

**EAA Chapter 1298 Supports
Hernando County Airport “Bring Your Child to Work Day”
By Paul Bryant**

On April 25, 2019, members of the chapter supported the county airport ‘bring Your Child to Work Day’. Merle Wagner and Steve White towed Merle’s “under-construction” Tailwind and Paul Bryant taxied his Arion Lightning to the event located at Global Jet Care on the western end of the airport, just south of RW 9.

The event kicked off at 9:00 am and included a *Global Jet Care* Lear 35 tour and discussion from the flight and mission crew. That crew departed during the event and was a good dynamic display of Jet Care’s capability. The two



experimental aircraft of Merle’s and Paul’s were statically set up to show a kit build in process and a completed build.

There were approximately 30 adults and children attending the day. Paul gave an excellent overview of EAA’s presence on the field discussing all the different activities the chapter is involved in. He also discussed the

Arion Lightning build process he went through as a factory assist. Merle discussed the different components of his airplane and the associated processes involved in that build; including the engine and avionics. Additionally, Steve White gave a presentation on the Young Eagles program which garnered a lot of interest. Hopefully we will see them again at young eagles’ day on June 8th.



Supporting events like this not only showcases our chapter, but also exemplifies our “good will” involvement within and for the community. It also shows our willingness to support the airport administrator and the positive impact General Aviation and the EAA have on the growth of the airport and aviation in general.



Being a good neighbor costs nearly nothing and may reap unknown benefits in the future. Thanks to Merle, Steve and Paul for setting aside a few hours to show the airport family our EAA chapter and what it means to the community, the employees on the airport and, potentially to their children.

By the way, if you ever get a chance to visit

Global Jet Care facility, do so. The service they provide for critically sick patients and their families is noteworthy.

Blue skies....

Paul