



Next Chapter Meeting
No Dec meeting
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

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President's Message

As we come to the end of another year, we have a lot to be thankful for. Our membership has swelled, we have many great projects in the hangar and a vibrant youth group to help us work on them. We were rewarded with our first Pilot Scholarship and Mateo nears the end of training and receiving his Pilot's License.

We had the largest Christmas party ever this year and as always, the Adrien's hosted a most wonderful event. We have many more members this year stepping up to help the Chapter and our bench of knowledge and experience has never been better. I am very proud of what we have accomplished this year and look forward to an amazing year in 2020.

Joel

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

12/07/19 – Christmas Party at Adrian's house

12/21/19 – Young Eagles (25 kids maybe!)

No monthly meeting Holiday break

01/11/20 - Mooney Lunch provided by the Chapter.

01/25/20 – Monthly meeting - Dave Harvey from Clearwater will speak about the Sun & Fun Flyout to the Bahamas.

02/29/20 - Monthly meeting - Back to Kimball's! Kevin will show his renewed Vega rebuild project.

03/28/20 - Monthly meeting - Air America presentation?

04/25/20 - Monthly meeting - Bill Suchy: Film on the history of the WASPs of WWII.

05/30/20 - Regular Mtg – Open – Let Paul know if you have a topic or speaker to talk about

06/21/20 - Regular Mtg – Open – Let Paul know if you have a topic or speaker to talk about

No Regular Meeting in July – summer stand down



All is good. Santa is ADSB compliant!



EAA Chapter 534 Meeting Minutes 11/23/19

The meeting was called to order by President Joel Hargis at 9:01 am

Joel welcomed Gary Craft, former Air Force and Air America non-pilot. Paul Adrien is already talking to him about a presentation. Welcome Gary.

Joel also noted that Rock Rockcastle put on his last FFAST meeting last Thursday at Leesburg. Rock is handing the duty over to Rich Burns going forward. If you see Rock, be sure to say thanks for his many years of service.

Joel also announced that Mateo's checkride is scheduled for Friday, 12/6 with a newer DPE (Robb Galloway) from Jones Brothers in Tavares. Good luck Mateo!

After MM&S the previous minutes were accepted as distributed.

After MM&S the Treasurers report was also accepted as read.

Jodie asked for approval to buy more Chapter hats and shirts for sale by the Chapter. After MM&S the purchase was approved.

Activities-Paul

12/7/19 Christmas party at Adrien's. Starting at 4 pm. Today is the last day to get your money in for a ticket. Paul expects 35 people. Should be another fun evening. No gift exchange but there will be some goodies and the clown picture will be up for grabs again.

12/21/19 YE flights. Last of the year.

12/27/19 No regular meeting for December.

1/11/20 Mooney Lunch in EAA Hanger

1/18/20 YE flights

1/25/20 Regular Meeting. Dave Harvey from Sun-N-Fun will talk about a Bahama's fly out

2/29/20 Field trip to Kimball's in Zellwood! Always a great trip, don't miss it.

3/28/20 Regular Mtg – Air America presentation? Paul working on it. Details TBD.

4/25/20 Regular Mtg – Bill Suchi(?) from Mt Dora with presentation on WASP's.

5/30/20 Regular Mtg – Open – Let Paul know if you have a topic or speaker to talk about

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YE-Jodie

Last week 18 YE's got helicopter flights with Hans, and 1 other YE got a fixed wing flight. Subsequent flights cancelled due to deteriorating weather. Jodi will keep in touch on reschedule or not.

Next YE fly date is 12/21 and she set a limit of 25 participants.

1/18/20 YE fly date was added (see activities) as only Saturday available in January

Youth Program – John Weber

YP is running 5 to 10 Youth and 18 to 20 participants total every week. Number includes mentors and parents. It was noted that lunches are underfunded so we're negative on each session. It was discussed and agreed that the loss is part of the program. We'll try to work it down to less if possible, but a foreseen expense and not a lot to be done about it. Next YP session set for 12/7.

Projects

Wayne is helping Mark Banus on the Rebel. His experience is very helpful and they are making progress on the wings. Most all parts are now sorted and catalogued as well. Mark asked for \$500 for parts and after MM&S it was approved. Steve and Frank are moving along on the C150 and some engine parts will be ready to be sent out for inspection soon. Steve asked for \$1000 in order to do so along with purchase of tires/tubes for the project. After MM&S it was approved.

BD-6 project looks like it will be as complete as current materials allow in 2-3 weeks. Next kit has been requested from Bede Foundation but no word back from them and no kit as of this date. If project is at stopping point for lack of next kit, probably will be put upstairs for storage until next kit received in order to make more room in hanger. It's small and easy to move.

Greg and Ted making progress on the Air Camper. Covering materials have been purchased and fittings are being welded up for empennage covering. Greg also has the main landing gear legs and axles almost tacked up. When done we can pursue finish welding for them and move closer to getting the fuselage sitting on its own gear. Marty, Wayne and Steve will be visiting Leeward Air Ranch on Sunday to look at a Piper PA-28, Cherokee 140 there that is a possible donation. More info after they get to look at it for a while.

Frank/Steve/John started a discussion about the path going forward with flyable aircraft like the C150 and Cherokee 140. A decision will need to be made within the Chapter about how to pursue a flying club, or work with an existing club to allow our YP participants to apply work hours to flight hours. How would it work? Does it meet our restrictions from National? What structure would it take? Who owns the aircraft and a number of other questions. After a brief discussion Joel suggested the members kick their ideas around and bring the best ones to the Board for consideration. The discussion was tabled for now.

Frank also expressed a concern that with 4 ongoing projects and maybe more we can't predict, we might find ourselves distracted and fragmenting our treasury on too many projects at once. It was discussed and generally agreed that the Chapter needs to be careful not to take too much on at one time so we can complete projects and sell or use, then move on to others, without depleting our resources too much. It's also difficult with too few projects to keep our YP participants busy as not all can work on one project all of the time. It's a balance we'll have to watch and adjust as needed. More on this as projects move forward.

There was also mention by Lee Helfer that insurance could become a deciding factor in formation of any flying club as insurers don't want anyone below the age of 17, and preferable 18 and the premiums required will reflect that by being really expensive. It will have to be researched some more and taken into consideration during any flying club discussions in future. The devil's in the details as they say.

Joel brought the membership up to date on our hanger lease renewal. He explained that he'd sent the Airport Manager a letter requesting a one year extension of our current lease, as allowed by our current lease, and is waiting for approval of the AAB and City Commission sometime he thinks by the end of January. He does not anticipate a negative response from the City but we'll have to pay attention. Next year we'll have to renegotiate a new lease.

Leesburg SPARK senior high school students toured the airport last week and also visited our hanger. Jodie and Joel were the only members there but they said the response from the participants was very good and much better than last year. More interest, better questions, etc. Good job and thanks to them for their efforts. The more we provide positive input to youth in Leesburg, the better. They also gave out a lot of YE information.

Presentation - was made by Steve Tilford about his trip around the US this summer.

Without further business before the Membership, the meeting was adjourned via MM&S at 11:29 am.

All errors and omissions are the responsibility of the author. Wishing everyone a good Thanksgiving. Fly and drive safely!

Respectfully,
Steve Tilford
Secretary



CLASSIFIED ADS

Note from Newsletter Editor: There has been some interest in my posting Classifieds in the newsletter and I am happy to do so with the following guidelines:

Free Flight Airport - One slot in Common Shade Hangar available with new asphalt floor for \$199/mo.

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Coleman, FL
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- **Must be aviation related**
- Photo helpful
- Brief description
- Price
- Contact name/number/email
- Send to harpaq@hotmail.com
- **Let me know when sold**

FLY-OUT ACTIVITIES & places to eat

(Always call to be sure of event or to make reservations)

Reoccurring Events:

1st Sat – Albert Whitted Airport (SPG), St Petersburg. Airport Preservation Society fly-in pancake breakfast. 727-822-1532 or awaps.org.

2nd Sat – Space Coast Regional Airport (TIX), Titusville. Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum ramp. Pancake breakfast with omelet station, 8-11 a.m. RSVP at least 2 days prior with number in party. \$8 free museum admission for fly-in pilots and passengers. 321-268-1941 or vacwarbirds@bellsouth.net.

2nd Sat - Sebring, FL – EAA 1240 Pancake breakfast (863) 273-0522 or jhr@strato.net

3rd Sat - Valkaria Airport (X59). EAA and airport association-sponsored breakfast. 8 -11 a.m. \$5. Steve Borowski: 321-952-4590 or steve.borowski@brevardcounty.us.

3rd Sat – Flying W Air Ranch (9FL1), Bushnell. 8-11 a.m. EAA Chapter 1489 pancake breakfast. Steve Bensinger: 352-235-9598 or foolzinfo@flyingfoolz.org.

3rd Sat – Live Oak Airport (24J). Regular 2nd Saturday fly-in breakfast. 8:30 a.m.

Fly-out Restaurants:

Ocala **OCF** – Closed
Bartow **BOW** – **Re-opened** **NEW**
Cedar Key **CDK** – call cab on 122.9 (Judy) many choices for dining
Crystal River **CGC** – Olive Tree Restaurant (352) 563-0075
Everglades **X01** – Triad Seafood, great stone crabs (239) 695-0722
Deland **DED** – Airport Restaurant and Gin Mill (386) 734-0722
Flagler **XFL** – Highjackers (386) 586-6078 (lunch and dinner)
New Smyrna Beach **EVB** – Airgate Café (386) 478-0601
Ormond Beach **OMN** – River Bend Golf Club (386) 675-0893
St. Augustine **SGJ** – Call FBO (800) 840-1995 -buy gas get courtesy car
Williston **X60** – Pypers Cub Restaurant (352) 528-0376
Winter Haven **GIF** – **Great food**
Tampa North **X39** – Happy Hangar Café (813) 973-3703

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