

*Next Chapter Meeting April 27, 2019 +* FAAST presentation *9:00AM KLEE Admin Building* 

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## President's Message

The past month has been loaded with many aviation activities for Chapter 534. We had a great Young Eagle day where the kids had the option to fly twice. They each got the usual fixed wing flight but also had the option to fly in a jet helicopter with Hans Vosseler. Even a couple of our members got a ride in some empty seats. The Youth Program with the help of our Hangar Monkeys got the wings attached to the Mini Max and it is now ready to sell, quite an accomplishment! We attended and cooked breakfast for the Tavares Seaplane Palooza. We had a very good turn-out for that and the Chapter made quite a few dollars for our efforts. Lastly, Sun n Fun was this month. Many of our members attended, volunteered and worked in one way or another. Special kudos to a couple members, Ted Luebbers with the help of his wife Joan were asked to write for General Aviation news for the week of Sun n Fun and produced many articles highlighting the many special people and events there. Arnold Holmes was asked by the FAA to speak on the inspection and getting an airworthiness certificate for experimental aircraft. I am told that went very well and has already been asked to do it again next year.

Whew! So much fun and so little time! I hope to see everyone soon. *Joel* 

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

04/20/19 - Young Eagles 9:00 + Youth program 11:00-2:00 w/lunch 04/27/19 – Monthly meeting / FAAST Team member Mark Lowery will be giving a talk on "Aging Aircraft" 05/18/19 - Young Eagles 9:00 + Youth program 11:00-2:00 w/lunch 05/25/19 – FLYING START PROGRAM - for adults! 06/29/19 – Monthly meeting / please send suggestions to Paul, or volunteer to present! 07/27/19 – Monthly meeting / may need decision about having a meeting this month.



Have you ever decided not to do a run-up because you just flew a few minutes ago? Certainly not!

I have had single brake failures (3) times in 40 yrs and fortunately all three showed up during preflight run-up. The plane would just spin in circles, this is especially true on grass where brakes are not usually used with taildraggers on your way to the runup area. Can be embarrassing at runup and very dangerous on landing.



# EAA Chapter 534 Meeting minutes

March 30, 2019



The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:11 am. Guest Bruce Iverson introduced himself. Air Force vet from Maine now living in Florida.

#### **CAP Presentation - Captain Peter Donofrio**

CAP Captain Donofrio addressed the Members present about the activities of the CAP squadron on the field. He also made a pitch for pilots to join as he's currently the only rated pilot in the Squadron. This presents a problem with providing "Orientation" rides for Cadets and also hurts prospects of the Squadron getting an aircraft based at Leesburg. He is asking for C172/C182 rated pilots who do not need to be IFR rated to join the Squadron and help with a current backlog of "O" rides. Pilots must have 200 hrs + 1 hr. check-ride (like BFR). There are other missions to be flown as well, which have some other requirements. Can have Basic-Med medical. Please let him know if you're interested. The Squadron meets every Tuesday evening at 6 pm. at the Admin building.

## **Approve Minutes**

MM&S and previous minutes approved.

## Treasurer Report & Outstanding Dues – Mark Banus

-Shares \$262.17, Project Fund \$296.39, Money Market \$6252.19, Checking \$2463.36. He received another \$50 from The Villages Aviation Club, and donation of a \$50 Publix card.

-Mark also asks members to pick up any outstanding name tags. After MM&S, report approved.

-Joel asked that Mark sort the Member Roster for those with paid or unpaid dues so Joel can send a letter out and remind those that are unpaid. The rough count is 65 people unpaid. If you're one of them, please get your \$20 in to Mark. Dues may be sent directly to the Chapter at 8701 Airport Blvd., Ste 103, Leesburg, FL. 34788. Please be sure to include your current name and address, contact phone and email so the roster can be updated.

## **Activity Report - Paul Adrian**

-Paul advises that we lost money on the Bowden splash-in lunch on 2/24. There were 8 aircraft present and estimated 25-30 people including Chapter volunteers. There was discussion about whether or not we would agree to do the lunch next year without some sort of minimum donation. No formal decision but the subject will come up again. Feel free to send comments to any Board member if you have them.

-Tavares Seaplane-A-Palooza is on this weekend at Tavares sea plane ramp and pavilion. Chapter is doing breakfast for Pilots and their guests tomorrow (Sunday) morning. Set up starts 8 am., serving at 9 am. Volunteers welcome! The weather should be good and we should do all right as Tavares City buys the food. Our donation boxes will be on each table.

-Sun-N-Fun starts Tuesday 4/2 and runs thru 4/7. A number of Members will be camping out for a few days or the whole week. Paul Adrien will be hosting his annual Chili Bash on Thursday night the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for any Members that are available. The chili is great and it feels good to sit down after a long day of walking the show.

-4/27 FAAST Team member Mark Lowery will be giving a talk on "Aging Aircraft" at our meeting.

-5/25 We'll be putting on the previously delayed Flying Start Program and flying participants afterwards. Max 15 adults flying. -6/29 OPEN, please send suggestions to Paul, or volunteer to present!

-7/27 OPEN, may need decision about having a meeting this month.

# Young Eagle Report – Next April, 20th, & May, 18th, Jodie

-Last week the Chapter YE program flew 15 Young Eagles! Thanks to the generosity of Hans and his helicopter and our group of fixed-wingers, all the Young Eagles got a ride in both types of aircraft, as well as a few of our Older Eagle adults and volunteers. A good time was had by all, thanks to everyone.

-Next YE fly day is 4/20. Jodie says she already has 10 YE's signed up. She'd like more YE's in this group as we'll be approaching our summer shutdown soon. Please let her know if you have YE's in mind or a group or other.

-5/18 is last YE fly day before summer break. Jodie has 20 YE's signed up already.

-Jodie also advised that Love's Landing has transferred their YE money credits from National, \$125 to our Chapter! Along with the \$395 credits we currently have, we need ideas on how to spend about \$500+ on our YE programs. If you have ideas, please contact Jodie and let her know. Any credits not spent by year end expire. A great big thanks to Love's Landing for their generosity!!

- Discussion was had concerning getting more first time Young Eagles involved along with our existing group of YE's for our flying. There is no problem with existing YE's flying more than once, but if we're going to grow our numbers we need to also find new Young Eagle candidates to join in the fun! Boy and Girl Scouts, Church Groups, STEM programs, friends? Think about ways to grow our total numbers flown and let Jodie know. It's good for all of us.

# Youth Group Report – John Weber

-John proposed to the group that we put the MiniMax up on Barnstormers for a 5,000 donation to our 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization (Our Chapter). There was discussion about the pricing and agreement that the number sounds like a good one. He also proposed we pay our local DAR for his services doing the needed inspection on the MiniMax to determine airworthiness. Both proposals were approved by voice vote.

-Frank McCutcheon has made the Board aware of a potential donation of a 1940 Taylorcraft project located in Tavares. A few of the Members will be having a look at it as early as tomorrow after the breakfast at Tavares seaplane base. More about this next month.

-John Weber has been communicating with EAA National about Youth Programs since before starting ours. He is in regular contact with them and other chapters trying to make our program better. Adding to that is Ted's ability to get articles about out Chapter published all over the place. So much so that EAA National recently asked John to come to Airventure this year and join a forum talking about Youth Programs! Way to go guys! We look forward to hearing about John's Airventure *-Adventure* after he returns.

#### Hangar Report - Mini Max, BD-6 - Mike Smolen

-Mike reports the MiniMax is close to finished. The right wing in installed and the left one should be able to be reinstalled during today's Youth Program after our meeting. Then it's time to start working the small details remaining before it's ready for inspection.

-The PVC framing for the flight sim is complete except for painting which will be done shortly. It looks good and should be helpful in placing the controls in more natural positions for the users. Nice work Mike.

-The Air Camper is doing well and we expect the wing spars to be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks. Some additional ribs have been put together and the crew is working the landing gear over so the fuselage can be put on wheels soon.

-The BD-6 is currently on hold waiting for clarification of some plan dimensions by Bede Aircraft. Steve Tilford hopes to have a conversation with the Bede people at Sun-N-Fun this next week to try and resolve some of the confusion.

#### **Old Business**

Mateo Colmenero was chosen by the Chapter to be our first Ray Scholarship candidate for this year. He is one of four excellent candidates who will also be considered for next year, or any additional scholarship money that may be available later this year. Members of the Chapter will be supporting Mateo and his parents along the path towards receiving this scholarship and achieving his pilot's license. Congratulations to Mateo, and the Colmenero family.

#### **New Business**

- Flying club. Stan Carpenter feels that the chapter can form an alliance with the village flyer's so we don't have to re-invent the wheel regarding a flying club. They have a recently acquired a Beech Skipper for training based at Leesburg Airport. He suggested we think about it.

John Weber presented John Minatelli with a framed Certificate of Achievement for completion and successful first flight of his 750 Cruizer aircraft. Congratulations John!

There being no further business before the Membership, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:37 am.

All errors or omissions are the property of the author. Please advise changes or corrections.

Respectfully,

Steve Tilford Secretary



#### Note from Newsletter Editor:

There has been some interest in my posting Classifieds in the newsletter and I am happy to do so with the following guidelines:

- Must be aviation related
- Photo helpful
- Brief description
- Price
- Contact name/number/email
- Send to harpaq@hotmail.com

# FLY-OUT ACTIVITIES & places to eat

(Always call to be sure of event or to make reservations)

#### **Reoccurring Events:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sat – Albert Whitted Airport (SPG), St Petersburg. Airport Preservation Society fly-in pancake breakfast. 727-822-1532 or awaps.org.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat – Space Coast Regional Airport (TIX), Titusville. Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum ramp. Pancake breakfast with omelet station, 8-11 a.m. RSVP at least 2 days prior with number in party. \$8 free museum admission for fly-in pilots and passengers. 321-268-1941 or vacwarbirds@bellsouth.net.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat - Sebring, FL – EAA 1240 Pancake breakfast (863) 273-0522 or jhr@strato.net

**3**<sup>rd</sup> **Sat** - Valkaria Airport (X59). EAA and airport association-sponsored breakfast. 8 -11 a.m. \$5. Steve Borowski: 321-952-4590 or steve.borowski@brevardcounty.us.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sat** – Flying W Air Ranch (9FL1), Bushnell. 8-11 a.m. EAA Chapter 1489 pancake breakfast. Steve Bensinger: 352-235-9598 or foolzinfo@flyingfoolz.org.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat – Live Oak Airport (24J). Regular 2nd Saturday fly-in breakfast. 8:30 a.m.

#### **Fly-out Restaurants:**

Ocala **OCF** – Tail Winds Café (352) 873-3211 Bartow **BOW** – Re-opened NEW Cedar Key **CDK** – call cab on 122.9 (Judy) many choices for dining Crystal River **CGC** – Olive Tree Restaurant (352) 563-0075 Everglades **X01** – Triad Seafood, great stone crabs (239) 695-0722 Deland **DED** – Airport Restaurant and Gin Mill (386) 734-0722 Flagler **XFL** – Highjackers (386) 586-6078 (lunch and dinner) Lakeland **LAL** – Hallback's Grill (863) 937-8900 New Smyrna Beach **EVB** – Airgate Café (386) 478-0601 Ormond Beach **OMN** – River Bend Golf Club (386) 675-0893 St. Augustine **SGJ** – Call FBO (800) 840-1995 -buy gas get courtesy car Williston **X60** – Pyper Cub Restaurant (352) 528-0376 Winter Haven **GIF** – *Great food* Tampa North **X39** – Happy Hangar Café (813) 973-3703

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