EAA CHAPTER 53

Newsletter

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EAA Offers Young Eagles Flights at Leesburg International Airport

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EAA Chapter 534 of the Experimental Aircraft Association located at the Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg, Florida took young people for their first light plane ride on December 21, 2013.

It was a perfect day for flying in Florida on this first day of winter. "Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited' (CAVU) with temperatures in the 80's helped to make this first flying experience for 11 Young Eagles a fun day packed with some practical training at the same time. The EAA Chapter 534 hosted a second group of students from the Eustis High School Air Force ROTC program. The first group of students took part in the Young Eagles program in November of this year.

Each student was introduced to their experienced EAA pilot then taken to the ramp to meet the aircraft they would fly in. They were given instructions on how to Pre-flight the plane and then climbed aboard for that exciting first flight. Each flight lasted about 20 to 30 minutes and during that time many of them took control of the aircraft under supervision of the pilot. After landing we saw a lot of smiles on the faces of these students and knew we had kindled a lasting interest in aviation. We heard comments like "pretty fun" and "way cool".

The Experimental Aircraft Association offers this program to young people ages 8 to 17 and on a national basis we are approaching close to 2 million flights. It is the hope of EAA that this experience will spark an interest in aviation so that these young people will eventually go on to get a private pilot's license or seek a career in aviation.

Today EAA Chapter 534 provided six fixed wing aircraft and pilots as well as several people on the ramp and in the office.

If you would like to learn more about EAA Chapter 534 you may go to the following web site.

< www.534.eaachapter.org >



Paul Hamilton from the Eustis High School Air Force ROTC program gets ready for his Young Eagles Flight with EAA pilot John Weber in a RANS S-6 home built aircraft.



Patrick Woodruff from the Eustis High School Air Force ROTC program learns how to detect contaminated fuel from EAA pilot Tim Porter.



EAA pilot John Weber hands Paul Hamilton from the Eustis High School Air Force ROTC program his Young Eagles Certificate.



EAA pilot Stacy
Berckes teaches
Nicholas Cook of
the Eustis High
School Air Force
ROTC program how
to check the
condition of the
propeller before
takeoff.

Dec 7th, 2013

Thank you, Paul and Barbara Adrien for hosting the chapters Christmas dinner of 2013. You always manage to make a difficult task look so easy.





Our Chinese auction.....

Santa - Paul, Elfette - Jane,
and Jodie Soule selecting a gift.





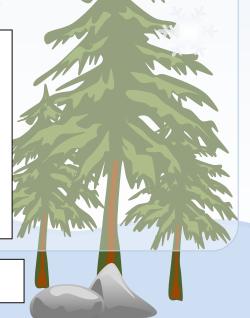


Our fabulous Chef Barbara!

The gift that keeps coming back! Good luck Steve... next year!



We miss you Pappy!



Tim Porter reluctantly asks for help in his editorship of our newsletter.

This is a plea to our membership for a replacement editor of our chapter newsletter. Tim Porter has reluctantly had to vacate his position of editor and we now request that someone within our flock to step forward and fill the void. Tim's veterinary practice is expanding and as a result he is simply overwhelmed with his duties. The work load is such that he has little time for his family and flying. Tim, we wish you well and it has been a pleasure to everyone for your contribution the past months.

FOR SALE- TO OUR MEMBERSHIP OR ANYONE ELSE.

Coleman 10 HP Generator 5000 watt, 120-240 Volt, \$200. Proceeds go to the Chapter. This is newly listed in the Daily Commercial Newspaper. Proceeds go to our Chapter either way.

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Airport Social - Wednesday - January 22, 2014 - 5:00PM

The following was sent out a week ago and I'm sure many of you have seen it. I talked to Lee Webb about it and he is very enthused about this program for KLEE. It would be a wonderful venue for EAA Chapter 534 to showcase our present activities and plans for the future. The format also opens up avenues of information about various aspects of our airport community and our Lake County communities in general.

The meeting January 22nd is an organizational meeting. As many of us as can attend would be great and we can contribute to its creation right here, 'in river city' as the Broadway play put it.

Leesburg International Airport invites you to our first "Social Get Together".

Wipaire began hosting a "Get Together" event over 30 years ago at their company headquarters in Minnesota.

The attendees have included local and neighboring city / county officials, doctors, attorneys, auto dealers, and vendors, associates, simply getting to know and sharing with one another.

It became so popular that it is now a weekly event, every Tuesday.

Wipaire is now working to establish a Leesburg Airport "Get Together".

The plan is that each "Get Together" is hosted by a different volunteer individual or company from throughout the business and airport community, with Wipaire supporting all gatherings with appetizers and extras.

The menu will be varied and determined by the host.

Wipaire will be hosting the first one on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

We have a few individuals and companies that have already volunteered to host and we will need to recruit more at our first "Get Together".

The KLEE Administration Building, Kitchen, and Back Porch provide a comfortable setting.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 22, 2014 – 5:00PM- Leesburg Airport Administration Building.

More details in early January 2014.