

March 2011

The April Meeting will be held, Saturday 30 2011.

It will be at the regular meeting place at Leesburg Airport.

This will be a clean up Fix up meeting. We will be getting the chapter grill cleaned up and ready for Frying season.



March Meeting –Steve Wolf presented our members with some entertaining and informative history of his, from age 13 to present. Steve is well renowned for instructing and performing aerobatics. He has well over 5,000 hours in the Pitts aircraft and well over 8,000 hours of flying time in other aircraft. He is an aircraft builder and FAA certified A&P. Steve offers Pitts training for landing and aerobatics. You can check his website for more information at www.wingoveraerobatics.com. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing from Steve, and welcome him to come again.

Young Eagles Mar 2011

We have added two new members to the Young Eagles group; “Saad Hassan”, and “Alexis Paynter.” Our two young flyers had a perfect day for flying and an opportunity to check out Sunair’s flight simulator. Thank you Charlie, Dave and John!





Sun-N-Fun 2011

Our undercover reporters report from this years Mud-N-Fun.

Mud and Fun

Sun-N-Fun had a slow start this year; due to weather planes couldn't get in, including the Blue Angels, but Fat Albert their support C-130 got through. Then came the Big Storm. We all heard about the Big Storm, but remarkably no serious injury's to people. Sadly not so to planes. Our unofficial information is 69 damaged of which 41 were totaled.

Kathy Hertz in her WolfPitts and Steve Wolf in his Zlin, both based at the Leesburg Airport, had arrived well before the storm and suffered no aircraft damage during the storm. Not so the Port-A-Loos which took a beating, many were found floating in the drainage ditches. We have no reports of any being occupied at the time, although there is an unconfirmed report of one pilot with a distinctive brown coloring, wandering on a taxiway.

We know that some Members of Chapter 534 spent 3 hours in the shower block and another was trapped in a car under a collapsed display tent. Sadly this year due to lack of support the Chapter bus from Leesburg airport to Sun-N-Fun didn't run, which turned out to be a blessing as it would have been unloading minutes before the storm hit and the air show had been canceled.

Storm over , Sun-N-Fun into action. The organization of Sun-N-Fun and all the volunteers, contractors and Vendors was just remarkable. By mid morning the following day , all was back on track. The Blue Angels arrived, the performers planes were all OK, and the show went on.. From then on it really was Sun-N-Fun.



This the Tent where our reporter was trapped.

This is a link to a video of the storm and damage at Lakeland Linder Airport, during Sun-N-Fun, 31 Mar 2011.

<http://video.tbo.com/v/38592940/storms-damage-planes-at-sun-n-fun.htm?>

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