



Our First Florida Chapter Secretary is a Renaissance man of many talents. A Professional Engineer with a career spanning almost four decades, Stan Kinmonth is also a restorer of award winning vehicles, a pilot capable of flying a T-34, and a long-standing and experienced FFC MVPA leader who has provided years of service to our group. He simply knows how things work and how they fit together.



Born in New Jersey, but raised in Tampa since the age of 6 months, Stan considers himself a Floridian. Since he was old enough to push a lawn mower, Stan has worked. While attending the University of South Florida, he worked at Tampa General Hospital as a nursing assistant.

Upon graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from USF in 1978, Stan began his engineering career at The Naval Air Rework Facility at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. After gaining the required four years of experience, Stan sat for and passed the Professional Engineer exam, becoming a Licensed Professional Engineer in Florida. Having worked with the local Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM) field office on major projects at the Rework facility, he was recruited into that field office, where he managed a wide variety of construction projects, many unique to the military. While working at NAS Jax, Stan obtained his Pilot's License through the Jax Navy Flying Club, flying their T-34B trainer. He also started the hobby of restoring vehicles by purchasing and restoring a Triumph TR6.

With staff cuts looming, Stan was picked up by the US Army Corps of Engineers. He was in a small unit within the Corps that did work for other federal agencies. His portion of the office's portfolio grew such that another Project Manager had to be brought in. Contacts in some of those other agencies, for which Stan had managed construction projects, recruited Stan to be an Engineer at headquarters level. Awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service upon leaving the Corps, Stan went north to work in Washington DC at NOAA and ICE. Needing to return south, Stan worked for the Corps in Savannah, until the Navy asked him to apply the regional NAVFACENGCOM that had relocated from Charleston to Jacksonville. Stan first managed a design team and later managed a project management branch, where he served until his retirement in 2013. While back with the Navy, Stan purchased and restored his 1942 GPW, applying the markings of the 2nd Ranger battalion, in which his father was a medic in WWII.



Stan's success in his professional career reflects his sound engineering judgment, his ability to work with a diverse group of people, his ability to work through varying bureaucracies, all to provide the best product for the customer. It was Stan that navigated the IRS process to obtain our 501(C)3 status and Florida sales tax exemption. Stan is a highly respected and long-serving Board Member, a noteworthy example of excellence, and friend and mentor to many of us on innumerable subjects.