

# EAA CHAPTER 534

Newsletter

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## Chapter Business Report:

### Projects Report:

**Piet Project** –Charlie Schnitzlein-we are still making progress- slow steady progress. We still have several tasks that need to be finished up. He and Paul met with Linda (Larsen). The family wants to sell the airplane. We will complete the plane up to the point of inspection. It will then be sold as a project. It will be listed on Barnstormers/ Brodhead Pietenpol Association.

### **Old Business:**

- The state corporate report has been finished and sent in.
- Our EAA national report/ insurance has been taken care of.

## *Press Release 3/12/16*

### **EAA Chapter 534 Repaints Leased Hangar at Leesburg International Airport**

by Ted Luebbers

EAA Chapter 534 based at the Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg, Florida spruced up their leased hangar during a two day, three man project under ideal Florida painting weather.

This project started with power washing the steel hangar, priming it, then spraying on the haze gray paint to match the other airport structures.

Under the heading of, neighbors helping neighbors, Brainerd Helicopter who has a large presence at the airport, loaned the EAA chapter the use of a fork lift with a gated platform that could be moved up and down to aid the painters. This was much safer than trying to use a ladder and reduced the chance of any accidents.

The EAA chapter volunteers for this project were Steve Barber, from Howey-In the Hills (#1119638),

Stacy Murdock (#39333) from the Villages and Steve Tilford (#251963 ) also from the Villages. The Paint was donated by Jodie Soule (#1086176) from Fruitland Park, FL. the President of Chapter 534.



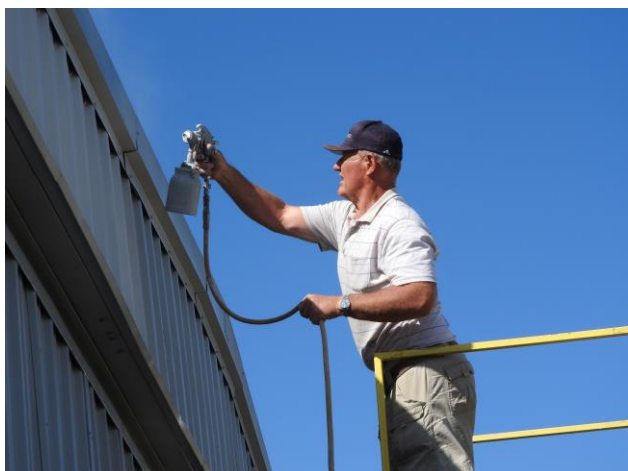
The tireless EAA Chapter 534 volunteers for the painting project are Stacy Murdock, Steve Tilford , both from the Villages,FL. and Steve Barber from Howey-In-the-Hills, FL.



Steve Barber and Steve Tilford consult about the operation of the paint sprayer.



Brainerd Helicopter, maker of the Firehawk Helicopter, loaned EAA Chapter 534 their fork lift with a gated platform that could be moved up and down making the painting project easier and safer.



Steve Barber shows off his spray painting skill.



Stacy Murdock mixes paint and cleans one of the paint sprayers.

Many thanks to Steve Barber, Steve Tilford and Stacy Murdock for all their hard work cleaning and painting the hangar!

*Press Release 2/29/16*

### **Lake County Scouts Earn Aviation Merit Badge with The Help of EAA Chapter 534**

By Ted Luebbers

Boy Scouts from all over Lake County, Florida earned their Aviation Merit Badge with the help of the EAA Chapter 534 of the Experimental Aircraft Association at a weekend camp out at the Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg, Florida. The Scouts arrived at the airport on Friday night February 26, 2016 to set up their tents adjacent to the flight line and would attend classes on Saturday February 27 and 28 and break camp about mid-day on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Seventy-nine Scouts and 29 Scout leaders attended the aviation campout. Boy Scout troops from Leesburg, Mount Dora, Eustis, Tavares and Fruitland Park, all from Lake County pitched their multicolored tents on the grass near the EAA 534 hangar. Four Scouts were also on hand all the way from Tampa, Florida

Saturday started out with a ground school course geared to the requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge taught by Steven Barber of EAA Chapter 534. Steve is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and a career pilot with the U.S. Air Force and American Airlines. He prepared a syllabus for the scouts with the merit badge requirements, a work book to use during the course and basic ground school information they could use as a reference.

EAA Chapter 534 pilot volunteers turned out with fixed wing aircraft and a five passenger helicopter to fly Young Eagles in order to give many of these Scouts their first flight in a general aviation airplane. Afterwards they were given an EAA Young Eagle Certificate acknowledging their completion and a log book with their flight recorded by their EAA pilot. Some of the scouts actually had the opportunity to take the controls of the plane under the watchful eye of their EAA pilot.

During the day Scouts were given the opportunity to practice some of the flying skills learned on a flight simulator set up in the hangar. They also had two special tents set up to work on the Boy Scout Weather and Astronomy merit badges.

EAA chapter 534 has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America for several years to help them with the Aviation Merit Badge by providing instructors, an airport venue and volunteer pilots to give them a flying experience.



A syllabus was prepared by EAA Chapter 534 instructor, Steve Barber, for each scout that had information about the Aviation Merit Badge, a work book to be completed and a basic ground school text.



Scouts spent two nights camped out at the Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg ,FL



Scouts get ready to board the 5 passenger helicopter for a Young Eagles Flight.



Parker Allen of Troop 143 from Fruitland Park, Joel Hargis, EAA Chapter 534 Pilot and Wyatt Gantz of Troop 250 from Eustis, FL. Joel shows the scouts how to check for contaminated fuel in the airplane.



EAA Chapter 534 pilot John Vizlay explains the action of the elevator and how it effects the movement of the airplane to Patrick Holms of Troop 143 from Fruitland Park, FL. and Vincent Hayes of Troop 250 from Eustis, FL.



Career pilot and EAA Chapter 534 ground school instructor, Steve Barber, explains how a jet engine works to the Boy Scouts.

### **EAA Chapter 534 made news on Aero News Network.**

The story about the Boy Scout Camp out at the Leesburg Airport and our assist with their Aviation Merit Badge is the next to last one as you scroll down through all the aviation articles posted for today.

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## Check it out!!

### Pearl Harbor-motivated pilot flies again



Jack Hallett and Orestes Lorenzo made the Salute section of the Daily Commercial today (Saturday 2/27/16 ) with a photo at the bottom of Section B-1. "WWII Fighter Pilot Flies L-39 Albatross"

Daily Commercial Link..... [Jack Hallett story](#)

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For more information, contact Bill Starkey: 502-548-7156 or email: [billssearey@yahoo.com](mailto:billssearey@yahoo.com).

**Chapter Meetings for March**

March 19<sup>th</sup>- Young Eagles!

March 26<sup>th</sup>-Our program will be on ADS-B.

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