

EAA CHAPTER 534

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Oct 21st Chapter Meeting

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Central Florida Pilots Flock to Leesburg International Airport for Continuing Education.

Pilots came to Leesburg International Airport in Leesburg, Florida on Saturday October 21, 2017 to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 534 Fly-In. They came by plane and by car to hear a presentation by Rock Rockcastle an instructor representing the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team. He talked about the Wings Pilot Proficiency Program and why the Air Traffic Control personnel can be your best friends in an emergency as well as helping you enjoy a safe flight. Rockcastle has many years' experience with the FAA, as a Certified Flight Instructor, and an instructor with Simcom Flight Training Centers. Simcom specializes in the use of aircraft simulators from general aviation Cessnas to air transport Boeing 747s. Rock stated "don't be embarrassed or worry about asking ATC for help even if it is a simple case of being lost. It is always best to ask for help before the emergency turns into disaster. ATC has people and tools at their disposal to help pilots out of tough situations". Acquiring a private pilot's license is just the beginning of a long continuing education process if one wants to do what is necessary to stay proficient. Besides the fact that accumulating hours as the pilot in control of an aircraft adds to your skill set, pilots are still required to have periodic reviews by certified flight instructors and continued study if they wish to become certified to fly different types of aircraft or increase proficiency to air transport pilot. The day started out at the airport administration building for coffee, donuts and a meet and greet before the formal presentation. After Rock's talk, which was spiced with many amusing flying yarns, the group gathered at the EAA Chapter 534 hangar for a barbeque lunch served up by the chapter members. The fly-In was not just another reason for pilots to meet, have a lunch and swap flying stories but to also honor their commitment to flying safely through continuing education.

If you would like to learn more about the Experimental Aircraft Association or its local chapter in Leesburg, Florida you may go to the following web sites.

< www.eaachapter534.org > or < www.eaa.org >



FAASafety.gov

“Safer Skies Through Education”

[WINGS MANUAL](#) (PDF download)

“1. Overview

1.1. Objective The objective of the WINGS program, especially at the Basic Level, is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community, and in such a manner as to suggest mitigation strategies to avoid those accidents. The WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program is based on the premise that pilots who maintain currency and proficiency in the basics of flight will enjoy a safer and more stress-free flying experience. Requirements for each aircraft category and class include specific subjects and flight maneuvers. The WINGS Program consists of learning activities and flight tasks selected to address the documented causal factors of aircraft accidents. You select the category and class of aircraft in which you wish to receive training and in which you wish to demonstrate your flight proficiency to applicable standards. To ensure you receive a well-rounded learning experience, only certain activities fulfill specific credit requirements. See Section 7 for more information on this topic.

1.2. Who Can Participate All pilots holding a U.S. pilot certificate may participate in the WINGS Program? To participate in flight portions of the program, pilots should contact certificated flight instructors and flight schools, and other FAA Team Members, who are or will participate in the WINGS Program. Student pilots are encouraged to participate in the WINGS Program. They will receive Phase 1 at the Basic Level upon satisfactory completion of their Private Pilot practical test and completion of an online course on Aeronautical Decision Making. Note that student pilots will initially register on FAASafety.gov as a non-airman.”

Nov 12th Sunday Searey Fly-In

Thomas Bowden posted in [SeaRey Owners and Pilots](#)

The Searey Fly-In at Bowden’s Landing is Sunday November 12th. The lake level is high, so the cement ramp is useable this year and the beach is not. Look for the buoys near the flag pole on the east shore of Island Lake. Plane parking is along the property line on the right and left first, then in the middle if we get more than 10 planes. Planes can beach on the shore between the weeds, but probably only 3 will fit. The Leesburg chapter of the EAA is supplying the food again this year. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips and soda. It’s possible some people will bring covered dishes. The EAA will have white cardboard donation boxes out for them to defray food cost. Progressive Aerodyne will be there in force with Kerry and the new CEO, Geoffrey Nicholson and others. They will bring some door prizes including one of the desktop Searey models to give away. This year we are trying something different with door prizes. In past years I spent \$150. for door prizes and about \$300 in food and did not charge for the door prize tickets. I usually broke even in donations and 50/50. Since the EAA is doing the food and has their own donation box, and I don’t want to put out a separate donation box to compete with them. I won’t be buying door prizes. Instead I want to do something that the EAA chapter does at their Christmas Party. Each guest is asked to bring a \$5 to \$10. gift and they get a Red Ticket. We then draw tickets just like we do for door prizes and you come and pick a gift. People who bring a gift get a gift. The Searey pilots and passengers get a Blue Ticket weather they bring a gift or not. The blue tickets are for the door prizes brought by Progressive including the desktop Searey model. If you bring a gift, then you’ll get a red ticket. I will be selling 50/50 tickets as my only means of donations for my costs.

The last 3 years had light attendance of Seareys. I hope weather is good and Searey attendance is good this year. I would like to continue this event if interest by the Searey community continues.

Please RSVP to tab380@aol.com
Info at www.Bowdens-Landing.com



Bob White Fly-In

Oct 30th Chapter 534 members enjoying the aircraft and food at Bob White Airfield, Zellwood FL...



UPCOMING Meetings

- **November 11th** – Young Eagles
- **November 12th** – Tom Bowden's annual Sea-Rey Fly-In.
- **November 18th** – This will be our General Meeting to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving. Our Speaker: Skip Banks lives in the Villages. He was a Navy Pilot, a Captain with Pan AM, American World Airways and also built a Pitts.



- **December 2nd** – Annual Christmas party at the Adrien's.

Paul & Barbara Adrien are happy to have been invited to host our Chapter 534 Holiday Party again this year.

It will be held on Saturday, December 2 at their home: 2706 Grand Island Shores Rd, Eustis. Call 352-483-4642 or 352-250-0055 for directions.

By popular demand, the menu will be: Welcome Drink, Appetizers, Prime Rib Dinner, Wine and Dessert, all for \$35 per person.

Dinner will be followed by a "Chinese Auction," so bring a \$5 gift to share. Festivities start at Four PM.

So, they can plan, please send your check (made out to EAA Chapter 534) to Dora Odor, 5051 China Sea Dr., Tavares, FL 32778 no later than November 15. She will also gladly accept your \$20 2018 Dues Payment on the same check.

Hope to see you there!

- **December 16th** – Young Eagles

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