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Chapter 797 Meeting: June's Meeting is June 19, 2021



Your Editor flying the Zenith 750 over Florida farms.

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast Is from 8-10am On June 19, 2021

From The Top

Hello everyone,

I look forward to seeing you at the June meeting.

We will mainly be discussing WOS. There is a lot of planning still to do.

The meeting will be at 9:00, an hour early, followed with a Young Eagles rally in which we will be flying the Tallahassee boy scouts troop. We had a successful Young Eagles rally on June 5th in Cross City.

See everyone Saturday

*Christina Bedenbaugh
EAA Chapter 797 President*

LSA Changes Moving Forward

The new proposal for updated LSA rules is progressing painfully slowly, but progressing. A new category of aircraft and licensure, "LPA", is being floated as part of the changes.

The comment period is not open until mid 2022 and the final rule is 30 months away. The original LSA rules were supposed to revitalize General Aviation, this appears to be a second attempt to do so. Read more at:

<https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/ea797/ea797-says-lsa-expansion-still-on-track/>

Young Eagle News

On June 5th we conducted our second Cross City YE rally of the year. Our dedicated pilot and ground volunteers introduced another 19 kids to the wonder of flight. The combined total of our Cross City rallies is 34 young eagles flown. We had 16 additional kids register at the young eagle website that did not show up. Maybe at some point we can fly some of them as well.

I would like to thank Ron Koblitz, Adam Guarno, and Derek Schanze of the JAX Navy Flying Club for bringing a Cessna 182 and 172 to help out with the flying. Our Chapter 797 pilots included Greg Boyette, Dave Holmes, Brad Bedenbaugh, and John Becker. The Young Eagle program would not be possible without pilots willing to share their time and resources.

Ground volunteers are also required to conduct a safe and fun event for the kids. I would like to acknowledge Ronda Holmes, Michele Burke, Dana Sheffield, Pam Hancock and Sally Huggins for spending their Saturday morning to help insure the success of the rally. Sally came with Greg and took many nice photos to share with



the kids.

Alan with his YE Charges

Don, Stan and Zack of Dixie Aviation once again permitted us the use of the FBO facility to conduct the rally. Their support is much appreciated.

Our next young eagle event is June 19th, after our monthly fly in and pancake breakfast. We will be flying six Boy Scouts of Troop 51 that are working on their aviation merit badges.

*Phil Hancock
Ch 797 YE Coordinator*

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News Wanted!

This is your newsletter. I am very happy to see that several people have stepped forward with their experiences to fill these pages. Let us know how your project is going or where you've been. It's your newsletter, let's make it about you.

Editor

Joe's Tri-Pacer

Member Joe Arbie's Tri-Pacer is still for sale.

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Suwannee Valley Flying Club

The Suwannee Valley Flying Club is still alive and well. We have a couple of new members, but we have room for more. There is a \$200.00 sunk cost, initiation fee, and the dues are \$90.00 a month which includes one hour of flying time. I think it is about the least expensive way to fly in northern Florida!



The airplane is a Beechcraft Musketeer, it has an 800+ pound useful load, 4 seats and cruises about 125 mph.

Blue skies and tail winds,
Dave Holmes

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In Brief..

AirVenture is fast approaching. It is scheduled for the last week of July. I will not be attending this year and request members submit their experiences to the newsletter for us all to share.

To plan your adventure to AirVenture this year follow this link:

<https://www.eaa.org/Airventure>

Editor

Holmes on Deck

So far, June has been an active month! We missed a good time and chance to let people know who we are and what we do by not participating in the Blueberry Festival parade. Chapter 977 had one of the five floats in the parade. The reports I heard, the festival was a hit, the weather was ideal and good time was had by all.

While we missed out on the Blueberry Festival and a chance to promote Wings Over Suwannee in September, we did have a good Young Eagle event at Cross City on 5 June. Phil Hancock had 24 kids registered and 19 showed up. We had three airplanes from our chapter, two from Jacksonville, and Bill Palmer allowed John Becker to ride kids in his Piper Cub. Most of the kids were from Michelle Burke's aviation class. Phil and Pam did an excellent job of organizing the event. There will be more opportunities to participate in YE later this month.

On 19 June, along with our chapter meeting and pancake breakfast, Phil has another YE event. I hope everyone will come to the 19 June meeting.

Dave Holmes

Cross City Event

THANKS YOUNG EAGLES TEAM

Once again the Catfish Squadron and a few others gave their efforts to help us in Cross City. Everyone flew in early June 5th to share the joy of flying with the kids around our area. Some pre-registered at the Airport Expo in April, some used the EAA website, a few just showed up, all left with great stories to tell.

Many of us remember our first plane ride and look what it led to, those who fly just for fun and many of you that made a career of it. The expense of making those memories is a lot higher today and we really appreciate it. All the parents expressed their gratitude for making something happen that many thought wasn't possible for their kids.

I'm sure Phil wrote a more detailed account of the day so I'll keep it short by THANKING EVERYONE that contributed in the air and on the ground. You know who you are and so do we.

We'll see you in September, The Cross City Airport Expo

Dana Sheffield



VMC Club

Question of the Month:

May Question

The question presented in May was: “You are refueling your single engine aircraft. You run a ground wire from the pump and clip it to your exhaust pipe. Why are you doing this? Is this the correct place to connect a ground wire? Should you be doing it?”

May Answer

The answer, at the June meeting will go into a bit of detail on the matter. I was surprised when I read the answer as given by EAA’s Radek, Wyrzykowski. We will be able to discuss his answer at the meeting.

June Question

The June Question is three paragraphs long, with a portion of a Sectional Chart, as well. I won’t print out the whole situation for you just now, but I’ll explain the entire question at the meeting. In general, the question has to do with a last minute in-flight decision to land at an airport directly on the flight path.

What Would You Do? Video

The title of the video is: “Powerless or Overpowered”. When I previewed this video I really got involved. At the end, I finally decided that I would be too embarrassed to tell this story to anyone, if it had happened to me! Then, at the breakfast we can talk about What Would You Do? if you were in a similar situation.

In order to attract more Chapter 797 pilots to the VMC portion of the meeting, there will be a slight change, to see how it goes. The breakfast portion of the meeting will merge with the VMC meeting. Enjoy your breakfast. Enjoy the VMC meeting. Don’t talk with your mouth full!

Clark DeChant

Flying Bits

Captain Randa Johnston announced her engagement to Captain Joshua Cisneros, also flying for Grant Aviation, based in Anchorage, Alaska.

Just now, Randa is taking a break from her flying duties to make wedding plans and to “enjoy the beautiful Alaska Spring weather.” Her last email closed with a cryptic “See you soon!”

Greg Boyette is busy with two interesting Private Pilot students. Dillon Blake, ages 18, Class of ‘21, is working regularly on his PPL in order to have his Private license when he enters Embry-Riddle in the Fall, in order to begin his studies for a career in aviation! The second student keeping Greg busy is Paul Pontzer, who at age 53, is fulfilling a long time dream. He very recently soloed! Good Luck, Paul!



At right is James Garmin flying a Schweizer 1-26 sailplane at 14. He’s Jerry Cornwell’s grandson and solo already. So good to see youth learning the responsibility that PIC demands of us all.

Submitted by Clark DeChant

I’m sure that I missed something or someone and I welcome healthy criticism. You can send comments, questions, ideas or articles to:



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If it seems that the newsletter is a little thinner than usual, it is. Consider your projects newsworthy and toss me some pictures. It’s your newsletter, let’s keep it about y’all.