

EAA CHAPTER 534

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Steve Tilford, EAA Chapter 534 Secretary RV7A First Flight!

Jan 14th about 10:15 am, Arnold Holmes videoclip. Ran and flew well. Happy!

Congratulations Steve!



[Two firsts for two EAA Chapter 534 members](#)

If you didn't get a chance to read this article by Ted Luebbers, click on the link above.

EAA Chapter 534 Sign gets a makeover

By Ted Luebbers

Sign now looks a lot better now. Jim Goodspeed volunteered to have a vinyl decal made up to brighten up the smaller lettering at the bottom of the sign. Too difficult to try to do them using masking tape.



Young Eagles Take to the Air at Leesburg International Airport Dec 16th, 2017

By Ted Luebbers

Some young people got their first chance to get a bird's eye view of greater Lake County, Florida at an Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles event at the Leesburg International Airport at Leesburg, Florida on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Dads for a Day, a mentoring group of adults for young people based in the Villages, FL, brought several kids to the airport to give them an exciting opportunity to take a first flight in a single engine general aviation aircraft. Other children from the general public joined them. In all EAA flew 14 kids and one mother.

EAA Chapter 534 usually flies Young Eagles at no charge each month except during the summer months. On a national basis EAA has been doing this for over 25 years with over two million flights. The idea behind this is to acquaint young people with the joys of flight in a general aviation aircraft hoping that this will light a spark of interest in aviation so that one day they might want to become a pilot themselves or seek a career in aviation.

There is a serious need for pilots today as many commercial pilots are getting older and due for retirement. This will create an ongoing need for new pilots, aircraft mechanics and other aviation support personnel during the coming years.

During their flying experience many of the young people actually get a chance to take the controls of the airplane under the watchful eye of their experienced EAA pilot. After each flight they receive a log book filled out by their pilot and a certificate commemorating the flight. They also become eligible for a free on-line ground school course and the chapter will pay for one hour of flight training by a certified flight instructor of their choice if they want to move on to earn a private pilot's license.

On this day EAA chapter 534 provided five fixed wing aircraft and EAA volunteer pilots. Ten other chapter members turned out to handle the paperwork, answer questions and escort children back and forth on the airport ramp.



EAA Chapter 534 pilot Marty Harris is about to show Young Eagle Trevor Peavy how to pre-flight his aircraft.



EAA Chapter 534 Pilot Joel Hargis explains the aerodynamics of the elevators on his airplane.



EAA Chapter 534 pilot Adam Yang points out some of the features of his Searey amphibian to Young Eagle Corbin Sloboda. When he flies Young Eagles, he gives them the experience of both a water runway landing.



EAA Chapter 534 pilot Rick Rademacher from the Villages, FL, gets ready for takeoff in his Piper Cub with Young Eagle Emily Lininger.



EAA Chapter 534 pilot Marty Harris congratulates Young Eagle Brandon Sheffield on his flight and presents him with his log book and certificate.

Mooney Aircraft Owners Meet and Greet at Leesburg International Airport

By Ted Luebbers

Mooney pilots gathered for the fourth consecutive year at the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 534 hangar at the Leesburg International Airport, in Leesburg, Florida on January 13, 2018.

The EAA chapter 534 hosted the Mooney Lunch Group in their hangar on a rather cloudy and cool day for Floridians which limited the number of Mooney airplanes to six. They came from as far away as Stuart, St Augustine, and Pompano Beach, Florida. The majority of pilots drove in because of the weather.

The total number of Mooney owners who attended was 22 and there were 12 EAA chapter members putting on the BBQ lunch and serving the meal. A good deal of hangar flying took place during the lunch.

EAA Chapter 534 has a large hangar at the airport which makes it easy to host groups of this type. Ordinarily it is filled with aircraft project planes which end up getting moved outside or pushed to one side. This is the same location from which the chapter runs their Young Eagles events and Youth Aviation program.

The group was welcomed by Jodie Soule, the Chapter 534 President, and David and Ruth Taisch, founders of the Mooney Lunch Group.

After the hangar lunch the group was invited to the Taisch home in Tavares, FL. to view their large backyard railroad diorama, which is basically Ruth's hobby, but she does allow David to play with her trains. Besides owning a Mooney aircraft, they also have a Lake amphibian that is usually docked in front of their home on Lake Harris.



Two Mooney pilots who arrived from Stuart, FL are Mat Kellers and airplane owner Richard Mailand



A large group of Mooney pilots and EAA members enjoy a BBQ lunch in the EAA Chapter 534 Hangar at the Leesburg International Airport.



David and Ruth Taisch founders of the Mooney Lunch Group in 2004 invited everyone back to their home to see their backyard railroad diorama.



Close up of some of the model train action in the backyard at the Taisch's home.

Special Event "Silver Wings, Flying Dreams"

The Leesburg Public Library announces a Special Event:

Film showing "Silver Wings, Flying Dreams"
The Complete Story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots
Wednesday, February 7, 5:00 pm

Honor Guard reception at 5:00 to welcome WASP Pilot
Kathleen Hilbrandt
at the front entrance of the library.
Free and open to the public.

Reception and Film Showing:

Silver Wings, Flying Dreams



Pilot Kathleen Hilbrandt



Filmmaker Bill Suchy

Meet filmmaker Bill Suchy
and Pilot Kathleen
Hilbrandt

Winner of the NATIONAL SILVER TELLY AWARD and Nominated for the SUNCOAST EMMY, this film tells the story of pioneering women, who for a brief moment in the darkest days of World War II, were able to shatter the glass ceiling and defy the convention that women had no place in the cockpit of American military aircraft.

Surviving WASP relive their personal wartime experiences – ferrying aircraft, flying as test and transport pilots, towing targets for anti-aircraft gunnery practice, and testing top-secret radio control aircraft, forerunners of the drones used in 21st century warfare!

Wednesday, February 7

5:00 Reception with Bill Suchy and Pilot Kathleen Hilbrandt
6:00 Film Showing
7:00 Q and A

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UPCOMING Meetings

- Jan. 27 - [SimCom Visit, Orlando](#)
- Feb 3rd – Young Eagles
- Feb 17th – Business Meeting
- Feb 24th – [Kimball's Enterprises Field Trip](#)
- April 5 - Chili Bash at S&F
- April 28 -Open

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