

Who Are We and What Do We Do?

- Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 180
 - <https://www.eaa180.org/>
- Teen Aircraft Factory of Manasota, Inc.
 - <https://www.teenaircraftfactory.org/>
- The SRQ Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol
 - <https://fl044.cap.gov/>
- The Ninety-Nines
 - <https://www.ninety-nines.org/>
- The Sarasota – Manatee Airport Authority

What Does EAA Chapter 180 Do?

- We sponsor the Young Eagles Program, which has introduced hundreds of young people to aviation.
- We sponsor the Teen Aircraft Factory of Manasota, Inc.
- A unique project for ‘at-risk’ youths that fully engages them in building and certifying aircraft, aviation safety, flying and social events.

About the Teen Aircraft Factory

- Young people in this Program BUILD AIRPLANES
- We are building our 4th and 5th airplane now.
 - Our teens are mentored by our experienced volunteers
 - We emphasize STEM training, understanding technical drawings, and working with advanced tooling to assemble a flying aircraft.
 - They learn the certification requirements for the aircraft THEY build
- Our Teen Aircraft Factory Project has been and will continue to be financially self-sustainable because we price our finished E-LSA aircraft to cover the costs of the aircraft kits and hanger expenses.

Benefits of an SRQ Community Aviation Center include:

- Serve as a location for building aircraft, meetings, and other aviation-related activities.
- Become a source of students for Manatee Technical College School of Aviation Maintenance and Team Success charter school.
- Provide a source of potential students for the three flight training facilities at the airport.
- Our goal is to partner with the Airport Administration to provide a community resource for General Aviation.
- This facility complements the new aviation education endeavors by the Sarasota/Manatee Airport Authority at SRQ.
- A lease is waiting approval from KSRQ Airport Authority for the old tower property.



