

# EAA CHAPTER 534

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## EAA MEMBER PROFILE

PAUL ADRIEN

-Ed Odor

Paul Adrien, with a family history from Quebec, was born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts. In times past, Lynn was a shoe manufacturing center and later the General Electric Company established a large manufacturing complex with a huge presence. It became a GE company town. His father worked for GE for forty two years and Paul worked there a couple of summers during school years. Paul told me that the first US jet engine was manufactured by GE in 1942 in Lynn. As a youth, Paul built model airplanes, but his main interest was boating.

## Generator for Sale



It's a 5,000 Watt, 10 HP  
Tecumseh, 120 / 240  
Volt offered to chapter  
members for \$250 with  
proceeds donated to chapter.

## CHAPTER 534 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7th

6 PM

2706 Grand Island Shores Rd  
Eustis Florida 32726

Theme: "Here's the Beef"

Chinese Auction

## YOUNG EAGLES RALLY:

(Last one for 2013!)

Saturday December 21st

Paul graduated from the Massachusetts's College of Optometry in 1967 and soon joined the Air Force. He actually was notified of the award of his Doctorate degree while in basic training in Texas. He was assigned to Ellsworth Air Force SAC Base in South Dakota. He said that his first airplane ride was his Air Force trip from Wichita Falls to Dallas Texas to Ellsworth. He practiced Optometry in the Air Force for two years. He met and married a lady from South Dakota and upon leaving the Air Force, they moved to New Hampshire and Adrien opened a private practice in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Both he and his wife took flying lessons and earned their Private Pilot's license. Paul went on to earn his IFR, Commercial and Multi-Engine certificates there.

Paul first owned a Cessna 150 and later he co-owned a Piper Warrior. He became frustrated by not being permitted to work on his own airplane and investigated building his own. In April 1980 Paul purchased plans for the Rutan designed Long EZ which he 'finished' in December 1981, although N46AA first flew in March 24, 1982. He flew it to Oshkosh in July 1982. His was one of six of the design there. N46AA has been back to Oshkosh nine times since then.

In the early 80's there were three Long EZ's in the area of Lawrence, Mass. They got together and decided to form a demonstration team named Northeast EZ Flyers. They worked up a ten minute routine and practiced over a local drag strip that they used as a practice field. They asked for permission to give a demonstration at the Concord, New Hampshire airshow. This went well and they were invited to return. They did this every year until 1995 and for several years at other small air shows in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. One of the three members passed away. The remaining two planes did some two-plane demos for a while. Paul has been a member of two EAA Chapters, number 136 at Lawrence Massachusetts and Chapter 336 in southern New Hampshire. He was Secretary and later President of Chapter 336. Paul has been quite active in our Leesburg Chapter. For many years, he served as Flight Advisor. He actually brought that with him from New Hampshire. He serves also as Technical Counselor and according to the Young Eagles website has flown over 50 young eagle flights.

His association with Chapter 336 resulted in a community of friends that were focused more on flying than building. There were several couples that often flew to various locations. They went by the same name of Northeast EZ Flyers. On two occasions they went to the Keys and bare boat chartered a catamaran sailboat. Once they were invited to go to Hawaii to visit a friend's home there. He said that it went like this, "Come visit me in Hawaii." Not thinking that anyone would, but four couples took up the offer and went.

N46AA is now 32 years young and 'good as new'. He has overhauled his engine twice, the most recent, just last year, and has done other maintenance as needed. It now has 1940 hours on it and Paul has some 2,700 total hours logged.

Paul and his wife from South Dakota parted ways and subsequently Paul met and married Barbara, the sweet lady that we all know and love. I understand that Paul invited Barbara to go for an airplane ride. It went something like, "Oh, you have an airplane?" That was in 1985. In 1999 Paul and Barbara moved to Florida and purchased a home in Eustis, where they presently live and have welcomed our Chapter 534 at Christmas Parties on multiple occasions. Their hospitality is most gracious.

### YOUNG EAGLES-11/23/13



Another successful EAA Chapter 534 Young Eagles Rally was held last Saturday. We had a great group of kids and some great weather. And a milestone event in young Jason Fitzwater. A year and a half ago, he was a Young Eagle. Last Saturday he was one of Young Eagle Pilots! Congratulations Jason!



