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JANUARY MEETING Art Michaud, General Manager, and Steve Carper, Sales, of Propworks, Inc., in Kissimmee, gave us the lowdown on propeller care, overhaul, repair, and selection. Refreshments were provided by EAA534 President Robert and Laura Vaughn. EAA534 was also treated to an unscheduled presentation by Randy & Lisa Hippensteel. They are organizing a new EAA chapter at Orlando-Apopka (formerly Orlando Country) Airpark (X04). An invitation was extended to EAA534 members to attend the initial meeting and to partake of Super Bowl festivities at their hangar at X04 on Super Bowl Sunday.



EAA534 members AND GUESTS "butt testing" the new carpeting in the Civil Air Patrol Building... the chairs were missing on our regularly scheduled meeting date.. Nice move.

Photo- WSchulz



Aircraft hangar with "the right stuff!" Randy and Lisa Hippensteel's "Hangar 9" at Orlando-Apopka Airpark. Heated, cooled, insulated, with an office / apartment on the mezzanine floor.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

A number of EAA534 members took up the Hippensteels on their invitation to the premier meeting of the newly formed chapter at their "Steeler (can you say "football?") Haven," or "Hangar 9" at Orlando-Apopka and were shown what can be done. For example: What appeared to have been a perfectly good VJ-22 homebuilt amphib, designed by EAA "legend" Volmer Jensen, hung from the ceiling, having been stripped of a single recip and having two "E-turbofans" hung on the leading edge of the wings to blow air into the mezzanine apartment! (*Oh, Death, where is thy sting? Ed.*)



The fully appointed apartment on the mezzanine is truly something to behold with lots of Steelers regalia in

evidence. The hangar was nothing at which to sneeze either as it's fully heated, cooled, and insulated and has lots of built-ins with even, suspended from the mezzanine's floor, a remotely-controlled video projector which puts a large image on a screen of nearly one hundred fifty square feet mounted on the inside of the big hangar door.

For the boaters among us, the hangar contained a sleek powerboat (also bearing the apparently requisite Steelers logo) and-- for the gearheads-- a rare and beautiful Triumph V-8 "Stag" a sports car from the '70s (no Steelers logo, though!). It was rumored that, in true classic British car fashion, the gorgeous machine gets more MPG (miles per gallon) than it gets HDPHM (hours of driving per hour of maintenance)! No wonder the Brits are building Japanese cars now.



Lisa Hippensteel's Triumph "Stag" V-8



THE MOOSE IS LOOSE! Randy Hippensteel's Subaru-powered "Moose" project out getting a breath of air..

Temporarily outside, beside the hangar, was Randy's "Moose" project on its gear. (*Had to bring this back on topic, doncha know... Ed.*)

The new chapter had not yet been granted its numerical identifier by HQEAA since not all the insurance, etc., bits and pieces required by HQ were in place. The

founders' plan-- which, to this observer, sounds like a really good one-- is to hold chapter meetings at 1 PM on the third Saturdays of the month in a loose confederation with the field's FBO's fly-ins. The Hippensteels' hangar will be the "base" of the chapter with the hangars of other members on the field being alternative venues.

A hearty "thank you" to Randy and Lisa for their generous hospitality! And the best of luck to the new chapter!

FEBRUARY MEETING This month we will learn about spark plugs. Champion Spark Plugs presents the science, care and feeding of these small but oh, so vital marvels.

UPCOMING MEETINGS -

March - George Erickson of True Flight will speak about his book, "Exploring the Great Wilderness by Bushplane."

April - Annual field trip to Kimball's in Zellwood to see what's new or being renewed in aviation at this world-renowned facility.



Ol' What'sHisName
... way back when

THIS 'N THAT... BY THE EDITOR

For our January meeting, the chap who so graciously "permits" **EAA534** to use the building which the Lake County Aviation Association, the Lake County Builders' Association, and **EAA534** built and donated to CAP, which building was recently improperly and illegally "appropriated" on trumped-up charges that the CAP squadron

wasn't maintaining its own building (the result of no little bit of sabotage... and what interest *is* it to the city how CAP treats something which is *not* city property?), did us a huge favor by having all but a few chairs removed. The result was that a majority of the **EAA534** members-- *and their guests*-- got to "butt test" the

carpeting. The consensus? Nice as it is, it's not an acceptable substitute for chairs, certainly for the more "experienced" among us. **As** for the new chapter at Orlando-Apopka-- An EAA chapter in a hangar on a non-towered airfield... WHAT A CONCEPT! Orlando-Apopka may have a dearth of "grass roots" in the sense of turf runway and ramps, but what it lacks in "atmosphere" it more than makes up for in spirit.

The Boeing 797-- An R/C model of this blended wing has been built and flown with NASA assistance and some degree of oversight. However, the photo with the Seattle skyline in the background was computer generated. Several sources were used for the article and the big bird is nowhere near carrying its first passenger... much less even its pilot. Sorry for the misleading info.

And finally, the Jaybird is now roosted in South Dakota! For what it cost him, the editor could have had quite a few hours of dual in a G-IV. Ah, the beauty and perfection of 20/20 hindsight.

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