

EAA CHAPTER 534

Newsletter

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Chapter Business Report:

Projects Report:

Piet Project – Charlie reports there is still a lot of work to do, but they are working through the checklist they have. He has been in contact with Lou's daughter in Alaska and arranged to meet with her while she's in our area in February. He plans to talk with her about disposition of the airplane, and if possible any paperwork that may be available as history on the build.

TM-5 – Robert Vaughn reports that progress is being made to get the engine in runnable condition. He is requesting some funds to purchase carb cleaner, carb replacement parts, fuel hose, prop bolts, and other miscellaneous items to complete engine build up. He requested money to purchase these items. He was authorized to do so up to \$150. In addition, some discussion was had concerning a paper trail from the previous owner to the Chapter.

Young Eagles Report:

Joel reports his next YE date is 2/27. This also coincides with the Boy Scouts camp out at KLEE that weekend. 50 – 75 Scouts will arrive Friday afternoon 2/26, camp over and depart on Sunday the 28th. Activities include Aviation Merit Badge ground school class, tower tour, hanger tours, movies and Young Eagle rides. Scout YE rides will be limited to 25 as BSA is restrictive about certificated aircraft only. More details from Joel as we get closer, but it will require as many member volunteers as we can provide for this busy weekend. A March YE date of 3/19 was also proposed by Joel.

Steve Barber described the training notebooks he has put together for previous BSA ground school classes and asked for funding to do the same for the participants this year. After MM&S it was approved.

For those participants or volunteers attending any Scout Explorer Post activities you are strongly encouraged to take *Learning for Life Youth Protection Training*. This training is required for all overnight learning for Life activities. A Youth Protection Training video presentation is available on the Learning for Life Web site located at www.learningforlife.org. Please contact Jodie for more detail.

Please read the Young Eagles letter [attached](#) issued by the national organization also implementing a *new policy for all those EAA members, pilots or volunteers working with Young Eagles who have more than coincidental contact in a given year. This will be the new policy after May 1st of this year for everyone involved in Young Eagles.* We discussed the letter in our business meeting but there are lots of questions, mostly about the background check required, which is understandable. Please go to the www.eaa.org/youthprotection web site and have a look around, we will be discussing this more. Some of our members have already taken the training and it takes about 15-20 minutes. The background check is currently free but there is no info about if it will remain so. The board will also be looking into some of the questions aired at our latest meeting.

New Business:

Tracey Dean has asked the Chapter to repaint the exterior of the hanger. The existing paint is faded and it would seem its useful life is about over. She spoke to the original painter who knows the Sherwin – Williams Supercoat paint used. The board agreed to evaluate doing so. Tracey also mentioned that she's in the process of getting some roof repair done on various hangers, and that ours will be done as well. She says with luck there will be money in the FY 2017 budget to re-do the EAA hanger roof.

It was also mentioned that the hanger could use some more organization. Jodie and your current hanger manager (Steve Tilford) will be discussing that soon.

Charlie asked if there should be an inventory kept on the nuts and bolts drawers recently purchased so we don't run out. He also suggested we look into a method for alerting the membership about time critical news or special events.

Ted Lubbers and Jodie both suggested that if possible members should subscribe to "Fly-Low" magazine. It's a monthly publication that has been very friendly to our Chapter in the past. Subscriptions start at \$20 for 12 issues and more info can be found at www.fly-low.com Please check them out.

Press Release 1/25/2016

EAA Chapter 534 Helps Youth Look at Aviation

Career Paths

By Ted Luebbbers

Eighteen Leesburg High School Students, members of the SPARK Club, visited the Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg, Florida on Monday January 25, 2016. The Spark Club was formed by the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce, and its students represent some of the future leaders of tomorrow.

EAA Chapter 534, the Leesburg Florida Chamber of Commerce, and the Leesburg Airport Manager worked together to acquaint the students with the value of the airport to economic development in the area and the aviation career paths that it could provide.

They met at the Leesburg Airport Administration building for a briefing of what they would see during the day and were initially greeted by Tracey Dean, the Airport Manager. A presentation about economic development and how this effects job growth was given by Robert Chandler, Director of Economic Growth for Lake County, FL. He discussed the reasons why economic development was important to the greater Leesburg area and Lake County, Florida to continue to be able to provide good paying jobs for the future. This would insure that there would be good jobs in this area when they graduated from high school or after they went on to college.

The next speakers were two Experimental Aircraft Association pilots from Chapter 534 who both had long careers in aviation. They were Bob Weil and Scot Charlton. They each talked about their love of flying and the career possibilities in the field. "You have the opportunity to make good money doing something you really enjoy".

After the formal program the fun began with tours at the airport. The first one was at Brainerd Helicopter Inc. and their Firehawk division. This company provides all manner of helicopter services from firefighting, charter, and research and development services related to helicopters. The students listened to Brainerd's spokesman Micky Montes explain how all the aircraft in their hangars were used and answered their questions. He allowed them to get up close and personal with these planes.

The next visit was to Sun Air, the airport's Flight Base Operations (FBO), which is really the general aviation terminal for this airport. They teach flying, provide space to park or store airplanes, sell fuel, and provide a comfortable place for pilots to meet and greet. Convenient onsite customs is also available for flights arriving from foreign lands.

Their final visit was at the EAA Chapter 534 hangar where they got to see several aircraft building projects the members are working on. Currently there are three plans- built planes being worked on. Two of them are 1929 Pietenpol reproductions and the other is a more modern single engine aircraft. Students were also given the opportunity to sign up for the Young Eagles First Flight program which will give them the chance to take a ride in a general aviation single engine aircraft on March 19, 2016.

This airport visit was arranged through the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce, Sandi Moore Executive Director, Tracey Dean Leesburg Airport Manager, and Jodie Soule President of EAA Chapter 534 as well as board member of the Leesburg Chamber.

In each of the airport tours students became aware of the many vocational opportunities the Leesburg International Airport had to offer. The SPARK students now have a better idea of how valuable the airport is to the community and perhaps a better understanding of the many aviation career paths open to them.



Micky Montes of Brainerd Helicopters INC. talks to SPIRIT students from Leesburg High School students about the helicopter services his company offers.



Stuart Brown EAA pilot talks about the building of one of the Pietenpol aircraft.



Micky Montes of Brainerd Helicopters INC. explains the care and building of helicopter rotor blades.



Stacy Murdock EAA pilot talks to SPIRIT students about the airplanes members are building in their hangar.



Leesburg High School's SPIRIT group pose in front of one of the new Firehawk helicopters of Brainerd



(L to R) Tracey Dean Leesburg International Airport Manager, Sandi Moore Executive Director of Leesburg Chamber of Commerce, and Jodie Soule President of the EAA Chapter 534, joined together to bring about the airport visit.



Leesburg High School SPARK students gather at the EAA Chapter 534 Hangar.

Kimball Enterprises

Jan 30th, chapter members and some of the Explorer members visited Kimball Enterprises. Kevin Kimball gave a tour of the facility, and their projects underway. He has two Pitts Model 12 aircraft being worked on; we could see the meticulous job on each and their passion for the work they do. Unfortunately, we were not able to get pictures, respecting the owners wishes. Kevin and his crew have been working on a Lockheed Vega which we were able to get pictures of.

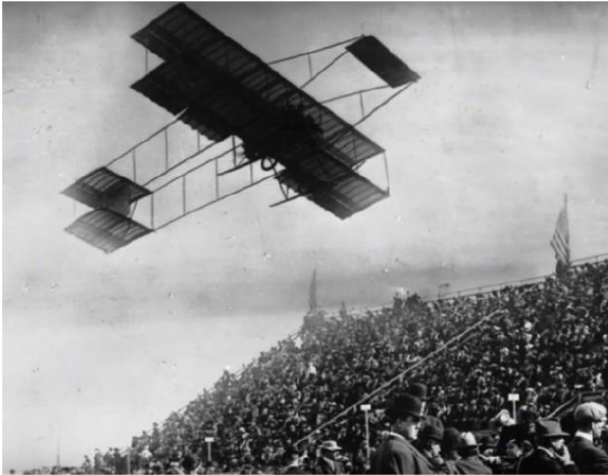


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The Age of Aerospace': Boeing sponsors TV series looking back at 100 years of high-flying history

BY [ALAN BOYLE](#) on February 1, 2016 at 4:45 pm



“The Age of Aerospace” traces 100 years of history. (Credit: Science Channel) This year marks the Boeing Co’s 100th anniversary, and the company is using the centennial as an opportunity not only to celebrate its own history, but the history of aerospace as well. That celebration takes the TV spotlight starting tonight, in the form of [“The Age of Aerospace.”](#) a five-part documentary series that’s airing on the [Science Channel](#) on Mondays. The series, sponsored by Boeing, will be shown on Saturdays on the [Discovery Channel](#). Eventually it’ll be available for online streaming as well. Check your local listings and/or search engines, and check out this preview as well: The first episode focuses on how Bill Boeing, Donald Douglas, James McDonnell and their contemporaries turned the Wright Brothers’ invention into an industry. The following two episodes delve into the role that America’s airplanes played in World War II and the rise of commercial air service. The fourth episode expands the scope of the story to take in the space effort, the race to the moon, the space shuttle program and the future of space travel. And the finale provides an inside look at the development of Boeing’s 787 Dreamliner. In addition to “The Age of Aerospace,” Boeing has put together a [series of online video clips](#) looking back at the company’s history. Boeing is sponsoring a traveling exhibition called [“Above and Beyond.”](#) which is scheduled to make its Seattle stop at the Museum of Flight in May. It has also worked out a deal with Aviation Week and Space Technology to provide [free access to a magazine archive going back to 1916](#). The official date of the Boeing Co.’s 100th birthday is July 15, and you can bet there’ll be even more goodies for aerospace geeks between now and then. Check out [Boeing’s centennial webpage](#) to keep track of it all.”

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