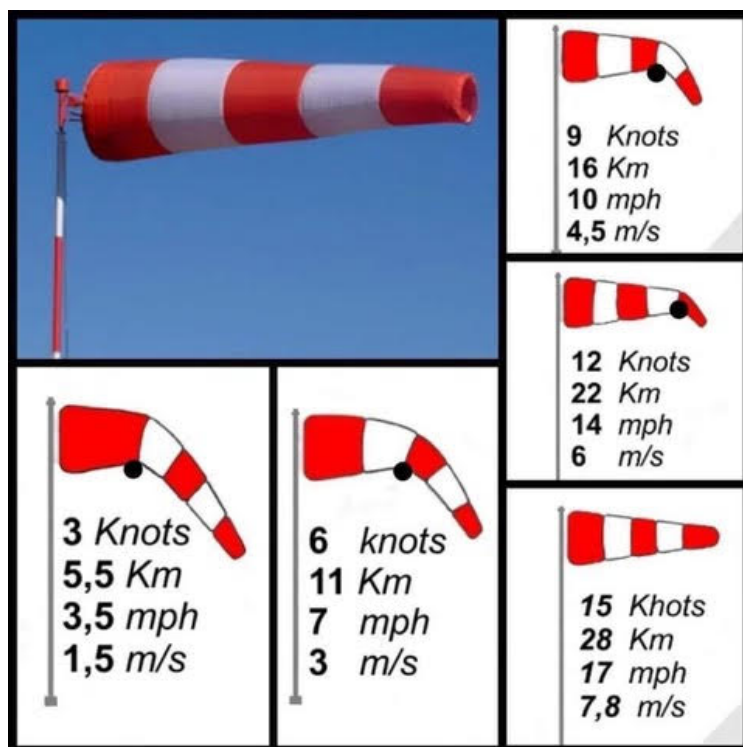
set of Preform digital scales 7000 lbs capacity (for aircraft use only)

Prop Balancer

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC



Someone who does precision
guesswork based on unreliable
data provided by those of
questionable knowledge.
See also WIZARD, MAGICIAN



Hmmm...interesting!