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# JUST PLANE NEWS ...

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EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter    March & April 2024

## SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 9TH (Saturday)

Chapter Pancake Breakfast & Mini

Mtg: 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 mtg.

Carlile's hangar

15720 SE 175th ST Weirsdale

MARCH 21ST (Thursday)

VMC/IMC mtg 7:00pm

Carlile's Pilots Lounge

NO APRIL MEETING

NO APRIL VMC/IMC

SUN N FUN: April 9-14, 2024

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## Get Ready to "FLIP" over the Upcoming March Meeting

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The Annual Chapter Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 9th at 9:00am at the Carlile's hangar. A Mini Meeting will be around 10am. Cost is the flippin' unbelievable \$5 per person. Breakfast menu: pancakes (Gluten Free upon request), sausage, OJ, coffee.

Back by popular demand is our Pancake Chef Extraordinaire, Pete Putnam and his Sous Chef, John Stahr.



Set up (tables & chairs) for the breakfast will be 8:00am that Saturday morning. We could use a few volunteers to help out.



Hmmm...not sure you can get this cup of coffee at the Pancake Breakfast, but you can try!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2024:

Linda Guthrie

Rachel & Huw Williams



## 2024 CHAPTER DUES TO BE COLLECTED AT MARCH 9th mtg

NOTE: If you joined the Chapter during  
July-Dec. 2023, you will not need to pay  
2024 dues.

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

80+ YEARS YOUNG? See Tricia  
to become an Honorary Member

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

"EAA Chapter 1236" and mail to  
Tricia Angell

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## Renowned Author, Rinker Buck, Guest Speaker at the Chapter's February meeting.

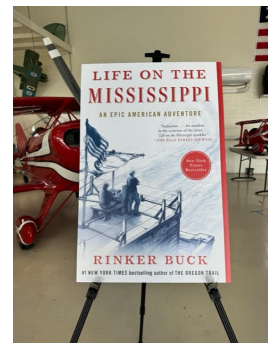
A record breaking attendance of 110 members and guests  
gathered to hear a great storyteller, Rinker Buck.

Invitations to attend this meeting were sent out to local  
chapters and aviation communities so they, too, could hear  
and meet an aviation legend. A special thanks to Don  
Bartlett, who facilitated Mr. Buck's visit and presentation.  
Rinker detailed the back story of his novel, Flights of  
Passage and read several passages to the group.

All Booked Up, a local book store in The Villages, brought  
copies of his novels to purchase at the meeting. Rinker Buck  
stayed after the meeting to sign books and to chat informally  
with Chapter members. & guests. Rinker stayed a few extra  
days and was shown around Central Florida and the local  
Love's Landing community. He enjoyed himself so much that  
we hope we will be able to host him again in the future.



Don Bartlett introduces Rinker  
Buck.



Another novel that was  
on sale at the meeting.



Rinker Buck



110 people attended this  
meeting.



# Snapshots of a Great Meeting. . .



Rinker was treated to an early morning flight in Chapter member, Dave Gidinski's Bucker Jungmann



Rinker Buck in Dave's plane



Post flight...



Rinker with Chapter member, Terri Hull.



Newest Chapter Member, Linda Guthrie, gets her book signed.



Long lines for book signing...



## TOYS IN THE TOY BOX

Chapter member, Dave Gidzinski, acquired his 1954 Bucker Jungmann 131 in November 2023. This aircraft was built by Casa in Spain. It was restored and owned for 35 years by Brian Karli of Georgia. Dave noted that the plane was originally designed for Adolph Hitler in the early 1930's.



Dave Gidzinski and his Bucker Jungmann.



Dave's plane was recently on display with 4 other vintage aircraft at a recent Grand Oaks outing at Loves Landing.

## Looking for Toy Box Submissions

Want to share a photo or two of the Toys ALREADY in YOUR Toy Box? (hangar) Working on a fixer upper? Ideally, you might have a pic of yourself next to your Toy. Send pics and info to [janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)



**NOTE: There will be NO APRIL MEETING due to Sun 'n Fun being in full swing that week.**

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Many of our Chapter members volunteer and of course, attend this popular annual event. PLEASE SEND PICS of your visit(s) to Sun 'n Fun to Janette : [janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

**ANOTHER NOTE: This newsletter is a combination March/April issue. The next newsletter to be sent out will be the May issue.**

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SUN 'N FUN DATES  
ARE: APRIL 9-14, 2024

## **-PILOT SLEEPING-**



EARTHQUAKE



THUNDERSTORM



ALARM CLOCK



LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

**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)

**Working on Your Pilot's License? A New Rating? Tell us about it...**

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Send your info and a maybe photo of you "in action".



## DID YOU KNOW? JIMMY BUFFETT, Aviator

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Jimmy Buffett got the aviation bug in college when a friend of his took him up for flights. Money was tight so he vowed to get his private pilot's license by the age of 40. He realized his dream just before his 40th birthday and money was no longer an issue due to his legendary music career. He went on to get his Commercial Pilot license with ratings for multi engine and sea aircraft. As he added to his "TOY BOX" of aircraft, he earned ratings for the Cessna Citation 500 series jets, the Falcon 50 and 900 and the Grumman Albatross.

Buffett based his "fleet" out of Florida's Palm Beach International (PBI). They named an aviation departure procedure after him: BUFIT ONE departure. At the time of his death, he owned: Falcon 900EX, Pilatus PC-12, Cessna 208 Caravan, Grumman Albatross, Grumman Goose, and a Boeing E-75 Stearman.

One of the scariest flights he survived was when he had his family and U2 singer Bono onboard his seaplane on a flight to Jamaica. The authorities mistook his plane as a drug runner plane and started shooting at him. No one was hurt, but the plane took on many bullet holes. After that scare, Buffett wrote the song, Jamaica Mistaica.



Buffett water skiing behind a seaplane.



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