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## Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting is February 19, 2022



**Air Force Space & Missile Museum**

## EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast Is on February 19, 2022

## From The Top

I want to thank everyone who showed up to our first meeting of the new year, I feel we got off to a good start but I would like to encourage you to join us for the February meeting on Saturday the 19th.

We need to establish a new date for our WOS event, looking forward to our VMC presentation by Greg Boyette, and an update for our participation in the Sun-N-Fun event in Lakeland

Thank you,

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It has been brought up that pets have begun to reappear at meetings and breakfasts.

I was one who was not present at the meeting in which a policy was adopted to exclude pets from the club building over a year ago. I was caught unaware and perhaps some others were as well.

Pets can be unconcerned with their surroundings and soil the carpets and worse. (This has happened here) Members can be allergic and made uncomfortable, not to mention that we serve food in the facility. For these reasons and more, the policy was passed to leave our four-legged family outside the door. Of course, certified support animals are always welcome."

*Editor*



## VMC Club

Clark Dechant has handed off the VMC Club representation to Greg Boyette. Clark has an injury that limits his travel, we wish him well.

Greg hopes to have his ducks all in a row for the March Meeting.

*Editor*

## Maintenance Matters

You, the private pilot and the proud owner of your beloved Cessna 172 are ready for a short flight, after preflight and start you do a run-up. The mag drop is more than you like so decide to return to the hangar and check the magneto timing. Then it dawns on you can I legally do this?

The answer: at our February EAA797 meeting, and discussion will follow.

*Pete vanSpronson*

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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*

## In Brief...

U2 can make a difference. A private pilot in southern California had engine trouble and was going down. Being too low to radio help due to mountains, the distress call was picked up by a U2 spy plane nearly 70K feet higher.

The U2 pilot relayed situational info from pilot to base and was able to direct search efforts.

You never know who's listening, so don't stop flying the plane or talking into the void.



The complete story:

[https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/u-2-pilot-helps-ga-pilot-in-distress/?MailingID=830&utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Airport+Closure+Consequences%2C+New+Russian+AWACS&utm\\_campaign=Airport+Closure+Consequences%2C+New+Russian+AWACS-Monday%2C+February+14%2C+2022](https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/u-2-pilot-helps-ga-pilot-in-distress/?MailingID=830&utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Airport+Closure+Consequences%2C+New+Russian+AWACS&utm_campaign=Airport+Closure+Consequences%2C+New+Russian+AWACS-Monday%2C+February+14%2C+2022)

*Editor*

## Pesek around the state..

Hey Chapter, just returned from a trip to Cocoa Beach and had a great couple days. I highly recommend the Air Force Space and Missile Museum located a few miles south of the main Kennedy Space Center complex.

Now it's not big but it's free and a great alternative to the pricey KSC Visitor admission of \$57+. Just one big room but we had a great volunteer guide and not that much time anyway.

I've been researching the Light Sport Maintenance Rating for some time and have found

the Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, VA is offering the course again. Sign up starts this March. Most of the instruction is virtual on your schedule. Only in-class requirement is a 5 day lab in Aug. It's a much cheaper alternative to the Rainbow Aviation's \$4500+ course. The Light Sport Maintenance Rating allows one to work on any Light Sport for pay, and I believe your work can be credited to an A&P after a period of time.

I left some kneeboards and a nice E6B in the front of the clubhouse if anyone is interested and remembers how to use it!

*Larry Pesek*

*This sounds like fun. Thanks for the heads up on the education opportunity!*

*Editor*

## Cross City Fly-In

We're about 6 weeks away from the 8th annual Fly-In, Cruise In and Business Expo at the Cross City Airport on April 2nd. Thanks to much help from the Catfish Squadron it has grown into a well attended event. Again we've invited the world and we'll see what comes, hopefully better weather than last year.

It is the Saturday before Sun-N-Fun and some you are busy, thanks anyway. Like everyone, every year, we'd appreciate help from those who can. In our group no skills are necessary some things that come to mind are: Your Kiddy Squadron has been very popular in past years, help marshalling aircraft (A golf cart or scooter would be a great help), help registering aircraft or vehicles, helping military crews and civilian pilots, and the 100 other things that come up.

FOAA that brings the Huey has asked for 2 volunteers in the morning and 2 in the afternoon to assist them. They will each get a free flight for their help, \$70 value.

Most importantly bring an aircraft, interesting vehicle for the cruise-in, family and friends are all critical to our success. Thanks Everyone. For more info or questions email Dana at [itzaluks@outlook.com](mailto:itzaluks@outlook.com) I'll get an answer or make one up.

*Dana Sheffield*

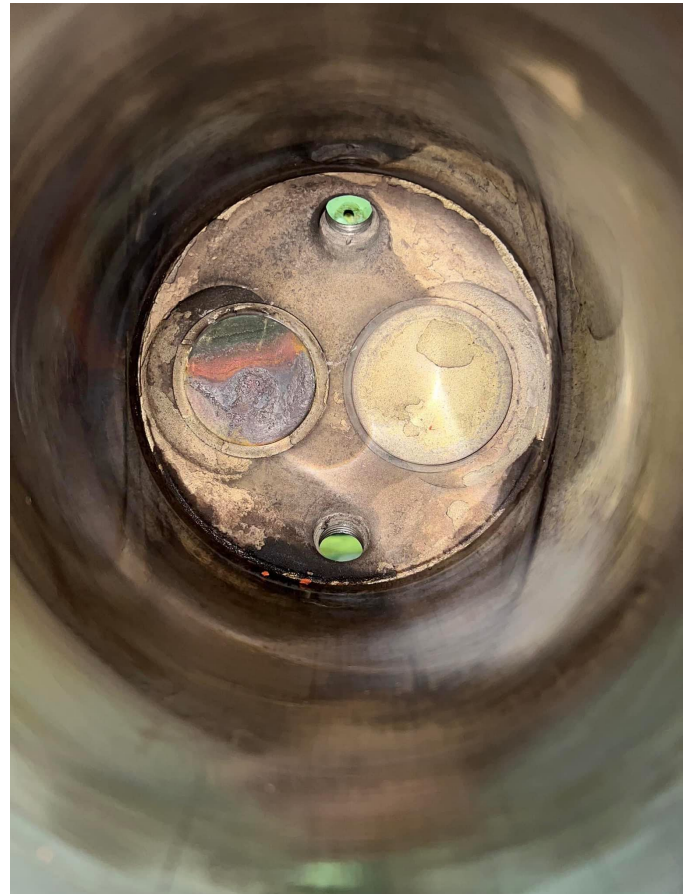
## Tailwind

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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An Interesting view from Allen Rice.



Food for thought.

With summer coming, be ready for hot weather.

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