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# CANNON CREEK FLYERS

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Chapter 977 meeting minutes

Called to order: 7:15pm

President **Don Downs** called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were **49** members and guests present for the meeting.

## Membership: Mel Towner

No new members, but a few guests were present - welcome!

## Treasurer: Mark Sires

All finances are in order

The Board has elected to pay off the building mortgage in the next 3 years and the chapter will own the building free and clear

## Fly-Out Report: Mark Wiencek

Fly-outs coming up: **Leeward Air Ranch is Sunday 10-2.**

Did you attend? Send photos and a short description to April Sedlak so we can spotlight it!



## The Young Eagles Rally on February 25th

was a success!

After the fog finally lifted around 11:30, we had 10 pilots who flew 44 kids in just a few hours!

As the fog lifted, the crowds were entertained by **CFI Greg in his Gyro** and **Gary Donovan in his T-34**. Not sure who had more fun, the crowd or the pilots! More photos are up on our chapter website:

[eaa977.org](http://eaa977.org)

*Thank you to all of our volunteers who came out to help. We got big smiles from kids and parents and many "thank you!"s for having the event!*



Thank you to **Mary Beth Downs** and **Shirley McManus** for helping with and setting up the refreshments tonight! Sign up if you'd like to bring goodies to the next meeting. We need a few more bakers to bring treats for our upcoming meetings. Contact Shirley McManus for more info.



## Housekeeping:

- The Cannon Creek Runway Corporation owns the water drainage area near our chapter building property. Suwannee River would like to make changes to it soon. By show of hands, the majority of members present are in favor of having the drainage fixed.

- We will be hiring a company to come out and pressure wash the roof before our Shamrock event.



## Our Annual Shamrock Fly-In is just around the corner!

We will be serving BBQ pulled pork as our main dish again with all the fixin's! And don't forget to bring desserts for our famous Decadent Dessert Table.

Doors open at 10:30

Lunch is 11:30 - 1:30

Adults are \$15 each, kids are \$8 each

There will be a Volunteer meeting on the 15th at 7pm prior to the event for last minute details before the event.

**The Crafters Sale** will be set up on the chapter patio. Be sure to stop by and shop some unique finds. If you'd like to bring and sell your crafts this year, give **Vicky Shanks** a call to reserve your table space. Table space is limited so don't wait until the last minute!

Tonight's program: **Billy Dekle**

US Marine, Pilot, drug smuggler, and now a published writer

Good turnout from curious neighbors to hear stories about his flying adventures

Thank you to **Marlene Kenney** for organizing our 50/50 this evening. Drawn by one of our guests Billy and his wife Kay... the winner is Bill Jennings! Congratulations, Bill.



**See you all at the Shamrock!**

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm  
Submitted by April Sedlak, Secretary

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Join us for our MONTHLY MEETING

EAA Chapter 977 holds a monthly meeting in which all aviation enthusiasts are welcome. The meeting is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Doors open at 7PM, meeting starts promptly at 7:15PM.

Meeting location is at the permanent home of EAA Chapter 977 which is located on Cannon Creek Airpark (15FL). Our street address is 288 SW Challenger Lane, Lake City, FL, 32025