

SEPT 2021



Next Chapter Meeting
ZOOM SEP 25th, 9:00 AM

VMC ZOOM – SEP 23th, 7:30 PM

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President's Message

I for one, am very happy fall is getting closer by the week! 94°F working in my hangar, or any hangar is not my idea of a good time and I'll really enjoy the weather change when it happens. Welcome to Florida! In spite of the heat, storms, Covid, etc., work at the EAA hangar and with Squadron 534 has continued over the summer, and progress is being made. Good things have been happening.

The CH 701 is undergoing its condition inspection and should be done this month; the tail feathers are about done on Dale's Searey; the first Pietenpol wing is getting its final structural items completed; the Rebel fuselage is getting bigger on its work table weekly and the AeroVee engine/flaperon assy should be completed next month. I want to thank all the participants, parents, volunteers and mentors who have continued to move our projects ahead for their perseverance and steady work under less than ideal conditions, as well as their continued care of and respect for each other. Keep up the good work!

Be courteous, be safe,
Steve

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES	
● 9/23	VMC, 7:30 Zoom
● 9/25	Chapter Mtg, 9:00 AM ZOOM only
● 10/30	Chapter Mtg, 9:00 AM ZOOM only
● 11/20	Chapter Mtg, 9:00 AM ZOOM only
● 12/11	Potential Chapter Christmas party /meal Admn Building
● 1/8/22	Mooney Lunch
● 1/22/22	Villages Aviation Club Lunch
● ???	YE Flights most likely January

Flying Quote:

"Flying is hours and hours of boredom sprinkled with a few seconds of sheer terror."

- Gregory "Pappy" Boyington

EAA Chapter 534 General Membership Meeting Minutes, AUG



Deferred to next month due to illness. get back on your feet Joan!

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. **Three Cheers!**
 - Jim Goodspeed got his IFR rating 8/30?
 - John Weber became an EAA Tech Counselor 9/5
 - First Flight of Craig Timm's Just-Highlander N39378 on 9/4
3. 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.
4. **Flying Club** Stan says the Flying Club(Squadron Aeronautics) is now looking for commitments (call John or Frank)



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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. **21 signed up already?**

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

Funding initiative for Squadron 534



Marty Harris has created a simple, easy to use secure inspection cover kit for fabric covered planes. FAA has approved the sale of this "upgrade kit" to be packaged by our Youth Group and sold through distributors. Source materials and costs are locked-in and prices will be very competitive for an easy assemble, install and remove cover. This style cover is not offered by any supplier as this time. Hopefully we will have initial quantities and sales outlets by November.

The profits would provide a steady income stream for the 534 projects with some "sweat-equity" by the members.

Interestingly **Patty Wagstaff** has agreed to "test fly some covers to ensure compliance!
Additionally, she may provide some promotional exposure for us



More to follow soon with details

MJH

The Cheap Seats Or Not

Disclaimer:

“If it flies, floats or, rent it, don't buy it,” said the character Tommy Earl Bruner in Dan Jenkins' novel, Baja Oklahoma (1981).

The saying means **that** owning an airplane or a boat can be expensive and it's **cheaper to rent**.

Owning your own airplane is not going to be cheaper than renting one when you want to fly, unless you are going to be flying a lot of hours. Your airplane, though, can give a lot of enjoyment and provide a lot less hassle when it comes to being able to go fly whenever you want. “Cheap airplane” is kind of an oxymoron. There are some ways around this if your intent is just to get into the sky and find that \$100 hamburger. There are bargains out there to be found, depending on your pocketbook. For this piece, I am going to ignore single seat planes, as I feel that there is much more enjoyment to be had with at least 2 seats. The light-sport type aircraft tends to be less expensive, and less complicated, i.e., less acquisition costs and maintenance.

Where to start?

I tend to peruse barnstormers.com, eBay, and Facebook on a regular basis.

I found this Challenger II on Facebook yesterday.



I found this unfinished Murphy Renegade Kit here in Florida for \$1000. A LARGE percentage of kits don't get finished, and many times an owner just wants to get rid of the project. This is another option for someone to build something and have something fun to fly. I can always buy or fabricate parts for it, as I am able to afford it.

You can find flying Rans S-12 aircraft - stable, easy to fly, tricycle gear and easy to land - in the range of \$12,000-14,000. If you watch closely, a person can find a tricycle gear Rans S-6 with a 4-stroke 912 Rotax for \$22-30K. The Pietenpol Aircamper can be a \$12-16K intro to tail wheel flying.

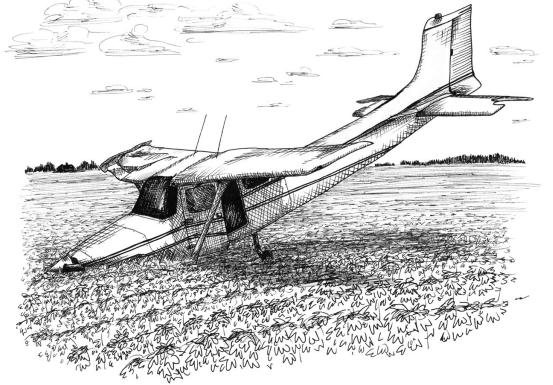
The legacy tail - draggers such as the Taylorcrafts, Luscombes, and Aeronca Chiefs can sometimes be had for under \$18,000. Unfortunately, Aeronca Champs and J-3 Cubs are getting to be quite pricey.

With due diligence, you can find a plane that is not too expensive and that can be even less if you find a partner to share the costs. Flying clubs can be even less expensive, but there can be scheduling issues.

See you in the cheap seats!

“WATCH THIS”
From the “Safety Seat”
 John H. Weber CFI-LS

Now that I have your attention, I would like to talk about a simple safety device that I have incorporated into my flying. We all have seen how much iPads, tablets, Smart Phones have been able to increase our situational awareness. I now have a portable device that I will NOT fly without. A year ago, my lovely bride of many years gave me an Apple Watch as a present. This has become one of my major safety items in the airplane. The Apple Watch has a “hard fall” sensor and will actually “call” EMS if you don’t cancel the indication. I learned this the “hard” way when I was ice-skating with my son and granddaughters. I took a header into the wall when I fell. As a result of the fall and the impact, the Watch acknowledged the fall and was about to summon EMS. The touch screen didn’t like my cold fingers, and it took a minute to be able to turn off the summons.



I started wearing the Apple Watch when I started doing aerobatics in the Rans S-9. I don’t have an ELT in the plane, so if I had a major foul-up, I could be located by the authorities by using the Watch. The Apple Watch uses GPS like a cell phone and uses the cell network.

My thinking is, in an emergency, I don’t have to worry about trying to find, unlock and use my cell phone. I think that there is always the chance that an impact could wrench the phone from the holder on my belt. (Yes, I am old enough that I have to have reading glasses to accurately use the phone.) So you see, there are several factors that could inhibit me from using my cell phone in such a situation. Having the Watch, if there were a problem - if it wasn’t already going off due to an impact - all I would have to do is hit my arm on the side of the fuselage. If I were incapacitated, this would greatly simplify things. As a result, from the signal sent via the GPS on the Watch, EMS would know there is a problem and exactly where I am. I hope that I never have to use it, but it is just like wearing my parachute when I am flying aerobatics. Fly safely until we meet again. John

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

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