

EAA CHAPTER 1298 INSTALLS NEW EAA CHAPTER SIGNS
ON HANGAR
By Paul Bryant

Recently, our EAA Chapter 1298 Board recommended and chapter members approved targeted expenditures to replace aging EAA Chapter 1298 signs on two side of our Chapter hangar. The new signs were procured with funds specifically donated to the chapter for this project. This week, several chapter members volunteered their time and talents to remove the old weather-beaten wood signs and replace them with new, state-of-the-art aluminum and vinyl graphics. The old wooden signs were originally painted by Jim Doan, a long-time member who recently passed away. In our hearts, we thank Jim for taking the time to hand paint these for the chapter. Even though the old signs had to be replaced, when we look at the new signs it will be a continuous reminder of all the great things Jim did for our chapter.

The members involved removing the old signs and replacing them with the new ones were Merle Wagner, Bob Fry, Steve White and Paul Bryant. Precariously climbing ladders in the hot Florida sun and the weight of the old signs (1/2 inch plywood) made the effort a little daunting at first, but after a few plan changes (I mean we always change our plans, right) they were able to safely and expeditiously remove the old signs. Since the new signs are a light weight aluminum material, the installation went a lot quicker than the removal.



Here are Steve White and Bob Fry inside the hangar removing the bolts holding the old signs in place.

While they were prepping the removal of the bolts from the inside, Merle Wagner and Paul Bryant were on the outside steadying the removal. This was somewhat cumbersome as some of the plywood had rotted away and removing the bolts seemed almost impossible.



The whole team is readying the new sign installation.



Here you can see Paul helping Merle hold the new signs in place while Bob and Steve are bolting it to the hangar frame from the inside. The new signs are definitely an attractive show piece and make our EAA Chapter hangar a standout. Our next project is to get the outside hangar cleaned up.

The chapter leadership and members would also like to thank the following donors whose generous donations helped make this project come to fruition. Don Whiting, Steve White, Merle Wagner, Jack Lockwood and Paul Bryant.

