



JULY 2021



Next Chapter Meeting
NO July Meeting

NO VMC for July

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President's Message

“June has come and gone quickly. With lots of places opening-up, it’s been a little hectic. Nice to see more people in person and less via Zoom, including our first membership meeting at the airport admin building for some time. Thanks to all who attended and visited the hangar after the meeting and presentation.

Work continues in the hangar and the CH 701 now temporarily resides in Mark Banus’ hangar. It taxied up there under its own power too! Dale’s Searey will be ready to get its wings on again next month, at which time the 150 will trade places and move back into the EAA hangar.

The rolling kitchen is done and looks great! Thanks to Squadron 534 and volunteers for the elbow grease. You can’t miss the blue paint.

We will start flying Young Eagles again in September and there are a lot of them. Jodie tells me she has a list of **60 requests!** She also tells me we need more qualified pilots to fly them. If you’re interested, please contact Jodie for details.

Blue skies and tailwinds,

Steve



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- JULY NO VMC Club
- JULY NO Chapter Mtg, Admin Bldg
- July/Aug NO YE Flights
- 9/18 YE Flight Day (need pilots)
- 9/25 Chapter Mtg, Admin Bldg
- 12/11 Potential Chapter Christmas party/meal Admn Building
- 1/8/22 Mooney Lunch
- 1/22/22 Villages Aviation Club Lunch

Flying Quote:

“Learning to fly an airplane taught me a way of thinking, an approach to problem-solving that was applicable and effective. Pilots are very methodical and meticulous, and artists tend not to be.”

– Chris Carter

EAA Chapter 534 General Membership Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2021



Call to order 9 am.

- Previous minutes and treasurer's report approved by voice vote
- Projects continue in hangar
 - Dale's Searey to get wings back on soon, then it will swap hangars with the C150.
 - BK Flyer flaperon materials in EAA hangar along with AeroVee engine kit for assembly.
 - Piet wing assy slow but steady.
 - Rebel progress on second wing moving ahead.
- Jodie has a long list of YE's to fly. Needs more approved pilots. No YE flying July/August.
- Squadron 534. New hangar sign is up on hangar door (*see our new LOGO at top left*)
- Kitchen trailer is done and in John Weber's barn for storage. Looks good.
- Ray Scholarship. Emily still flying. Chloe flying regularly via Jones Brothers Scholarship.
- Flying club. Approval of 501(c)(3) tax exempt status confirmed over phone but no formal letter received yet according to Stan Carpenter
- Flatbed trailer use fee approved. \$20 per use (not per day). Use copy of registration in office desk drawer when using trailer.
- John Weber Canceled VMC meeting for July
- Christmas party date is December 11th in Admin building. Details TBD.
- WASP presentation after meeting via Bill Suchy. Good show (see below)
- Calendar:
 - No July meeting as usual
 - 8/28 membership meeting, admin bldg
 - 9/18 YE fly day
 - 9/25 membership meeting, admin bldg.
 - 1/8/22 Mooney Lunch in hangar
 - 1/22/21 Villages Aviation Club lunch in hangar

Adjourned 9:48 am.

After the meeting we were treated to this wonderful movie about the WASP's and their struggle for validation and acceptance as veterans.
DVD's available from Mr Suchy



Notes:

1. **2021 dues are due** - \$20 make check out to EAA Chapter 534
Mail to: Greg Nilsen, 2856 Apache Ct, The Villages FL 32163
2. John Weber tells us about an easy way to help the chapter today. Any of us that shop through Amazon can help the chapter financially a little. Go to **smile.amazon.com** and search for **Mid Florida Chapter 534** Experimental Aircraft Association. Add this and shop through **smile.amazon.com** and the chapter will receive 0.5% of your purchase.
3. **Flying Club** Stan says the Flying Club(Squadron Aeronautics) is now looking for commitments (see below)

Hi Everyone, After a long gestation, it looks like we are getting closer to launching the flying club. The Zenith 701 is just about refurbished and should be getting a condition inspection and transponder check this month. The ADS-B in/out is installed and programmed. The IRS has said that the corporation is a 501(c)(3) although we are still awaiting the letter. One of our major goals is to continue to educate our youth group about all aspects of aviation operations. Even folks that may not consider joining are welcome to make a tax deductible donation to help us get our wheels off the ground. Now is the time that we need serious commitments from our potential members, as we will soon have bills to pay such as insurance and hangar rent. At this time, the plan appears to be a \$500 joining fee which will have \$250 refunded when someone decides to leave the club. There will be a family membership - \$500 for the first member as above, then \$250 for each additional family member with no refund on leaving the club. We are hoping that we can go with an hourly rate of about \$70/hour of flight time. There will be a monthly dues of \$70 - which will be applied to one hour of flight time. The hour of flight time can be rolled over for a maximum of 3 months, we want to encourage people to fly on a regular basis and stay current. These fees are going to be adjusted higher or lower depending on how many members we get and how the costs are going to be when we start operations. The goal at this time is to get somewhere around 15 members. When we get the Cessna 150 done and in the club, we will open up for more members and adjust fees accordingly. We will also have a social membership with a lower joining fee and monthly dues for those that would like to support the club without being flying members. Please contact me or Frank McCutcheon with any concerns or questions and let us know if you are willing to commit to the club.



Sincerely John Weber.

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Ho Ho Ho! to all Chapter 534 Members,

It's not Christmas in July, but it's time for thinking ahead a bit to the holidays and whether or not the Chapter will have a Christmas party. The Chapter has reserved the airport admin building for Saturday, December 11th and needs to hear back from those of you that would like to get together. We're just in the beginning of planning but need to have an idea about how many people might attend.

Tickets would be in the \$20-\$25/person range and a seated dinner would be catered. Bring your own wine (no liquor please). Sodas, coffee and water would be provided. A \$5-\$10 max gift exchange is a possibility. Minimal Chapter business and a social evening. Estimate starting at 5 pm. As usual gentlemen, casual with long pants and collared shirts please. Ladies, as much dress up as you care to do.

So the question for all of you is: **'Do you want to have a Christmas party?'**

We'd like to get your responses by the end of this month, so we can continue planning.

Please send your 'yes', along with any suggestions back to John.

SAFETY CORNER:

From the “Safety Seat”

John H. Weber CFI-LS

How many times have you had that “gut feeling,” that something wasn’t quite right when you were flying? Recently, I had a situation where I was lucky that NOT following my “gut feeling” didn’t come back to bite me in the backside. I had several indicators that something was wrong, and I just wasn’t smart enough - or I was too complacent - to realize that things weren’t right. This occurred in my Rans S-6S that I have been flying for 20 years.

My first indicator came with my last condition inspection. I had some of the chapter members help me synchronize the carburetors at the EAA hangar during one of our Saturday morning gatherings. For the last 5 years, I haven’t needed to adjust the carbs, but this year I did. Hmm... I should have paid more attention. Why did I have to make the adjustment?

My second indicator came during taxiing and on final approach, when I saw that my idle speed was lower than it had been, previously. Sometimes, it was low enough that the engine was truly stumbling. Hmm... I attributed it to the fact that I had to adjust the carbs. “Easy fix,” I thought, “I will adjust the idle speed stops.”

My third indicator came when I adjusted the idle speed stops, but it didn’t seem to affect the problem. Ever hear the saying, “Three strikes and you’re out”? This time, I decided I would take off the entire cowling and go over the engine. Lo and behold, the rubber boot on the right carb had a tear and was coming apart! This was letting the carb move on the intake, thus affecting the mixture. Needless to say, the carburetor boots have been replaced, and a new carb sync was performed.



LESSONS LEARNED:

1. Listen to your aircraft. If something doesn’t feel, sound, or smell right, your plane is trying to tell you something. Trust your gut feeling. It’s better to be cautious and not find something, than to be in the air with an inflight emergency.
2. Familiarity can lead you to be complacent. If something doesn’t seem right, **TRULY** look for what might be going wrong and don’t settle for the “easy fix”.
3. Try to avoid the mindset of “it seems to be OK; I will just fly with it again and see what happens.”
4. Don’t be afraid of getting another knowledgeable person to evaluate the situation.

Hope that you can learn from my situation and apply it to your flying. Joh

AME list for 1st thru 3rd Class FAA physicals

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