

EAA CHAPTER 534

Newsletter

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Airport Manager's Update:

The Airport passed its major annual inspection. However, there are a few issues that need to be addressed. Some of them were already in progress. Others were pointed out by the inspector during previous inspections but never addressed properly.

The number of operations has decreased in the month of September along with the fuel consumption. Such lower numbers can be attributed to the season (summer has ended and seasonal travelers /residents are still to come from the north) and to uncertainties caused by the Federal government.

An Airport Fee's Resolution was approved and adopted by the City Commission on the October 14th meeting. The fees are in effect. However, the parking fees will be enforced starting November 15th. The project to clean the pond behind the Airport Administration building is on the bidding phase.

Blackbird Aviation Building's (Mr. Hans Vosseler) lease agreement was approved by the City Commission on the October 14th meeting.

Central Florida Avionics' lease agreement was approved by the City Commission on the October 14th meeting. Please congratulate them and we are glad to see them staying at LEE.

Security Fence and Automated Gates: The work is complete and the project is being closed

DATES TO REMEMBER

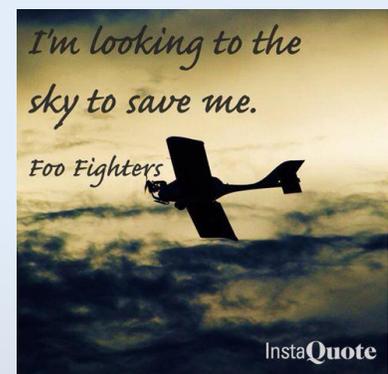


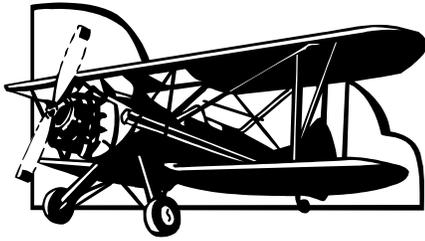
October 26th- Chapter 534 monthly meeting 9am. Club Crafters Light Sport Airplanes

Nov 10th- Tom Bowden's Searey Splashin 9am-4pm. Bowden's Landing

Nov 16th- EAA Chapter 534 Fly-in and Cook Out. KLEE. 9am

Dec 7th- EAA Chapter 534 Holiday Party. (See details on next page.)





Before I went to the Mess I made the excuse I wanted to get something out of my aero plane, and climbed into the cockpit; I did this, however, to be able to say good-bye to the old dear; and I really felt dreadfully sorry to part with her. I get very attached to aero planes, and I am one of those people who think that they aren't so inanimate as we are told they are.

— Charles Rumney Samson,
A Flight from Cairo to Cape
Town and back, 1931.

A MAN AND HIS PUPPY

(Our newest EAA
member...Joel Hargis's
Puppy...Pilot!)



EAA CHAPTER 534 2013 HOLIDAY PARTY

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Paul and Barbara Adrien are proud to have been invited to host our Chapter 534 Holiday Party again this year. This year's theme is "Here's the Beef." It will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 4:30 at their house: 2706 Grand Island Shores, Rd. Eustis. Call 352-483-4642 or 352-250-0055. Dinner will be followed by a "Chinese Auction" so bring a fun five dollar gift to swap. The cost for dinner is unchanged this year, still only 25\$/person. So we can plan, please send your check no later than November 9th to Ed Cihoski, 1004 Marilyn St, Fruitland Park, Fl 34731. (He will gladly accept 20\$ dues payments for 2014 at the same time.)

Come one, come all. It'll be a great time



Courage is the price that life exacts for peace.
The soul that knows it not knows no release from little things.
~Amelia Earhart

Member Profile

Lou Larsen

Lou Larsen has a very interesting background in aviation as in life itself. He was born and raised in Omaha Nebraska and at 86 years of age, has experienced quite a full and varied life. His aviation career started in the Navy, just out of high school. He was assigned to the Combat Air Crewman Program and trained as an Aviation Radioman, part of the aircraft crew.

He enlisted in the Regular Navy and then began civilian pilot training in Norfolk Virginia. He soloed but didn't complete his pilot training and was out of aviation for twenty years or so. Lou graduated from college in the meantime and joined the Univac Company as a Computer Engineer in the ICBM program, assigned to Denver Colorado in 1961.

He then took up flying again, this time earning his private pilot certificate in a 65 HP Cessna 120. He was then transferred to the Mid-Pacific and finished a graduate degree in industrial management. From Hawaii, Lou rejoined the Navy in the Civil Engineer Corp. He then served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

His next assignment was Washington DC. Lou then started his training for the

Certified Instructor, aircraft and instrument ratings. The Navy then uprooted Lou and sent him to Japan. He joined the Navy flying club there, flying T-34's.

The next assignment was Jacksonville Florida where Lou completed the CFI and CFII ratings. Lou flew out of the Jacksonville Navy flying club and instructed in various Cessna's, Pipers, and T-34's. In 1984, Lou moved to south Florida and purchased a Piper Clipper. He flew it for seven years but a ground loop accident prompted him to sell that airplane in 1991. He accumulated approximately 2000 hours flying time.

Lou joined EAA in the mid 70's and became interested in building a Pietenpol airplane. He later joined the Leesburg chapter and developed many lasting friendships. He was president of the chapter two or three times. He said that the current work to finish his airplane is an outstanding gesture and he fully appreciates it.

What came next was an interest in building a simple airplane with no radio or any electrical system. This is a turn-around for a man that first qualified as a Navy Radioman. He became acquainted with a builder in Sanford named Bud Rodgers. Bud encouraged him to build according to the original plans, including the Ford Model A engine and the large wheels.

The purchase of Sitka spruce was expensive so Lou decided to use carefully selected Douglas fir instead. He was meticulous in his selection based upon clear grain and weight of the wood. The result of his selectivity has provided wood that closely matches the properties of Sitka spruce. His final selections were from fir stock two by four's. He color coded the wood according to weight and ripped the wood to the dimensions that he needed. The spars were laminated utilizing 5/8 inch thickness pieces and putting the lighter wood in the center and the more dense wood on the outside laminates, thus creating an "I" beam effect.

Lou and his wife, Elinor (high school sweetheart) returned to the Orlando area in 1988, residing in Longwood, and worked as an engineer on expressway construction projects. He retired in 1995 and purchased a lot in the Deer Island area of Tavares. He and his wife designed their home in which they now live. They have been married 65 years and have children and grandchildren in Phoenix, Alaska, North Carolina and other venues.

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A CHEROKEE PILOT'S REVENGE



One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough for another one."

FROM THE HANGAR:

Lou, Charlie and Dale Cornelius. (Hidden-Dave Pierce)



UMATILLA BREAKFAST PHOTOS:

Chapter 534 had a great turnout. Thanks to all who came out and participated!



OCTOBER YOUNG
EAGLES RALLY
PHOTOS:

