

# CAA534

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SEPTEMBER -- CAA534 enjoyed another "show 'n tell," this time with twice the fun, twice. Before adjourning to the ramp for ogle time, we had two interesting speakers. UCF student Christopher May told us about his senior Aero Engineering design team project, to design and build an ultralight by the end of the 2007-8 academic year. Members offered to provide guidance and assistance. May said he would send along a prospectus or project plan to the group for review. Fellow EAAer Jim Brown then described the construction of an "Europa" and a RV-7 and "wowed" us with their very impressive performance numbers.

SHOW TIME! Jim Brown brought his hot turbo-Rotax-powered mono-gear "Europa" for a look-see while his son Bob flew down from Leeward Air Ranch in Jim's other handiwork, the nicely executed tri-gear RV-7. As beautiful as it is, it is a workhorse; Bob uses the RV as personal transportation in lieu of commercial air to recording "gigs" in all parts of the country in his radio/tv "voice-over" announcer business.

## CAA534 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE --

Old business:

1. No further communication have been had with boys from UCF. We will wait for further communication before any action will be taken.
2. The October meeting will be at Phil Nagy's for a chapter visit.

3. The November meeting will be at Gator field for a pancake breakfast on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. Bill Howard will be checking out supplies for the breakfast.
5. Charlie (Schnitzlein) will be doing further checking on the interest for the Christmas party.
6. We will possibly need to find some additional storage space for some of the chapter things that are in hangars.

Joe Rawson (suffering from Alzheimer's) has a KR-2 that perhaps someone might be interested in purchasing.

(Respectfully submitted, John Weber, Secretary)

THOMASVILLE (GA) FLY-IN - Your editor made the trip to Thomasville by car and enjoyed what was probably the best TVI fly-in he's experienced to date. By his estimate, between 200 and 250





planes showed up in a glorious mix from a Lockheed "12", Cessna "Airmaster" and 195s, a Stinson "Detroit," the ubiquitous Boeing-Stearman PT-17s, and a Howard DGA up through Swifts, Ercoupes, ragwing Pipers, Taylorcrafts, and Aeroncas, a tri-tail Bellanca, and metal Luscombes, and Cessnas, to homebuilts and the latest of kitbuilts. Of course, the usual mix of 172s and PA-28s and their derivatives were also in evidence. [EAA Chapter 534](#) was represented by **Gary and Linda Paxton's** Grumman, **Paul Adrien's** Long-EZ and

former member Jack Barker's T'craft . Also there were a "Pietenpol," a "Christavia," a Spezio "Tuholer," and a Corben "Baby Ace" among other plans-built homebuilts. And, there was James and son John Dekle's aero engine museum, always worth some serious study time. Oh, and good ol' Southern-style 'bald' (boiled) peanuts. All **FREE!**

Weather was picture perfect. Daytime temps were comfortable, and nights conducive to good tent sleeping. Meals were outstanding with Italian-- lasagna/ravioli/garlic bread-- on Friday and delicious grilled chicken/BBQ on Saturday with ancillaries both evenings, all topped off by the **Thomasville Flying Club's** famous 17 layer ("one, two, three... yep, seventeen!") cake in three varieties plus the ever popular luscious 17 layer Red Velvet cake. Tea and soft drinks, too.

Although breakfasts were served, the editor did his usual *caffè latte* and "Stella d'Oro" breakfast treats Italian "camping-in-style" bit. Burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks were available during the day. And, except for meals, everything was **FREE** to anyone who attended. An absolutely first rate, enjoyable fly-in with perfect WX conditions this year. Select pictures will be shown prior to this month's meeting.

**EAA 534** **OCTOBER 27th** -- Our meeting will be at the home of [EAA Chapter 534](#) member Phil Nagy to see his Lancair project. We will meet at 9 AM. Directions-- From CR 44 between Leesburg and Eustis, turn North on South Fishcamp Road. The second left (~1/10 mile) is Biscayne Drive. Follow to 13316. (See map at left.)

**EAA 534** **UPCOMING MEETINGS** --

**November 10: Note DATE!** Pancake breakfast at Gator Field and Nominating Committee's list of officer candidates.

**December**, sunset, although elections must be held.

**January '08:** Young Eagles?



## THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

It's that time of the year again, time to renew your membership and to recruit other EAAers to join **EAA Chapter 534**. We also are in serious need of feedback from those who we don't see often enough: If you're not a member, why don't you join? If you are a member, why don't you come to meetings more often? What sort of meetings would you like to see/hear? Would you be more active if we had our own hangar or club headquarters? In short, what do you like and/or dislike about



**WARNING! Beware headwinds, tailwinds, crosswinds.**

**EAA Chapter 534?** Treasurer Bill Howard or another officer is available at all meetings to accept your dues or you could mail a check to him at 6035 Spring Creek Court, Mt. Dora, FL 32757 Please join us; we've got a great bunch of aviation enthusiasts and we'd love to hear about your flying or other aviation-related experiences.

**CORRECTION** -- "Thanks for the story. Just a minor correction. The airframe I built is a "Highlander" and my dog's name is Dax. We enjoyed seeing everyone and hope you will invite us back." (Email received from Lynn Gardner concerning the September **EAA Chapter 534** newsletter.)

**SORRY** -- Problems with the editor's computer hard drive (and his back-up system) have rendered photos from the last meeting inaccessible. The editor hopes to have recovered them in time for the next issue of the **EAA Chapter 534** newsletter.



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