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Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting is January 20, 2024

 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 
Fly-in or Drive in
Suwannee County Airport, 24J

Pancakes
Plain or Blueberry
Sausage
Bacon
Orange Juice
Coffee



8:00 to 10:00 – 3rd Saturday
\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 under 12

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast Is on January 20, 2023

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy
VMC Club presentation and our
Monthly Meeting!

From The Top

Happy New Year to everyone from my family to yours. As everyone is looking forward this time of year, let us all work together to make this EAA year Better as well. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the chapter in 2023. Through the years the pictures on the chapter wall honor those that have given of themselves to make 797 the chapter it is. Much respect and thanks to Tommy Deiderman for giving us two great years as President, but we all must contribute something to keep the momentum going.

As the new chapter President, I have high hope of growing the chapter as I we seek the input of your ideas and efforts as well. Let us come together, as the great aviation organization we are and bring aviation to Live Oak and the surrounding communities. Come out to our breakfast's every third Saturday of the month to enjoy good food and fellowship. Looking forward to meeting each one of you on the Saturday January the 20th to start the New Year off with a bang.

Ed Conrad, President

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VMC Club

There was no VMC meeting due to our Christmas Party, however, the normal VMC presentation will resume this month at the meeting.

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Membership News

Dennis Wilcox has been our membership coordinator for quite some time now but he has decided to relinquish those duties and Kathy Cleveland has graciously volunteered to take the reins.

Sometimes, we forget all the behind the scenes work that it takes to keep our club successful. I would like to extend a huge thank you for all the time Dennis has dedicated to keeping our club membership roster up to date.

This is also a friendly reminder that it is January and our 2024 dues are now due. Please be reminded that the cost for membership will be \$20.00 this year. The address for payments is listed below:

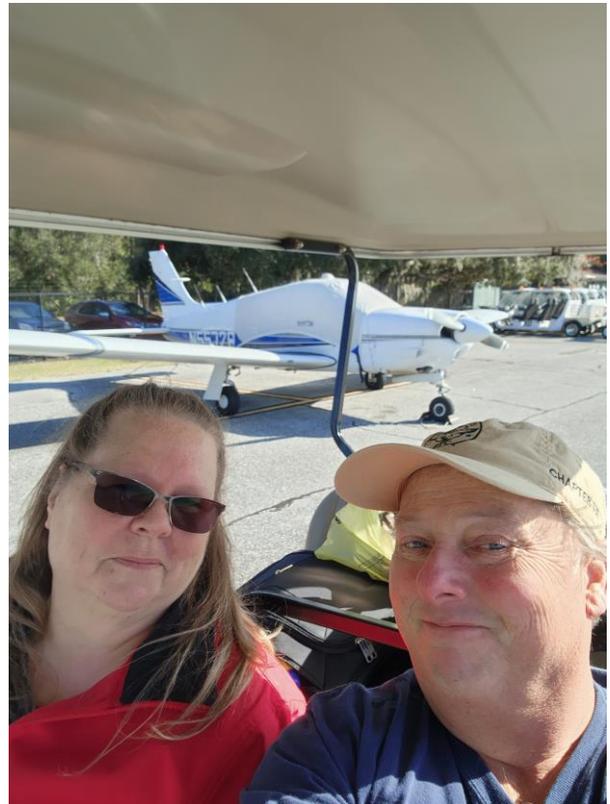
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New Members

As January brings in the new year, this is a perfect time to work on boosting our club membership.

Please continue to share the word about our activities. Invite your friends and neighbors to our monthly pancake breakfast and encourage them to stay for our monthly meeting.

Monthly Fly-Out



The monthly Fly-Out took several of our club members to Jekyll Island Airport, a small general aviation airport located in Jekyll Island, Georgia, around 2 miles away from central Jekyll Island.

Unfortunately, weather was not very cooperative for the anticipated fun day but those in attendance made the best of it.



We hope to try to schedule chapter fly-outs on the first weekend of each month – weather permitting. Keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Facebook page.

Please be sure to send pictures of club adventures. It helps other members who are planning a trip an opportunity to travel with other pilots that are familiar with the locations.

Sun-N Fun 2024

It seems like just yesterday that we were discussing Sun-N Fun 2023 but I would like to remind our members that preparation for the 2024 is already in full swing.

The event will run from April 9th to April 14th 2024. The activities on April 9th start with a bang with a concert by headliner, Trace Adkins and feature a special guest, Sara Evans. It promises to be a lot of fun with many of the names that we have seen in the past, plus some new faces. Attendees

will have a chance to see the debut of The Ghost Squadron and may others.

As everyone knows, this is a big fund raiser for our club. We always welcome volunteers to help with our Flight Line Tours. I am sure that Ed will keep us updated at the club meeting and we encourage everyone, who can, to help make this fundraising event to be successful.

Please mark the dates on your calendar!!

Editor

Wings Over Suwannee

October 5, 2024:

Planning has begun for Wings Over Suwannee. It will be held on Saturday; October 5th so be sure save the date.

This year will be a one-day event with camping on October 4th for those who would like to drive or fly-in and camp overnight. Education day will be held on another scheduled date.

This year we are lucky to have Christina Bedenbaugh heading up the event. We will be holding a planning meeting following this month's monthly meeting. We need your support so please plan to stay. We would like everyone's input on how we can make this event the best one yet!



Young Eagles Update

Young Eagles youth activities are planned to resume in March with a date to be announced.

I would also like to remind members that the EAA also sets aside the second Saturday in June for their annual celebration of the youth outreach initiative.

It is planned for June 8th this year. This celebration has been a staple since the early years of the Young Eagles program.

We always need volunteer pilots and members to help coordinate flights. Please be sure to go to the Young Eagles link to complete the short protection policy training before the date.

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>

Remember... Check Your Safety Wire!

A bad way to learn is through other people's mistakes but in aviation we often do learn because of someone else mistakes. I subscribe to the General Aviation News (GAN) which has several pages of Aviation Safety Reports that people have filed. Some reports are plain stupidity, some are maintenance problems, some are poor judgment, and some are "learning experiences".

In the latest GAN there was one report that I identified with right away. I would like to think that I have "higher standards" than the individual that had the problem, but . . . The report was about an airplane running out of oil and making an emergency landing.

The reason the airplane lost oil was the pilot/owner had not properly safety wired the oil filter which allowed it to back off. At the conclusion of the report, the pilot/owner said he had changed the oil the year before and had flown about 60 hours. What? That is too long in two ways! I wondered, had he checked the oil filter in the past year?

On the Cherokee and the Comanche, the filter is visible, and I often check it for leakage. I will admit, I have not double checked my safety wire job, but I think I will start.

Safety wiring is not a difficult task but if you don't know how to do it, ask any one of the several A&Ps in our chapter.

Sometimes you need to think about what the safety wire is preventing and use some logic to ensure it will be effective. Safety wiring is one simple task that most owners have to perform. Most owners either do not know or do not care about torque values. When doing many of the simple tasks the owner is allowed to do on a certified airplane, torque values are often called out – spark plugs, spark plug wires, brakes, valve covers, to name a few items that an owner might find himself removing and replacing and should torque to a proper value.

The bottom line, a little owner maintenance can save a lot of money, if done right. A little owner maintenance can cost a lot of money if not done right!

Dave Holmes

Member Spotlight

Paul Michael's Murphy Rebel Project



Paul Michael is building his second Murphy Rebel and his eighth project. He lives at Suwannee Belle Airport (9f10).

His first Rebel was a standard kit with float upgrade. This Rebel will have a few upgrades. It has a Dynon glass panel. It will have a Sensenich composite, ground adjustable propeller. The propeller will need to be shortened in order to provide adequate clearance when the aircraft is on conventional gear. It has a Titan XO-340 engine producing 174 horsepower.

After a 23 month wait, the engine finally was delivered. The company said that the delay was due to COVID. But production was also slowed due to some personnel and procedural production issues. Also, Murphy Aircraft Manufacturing Limited of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada was sold to a company in China. During the transition, it was difficult to get parts and supplies from them in a timely manner. Now they are back to being very responsive to the needs of the builders and are still located in Chilliwack.



Paul's airframe is 99% complete. The engine is mounted. The panel is installed except for the two main glass panels. Those panels are out right now to allow access to everything behind the panel. The panel was completely wired up before installation.



Now he is hooking everything up to the system and to the Engine Control Unit. He has installed the Dave Fife hoerner type wing tips and tail caps. The wing tips will decrease the stall speed and improve low speed handling of the aircraft.

There are still a lot of decisions to be made on things like the gear, cowling, etc. A number of other modifications were made to the original plans including larger fuel tanks, shoulder harness, and some enhancements to a few construction features.

I could not get Paul to make an estimate on when it will fly. He wants to take his time and be sure he has done everything properly. He would welcome visitors to come and take a look at his project. He

has a lot of stories about his building experience. You can call him at 954-699-7778.

He still has not decided whether he will keep both airplanes. Paul is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration. He was an inspector with the FAA, working in maintenance, operations, and avionics.

Sandy McKenzie



EAA.Org Activities

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days.

It will start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, there will be offered six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions.

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. Eaa tries to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big

thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder. EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc. Visit

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

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General Aviation News:

G JAL Airbus and Coast Guard Dash 8 In Fiery Runway Collision Published January 3, 2024 by Mark Phelps.

Five Japanese Coast Guard personnel are dead and the command pilot seriously injured after their de Havilland Canada DHC-8 Dash 8 was struck by a Japan Airlines Airbus A350-900 on the runway at Tokyo Haneda International Airport. Though the landing Airbus caught fire and was gutted by the flames, all 379 on board escaped with minor injuries reported.



JAL Flight 516 was arriving on a domestic flight from Sapporo at 5:47 p.m. local time on Tuesday (Jan. 2) (3:47 a.m. EST). A spokesman for the Japanese Coast Guard [told CNN](http://www.cnn.com) the Coast Guard Dash 8 was preparing for takeoff on a flight to an airbase in the prefecture of Niigata to support relief

efforts related to the 7.5-magnitude earthquake that hit Japan on Monday.

[Surveillance video](#) posted by CNN shows the Airbus just after the collision as it burst into flames and skidded down Runway 34R with fire emanating from its nosewheel and left wing. The Dash 8 is not visible in the video. Additional video from CNN shows the smoke-filled cabin interior with passengers beginning to evacuate. All 367 passengers, including eight small children, and 12 crew members on the Airbus escaped the burning wreckage via emergency slides.

[Haneda Airport](#) has main parallel runways (16R/34L and 16L/34R) with two crosswind runways. Runway 04/22 to the north end of the airport only intersects very close to the departure end of Runway 34L. Runway 05/23 to the south does not intersect with either of the parallel runways. So, the configuration of the airport suggests that investigators will be exploring the possibility that, because the Airbus was landing on Runway 34R, the collision likely involved a runway incursion on Runway 34R by the Dash 8 for reasons not yet determined.

This is a great article submitted by Dave Poirier that outlines the need to listen carefully to all communications

EAA Education Seminars

Title: Wiring Basics

Topic: Discussion of aircraft wiring systems.

Date and Time: Monday January 22, 2024 14:00 EST

Brief Description: EAA SportAir Workshops Electrical Systems & Avionics instructor Dick Koehler discusses the basics of aircraft electrical wiring and tips for planning out your aircraft electrical system.

Title:

Welding Basics Gas and TIG

Topic: Discussion of basic fundamentals of both Gas and TIG welding.

Date and Time: Monday, January 22, 2024 15:30 EST

Brief Description: The ability to make aircraft quality welds opens up many aircraft designs for the homebuilder. Both gas (oxy acetylene) and TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding work well for building aircraft quality parts. Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles of EAA, will cover the advantages of both methods and some tips on getting started welding.

[Visit EAA.org to register.](#)

Upcoming Local Events!



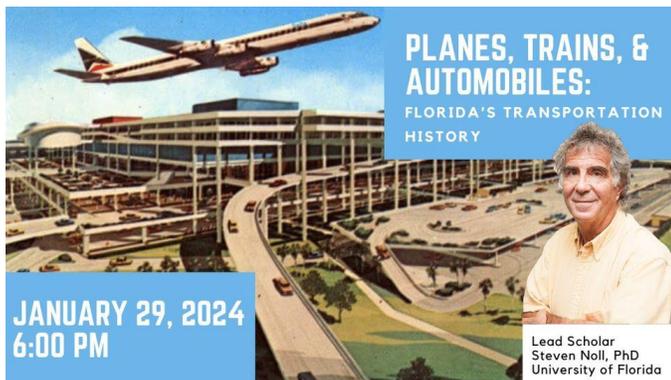
Air Race Classic:

Several members volunteered this year for the Air Race Classic that was held at Cross City Airport. For our lady pilots who may be interested, Air Race Classic registration has opened for this year's event.

For anyone following the event or wanting to register, you can visit <https://www.airraceclassic.org/how-to-register.htm>

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

This event will be hosted by the Suwannee River Regional Library System in Live Oak Public Library to Explore and celebrate the history of Florida transportation.



University of Florida professor, Dr. Steven Noll, will present *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Florida's Transportation History* on Monday, January 29 at 6:00 pm. Tying transportation history to social history, this presentation moves from the Bellamy Road of the 1820s to the modern transportation issues facing the Sunshine State in the 21st century.

Cross City Fly-in and Business Expo 2024



CHANGE OF VENUE for 2024 - We Will Move Our Next Fly-In to 2025 Due to Construction and Other Disruptions for Businesses and Individual Members of Our Team from Hurricane Idalia. Meanwhile, we are asking all the public and our vendors and exhibitors to join us Saturday, April 20,

2024 downtown to celebrate... The Town of Cross City, Florida's 100th Anniversary!

More details to come. Happy New Year to all of you! See you downtown for Our Town's Centennial!



Club Calendar

- EAA 797 Club Meeting – 3rd Saturday of every month.
- Wings Over Suwannee planning meeting - January 20th following the regular club meeting.
- Sun-N Fun 2024 April 9th – April 14th
- Cross City 100th Anniversary Celebration April 20, 2024
- Wings Over Suwannee October 5, 2024

Please email corrections, event information, photos, and any information that you would like to pass on to:

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