
JUST PLANE NEWS ...

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter JUNE, 2025

SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 14TH (Saturday)

Chapter Mtg. 9:00 donuts/coffee

10:00 mtg: Carlile's hangar

15720 SE 175th St. Weirsdale

JUNE 19TH (Thursday)

VMC/IMC 7:00PM Carlile's Pilots

Lounge (Hangar)

JULY 12TH (Saturday)

Chapter Mtg 9:00 donuts/coffee.

10:00 Mtg. Carlile's Hangar

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JUNE 14, 2025 Meeting

Tom Cruise was lined up for our June meeting, but his manager just contacted us and postponed his presentation. BUMMER... we were looking forward to him parachuting out of a helicopter and landing right in front of the hangar in time for donuts and coffee (that's at 9:00 by the way...10:00 mtg)

BUT . .no worries! Our fearless leader, Pres. Bruce Cynamon has a plan. Who needs Cruise when we have Bruce. . .

BTW -do any of you jump out of helicopters?

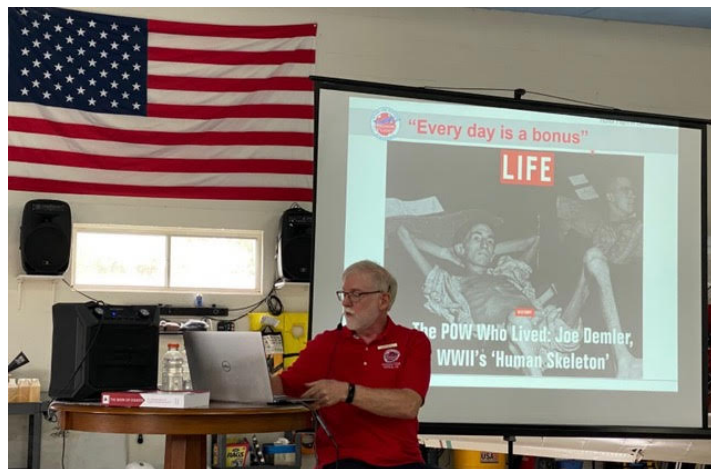


"Mikey, can you stop screaming and let us have a good time? It's not our fault you forgot your parachute."

Gary Pratt Shares Father's WW II and Honor Flight Experiences at May 10th Meeting

Gary Pratt, Chapter member, took us on a memorable journey of his Father's experiences in WWII and the well deserved Honor Flight in 2012 out of Milwaukee, WI. Staff Sgt. Lawrence R. Pratt was a survivor of the deadliest battle of that war, Battle of the Bulge. He was taken as a POW to Stalag 9B and was there December - March. He was down to 95 lbs, but he managed to escape by pretending to pass out and the Germans left him.

Gary's father's Honor Flight was in 2012 and he went with 218 other WW II veterans to DC for a memorable trip. Very few of us will ever experience Honor Flights and Gary gave us a heartfelt presentation that helped all of us visualize just how special this program is.



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:

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Gary brought special guests from the Villages Honor Flight Organization. Susan, VHF President, gave us an overview on how to participate.

Lots More Happened at the May Meeting!



Gary Pratt (above with his classic Corvette) invited his friends from The Villages Classic Car Club to the meeting. About 15 beautiful classic cars showed up treating the Chapter to a mini car show. The guys and their cars were amazing!



Veterans were recognized and honored at the meeting.



The Classic Car fellas and Gary's buds....



Lakeland Aero Club Accepts Chapter's Generous Donation

Chase Lee, Director of the Lakeland Aeroclub and two students of the program, Nick Lewis and Jeff Sawyer, attended the May meeting to graciously accept the \$3500 donation (from 2024 & 2025). Chase shared with the members that our donation goes toward students participating in aircraft restoration, pilot and maintenance opportunities, glider scholarships, and so much more.

Currently, eight of their students are in Cordele, GA with their gliders as well as with their ground operational team. They are all competing in the Soaring Societies 15 Meter Glider Competition.



VP, Janette Carlile, awards the donation check to the Lakeland Aeroclub.



Director, Chase Lee, explains the AeroClub program. Jeff & Nick shared their experiences as well.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

MAY 2025

Jim Zarlengo



2025 CHAPTER DUES TO
BE COLLECTED AT
June 14th 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

It's All About Our Chapter Members!



John Stahr, Chapter Member, and renowned aviation graphic artist, had two airplanes that he designed and painted featured in this month's EAA magazine. (P. 106 & 114) Well done, John!

MEMBERCENTRAL

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE BUILDING/RESTORING



WISCONSIN VAN'S AIRCRAFT RV-10

I ATTENDED MY FIRST EAA convention in 1978 with my soon-to-be father-in-law, Len Spychalla, EAA 147, and caught the bug. Fast-forward through six kids (all of whom went on to be Young Eagles), a degree in mechanical engineering, a career in investments, and a private pilot certificate in 2012. I then found myself at another Young Eagles event at Brennand Airport (79C) with two of my grandsons in 2018. One of the volunteers was flying a beautiful RV-10, giving rides to delighted kids, and it caught my eye. The idea of building my own airplane had been percolating for many years, and the RV-10 seemed to check all the boxes including enough headroom for our sons/co-pilots. I came home and said, "I think I need to build one of those." My wife, Jeanne, did not hesitate for a second. She said, "Go for it!"

We received the empennage kit in January 2019, and under the watchful eye of our EAA technical counselors, Joe Schumacher, EAA 141036, and Joe Norris, EAA Lifetime 113615, we learned the basics and then the finer points of aircraft fabrication and assembly. Eventually the project outgrew the basement and moved to the garage for about 18 months where the fuselage took shape.

For the interior, we went to The Auto Alliance, a well-known (in automotive circles) upholstery shop a stone's throw from the hangar, and the folks there were kind enough to let us work on the airplane at their (heated!) shop while they tackled the upholstery. They were a huge help in mounting the engine and landing gear. Car guys! Who knew?

With the interior completed, we moved everything to our hangar at the Appleton International Airport (KATW) and completed the assembly.

First flight was December 2023, with my friend and CFI Eric Abraham, EAA Lifetime 1078525, doing the honors. We completed flight testing in April, and in May, Eric and I took the plane to Love's Landing in Weirsdale, Florida, where John Stahr, EAA 714251, worked his magic bringing our paint scheme to life. We flew home to Appleton in time to get the airplane ready to display at Oshkosh.

It is a remarkable airplane, and we look forward to many adventures, mostly flying to visit our six kids and 18 grandkids who live in Georgia, Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas, and Washington.

Look for a feature story on this aircraft in the October issue of EAA Sport Aviation. - Ed.

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MEMBERCENTRAL
MEMBERS/CHAPTERS IN ACTION



A Star-Struck Young Eagle

BY EMME HOBBS

YOUNG EAGLES RALLIES can be magical for a number of reasons, but a recent EAA Chapter 17 rally at KMNV in Tennessee seemed to have an extra bit of magic for two EAA members.

When the June 2023 issue of EAA Sport Aviation found its way into the hands of young Denver, she was taken by Sparky Barnes' article, "A Flying Tribute to Rosie the Riverer," which details the build of Juliette and Roger Conk's RV-34A. This RV, appropriately named Rosie, features an eye-catching, John Stahr-painted tribute to the women who built aircraft during WWII.

"I never really thought about homebuilding or anything. I had never even heard of EAA before I [read EAA Sport Aviation], and anything I can get my hands on, I'll read from cover to cover," Denver said. "So when I read the article about Rosie, it was just very inspiring. Juliette building her own aircraft. I had never thought about that, and I thought that could be something I could do in the future. And just reading about women in aviation, it's very inspiring to me as a young woman hoping to go into aviation."

In 2023, Denver participated in JAARS' Vision Flight program. "I flew a Cessna 172. It was amazing," she said. "The pilot let me have the controls for pretty much the whole flight, and I was hooked. It was amazing, especially seeing our shadow on the ground. I was like, okay, this is really happening. I'm actually in a small aircraft."

For her 18th birthday, she wanted to experience that same thrill again, so her family looked for local Young Eagles rallies. After missing a couple local opportunities, they found EAA Chapter 17's rally just a mere five-hour drive away — a drive that proved to be worth it.

When arriving at the rally, Denver's eyes landed on a familiar sight: Rosie. "My dad had asked me a question, and I looked over to my right and I just stopped talking, and everybody was like, 'What is it?' she said.

"It was funny because when we drove in, Denver looked over and saw Rosie the plane there, and all of a sudden she's twice as excited as she was to start with," her dad said. While Denver had gotten a Young Eagles flight with another pilot at the rally, Juliette extended the offer for a flight in Rosie to the clearly star-struck Denver.

"It was pretty surreal," Denver said. "She was explaining the controls and what she was going to do and the flight path, and I was just sitting there, kind of in awe. I'm actually sitting next to the woman I read about. It was just amazing."



Juliette herself felt the stars had aligned just right to make this memorable flight happen. "From John Stahr's artwork, Sparky Barnes' article in Sport Aviation, and all the steps that followed leading to Denver's Young Eagles flight. I am sincerely humbled and grateful," she said.

Denver, having discovered the wonders of flight, hopes to earn her private pilot certificate in the future and is currently working through Sporty's online courses. EAA, too, is humbled to have been a small part of inspiring this young member's path into aviation and staying true to our goal of encouraging the next generation of aviators. EAA

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MORE MEMBER NEWS. . .



Joe Finch, Chapter member, went on his Honor Flight May 28, 2025. This was an experience that he'll never forget. Joe is the President of the Villages Distinguished Flying Cross Chapter. He is an Army veteran of 23 1/2 years and served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He flew in Laos, Thailand & North Vietnam.



Joe was one of four honored veterans chosen to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Joe's escort and guardian was retired Col. Barbara Petersen who had served in Iraq & Afghanistan.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Upon returning from DC in the wee hours of the morning, there were hundreds of people welcoming them home including these Girl Scouts handing out cookies. In addition, there were 40+ Corvettes and 300+ motorcycles that met the bus in Leesburg and escorted them to the Lady Lake American Legion. (About 2am)

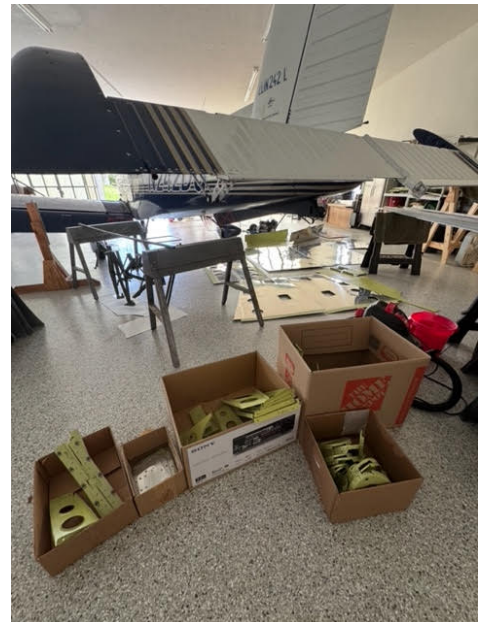


The Villages Quilters made 100+ quilts designed for the veterans. Each were able to pick out the one they wanted.

Toys in the Toy Box. . .



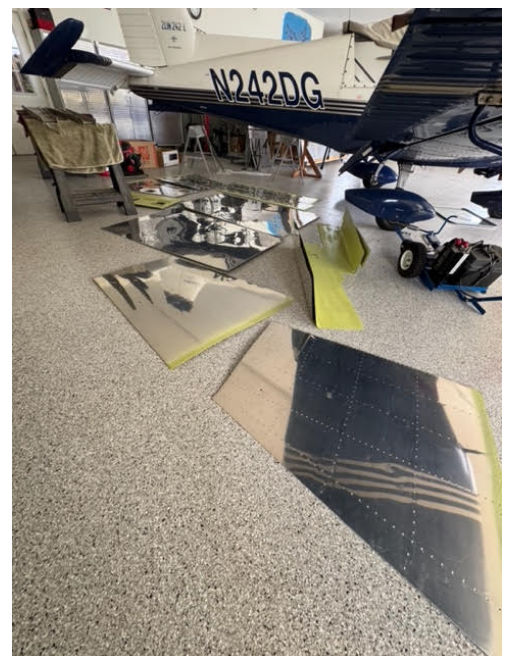
UPDATE ON STEVE WOLF'S P-47. . .Steve has disassembled the wings & has deburred, dimpled, scuffed and primed all the pieces (and there's plenty!)



The wings will now go back together for the final riveting. Steve is grateful for the help of Tommy Borek, Miles Gregory, & Mark Bucker.

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





More Events for Your Calendar.

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CHAPTER MTG: JUNE 14TH.
 VMC/IMC: JUNE 19TH
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 OSHKOSH: JULY 21-27, 2025.
 WINGS OVER WEIRSDALE: NOV. 1ST.
 (Our Chapter Fly In)

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

LOCAL (mostly) AVIATION EVENTS

WINGS & WHEELS

ST. AUGUSTINE AIRPORT TERMINAL, 4900 US 1 NORTH

SAT, JUNE 14 9AM-2PM

VISIT AIRCRAFTS & HELICOPTERS = Statics & Fly-Ins
 HUNDREDS OF CLASSIC CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES, & VENDORS!
 MORE THAN 20 AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE RUNWAY AT THE COMMERCIAL TERMINAL!
THE PERFECT WAY TO SPEND FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND!

- FAMILY-FRIENDLY & EDUCATIONAL
- FREE ON SITE AIRPORT PARKING
- ADMISSION: ADULTS \$20, KIDS (14-18) \$10, (13 & UNDER) = FREE
 MILITARY/EMS DISCOUNT

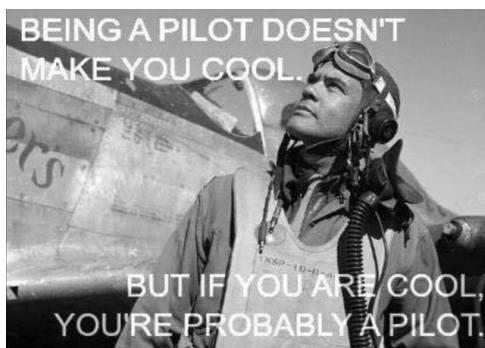






Event brought to you by the Experimental Aircraft Assn. Chapter 600, St. Augustine Airport Pilots Assn., Northeast Florida Aero Club, St. Augustine Airport, and Staker Productions Motorsports & Car Events!

St. Augustine Airport Terminal



**I SCREAM... YOU SCREAM...
 WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**

Stop by **DAIRY QUEEN** Grill & Chill

4015 CR 216, Oxford, FL

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 (FLAG DAY)

11:00 am til 8:00 pm

10% of sales will benefit **VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT**



A fundraiser for the Villages Honor Flight - the organization that took member Joe Finch on his once-in-a-lifetime trip to DC.

Members Mark & Shelly Buckner about to enter their next Most Excellent Adventure of Life

Soon. . .Captains Mark and Shelly Buckner will be officially retired from UPS. They are trading their massive Boeing 747 "ride" to a custom built catamaran to travel the world at sea level instead of over 30,000'. You are invited to view the video below. If you'd like to follow the Buckner's on their worldwide adventures, one can subscribe to their YouTube channel. . . @whalestosails



Click above on the 747 to view Mark & Shelly's video about their next journey in life. . .



This custom catamaran is being built in
Canet-en-Roussillon, France

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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FREE FOR AN AIRPLANE PROJECT

Robert Richard contacted our Chapter to see if any of our members might be able to use a 1965 Corvair engine core. He would like to donate it to someone building a kit plane and/or considering Corvair power in their rebuild. Please contact Robert directly at 352-239-5595 or email: skipr@gmail.com

Check Out Our Chapter's Website!

chapters.eaa.org/eaal236

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)

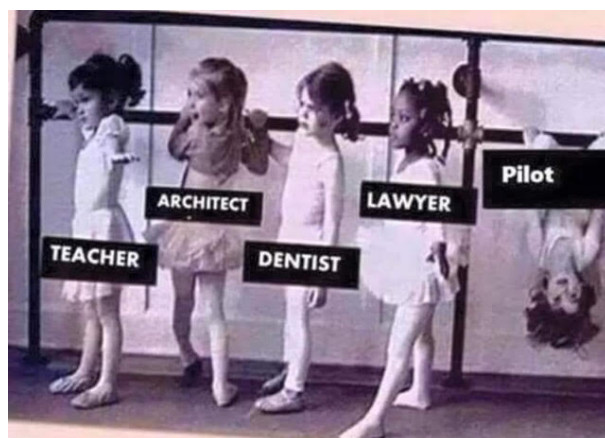
Bob's contact info above. . .

Two Chapter members find it's a Small World!

Linda Guthrie Flew her Cardinal in the 60 plane 2005 Michigan Air Tour that my late husband and I organized.



Marcelaine Lewis (left) and Linda Guthrie (right) found they have much in common.



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

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

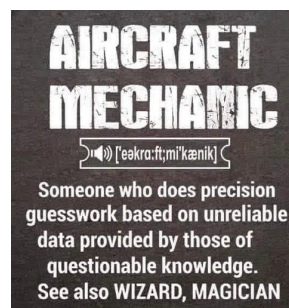


The cockpit of the Millennium Falcon (Star Wars) was based on the cockpit of the B-29 Superfortress. . .



Did you know that Florida General Aviation License Plates are now available? Click on this link to find more info.

<https://floridageneralaviation.com/>



1956- This is a 5MB IBM hard drive being loaded onto an airplane. It weighed over 2000lbs and filled an entire room. This was the first commercially available hard disc drive. 5MG is about the size of the pic shown above in this newsletter. AMAZING!