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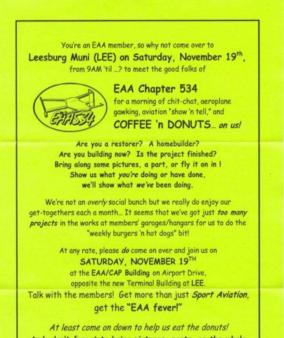
## **OCTOBER** Better than a dozen members of **EAA Chapter 534** gathered on the 22nd at the "**Lou Larsen Airplane Factory**" in the Shirley Shores

area of Tavares for a "show and tell" on Lou's Ford Model A-powered Pietenpol Air Camper. Lou gave the members an overview of

Bernie Pietenpol's enduring 1930s design, the then-popular Ford Model "A" conversion to aircraft use, and his own building process and experiences. The plane is impressive in its all-wood design and its size, particularly with its huge hunk of a cast-iron engine perched out front (sort of like "Snoopy" doing his buzzard



impression) and with that tall radiator ("Woodstock?") looking over its shoulder. Lou's workmanship and



At least come on down to help us eat the donuts! And, don't forget to bring pictures, parts, or the whole plane!

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attention to detail are no less impressive. When the Piet finally sees the full light of day and gets some air under its tires, Lou will justifiably be a very happy and proud builder. Very nicely done, Lou! Our thanks to you and Elinor for your hospitality.

**NOVEMBER EAA Chapter 534** has made a mass-mailing to all EAA members in the area to invite them to a social get-together on the occasion of our monthly Saturday morning meeting, but in this case, on the <u>THIRD</u> Saturday, the <u>19th</u>, *a*s the usual fourth Saturday falls on Thanksgiving weekend. Also invited will be the *Florida Flying Gators* and "Moseley's Marauders," the CAP. There will **COFFEE 'N DONUTS** and some members' planes/projects/pictures for inspection (*hint*, *hint!*). We're asking members and guests to bring and share information on, or a part of, their projects. Come on out, join the "Show 'N Tell" (*hint*, *hint!*), and help us recruit some new members. Two *valuable* door prizes will be given away... well, one valuable one, at least. Our EAA Chapter 534 nametags will be issued then.



kids out there, a candy drop.

**DECEMBER**, The **Flying Tiger Airport** (N29° 56' W82° 24', 122.9) at Worthington Springs, FL, will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Flyin with Free BBQ, oysters on the **3rd**, and for you

**DECEMBER** The annual **Christmas Dinner** Party, **Roger Harper**, Director, Producer, and Master of Ceremonies. **Café Stella** on US441 just east of SR19 (the old Shoney's). Pappy writes, "We are set for December **10th** at 6 P.M. at Cafe Stella. The cost will be \$14.95 plus 7% tax and 18% gratuity - somewhere close to \$18.87 depending whether they add the tax and do the gratuity on the total (which is what I expect)." Contact Roger at



<u>Rharper1713@wmconnect.com</u> ASAP. (You won't find better Italian anywhere! *Ed*.)



OSH '87 airshow "heavyweight," a lightly loaded 7-4 in slow flight.

**JANUARY** Program Chairman *Paul Adrian* has lined up a "rep" from *Castrol* for a presentation on aviation lubricants. *Refreshments: Bill Conderman* 

**ELECTIONS** officers will be installed at the January meeting. **Bill Howard** will replace Roger Harper who is going to take a wellearned retirement from his many years of faithful service as "Keeper of the Coins." The remainder of the officers have agreed to continue serving **EAA Chapter 534**. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Pappy!



"THIS ... IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING ... " Editorial comment by ... who else? The Editor

**THE CONTINUING INSURANCE SAGA** The Editor recently received a reply from the EAA insurance program's **Falcon Insurance** in response to his complaint to **HQEAA** that the rate being asked for simple liability on his even simpler "Jaybird" seemed preposterously out of proportion to the damage his tiny plane could inflict.

It is said, however, that no good deed goes unpunished and complaints of this sort are not made without a certain amount of risk... One might almost label it "Don't Mess With The Lone Ranger." Since he

apparently infuriated the perpetrators of this hoax called the "EAA Insurance Program," the Editor has been informed that insurance is now not available at <u>ANY</u> price. The reason given is that the underwriter, **Global Aerospace**, had had a policy of not insuring auto engines in aircraft unless they were built up by a engine conversion shop on their "approved" list, and Scott Casler, d.b.a. "**Morey Hummell Engines**," is not on that list. At any rate, it was said that Global recently went against their own policy and issued a policy on a nonapproved auto engine installation, the engine failed, and the pilot was "fatally injured." At this point, the Editor will quote from his reply to Falcon/Global/EAA:

"I require coverage for liability only; no medical, no hull, no passengers. Had this involved me and my single-place "Jaybird," where would Global Aerospace have any responsibility? The implication in your letter is that there was no property damage and no other life was lost. I fail to see how this is applicable in my case. My plane was destroyed and I died. So what?"

It appears that the writer is being singled out for "punishment" for having failed to knuckle under to extortionist demands and, further, having the audacity to question their "take it or leave it" offer. But, most of all, he dared to air his complaint outside the direct channels of communication of "supplicant" to "provider" by including HQEAA and Global Aerospace in his replies.

In short, it appears that EAA, Falcon, and Global are willing to write insurance on a "sure thing" and a policy on an "un-proven" engine conversion and requested by a smartass from Florida is not worth the risk. Funny, but the writer thought that is what insurance was all about, risk.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE BY OWNER/BUILDER** WJS "**Jaybird**" N735BS for sale by owner/builder. (4-cyl. VW power on a re-design of Wayne Ison's T.E.A.M. "AirBike") Single seat, EXPERIMENTAL. 41.1 TTAE. Day VFR. Reliable 4-stroke VW 1600 by Scott Casler (d.b.a. "Morey Hummell Engines"). Great Plains



induction system, Zenith carb w/ mixture control. "Armstrong" starter (hand prop). Custom wood, patented "SuprProp." Fan-driven Toyota Corolla alternator (no XPDR required). Gel cell battery. Voltmeter. Droop tips. Cub-type gear w/ brakes and 8.00x6 tires. 2 x 5 gal tanks. Glove box. FAA signed off. Time flown off. 60 kts cruise @

2900 rpm, 2.5 gph. "Sunbrella" wing, tail, engine/windscreen/panel, and prop covers. "Sunbrella" baggage tote. Includes BRS 750# "Smart" ballistic chute (mfr. recommended repack due). Logs/paperwork in order. Fresh condition inspection with sale. Offers will be entertained. Leesburg, FL. 787.9526 <u>schulznotee@yahoo.com</u>

**FREE VW CORE--** The VW "Type 1" engine core advertised last month has been donated to the Chapter for possible educational or chapter project use.