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# JUST PLANE NEWS ...

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EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter    APRIL, 2025

## SAVE THE DATES

APRIL 12TH (Saturday)  
Chapter Mtg. 9:00 donuts/coffee  
10:00 mtg: Carlile's hangar  
15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale

APRIL 17TH (Thursday)  
VMC/IMC 7:00PM.  
Carlile's Pilots Lounge (Hangar)

MAY 10TH (Saturday)  
Chapter Mtg 9:00 donuts/coffee.  
10:00 Mtg. Carlile's Hangar

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## APRIL 12, 2025 MEETING

### Tim Savage, from Leeward, Will Share His Bucket List Flight in his DC 3 to the 80th Anniversary of D Day

Our speaker this month is Tim Savage. His hour-long presentation will cover all aspects of his trip to Europe last spring in his Western Airways DC-3 NC33644, ("Wabbit Expwess") to participate in the D-Day Squadron celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. Few aircraft are as well known, were so widely used or used as long as the C-47. Affectionately nicknamed the "Gooney Bird," this aircraft was adapted from the Douglas DC-3 commercial airliner. The U.S. Army Air Corps ordered its first C-47s in 1940, and by the end of World War II, procured a total of 9,348. These C-47s carried personnel and cargo around the globe. They also towed troop-carrying gliders, dropped paratroops into enemy territory, and air evacuated sick or wounded patients. A C-47 could carry 28 passengers, 18-22 fully equipped paratroopers, about 6,000 lbs. of cargo or 18 stretchers and three medical personnel.

#### General Characteristics:

**Crew:** 3 (pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer)  
**Capacity:** 28 troops or 6,000 lb of cargo  
**Length:** 63 ft 9 in (19.43 m)  
**Wingspan:** 95 ft 6 in (29.11 m)  
**Height:** 17 ft 0 in (5.18 m)  
**Empty Weight:** 18,135 lb (8,226 kg)  
**Gross Weight:** 26,000 lb (11,793 kg)  
**Max Takeoff Weight:** 31,000 lb (14,061 kg)

#### Performance:

**Maximum Speed:** 224 mph (at 10,000 ft)  
**Cruise Speed:** 160 mph  
**Range:** 1,600 mi



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

# 117 Chapter Members & Guests Had a Flippin' Good Time at the March 8th Meeting & Pancake Breakfast

In addition to a memorable Pancake Breakfast, we also presented our \$3000 donation to Leesburg EAA Chapter 534 for their Youth Aviation Outreach Program. Special Guest Larry Roberts, from the Avon Park American Legion, awarded certificates to our Chapter and selected members who participated in the Missing Man Fly Over for the Veterans Tribute Flight.

Treasurer, Patti Stahr, determined that we made a profit of \$320 from the Pancake Breakfast. We also welcomed two new Chapter members and sold 10 of our brand new Chapter mugs!



Mike Hage,(left)  
President of Leesburg  
EAA Chapter 534,  
accepts the \$3000  
donation given by our  
Chapter for their  
Youth Aviation  
Program.



Our new mugs include the Young Eagles  
logo flip side of our chapter logo. \$20 -  
A portion of the sales go to our donation  
fund for young men & women who would  
like to be pilots and/or mechanics.



(Left) President Bruce Cynamon  
receives the Chapter Award from the  
American Legion from Larry Roberts.  
Jody Bays (above) & Craig Ritson (right)  
receive their awards for being Veteran  
Tribute Flight pilots.





# Making Memories at the March Chapter Meeting!

## Kudos and Thanks to our Many Volunteers Who Made the Pancake Breakfast such a Success!



Dara Oliver was recognized for organizing the Veterans Flight Tribute.



Our "Sausage" Girls - Riz & Cindy



"Batter Up!" With Julie & Roberta



Gary & Jolene sold breakfast plates for a whopping \$5!



Our Pancake Chef - Pete Putnam



Sue & Cyndi kept those OJ cups flowing...



Pete made a special pancake for Disney fan, Janette Carlile



# More Memories. . .



Dara . . .fresh butter on your pancakes?



Treasurer Patti Stahr wore many "hats" that day. . .membership applications, sold new Chapter mugs, gathered incoming \$ from the day....all with a smile!



John Stahr helping out at pancake griddle

## BUT WAIT. . .THERE'S MORE! YOUNG EAGLES RALLY TOOK PLACE AFTER THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Chapter 1236 Young Eagles 2nd ever Rally was another safe success. Organizer, Bob Kircher, said that there were 14 kids and 16 flights as two YE got a second ride. Bob wanted to Shout Out a HUGE THANK YOU to the Chapter volunteer pilots: Mike Angell, William Bow, Bruce Cynamon, Michael Hage, Bob Kircher, William Moore, John Stahr, Jeff Tensfeldt, John Weber. Craig Ritson, Mark Buckner, Michael Khoury were Ground Support.

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU to our Chapter volunteers who managed everything from registration, set up, and anything else that needed to be done to make this rally such a wonderful success: Tricia Angell, John Carlile, Cindy Cynamon, Linda Guthrie, Ana Kircher, Bob Kircher, Marcelaine Lewis, Sue Pease, Brian Willenbring, & Patti Stahr.



Linda & Cindy manned the Log Books table.



Ana & Tricia handled the registration - complete with computer & printer.



## More Snapshots of the Young Eagles Rally. . .



Pilots completing the students' Log Books. Every kid who got to this table after their ride had a great big grin on their face.



Ground volunteers Craig, Patti, Organizer Bob Kircher, Michael, & Mark



Looking forward to the next YE Rally - maybe in the Fall?



John Stahr with one of the Young Eagles. . .



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

MARCH 2025

Mike Hage

Adam Jacques



2025 CHAPTER DUES TO  
BE COLLECTED AT  
APRIL 12th 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](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea1236)

WebMaster: Bob Rolfe

Bob's email: [bob@lifestyle-reflections.com](mailto: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 **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. . .

### Four stages of owning an AIRPLANE



Woohoo it's fixed!

Let's FLY!



What was that noise?

I hate this thing!



## Sun n Fun - A Week to Remember. . .

Many Chapter members attended and volunteered at this record breaking annual event. Several folks shared their photos of Sun n Fun but we'd love to see YOUR memories as well! Please send your Sun n Fun pics to [janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)



This was the crowd on Saturday... It reached capacity and they stopped selling tickets - but honored presales. Organizers projected 200,000 attendees, but they clearly surpassed that number.



This most unusual vehicle is an annual must see...



Marcelaine Lewis volunteered at Hospitality tent.



Tricia Angell with chapter and new friends made at Sun n Fun. Tricia and Mona Tripp volunteered at the ACE lounge - an area for sponsors to grab something to eat and drink - and watch the air shows. Great volunteer gig - the area was air conditioned!



Tricia Angell shared snapshots of the electric Pivotal aircraft.



The Pivotal doesn't need a runway - it takes off vertically. While training is necessary, no license required.



## More Sun n Fun Pics. . .



Julie Dane



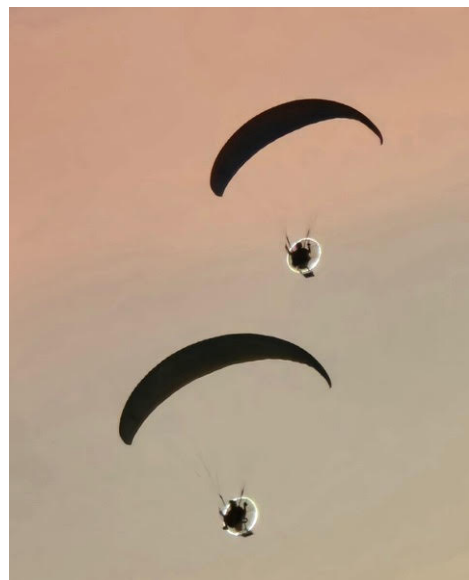
Julie Dane, John Leary & Bruce Cynamon volunteered at the FSAACA cabin where they make and serve meals as a fundraiser.



John Leary



Found a YouTube video of the Grand Finale Night show. Only about 3 minutes long  
<https://youtu.be/fTcEkGuajbo?si=B2vAYbPxqfQ0QJAV>







Bob & Ana Kircher came for the shopping!



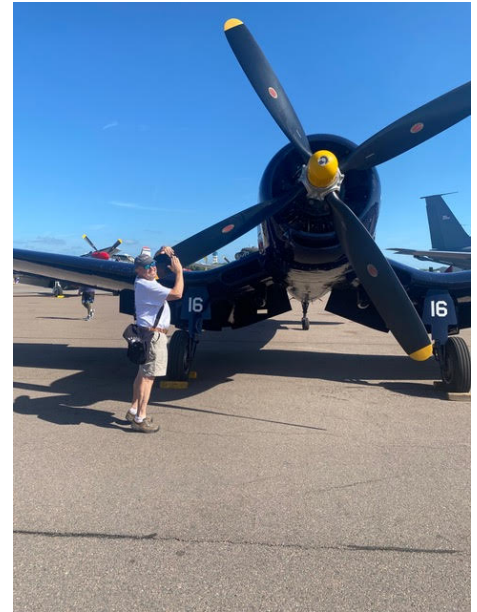
2026 DATES. . .APRIL 14-19th



Yvonne Macario grabbing coffee at the Vintage Hospitality.



Sean Barcenas was at Sun n Fun representing Extra Aircraft.



Don Bartlett in front of a Corsair, He attended Sun n Fun with John Carlile & Mike Cole



Lee Blankenship, owner of Lima Bravo (Aviation Insurance) celebrated her company's 10 year Anniversary and 10 years being an exhibitor at Sun N Fun. Congratulations, Lee!





## More Events for Your Calendar. . .

Come join us for our Fly-In Lunch at FD27 Glen Saint Mary Florida on April 26



### What to expect

EAA CHAPTER 1349 will be hosting a fly-in lunch on Saturday April 26 from 11 am to 2 pm. (Or while supplies last) Mexican lunch, homemade desserts and a drink.  
 Cost: donation to EAA Chapter 1349.  
 Chapter members eat free - think of joining today! Airport identifier FD27. Please visit website [www.eaa1349.org](http://www.eaa1349.org) for arrival information. Please follow our ground crew directions for arrival and departure. Drive-in guests, follow the signs. Aircraft have right of way. Speed limit 15 MPH.  
 Chapter merchandise will be on sale.  
 People's choice award given for favorite airplane  
 All major credit cards accepted  
 10652 Cuyler Airfield Lane  
 Glen Saint Mary Florida

YOU'RE INVITED

THOMAS FA92 LANDING SEAPLANE BASE  
 OLUSTEE, FL

**SPRING SEAPLANE SPLASH IN**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025  
 11:00AM - 3:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND SUN ON THE LAKE AT THE FIRST ANNUAL SEAPLANE SPLASH-IN AT THOMAS LANDING! **FREE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!**

FREE T-SHIRT FOR PILOTS AND CO-PILOTS

THIS IS A **WET** EVENT. PLEASE BRING ROPES, ANCHORS, BUMPERS, TOWELS, ETC

PLEASE RSVP TO [thomaslandingolustee@gmail.com](mailto:thomaslandingolustee@gmail.com) WITH NAME, TYPE OF PLANE, HEADCOUNT, AND SHIRT SIZES

**MORE DETAILS AND PILOT INFORMATION:**

- 📍 Please join us: April 26th | 11 AM - 3 PM
- 🍔 **FREE** lunch for all guests
- 👕 Pilots + co-pilots get a **FREE** Thomas Landing T-shirt
- 💧 Wet event! Bring anchors, tie-downs & bumpers
- ✉️ RSVP now so we have a headcount for food!

Feel free to share this invite with any pilots you think would enjoy this event, but please ask them to RSVP! 😊

RSVP to:

[thomaslandingolustee@gmail.com](mailto:thomaslandingolustee@gmail.com)

Indicate type of plane, headcount, shirt size

For more info: 321-268-1941

[www.valiantaircommand.com](http://www.valiantaircommand.com)

**FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST**  
 2nd Saturday Every\*\* Month  
 Warbird Air Museum

You can now fly-in or drive-in, pay \$12 for each person\*, have a Chef prepared breakfast and then see the Museum **FREE**

Offer good day of the breakfast between 8 am & 10 am ONLY  
 Cannot be combined with other discounts

**MENU**

- Omelets made to order • Pancakes •
- Bacon • Sausage • Fresh Fruit •
- Danish • Orange Juice • Coffee •

• Drive-in •  
 Warbird Air Museum, 6600 Tico Rd, Titusville, FL  
 (321) 268-1941 • [www.valiantaircommand.com](http://www.valiantaircommand.com)

• Fly-in •  
 Warbird Air Museum • Space Coast Regional Airport • KTX

\* Children (5-12): breakfast \$12, no breakfast \$5 - no sharing food • Wristbands will be issued  
 \*\* Check the Valiant Air Command's official website or call the day before to check for any cancellation  
[www.valiantaircommand.com](http://www.valiantaircommand.com) • (321) 268-1941



# Toys in the Toybox. . .



Bruce Cynamon stopped by to check out the new paint job on his Bonanza. . .Looks great, Bruce!



## 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? 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](mailto: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/>

## DID YOU KNOW?

Anthony Edwards, better known as "Goose" in the Top Gun movie, had always wanted to learn to fly - even before he got the part in the iconic movie, "Top Gun". Finally, when he turned 50 and his firstborn went off to college, he took flying lessons.

After taking online courses and then continued with an instructor, Edwards soloed after 13 hours in a Cessna 172. He tries to fly every week and when he doesn't, he feels "off".

Edwards quipped "I am now the guy in the pilot's seat who gets to push the good looking guy out of the airplane."





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

OR

Janette Carlile  
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## . . .and DID YOU KNOW. . .

Gene Hackman was an avid pilot and owner of several airplanes. His wife, Betsy Arakawa, was also a pilot and shared his passion of flying. He loved, in particular, his Pitts and Christian Eagle aircraft, but he also enjoyed flying different planes as well.



Hackman with Cary Grant in a glider.

## I 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:

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

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





## 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](mailto: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



### SAVE THE DATES. . .

OSHKOSH: JULY 21-27, 2025

WINGS OVER WEIRSDALE (our Chapter Fly In)

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

SUN N FUN: APRIL 14-19, 2026