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CIVIL AIR PATROL/EAA BUILDING, LEESBURG (FL) MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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APRIL MEETING Saturday, April 23rd, was the grand re-opening of X23, the newly refurbished Umatilla Municipal Airport where [EAA Chapter 534](#) served up its widely acclaimed Pancake Fly-in Breakfast. A forecast of thundershowers kept attendance to less than anticipated although Treasurer Roger Harper indicated that expenses were more than covered and excess proceeds have been duly credited to the Chapter's "kitty."



Umatilla could have used some EAA expertise in publicity and planning... there were no notices seen in the Lake Sentinel nor were there any EAA trademark blue "Oshkosh Phone Booths!" Further, no "Gators" flew-in although the FL Army National Guard's very nasty-looking BlackHawk helo created quite a stir.... of sand and dust... when it arrived.



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Thanks to all who helped make the X23 breakfast a success!

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MAY MEETING- This coming month's [EAA Chapter 534](#) get-together will be **a week earlier** than scheduled at 9 AM on Saturday, the **21st** of May at **Mike and Norma Cannon's** at the Flying Palomino Ranch, Micro Racetrack Road in Fruitland Park. Mike will present us with an update on his toils and tribulations with his Subaru-powered GlasAir, "**SuperRu.**" Mike's charming bride, Norma, will graciously provide refreshments.



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE EAA Chapter 534's Elections Committee will be meeting between now and the end of the year to assemble a slate of officers for this year's elections. We need volunteers and/or suggestions for candidates. The future of EAA Chapter 534 depends on it. Contact any member of the Executive Committee to volunteer yourself. Got *too many* friends? Volunteer one to the Elections Committee!

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All Hail (and some Ice Cubes) to the
REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS!

- MAY** Mike/Norma Cannon
- JUN John Weber
- JUL (volunteer needed) **HELP!**
- AUG (volunteer needed) **HELP!**
- SEP Charlie Schnitzlein
- OCT Bill Condermann
- NOV Lou Larsen
- DEC (Christmas Party- Roger Harper is the **major** contributor)
- JAN Jack Levering

Thanks to the above for volunteering for this very important aspect of our social calendar!

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A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIBE The Editor will be out of town for the May and June meetings and although he'll try to get the May issue roughed out before leaving, unless someone takes up the "**Baton of Blarney**," there will be no newsletter for June. He picked up this soggy bird (right) CHEAP and it's going to take a lot of "Speedy Dry" to get it back in shape. **APRIL FOOL!** Oops, it's May. **Sploosh!** →



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NEWSLETTER MATERIAL NEEDED By now you must have realized that the Chapter's wordsmith urgently needs *any* information about aviation events in the area, pictures and/or progress reports on *your* project, hints or tips, or anything which might be of interest to fellow EAA Chapter 534 members. Email them to the Newsletter Editor at



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← Jack McWhorter's Flea @ X23

THOMASVILLE (GA) FLY-IN Are you tired of BIG, overly commercialized fly-ins? Then it's not too early to start planning to attend **TVI's** October Fly-in. From LEE, fly a heading of 319° for 165.2 nm and you should have **TVI** beneath your nose. With two 5000' runways at right angles to each other,

even the *Editor* should be able to use a plane one more time! Or, you *could* drive... it's about 200 to 230 miles depending on whether you take I-75/I-10 or go the way this writer prefers, US 19 up the Nature Coast and around the Big Bend. Either way, it's then a straight shot up the Florida-Georgia Parkway through lovely Monticello, FL to Thomasville. Great **PEANUT BUTTER SHAKES** at the Dairy King in Perry! (1500 S Byron Butler Pkwy, US 19-27, 850.584.7531)

And the prices! Admission's **FREE**. Camping's **FREE** (no hook-ups, though). Showers are **FREE**. Tiedowns are **FREE**. Flight line access is **FREE**. The Aircraft Engine Museum is **FREE**. Shoot, even the boiled peanuts ("goobers") are **FREE!** There's no air show, but there *is* a spot-bombing contest. Sorry to have to say it, but these prices sure beat EAA three ways to Sunday! Everything except the food's **FREE** and it would be a foolish to pass up the **TVI** group's great Southern cookin'! For example, last year's menus:

Friday night: Southern Pork BBQ or BBQ chicken, Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert (14 layered cake), Tea and Coffee. Adults: \$10.00, children: \$5.00. **Saturday Night** Tossed salad, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Baked Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Dessert (14 layered cake), Tea and Coffee, same prices. **Saturday and Sunday Breakfast,** Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Grits, Bread and Drinks, Adults: \$6.00, children: \$3.00 There was a concessions area set up near the main terminal during the fly-in on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks were available.

TVI is one great, laid back, down home, grass roots type fly-in and the only thing missing are turf runways. [EAA Chapter 534](#) has been well represented in the past and will, I'm sure, be in evidence again in '05. After all, we



know a good thing when we see it! Check it out at



www.thomasvilleflyin.com/ (At the time of this writing,

'05 dates were not yet posted.) "mean" chili lunch, too! Green yellow planes, and Barb's chili...

Hint: Barbara Adrian puts on a grass, airplane noises, blue sky, what more could you ask?



← gorgeous Swift @ X23

Varga Kachina @ X23 →
1 of 2 in attendance!