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Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting is April 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 April 20, 2023

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

From The Top

It was good to see so many people come out and support our Sun & Fun Chairman, Tommy Deideman & Pete VanSpronsen, at this years event. This is the main fundraising event for our chapter, bringing in 70 % our yearly funds. Thanks to all the people that stepping up to support our chapter in Lakeland as well as here at home. With everyone giving a little bit, we as a group can accomplish great things. Like hosting a Civil Air Patrol event on Saturday, while many members were working at Sun & Fun. Just know that your time and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Also, for those that were unable to attend Sun & Fun, we still have fun activities here at home. We are in need of kitchen help for our Saturday breakfast. If you haven't had a chance to help out, please do so this week. It is an opportunity for you to participate in the memories of working together with other chapter members and for those that haven't learned your kitchen skills, it's a great place to gain some of those skills too. Contact Cathy Cleveland if you are able to help.

And let's not forget to mark your calendars for Saturday April the 27th. it's our Young Eagles Flights event that was rescheduled due to bad weather and Dave Holmes will need your support. Please contact him if you can help with these young

people that want to learn about aviation and are taking their first flight at our airport. Even if you don't have an airplane, there is much to do with ground operations, safely guided others that are not familiar with airplanes, it's a fun event.

The Lake City Fire Department has asked for our Little Airplanes on that same weekend so let me know if you are available to help there. Heritage Park is also coming up on April the 27th and we will be giving more of those Little Airplane rides to our local community once again.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this Saturday at our breakfast where you can learn more about what's happening in our chapter.

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VMC Club

VMC meeting this month was presented by Greg Boyette.

Editor



Membership News

I would like to extend a thank you to all of our members who have renewed their membership. I feel that we have a great club, and it is awesome to see the club continue to grow.

For those who are considering joining the club or are interested in renewing membership. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Any new member dues collected after October 1st each year will carry over until December 31st the following year. The cost of an annual membership to our chapter is \$20.00 a year.

You can remit payments in person or to the address below:

Suwannee Co. Airport, EAA Clubhouse
13344 80th Terrace
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Editor

Monthly Fly-Out

We are still hoping to try to schedule chapter fly-outs on the first weekend of each month – weather permitting., so be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events on our Facebook page.

Also, if you know if any upcoming events, please put a post on the Facebook page or email me so that I can make sure that the word gets out.

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Sun-N Fun 2024

The board members would like to extend a huge thank you all Sun-N-Fun Volunteers. The club would like to extend a special thank you for the donation of your time. It was a great success.



We were fortunate to have the tractors to be able to keep our Flight Line Tours moving. It takes a lot of muscle to keep the wagons moving.



But the event is not just work either, there are evenings of simple fun, comradery and good food to make up for the day's work. Pictures like these remind us of the memories made while we support our club's future.



And our members are always there to lend a helping hand.



Yet, I think everyone that volunteers, feels a little like this fella by the end of the week. This was an awesome photo tribute to Tommy from EAA Facebook page that I could not resist putting in here. I think it sums it up. I am so happy to be a part of such a great, fun loving group!!



Wings Over Suwannee

October 5, 2024:

Wings Over Suwannee will be held on Saturday; October 5th so be sure you are saving the date.

We still help with the event. Even if you have missed the first several meetings, we still need additional help. And, even if you cannot attend the event, there are lots of planning activities that you can assist with.

Please consider staying after the monthly club meeting to find out ways that you can offer any assistance.



Young Eagles

Please remember that our first rally had to be rescheduled due to weather. It is now scheduled for April 27th at the club house.

If you have not already done so, please sign-up to help with the youth by completing the Youth Protection Program on EAA.org. The course is a power point that will take maybe 15 minutes.

We still have our International Young Eagles Day scheduled for June 8th. Please plan to volunteer. Even if you are not a pilot, there are plenty of ways that you can help on the ground.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the Young Eagles program, please call Dave Holmes, Young Eagles Coordinator at 817-308-9752.

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

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TACO Tuesday Reminder.

If you have not made it a point to come for Taco Tuesday, then you are missing out on great food and fellowship. Here are a couple of pictures to make you a little hungry and remind you to come out for a great meal. I am looking forward to our next scheduled date on April 23rd.



Cross City Fly-in and Business Expo 2024

April 20, 2024, Cross City will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary!



Little River Fly-in

The annual Little River Fly-in will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Be sure to bring an appetite and anything you would want to swap or sell.

And, for the antique car fans, there will be old cars in attendance as well. This is a fun



annual event. Please consider flying or driving in to support one of our local Air Parks.



wonderful the world of aviation is to children and families. It is through our volunteer efforts that we,



as an organization, can support our community. We continued this tradition of support by flying kids at Jade Cato's fund raiser. We have become a popular attraction, and it is through our volunteer efforts that we can continue to put smiles on kid's faces....And some adults.



Fundraiser for Jade Cato

Our club does a lot of good things through each year but one of our missions is to show how





Club Calendar

- EAA 797 Club Meeting – 3rd Saturday of every month. The next meeting is March 16th.
- Wings Over Suwannee planning meeting – will be held after the regular club meeting on April 20th.
- Cross City 100th Anniversary Celebration is also scheduled for April 20, 2024
- Young Eagles Rally has been rescheduled for April 27th due to weather. It will be at our clubhouse.
- The Wildflower Festival/Live Oak Fire Department Fundraiser – April 27 from 9 – 3. We will need help with the Kiddie Squadron.
- Little River Fly-In Swap Meet – Little River Airpark- Saturday May 4th from am to 2 pm.
- International Young Eagles Day June 8th – We will be flying young eagles on this date. Please consider volunteering to support the event.
- Air Race Classic will be held on June 18 – 21 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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