



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 534

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MARCH MEETING- Saturday, March 26th, dawned with ominous clouds and a miserable weather forecast. Regardless, our meeting was held at the **Kimball Restoration** facility in Zellwood. Kevin Kimball showed us the **Pitts S-12** (right) scheduled for display at Sun 'n Fun. A huge and hugely beautiful pre-Boeing PT-17 **Stearman** (below right) in the latter stages of restoration drew rapt attention and was the subject of many



photos. The wheel pants (left) are nearly three feet tall and seven feet long. This plane's sheer size makes a Boeing-Stearman "Cadet" look like simply a large RC model!

Members who had planned to fly into Kimball's

field were forced to do it the "Hard IFR" way....
"Driving my car, **I Followed Roads.**"



The Chapter had an invitation to attend the **Love's Landing's fly-in and barbeque** following the session at Jim and Kevin Kimball's but only your intrepid scribe made the soggy trip from Zellwood to Weirsdale to represent the Chapter. There were no aircraft in evidence but that did not dampen the spirits of "just plane" nice people having a great time hangar flying and "chowing down" on some really great food. There was more than enough for everyone and, for a measly six bucks, if you went away hungry, it was not the fault of the food committee! Hot dogs, hamburgs, pulled pork BBQ, macaroni salad, soda pop (covered all bases there, didn't I?). Birthday cake, even! All that was missing was the sun and planes... and "534" members. Wait 'til next year!

APRIL MEETING- Our meeting this month will be on the occasion of the



Chapter 534 member William "Bill" Howard's DA-2A on roll-out at Mid-Florida (X55) airport in Eustis.

Umatilla Municipal Airport (X23) Grand Re-opening festivities and will be at X23 on the 23rd, the Saturday following Sun 'n Fun. "Moseley's Marauders," the Civil Air Patrol's Lake Composite Squadron, will be doing Opening Ceremonies Honor Guard duties in addition to their usual fine efforts in the parking of aircraft and autos. It is hoped that the weather will cooperate so that the Gators' ultralighters and other GA aircraft can fly in and park in neat rows for inspection by the general public. Invitations have been extended to local car and cycle clubs, too.

Your Chapter will host our usual, widely famous **EAA Chapter 534 Pancake Fly-In Breakfast (PFIB)** and members are urged to be at X23 by 0800 hours at the latest to assist in the culinary efforts at flap-jackery. The contractor for the rebuilding of the facilities at X23 is expected to provide a BBQ lunch. However, after a **PFIB**, it is not clear how many will be ready for lunch!

All in all, this is certainly an event worth celebrating, that of a small city's dedication to the revitalization of a General Aviation airport in this day of all too many airport closures. We urge all EAAers to fly in... it'll be well worth the excuse to go flying! Chefs and chef "wannabes" are urged to come and assist in making the **PFIB** worthy of its reputation.

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MAY MEETING - May's get-together will be at 9 AM on Saturday, the 28th of April at **Mike and Norma Cannon's** at the Flying Palomino Ranch, Micro Racetrack Road in beautiful Fruitland Park. Mike will give us an update on his progress-- and woes-- in connection with his Subaru-powered GlasAir. (With all of Mike's TLC and Norma's moral support in this ship, it is rumored that it will be named the "SuperRu" when all is said and done!) Norma will graciously provide refreshments.



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REFRESHMENT

VOLUNTEERS

FOR SALE Chapter 534 member William "Bill" Schulz's TEAM AirBike variant, the VW O-100 powered "Jaybird." 2.5 gph, 60 kt cruise at 2900 rpm. Open-air "biking" at its best. EXPERIMENTAL. 40.9 TTSN. Asking \$8500

April Ch534 PFIB Please come and help out

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 all of you listed above for volunteering for this very important aspect of our social calendar.

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GATORS INVITATION- Make sure you fly in to Florida Flying Gators airpark to visit. We have our monthly meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 11 am. Please stop by and say hello. Tell all your friends!!! Hope to see you there. http://www.mitchellwing.com/flying_gators_annual_fly.htm

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A note from your scribe. I will be out of town for the May and June meetings so unless someone picks up the "Baton of Blarney," there will be no newsletter forthcoming for those two months. I'm going to be working on my latest project (right) **APRIL FOOL!** But, joking aside, I will be *in absentia* for May and June.



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The new logo for the Chapter was created by the Newsletter Editor utilizing a box-wing canard design he came up with during the 1980s. It never progressed beyond the 1:10 scale model even though a 1:4 scale proof-of-concept RC model had been planned.