

Addendum 1

Chapter 1298 Activities & Community Engagement Highlights

1. Young Eagles Flying Rallies

Chapter 1298 quarterly hosts Young Eagles Rallies, providing youth ages 8 to 18 with a hands-on introduction to aviation. Participants engage with flight simulators before taking a real flight with a volunteer pilot. All flights are free of charge. Each Young Eagle receives a logbook and a voucher for a free online ground school course upon completion.

2. "Old Farts Flying Club" Fly-In

This well-attended event brought over 100 aircraft to the chapter's airfield. With coordination from the airport administration, control tower, and volunteers, the fly-in was a major success. Visitors toured the chapter hangar and enjoyed offerings from local food trucks.

3. BKV WWII B-17 Memorial Involvement

Chapter 1298 continues to support and participate in the BKV WWII B-17 Memorial, recognizing the legacy and sacrifice of WWII airmen.

4. 80th Anniversary B-17 Crash Memorial Service

On September 30th, 2023, the chapter hosted a commemorative event marking the 80th anniversary of the B-17 crash. The memorial honored the fallen airmen with support from local first responders, JROTC, the airport community, and the public.

5. Boy Scout Campout & Flight Experience

Local Boy Scouts camped at the chapter hangar and participated in flights provided by chapter pilots. Throughout the year, Chapter 1298 has also offered aviation experiences to the Boy Scouts of America.

6. AMA Youth Build n Fly Program

In partnership with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), the chapter supported a youth-focused program where participants built and flew radio-controlled airplanes. Over a four-month period, a model aircraft was successfully constructed and flown. A new session began in Fall 2023 with continued chapter involvement and use of hangar facilities.

7. Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop

Chapter 1298 hosted the historic Ford Tri-Motor tour stop—an immersive four-day event that gave residents a chance to experience early aviation first-hand. Community members took scenic flights aboard the vintage aircraft. Global Jet Care provided generous support, contributing to the event's success.

8. FAA Safety Team (FAAST) Seminar

A chapter member hosted a FAAST seminar at Global Jet Care, delivering vital safety education to area pilots. These seminars support ongoing pilot proficiency and earn attendees WINGS credits for continuing education.

Chapter 1298 Members & Resources

Brooksville EAA Chapter 1298 is proud to be a vibrant and active chapter with a diverse range of aviation expertise and resources. Our members bring a wealth of knowledge and passion for aviation, and our chapter offers valuable opportunities and support for both youth and adult aviation enthusiasts.

Member Expertise

- FAA Master Pilots – Recognized 15 EAA 1298 pilots for 50+ years of safe flight
- Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs) – Supporting training and mentorship
- Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) Mechanics – On-hand technical knowledge and maintenance experience
- Technical Advisors – Available for guidance on aircraft construction and restoration
- Student Pilot Mentors – Supporting the next generation of aviators with one-on-one guidance and encouragement

Chapter Resources

- Certified Flight Simulator – FAA-approved, available for training and proficiency
- Aviation Tool Crib – Access to specialized tools for aircraft building and maintenance
- Build Projects – Several members are currently constructing their own aircraft, offering hands-on learning and collaboration opportunities
- Youth & Community Programs
- EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship
 - Trenton Daugherty, our chapter's first Ray Scholar, successfully earned his Private Pilot License in July. The chapter plans to apply for a second Ray Scholarship in 2026 on behalf of a member's daughter.
- Youth Aviation Open House & BBQ
- Hosted to engage local families and promote aviation opportunities for youth, including simulator demos and flight experiences.

Chapter 1298 Volunteer & Contribution Summary

Our chapter members generously donate their time, skills, and resources to support aviation education and outreach. The following are estimated volunteer hours and direct cost contributions associated with major events:

Young Eagles Rallies

- Volunteer Hours: ~100 hours per event
- Airplane Costs: ~\$1,600 per event (covered entirely by volunteer pilots)
- Details: Includes simulator sessions, ground instruction, and flights for youth ages 8–18
- Boy Scout Campout & Flight Program
- Volunteer Hours: ~100 hours
- Details: Includes hosting, coordinating overnight camping at the chapter hangar, and providing flight experiences
- AMA Youth Build n Fly Program
- Volunteer Hours: ~250 hours
- Material/Facility Costs: ~\$600
- Details: Multi-month program guiding youth through building and flying radio-controlled aircraft, using chapter facilities and instructor support

EAA Chapter 1298 Contributions to WWII Bunker Project – Real Dollar Savings to Hernando County

Members of EAA Chapter 1298 played a pivotal role in the successful execution of the WWII bunker restoration project, delivering substantial value to Hernando County through donated services, equipment, and expertise. Their contributions resulted in significant cost savings, outlined as follows:

County Savings: >\$50,000 All are members of EAA 1298

- Architectural Services – Hoffman Architects
- Ed Hoffman of Hoffman Architects provided professional architectural services critical to the project's planning and design.
- Historic Equipment Donation – Don Etchison
- Don Etchison procured and contributed a rare B17 propeller, a historically significant artifact that adds authenticity and value to the exhibit.
- Artifact Restoration – Merle Wagner/Bob Berryhill
- Merle Wagner and Bobb Berryhill meticulously restored a WWII-era bomb, preserving its historical integrity for public display
- Project Management
- Don Etchison also served as project manager, ensuring attention to detail and smooth coordination throughout the project — a vital contribution not measured in dollars but crucial to its success

These efforts not only preserved an important piece of history but also demonstrated the Chapter's dedication to community service and historical education.