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VINEYARD AVIATORS

A group of Airport Manatee aviators descended on the Fiorelli Winery & Vineyard to enjoy more music by our own Jeff and Pam McNabb (Stars at Night). Plenty of wine sampling, good company, and fine weather made for a perfect afternoon. Kathy Brassard, Teresa Drake, and a new friend kicked up a few blades of grass and even got Charlie and Candice Turner to move to the music.





FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Back in January 2021, Caitlin Lynch became Airport Manatee's newest private pilot under the tutelage of Sam Lindsay. Since then, she has graduated from Dartmouth, is working on her Masters, and is full time with NASA. She wrote to Mike Hascall, her old employer, that she had an amazing opportunity this past weekend. She rode along in a formation clinic with some "warbird guys." Way to go, Caitlin. It's great to keep up with the Airport Manatee alumni.





PLACE HOLDER

Last month's FAMFAM Newsletter had the story of Robert Curtis' engine out excitement. After trailering the airplane to Tampa North and subsequent maintenance to fix the tendency for the engine to stumble and quit, Robert took off to return home. At about 300' the engine stumbled again but kept partial power allowing Robert to make a 180 back to the runway, albeit he blew a tire on landing. After further tinkering, the mechanic took the Ercoupe up and had a similar episode. A carburetor teardown is now in the works. In the mean time, a friend of Roberts made a small metal replica of the Ercoupe as a place holder for Robert's hangar until the real thing can return to the nest.



EAA CHAPTER 180 SPRING PICNIC/COOKOUT



Saturday, April 6, is the EAA Chapter 180's Spring get together and everyone is invited. Hours are from 11AM - 2 PM. Brats, burgers, hot dogs, side dishes, and desserts will be served for \$15 per person. Airplanes, displays, live music, and good aviation fellowship will be enjoyed. All proceeds support Young Eagles, Teen Aircraft, and Aviation Education Programs.
Fly in or drive in to Airport Manatee (48X)

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