
JUST PLANE NEWS ...

EAA Chapter 1236 Newsletter DECEMBER, 2024

SAVE THE DATES

DECEMBER 14TH (Saturday)
Chapter Mtg: 9:00 donuts/coffee
10:00 mtg: Carlile's hangar
15720 SE 175th ST Weirsdale

DECEMBER 7 Young Eagles Event
at Loves Landing (more details in
this issue)

VMC/IMC will resume in January

JANUARY 11TH (Saturday)
Chapter Mtg 9:00 donuts/coffee.
10:00 mtg Carlile's Hangar

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Upcoming Chapter Meeting:

Joel Hargis, Guest Speaker "Flying Into Challenging Airports In Florida"

Join us December 14th, 9:00 donuts; 10:00 mtg. at the Carlile's hangar for the next meeting. Our guest speaker will be Joel Hargis. .who also spoke to our group in January 2024. Mr. Hargis is an instrument rated private pilot with over 2000 hours, a former President of the Leesburg EAA Chapter 534 for 10 years, a volunteer for the Florida's Aviation Network as a Host for Sun 'n Fun, a Field Reporter and developer of the "Teaching Youth Aviation" and "Veteran Flyers" remote series. Mr Hargis' presentation will highlight unique situations on landings and departures of several airports in Florida. This talk will count as a "WINGS" Seminar.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHAPTER MEMBERS

NOVEMBER 2024

Michael & Margaret Khoury
Eldon "Skeeter" & Holly Bell
Richard Wyeroski



2025 CHAPTER DUES TO
BE COLLECTED AT
DECEMBER 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 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

CHAPTER ELECTIONS to be held at DECEMBER MTG

Normally the Chapter holds Executive Board elections at the
October meeting, but due to lots of reasons, it had to be pushed
to December. We have some wonderful volunteers who have
stepped up to complete the proposed slate of officers for
2025-2027. Voting will take place at the December 14th meeting.

President: Bruce Cynamon

Vice President: Janette Carlile

Secretary: Jolene Near

Treasurer: Patti Stahr

Membership: Julie Dane



It's a GO!
Chapter 1236 Young Eagles Event
December 7th.

Bob Kircher, the Young Eagles Lead for Chapter 1236, said that
everything is a GO for this upcoming event for the young aviators.
(This was rescheduled from September when there were weather
issues.) This event will be held at the Carlile Hangar. The forecast
calls for great weather and lots of memories to be made. HERE ARE
THE DETAILS:

25 kids registered to participate; 5 on the waitlist.

9 registered pilots to fly the kids

13 ground volunteers registered to help with the event.

SET UP & BRIEFING: 8:00 AM

FIRST FLIGHTS BEGIN: 9:00 AM

EVENT COMPLETED BY: 1:00 PM

MILESTONES FOR OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS. CONGRATULATIONS!



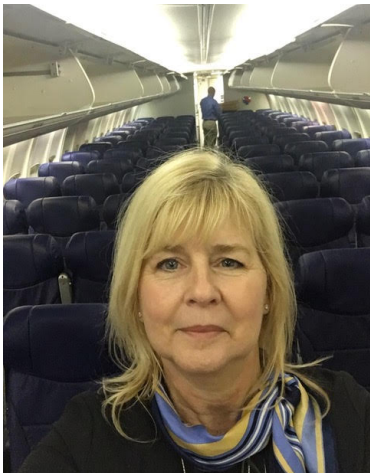
Capt. Chris Durbin (2022)

Capt. Chris Durbin celebrated his 20th year at JetBlue recently. He started out at CCAir at 23 years old. He then went on to Pan Am in 1990 and opened up the Miami base. When Pan Am went under, he was manager of training & chief pilot at an airline in Hawaii. He then moved on to World Airways on an MD 11, followed by America West and then JetBlue 2004. CONGRATULATIONS, Chris!



Chris and wife, Billie, with a PanAm jet. 1990ish

Chapter Member, Joy Ayer-Smith, Retires from Southwest Airlines after 23 years... Congratulations, Joy!



As a flight attendant, Joy was based in Orlando for most of her career.

In early 2001, Joy attended a Job Fair held by SWA in Ft. Lauderdale for flight attendant positions. Greg, her husband, already had an interview for a pilot's position. Both Joy and Greg got hired in March of 2001 and they enjoyed their careers with Southwest Airlines together until Greg retired in 2021 and most recently Joy's retirement November 29, 2024.

Joy said that while the job wasn't always easy dealing with the public, she was thankful that there were far more pleasant passengers than difficult ones. She's worked with many fun and amazing people over the 23 years and they will be missed.

Joy said that her retirement won't lead her to a lazy boy anytime soon. She and Greg have a full and busy retirement life together.



Joy's "new hire" photo from 2001



Joy and some SWA friends...

TOYS IN THE TOY BOX



Chapter Member, Don Bartlett, recently acquired a Cessna 182 that will need some TLC. Don is the perfect person to tackle this project - it will be flying in no time.



Some assembly required. . .



Chapter Member Anita De Villegas is enjoying her new toy . . . a Lockwood drifter on Puddle Super amphibious floats



Anita lands perfectly on the runway at Loves Landing. She recently had John Stahr, aviation graphic artist, design and paint her new "Toy". Will share photos in January newsletter issue.



Chapter Member, Howard Farley, is being congratulated by pilot examiner, Franklin Burbank, after passing his Sport Pilot check ride. Note Howard's new "Toy in the Toy Box": a Tecnam P2008.
CONGRATULATIONS, Howard!

KUDOS to Chapter Member, Jeff Tensfeldt Who Now Reigns as a 2024 STOLcross Champion



Jeff Tensfeldt and his Highlander

In October each year, in the beautiful hills of western North Carolina, there was a weekend gathering of dozens of backcountry pilots from throughout the southeastern US. Hosted by Billy Payne, airplane builder and dealer for Just Aircraft, the weekend included Plane Fun Games like limbo, bomb drop, balloon pop contests and the highlighted event - the STOLcross competition.

This year, Jeff flew his Black & Gold Highlander to the event and Leanne drove the small mobile home along with their German Shepherd, Teva. For the STOLcross competition, the weather was sunny and a little windy. Jeff, the 2023 defending STOLcross champion at this event, competed in the Advanced course.



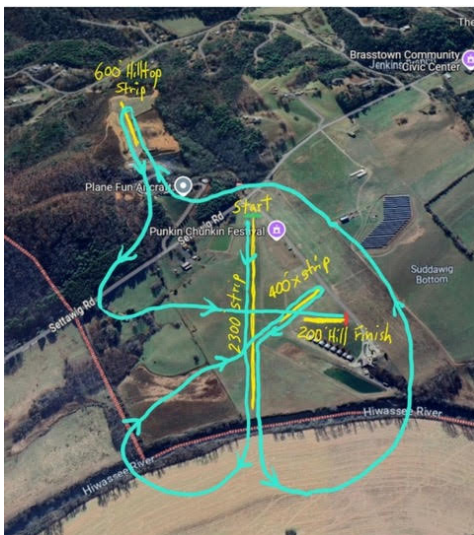
Jeff competing

It started with a measured short takeoff from the 2300' strip, crossing the river and going through the gap of trees, and required a steep right turn and slip to the 400' cross strip. A quick turn at the end and back into the air for a hard left turn back over the river and through the tree gap and up to the 600' hilltop strip. Getting there the fastest way possible gives the pilot a nice challenge to slow down and land, turn around with enough space to take off again, and then dive down the hillside, turn and slow down again with a wicked slip, and configure to land across the line near the bottom of the 200' hill at the finish, with a measured landing there.

The total flying time from start to finish (under 3 1/2 min. is good), plus the measured takeoff and landings (1 ft. = 1 sec) are added together and the lowest score wins. Jeff took the title again this year with a **COURSE RECORD!**
CONGRATULATIONS, JEFF!

Below is a YouTube Link for a video of the 2023 STOLcross event at The Plane Fun Days.

https://youtu.be/Gey_PlvOJmI?si=4RpQxBaApvxl7bf



The course as described above

Chapter Members, John & Patti Stahr host an Aircraft Art Gallery Show

John Stahr invited his Aviation Graphic Art clients to a reunion of sorts. John had designed and painted these flying works of art. His front yard & driveway was a wonderful gallery of aviation artwork.



Patti & John Stahr...& Buzzy



Tailgate depicts all of client's "Toys"...



The fellas wearing John Stahr's custom designed aviation shirts. . .



John Stahr customized Mike Ricketts' guitar to match his RV



Frank McMullan's helicopter...

WINGS AND A MAP. . .

CROSS COUNTRY WITH CHAPTER MEMBERS,



Roberta and Mike start off on their really excellent adventure in their RV 9.



Visiting with chapter members, the Morings in Illinois.



In Ohio, Roberta & Mike visit with Chapter members, Terri & Bob Hull. Terri is a fellow NetJet pilot with Mike.

In September, Mike & Roberta Ricketts went on a 16+ day cross-country adventure to visit family and friends.

Their route took them to Jackson, Tennessee to visit Mike's family. They then winged their way to the Smokey Mts of Tennessee for a few days with friends. After that, they flew on to Columbus, Ohio, where they spent time with more good friends. A few days later, they moved on to Lena, Illinois to visit The Morings. They then headed to South Carolina to hang out with friends and to do a little boating. From there they flew to visit Mike's family again in Tennessee before heading back to Florida. Flying to Florida from Tennessee was a bit dicey with nasty weather ahead, They got as far as Perry Airport in Macon, GA. It appeared that they would be "stuck" there, BUT as fate would have it, Bruce & Cindy Cynamon were driving back to Florida from North Carolina via I 75 and were within minutes of being able to pick Roberta up at the FBO. It took Mike 3 days, 2 nights to make it back to Loves Landing...safe and sound.



Mike (second from right) played with his musician friends in Ohio.



Checking out a Bombardier Challenger 350 jet . . . Their friend was the pilot.



Jackson, Tennessee...the Ricketts' first stop.

Chapter Member,
Jamie Macpherson,
continues with his pilot training...



Jamie earned his High Performance endorsement in this Cessna 182T in Jacksonville. (September)

WINGS AND A MAP. . .
with Jamie Macpherson
trip to Arizona (October)



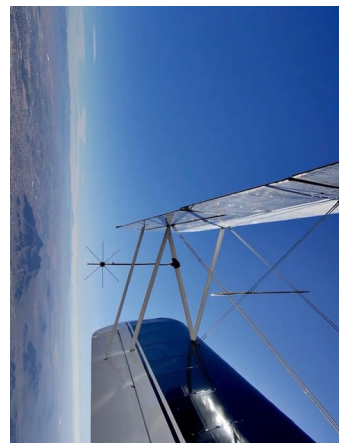
Jamie volunteered as a museum docent at the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa, AZ.



Jamie flew cross country Chandler (KCHD) to Payson (KPAN). Said he found the best banana cream pie in his life there.



He earned his Glider PPL on this trip.



He also completed an aerobatics and upset recovery course in a Waco Great Lakes out over the desert.

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 Bruce Cynamon with names and contact info:
CynamonB@aol.com

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:

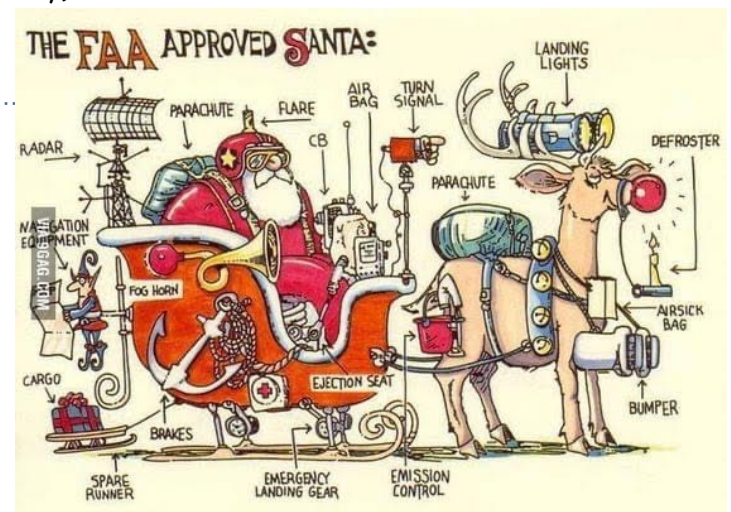
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CHAPTER 1236 TOOL BIN

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)

UPDATE: The prop balancer has arrived !



**The next 7 pages covers the wonderful details and memories of Wings Over Weirsdale
Enjoy!**

WINGS OVER WEIRSDALE. . . A RECORD BREAKING SUCCESS!

The Chapter's annual Fly In, held on November 2nd, was a resounding success due in large part to our 80+ chapter volunteers and their Leads. Bob & Maria Tracy (Honorary Chapter members) again delivered on the most delicious pulled pork at any Fly In.

This was a record breaking year due to selling 445 lunch tickets (last year was 432). Estimates are around 600 visitors at the Fly In. Gorgeous weather, great food, wonderful volunteers, unique entertainment, wide variety of aircraft from all over helped to make this Fly In a successful and memorable event for the Chapter.

Howard Eskildsen, from Ocala, created this 8 min. video of our Wings Over Weirsdale. . .Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/eIDKgRrtW0I>



THE FLY IN BY THE NUMBERS:

- 100 + aircraft
- 60 cars from Corvette & Convertible Clubs
- 300+ cars parked inc. 50 motorcycles.
- 445 lunch tickets sold
- 600+ attendees (estimate)
- \$425 50/50 donation.
- \$159 donation from John Stahr raffle
- \$6000 cleared after expenses
- 16 dozen donuts
- 45 pork butts (376 lbs)
- 140 lbs of potato salad
- 36 boxes of cornbread mix (432 muffins).
- 100's and 100's of homemade desserts.
- AND A WONDERFUL BONUS. . .
- 3 Fly In attendees became Chapter members!



As an added bonus, Hans Nordsiek, world renowned pilot and storyteller, entertained all the attendees alongside his 1943 Boeing Stearman... "Old Crow". He was a hit with the crowd and we hope he will return next year.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER"

In addition to the 80+ volunteers, this Fly In was a success directly because of our special "Friends of the Chapter" businesses.

Heather Oaks Farm: Bob & Maria Tracy brought their custom made smoker and cooked 45 pork butts for 12+ hours overnight next to the hangar. They are the reason so many visitors come back to our Fly In - the pulled pork is legendary.

Signature Homes: They provided the much appreciated porta potties for the event.

Brad Winkler & Battery Boys: Brad brought a "squadron" of golf carts to be used as shuttles for the pilots & public and "Follow Me" vehicles for airplane parking.

Bob Rolfe's Lifestyle Reflections: Maintained Chapter Website to promote the Fly In.

Lima Bravo Aviation Insurance: Gave a donation to go towards operating expenses.

FRIDAY'S PREPARATIONS There was so much to do!



Set up started Friday afternoon



Bob Tracy's custom homebuilt smoker. . .



Friday afternoon, Linda mixed up the secret ingredients for the "magic rub". The specialized Butt Rubbing team prepared the pork for the smoker.



Mike - the Butt rubbin' task master



Bill, Byron & Gary prepared the Butts for rubbing. . .



Bob (who stayed up all night with Bob Tracy) and Jeff rubbed the butts with the magic ingredients. . .





On Friday afternoon, Bob Tracy carefully loaded the smoker with the port butts.



The Smokin' Hot Butt Rubbin' team. . Byron, Bob, Bill, Bob, Linda, Jeff, Mike, & Gary



These guys are having too much fun using a drill to "pull" the pork butts

SATURDAY Fly In Day!



The secret to keeping the shredded pork moist.



Many volunteers such as Julie & Tricia, had an early "get up" getting the lunch menu ready.



Cindy and Roberta wore many "hats" throughout the day...as so many volunteers did. Many did 2 or more jobs over the 2 days.

More Fly In Memories. . .



Barbara and Sue made sure there was coffee to go with the donuts



Nothing compares to our dessert table...it's legendary



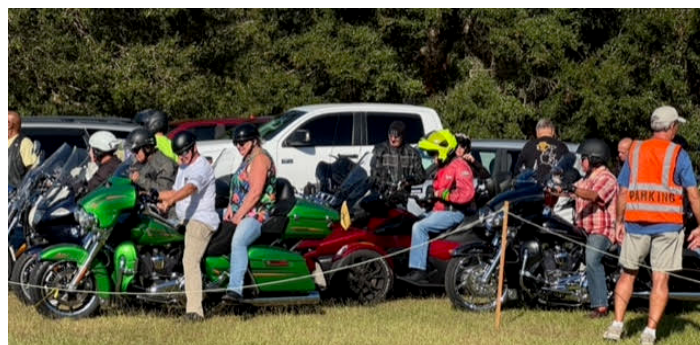
Two car clubs from the Villages attended and the motorcycle groups happened to be driving by and pulled in to check everything out.



The Lunch Ticket Sales crew. . .



The 50/50 Ticket Sales crew. . .



The lines looked long, but the wait wasn't. Visitors raved about how organized and quick the food service line went.



Chuck was one of the many volunteer shuttle drivers

The Day's Not Over!



The Food Service Line was so organized. . .and quick!



The Hangar seated about 200 diners. . .



The Air Boss' perch along the runway. . . we also had public viewing tents so folks could see the airplanes land.



Patti at their raffle booth - hubby, John Stahr, donated several paintings and prints for the raffle. They raised \$159!

Winding Down after a Hugely Successful Fly In. . .



Brian and Jay getting ready to take trash to the dump.



Volunteer Jolene Near celebrated her birthday.



Volunteers were invited to Chill and Relax in the Pilots' Lounge after the Fly In

It was the 10th anniversary of the Carlile's hosting a Post Fly In Gathering. About 35 folks stopped by for drinks, snacks, and leftover desserts. A new keg of Yuengling was tapped and we all kinda chilled and basked in the aftermath of a successful event.



Trica and Janette...had to tap that keg of Yuengling!



Wrapping up After a very Long Day.



Patti Stahr with her visiting friend, Debra Howard, who painted the visiting WW2 "Old Crow" Stearman owned by Hans Nordsiek



Bobby B and John enjoying a few laughs and relaxation. . .



Poor Brian. . . This photo reflects how each of the volunteers felt at the end of two very long days. . .
Recharge, Brian...we do this again next year!