

JUST PLANE NEWS . . .

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter MARCH, 2025

SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 8TH (Saturday)

Pancake Breakfast 9:00. Young

Eagles Rally 10:30am

Details in this newsletter.

Carlile's hangar

15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale

MARCH 20TH (Thursday)

VMC/IMC 7:00PM.

Carlile's Pilots Lounge (Hangar)

APRIL 12TH (Saturday)

Chapter Mtg 9:00 donuts/coffee.

10:00 Mtg. Carlile's Hangar

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Don't Miss a Flippin' Good Time at the Upcoming Pancake Breakfast. . . March 8th (Saturday)



Join us this Saturday for the annual Chapter 1236 Pancake Breakfast. 9:00 at the Carlile's Hangar. \$5 gets you pancakes, OJ, coffee, & sausage patties. What a Flippin' good deal!

NOTE: Dues will be collected! Patti Stahr will have the master list if you can't remember if you've paid.

We are expecting nearly 100 hungry members and so we will NEED VOLUNTEERS to help set up before this breakfast. We will start setting up the tables around 8:00am



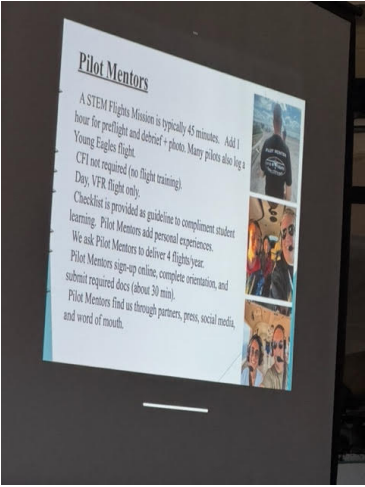
From 2024's pancake breakfast

**But Wait. . . There's
more! Young Eagles
Rally right after
Pancake Breakfast!
10:30AM**



Bob Kircher, YE Chapter Coordinator, has invited Chapter members to stay and watch lifelong memories being made by the 20 youngsters signed up for Saturday's event. They have 6 planes lined up to fly the kids, but Bob is hoping for a couple more.

Chapter Member, Jim Harvey, Shares Information on Being a STEM Pilot at February 8th's mtg.



Jim Harvey gave a great comprehensive introduction on how to be a Pilot Mentor with the STEM Flights program. This program has also partnered with EAA's Aero Educate program as well and he sent more info on that for you. If you'd like to learn more about STEM Flights, go to: www.stemflights.org



What is AeroEducate?

AeroEducate is a program created by EAA in cooperation with North Carolina State University and in partnership with other organizations such as STEM Flights.

Based on STEM activities and an innovative badging system.

Students using aviation principles as a source of inspiration can work through on-line activities and track their progress and earning badges that are recognized by EAA and partners.

AeroEducate provides teachers, parents, EAA chapters and other youth leaders a toolbox to help inspire future generations of aviators, engineers, mechanics, and even astronauts.

AeroEducate Mission

Broaden all youths' access to the world of aviation and a community of aviation enthusiasts.

AeroEducate Vision

A growing aviation community of inspired youth.

Why EAA Developed AeroEducate?

In 2018, EAA saw the need to provide youth with a way to foster a passion for aviation and meet an industry demand for the next generation of pilots, engineers, and mechanics.

Partnership with EAA AeroEducate

- Formal partnership between EAA and STEM Flights established in 2024 to jointly inspire more students to pursue aviation.
- Young Eagle students can apply for a STEM Flight and also receive credit in AeroEducate for their STEM Flight mission.
- Pilots from both organizations are encouraged to volunteer to deliver both flight experiences
- STEM Flights students receive AeroEducate benefits that include free Sporty's grounds school and other incentives



How can you get involved?

Apply online or scan the code below to learn more and join our team as a Pilot Mentor



Pilot Info

Contact:
carley@stemflights.org

Website:
www.stemflights.org

All Social Media:
[@stemflights](https://www.instagram.com/stemflights)

Can't fly but want to support youth aviation education? Join our group of passionate volunteers and donors



Donate

Pilot Mentor Requirements

- 100 hrs PIC
- Liability Insurance
- Current Medical
- Current BFR
- Complete Online Training
- No flight training, CFI not required
- Day VFR Flights Only

STEM Flights invites educators and parents to refer a student from your community to participate in our program. Students can apply online to receive a no cost STEM Flight experience.

INSPIRE!

STEM Flights is a national nonprofit organization that connects Middle and High School students with volunteer Pilot Mentors to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Our goal is to inspire America's youth to pursue STEM and aviation careers with a unique flight experience.

Do you love aviation and want to share your passion with the next generation of aviation leaders? Volunteer today to directly impact students in your area.

Apply Online
www.stemflights.org

Become a Pilot Mentor

What Our Pilot Mentors are Saying

"Introducing STEM to motivated students has become the most rewarding flying that I do!"
- Pilot Mentor Tom

"I saw a lost kid become confident and focused. What was unimaginable before a STEM Flight now had him imagining a different future!"
- Pilot Mentor Dave

"This program is a total STEM experience that requires the kids to be an active participant, and they LOVE it."
- Pilot Mentor Rick

Pilot Mentor FAQ

Q: How do you select students for a flight experience?
A: Students must submit an online application and letter of recommendation. We work with local educators, parents, and school systems to reach students. We encourage our Pilot Mentors to help identify students in their community.

Q: How many flights per year are expected to donate?
A: We ask Pilot Mentors to distribute 4 flights a year. Many Pilot Mentors are able to fly more frequently.

Q: What is the time commitment to accept?
A: About 2-3 hours which includes contact with parent/student, preflight, mission, and debrief.

Q: How much time will it take to deliver a STEM Flight experience?
A: About 45 minutes. Add 1 hour for preflight and debrief + photo. Many pilots also log a Young Eagles flight.

CFI not required (no flight training).
Day VFR flight only.
Checklist is provided as guideline to complement student learning. Pilot Mentors add personal experiences.
We ask Pilot Mentors to deliver 4 flights/year.
Pilot Mentors sign-up online, complete orientation, and submit required docs (about 30 min).
Pilot Mentors find us through partners, press, social media and word of mouth.

What is a STEM Flight?

A STEM Flight is a total STEM experience that requires the kids to be an active participant, and they LOVE it.

After the flight experience, STEM Flights follow up directly with student/guardians to provide scholarship database, STEM education resources, Aviation career exploration, mentoring opportunities, and much more. We continue to guide students down the pathway to STEM and aviation careers.

STEM Flights

Show some ❤️ today and sign up as a Pilot Mentor.

Benefits include:

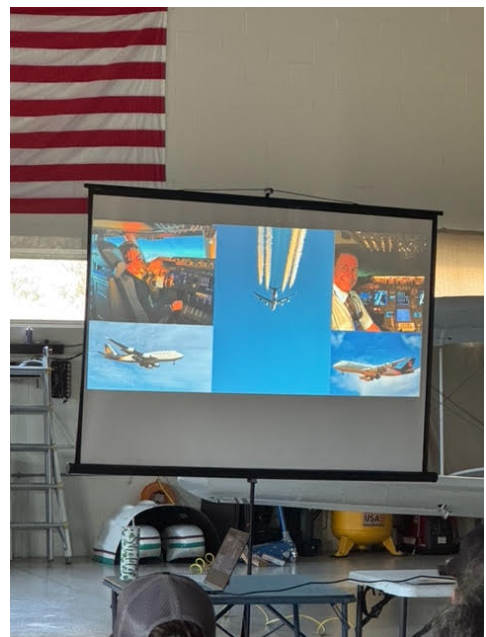
- changing lives of kids in your community
- sharing your passion for aviation
- using your aircraft for Public Benefit Flying
- inspiring the next generation of flyers

Sign up at stemflights.org

**Chapter Members, Mark & Shelly Buckner
Transported Us To A "You Fly Yourself" South
African Safari at the February 8th mtg.**



Mark & Shelly Buckner went on one of those Bucket List trips that the rest of us mortals just read about. They had an 11 day guided Flight adventure through South Africa, Zimbabwe, & Botswana. They stayed in 4 different lodges, flew 1552 miles and had 15.6 flight time in their Cessna 210 rental aircraft. Their photos of the wildlife were spectacular.



Nick Masters
(New member
in January)
brought
homemade
cookies to the
February
meeting...YUM!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 2025

John Besst

Steve Crook

Mike Manly

Dodson & Karen Manly

Joe & Angie Toney



2025 CHAPTER DUES TO
BE COLLECTED AT
MARCH 8th 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

The Chapter Mourns the Sudden Loss of Chapter Member and Friend, Roger Boyer



Roger Boyer

Roger passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2025. He started flying at the age of 16 and had flown for over 40 years. Roger had a full career in the Air Force and retired as a Lt. Col. He then began his 2nd dream career as an airline pilot with United Airlines.

Roger was a friend to many of us in the Chapter and was a much loved neighbor in Loves Landing. Our condolences to Roger's wife, Barbara, their three sons and two granddaughters.



Roger (on right)

Our Own Ron Ferraiuolo, Awarded the Coveted Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award (a really Big Deal, folks!)



Ron's wife, Linda, shared a few things about Ron's 50 years of flying. It apparently all started in 1974 when Ron went to a small airstrip near his hometown in Southbridge, MA. A veteran flight instructor (WW II fighter pilot instructor) at this airport, wisely told him that if he wanted to get a "Pilot's License", he should go to the big city airport. But, if he wanted to "learn how to fly", he would teach him at this local airport. Ron, of course, opted for the latter and trained in J3 Piper Cubs, Stearman's and Cessna 310's with that WWII fighter pilot instructor.

Ron participated in airshows in the 70's and won many trophies for various specialty maneuvers. In one show, he won Best Overall Pilot out of a field of 137 pilots. In addition to flying, Ron had also volunteered his time in an aviation leadership role as the President of the Winter Haven Pilots' Association.

Ron has been flying for over 50 years and has no plans to slow down. You can find Ron Ferraiuolo at Loves Landing with his Skyhawk in his hangar at the ready for this Master Pilot to take it skyward.



Chapter Pres, Bruce Cynamon presents the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to Ron Ferraiuolo at the February mtg.

About the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

This prestigious award was instituted by the FAA to recognize pilots who have practiced safe flight operations continuously for 50 or more years during the course of their aviation careers.



Congratulations , Ron!

Other Chapter News. . .

Donation Approved at February Chapter Meeting

A donation of \$3000 was approved by the membership for Leesburg EAA Chapter 534 for their Youth Aviation Outreach Program.

Chapter Membership Numbers are Booming

Our Chapter added 177 members from 2020 through 2024. (62 new members were during Covid Years!) We have added 12 wonderful members just this year. This is all due to you folks. Many of you have brought friends with you who have joined. This is such a friendly and welcoming chapter. Thank you

Chapter Member, Jamie Macpherson, earns His Commercial Pilots License

Jamie Macpherson has been focused and working full-time to achieve not just a Pilots License, but to attain his Commercial Pilot rating which he recently accomplished. What's next? He's now pursuing his Multi Engine Add-On, CFI and Seaplane Add-On. In addition, he is starting to train with the CAF (Commemorative Air Force) to fly their PT-19 for the Tampa Bay Wing.



Jamie passed his Commercial Pilot Checkride on Feb. 21st.

New Chapter Mugs for Sale... Check them out at the Pancake Breakfast



Only \$20 for these "Better Than Yeti" mugs. (Will maintain your ice for up to 24 hours!) A portion of the \$20 goes towards our donation fund for Youth Aviation programs. NEW: In addition to our Chapter Logo, we have the Young Eagles Logo on the opposite side.

Chapter Member, Hanh Vu, is Working on Her Sport Pilots License



Hanh in front of her Tecnam P2008. Bruce Cynamon is her flight instructor.

Young Eagles Safety Meeting at Bob Kircher's home

If you have volunteered to help out or Pilot at the March 8th YE Rally, there is a safety meeting on Friday, March 7th; 6:30pm at the Kircher's home. Feel free to contact Bob to RSVP and for more information: pilotrwk@yahoo.com

Bob is looking for more pilots - if you have qualified to be a Young Eagles pilot and find that you have time this Saturday, PLEASE CONTACT Bob Kircher at pilotrwk@yahoo.com

Chapter Members Had the Unique Opportunity to Experience "Flight" in an Airbus Simulator



John Stahr and Craig Ritson in the Airbus "cockpit"



Chapter Member, JetBlue Capt. Bob Kircher, guided John and Craig through the unique experience of simulator "flight" in the Airbus



John and Craig in front of the simulators.

seriously dude just buy a plane already



Suggested Events You Might Be Interested In. . .

Many of our Chapter members from Leeward are involved in organizing this event. Our own Bob Tracy and Bob Kircher will be doing the BBQ Smoker cooking of the pork butts. Rain Date is March 30th.

Need more info? Contact Chapter Member, Jeff Tensfeldt 352-966-8554 OR jtens77@gmail.com

SAT, MARCH 29, 2025 FD04 SPRING FLY-IN LUNCH

Rain date Sunday, March 30th (Check website for Update)

Important Summary Airport Information –

Visit 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

BBQ Lunch includes
pulled pork, baked
beans, potato salad
roll, dessert and
drink \$18.00

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

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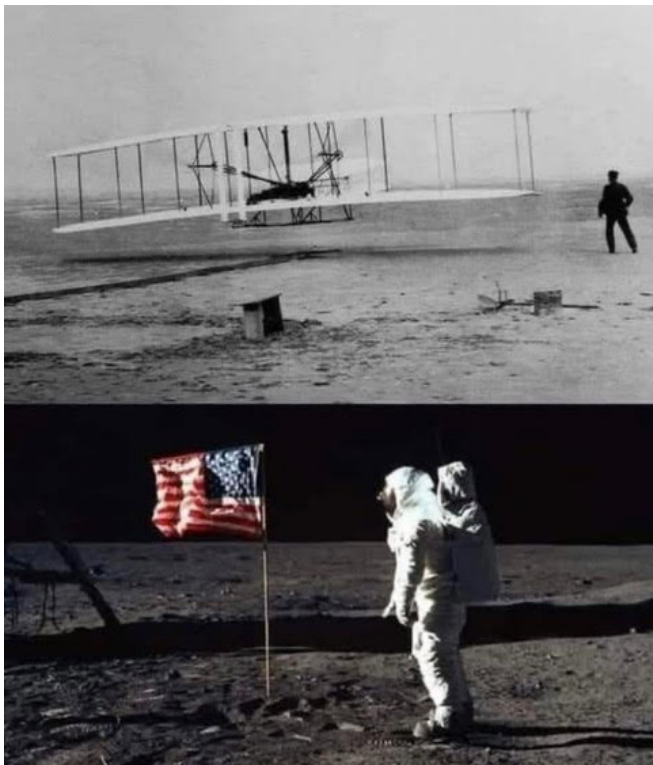
More Events for Your Calendar. . .



Blue Angels at Key West

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



Can you believe there's only 66 years between these photos?



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:

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In 1938, an early aviator, was denied permission to fly from New York to Ireland. Instead, he planned to fly to California. However, 28 hours later, he arrived in Ireland and claimed that he had mistakenly gone the wrong way.

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.

OR

Janette Carlile

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80th Anniversary of the accidental flight of WAAF Margaret Horton. Apparently it was a common practice to sit on the tail of a Spitfire to stabilize it when taxiing on uneven surfaces. On February 14, 1945, Margaret was sitting on the tail of a Spitfire when it took off. The pilot finally realized that she was there and he was able to land the plane safely with her still on the tail.... Margaret was no doubt white knuckled while clinging on for dear life...



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

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

