

# JUST PLANE NEWS . . .

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter February 2024

## SAVE THE DATES

FEBRUARY 10TH (Saturday)  
Chapter Mtg: 9:00 donuts/coffee  
10:00 mtg: Carlile's hangar  
15720 SE 175th ST Weirsdale

FEBRUARY 15TH (Thursday)  
VMC/IMC mtg 7:00pm  
Carlile's Pilots Lounge

MARCH 9TH (Saturday).  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00;  
short mtg after breakfast.  
Carlile's hangar

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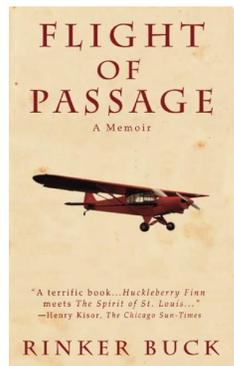
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## Upcoming Chapter Meeting Popular Novelist, Rinker Buck

Be sure to attend the February 10th Chapter "not-to-be-missed" meeting (9:00 donuts; 10:00 mtg) Rinker Buck wrote the very popular novel, Flight of Passage. This is a story of the summer of '66 when he and his brother (age 15 & 17) became the youngest to fly across the USA from New Jersey to California in a 1945 Piper Cub.



Mr. Buck has written other novels as well and there will be an opportunity to buy and have signed any book(s) of his you'd like. Other titles he's authored: *If We Had Wings: The enduring Dream of Flight*, *First Job: A Memoir of Growing Up At Work*, *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey*, *Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure*. Many of these novels are journeys he has recreated and then shared through his novels.

## WHAT'S AHEAD for the March Chapter Meeting? PANCAKES!

It's our annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Saturday, March 9th; 9:00am. \$5 per person; Menu - pancakes, sausage, OJ, coffee. Short meeting after the breakfast.



Pete Putnam, John Stahr working their culinary magic.



Pancake Breakfast 2023

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

**JANUARY 2024:**

Richard & Sheila Filkins.

Josh Birch (grandson)



## 2024 CHAPTER DUES TO BE COLLECTED AT FEBRUARY 10th 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

17921 SE 158th Ct. Weirsdale, FL  
32195

## Pilots Needed for Young Eagle Flights for the Leesburg EAA Chapter

Bob Kircher, our Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator and Judy Betz, Chapter member, have shared that the Leesburg EAA Chapter is looking for help with their upcoming February Young Eagle's events. There is a long waitlist of young folks who would appreciate a Young Eagles flight. If you are aircraft current/proficient and interested in helping out with your time and aircraft, here's what you can do:

- 1) Contact Judy Betz ASAP at 351-362-8286 so she can coordinate with the folks at Leesburg.
- 2) If you haven't already conducted EAA's required online training and background check, or if it's been more than 3 years since you've taken it, then you need to go to [EAA.org](http://EAA.org) Follow the tabs: Pilots; Volunteer Young Eagle Pilots; Volunteer Pilot Resources...now you've arrived to all the qualification links.

## Happy Young Eagles participants at Leesburg. . . Thanks to Chapter members

Saturday, February 3rd, many young people were able to get rides thanks to volunteer pilots.



Chapter member, Bruce Cynamon, volunteered his Saturday (and his Bonanza) to give youngsters a memory of a lifetime.



Bruce with his Young Eagle passengers.

## Joel Hargis, speaker at the January, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Our guest speaker shared his cautionary tale of "Don't Do What I Did...Learn from My Mistakes". Joel Hargis told us of incurring dangerous weather conditions during a flight home in his aircraft from Illinois to Florida. He encountered icing conditions including the freezing of the pitot and consequently did not have an airspeed indicator. In addition, he thought he could fly above the "weather", but was socked in up to 8000'. He was able to "thaw out" and land safely eventually, but the "take away" lessons he shared with us were: Don't have the "Must Get There" Syndrome; Don't Panic, & Aviate, Navigate, & Communicate. The seasoned pilots and even the non pilots at the meeting, appreciated his candor.



Nearly 80 members came to hear Joel Hargis' presentation.



Bruce Cynamon, VP, presented Joel with the coveted Chapter Mug.

# Chapter 1236 Membership & Volunteer Appreciation Party a HUGE Success. . .

A record breaking attendance of 145 Chapter members partied until the cows came home (well, almost!) on Saturday, January 20th. Since the temps were dipping down into the 30's & low 40's during party hours, the event was held at the Carlile hangar where the heaters and partiers kept the hangar toasty.

A new addition to the annual party was a Silent Auction conducted by John Leary and featured the amazing wildlife paintings by Chapter member and Love's Landing resident, Judy Brown. She also donated two classic aviator leather jackets with all silent auction proceeds going to the Chapter. Other donations were two bikes and a popcorn machine. A whopping \$1600 was raised through the Silent Auction. . . \$1300 of which came from Judy's fabulous paintings.

Entertaining us for the evening was an incredibly talented band of all Chapter members and one guest musician. Chapter member and band organizer, Mike Ricketts (lead acoustic, electric guitar, vocals) along with guest musician, Mark Newman (acoustic guitar) were accompanied by Chapter member vocalists, Lee Blankenship and Dara Oliver. Enhancing the percussion part of the band was Chapter member Bill Near on the conga drums. This group was a definite crowd pleaser and they entertained us until those "cows came home" (about 9:30pm)

But of course we owe the success of this Membership and Volunteer Appreciation to all the VOLUNTEERS that made this event possible. We had over 40 volunteers who set up and helped Ana Kircher (decor visionary and creator) transform the hangar with her wonderful decorations. The amazing transformation took only 58 minutes. Tricia Angell organized the dinner catering and was supported by a team of great volunteer servers. An impromptu group of members then helped to clean up after the party.



# SNAPSHOTS OF A GOOD TIME

Chapter 1236 Membership &  
Volunteer Appreciation Party  
January 20, 2024

(Thanks to Steve Roth and others for  
many of the wonderful photos)



Set up



Set up



Tricia Angell with the Appreciation cakes. . .



Our server team. . .





John Carlile, President & Bruce Cynamon, Vice President welcoming and thanking volunteers. . .



Time to eat!



Judy Brown explaining her inspiration for her artwork & John Leary, Silent Auction coordinator.



Silent Auction set up with Judy Brown's paintings .



Our Friends of the Chapter, the Battery Boys team. . .



Here's to making more Memories with Chapter 1236 in 2024...and what a wonderful year it will be. . .



Mike Ricketts, Dara Oliver, Bill Near, Lee Blankenship & Mark Newman



# Leeward Air Ranch Spring Fly-In

Many of our Chapter members live and fly out of Leeward Air Ranch. Consider marking this "Not-To-Be-Missed" event on your calendars. Chapter member, Jeff Tensfeldt, is the coordinator of the Spring Fly-In and he will be at the February meeting to answer any questions.



## SAT, MARCH 2, 2024 LEEWARD AIR RANCH SPRING FLY-IN LUNCH

Rain date Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Check website for Update)

### Important Summary Airport Information –

Visit [LeewardAirRanch.com/airport](http://LeewardAirRanch.com/airport) for rules & regs and pattern.

Requirements below take precedence.

Leeward Air Ranch identifier is FD04, CTAF is 122.9

North 1,200 feet of runway is closed, 5,000 feet remaining.

Caution: 600' tower 2 ½ miles NW of airport.

**Arrival:** Straight in approaches are prohibited. Do not use Slow Aircraft (Inside) Pattern or enter pattern with a crosswind entry during the Fly-In. Do not overfly airport at less than 1,600' MSL. Contact advisory for active runway. Only enter pattern at mid-field over golf course with a 45-degree entry from the west. **Right-hand traffic for Runway 18.** Fly downwind over the N/S 4-lane highway at 1,100' MSL. Fixed gear and tail dragger aircraft may exit the runway to the parallel object free area immediately west of the westerly runway lights. Other aircraft should exit at a paved taxiway intersection and taxi on paved taxiway to parking. Follow directions from parking advisors.

**Departure:** Contact advisory for active runway. If Runway 36 is active, taxi to departure end via the paved taxiway. Point your tail away from houses before runup. Depart at best rate of climb and turn to NW heading after reaching a safe altitude and before crossing trees and railroad tracks. If departing area, climb to a minimum of 1,100' MSL before turning on course and avoid traffic pattern.

Fly or drive to  
Leeward Air Ranch  
Red Barn  
Community Center

Catered Lunch by  
the Paradise Cuban  
Restaurant & Bakery  
\$20.00/person  
\$10/child under 12

Event begins at  
9:30am with coffee &  
donuts. Lunch  
served between  
11:30am - 1:30pm

Airplanes on static  
display include  
classics, warbirds,  
home-builts and  
antiques

For more  
information:  
Jeff Tensfeldt  
910-585-1011

### LEEWARD AIR RANCH

7221 SE 85th Ln  
Ocala, FL 34472  
Kent Leeward: 352-213-4000

# A Photographic peak at Leeward Air Ranch's 1st Annual Warbird Round-Up

January 27, 2024



Several Chapter members attended Leeward's Warbird Roundup and many had aircraft on display.

These are just a few photos that were shared by those who attended.



Chapter member, Dave Gidzinski, flew his 1954 Bucker Jungmann 131 to the Warbird Roundup.



The wing walker was a crowd pleaser. Thanks to Mike & Tricia Angell, Roberta Ricketts & Kathy Hirtz for sharing their photos. Would love to have more from this event! Please send them to Janette.



## More from Warbird Round-Up

Here we are with our Zlin trainer at the warbird flyin representing the Peruvian Airforce



Chapter members, Steve Wolf & Kathy Hirtz



FYI

Coming to a location Near You. . .



### P-51 GUNFIGHTER

#### 2024 SCHEDULE

APRIL 9-13 · LAKELAND, FL SUN 'N FUN · RIDES AVAILABLE	JUNE 28-30 · SACINAW, MI
APRIL 25-29 · WICHITA FALLS, TX SHEPPARD AFB AIR SHOW!	JULY 3-7 · CINCINNATI, OH
MAY 3-5 · DALLAS, TX TENTATIVE	JULY 12-14 · NOB NOSTER, MO WHITEMAN AFB AIR SHOW
MAY 23-27 · HUNTSVILLE, AL	JULY 18-20 · DUPAGE, IL
MAY 30-JUNE 2 · TERRE HAUTE, IN TERRE HAUTE AIR SHOW!	JULY 21-28 · OSHKOSH, WI EAA AIRVENTURE
JUNE 7-9 · STRATFORD, CT	AUG 2-4 · DES MOINES, IA TENTATIVE
JUNE 14-16 · SCHENECTADY, NY	AUG 9-11 · LINCOLN, NE TENTATIVE
JUNE 21-23 · SYRACUSE, NY TENTATIVE	AUG 16-18 · MATTOON, IL COLES COUNTY AIR SHOW!

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# CHAPTER MEMBER MILESTONES

Do you or someone in the Chapter have a milestone or celebration related to Aviation that can be shared here? Please email Janette at: [janette.g.carlile@gmail.com](mailto:janette.g.carlile@gmail.com)

**Congratulations to Capt. Bob Kircher, Who Celebrates 20 years with Jet Blue. . .**



**New member,  
Jamie  
Macpherson,  
Starts his  
Aviation Career**

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Jamie Macpherson is "all in" to realize his goal of becoming an airline pilot. His 1st flight lesson with Ocala Aviation Services was January 11, 2024. Stepping stones to his goal include first getting his PPL (private pilots license), then instrument & commercial. He will then build flight hours & experience to eventually realize his goal.



Jamie Macpherson in front of the Cessna he's been flying in.

A student's flight bag vs. an instructor's bag:



## Gone West. . . Saying Goodbye to Chapter Friends. . .



Pete looking into the mirror of his Boeing PT-17 Stearman



Pete pictured with Chris Hoelfly

Pete Fambrough, 89, passed on January 14, 2024. A chiropractor by profession, Pete lived and flew out of his private airstrip, Back Achers. He was a US Army veteran, and was very active in many community organizations. A Celebration of Life is set for 2/24/24 (his 90th birthday)

Col Wilbert "Bill" Sorenson (ret), passed on November 24, 2023. In the US Army, Bill flew AH-1 Cobra gunships, UH-1H Huey, & OH-6A Scout Helicopters in Vietnam in the early 1970's. He was a Silver Star and two Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. Bill enjoyed his Jabiru 2300 light sport airplane at Woods & Lakes Airpark. There was a Missing Man tribute over Belleview on January 27th.



**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

50 year old plane in my head:



50 year old plane in reality:



### 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)



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