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Annual Pig Roast

October 19, 2019

The monthly meeting will not be held at the Chapter Building this month.

At 11:30 AM. On October 19th, 2019, A Pig Roast will be held instead. All of our members are asked to share in the fun.



Pig Roast 10/19/2019

Young Eagles Flights Before the pig Roast

The third Saturday of the month

October 19, 2019

8:00-11:00 AM

From the Top

Good Day to All!

First, I want to thank the Pancake Breakfast Crew for a great job once again. The past pancake breakfast sold 48 meals. I believe our average is around 32. We had a huge crowd from Cannon Creek. It was an awesome time. I'm trying to get the word out to the airparks. I also want to thank Larry Peseck for chauffeuring the pilots from the runway to the hanger. I think that worked out well. I would like to implement the Polaris at every Pancake Breakfast.

We had an Events meeting on Saturday on Oct. 5th. We have committed to the Touch a Truck event on the 12th at Suwannee Valley Electric from 9-12 with the kiddie cart ride. I purchased new tires from Town and Country Tire Service, here in Live Oak. Doug dismounted and mounted the tires on the Polaris this past week. The battery has been charged up and is ready to go. Thank you, Larry Peseck, for hooking up your battery tender to the Polaris. The Kiddie Carts are aired up and we are ready to go.

The Pig Roast

- Oct. the 19th is our Pig Roast Fly-in. We have made some contacts with Sonny's Bar-B-que and Big Woods about making the sides and they are just too expensive. So, a few of us have volunteered to make baked beans for the event. Last year we had four

huge pans and didn't have much left over. If you are interested in making a pan let me know! The Chapter will reimburse you for your purchase with receipt.

- We will need volunteers to operate the kiddie ride starting at 8:00 AM. We will need enough people to share the duties. The Suwannee County Sheriffs Dept. is going to bring their trailer and a golf cart to help chauffer people around and give out coloring books for the kids.
- We will meet on the Friday the 18th at 9:00AM to get tables set up, set up the serving line, touch up the hanger some. Nate is bringing picnic tables and a tent. I am so glad we changed this event to Oct. Hopefully the weather will be good.
- Dave Poirier has 3 Young Eagles Pilots so far. On the 19th we need volunteers to help with the Young Eagles. The young people must be registered, entertained, schooled and settled in and out of the airplanes. They start at 8:00 AM. The volunteers for the lunch should be there no later than 10:30.
- We have a few people signed up for airplane traffic control. We might need a couple more.

Please, if you could spare the time to volunteer for this event, I would appreciate it if you would let me know in advance so that I can have an idea on who I can depend on. 386-842-2543

Dave Holmes brought up the Chamber of Commerce Halloween "candy giveaway" on Oct. 31 from 6:30 to 9:00. We will have our tent up and have a paper airplane challenge and Ed Conrad with rockets. All of you are more than welcome to join us there. Wear your costume and have a great time!

Since we don't have an actual meeting this month, I need to know if you are interested in participating in the Veteran's Day Parade. That will be on Nov. 11th. I am not sure of the time. If I don't have enough Veteran's to ride on the people carrier, we will abort this plan. Again, you must let me know!

Thank you for your time and I will see you at the Pig Roast!

Cathy Cleveland
EAA 797 President

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Dates to remember:

- Oct 19th The Pig Roast!
- Nov. 11th Veterans Day and Parade, our veterans are to be celebrated! Maybe we can have cookout?
- Nov. 16th Pancake Breakfast and meeting, 2020 Chapter dues are due! Vote for your Board of Directors, including the President position.
- Dec. 7th Christmas on the Square and Parade
- Dec. 14th Chapter Christmas Brunch and Fun!
- Dec. 31st Last day for 2020 Chapter Dues

*Cathy Cleveland
Chapter 797 President*



Alexa, Do You Speak Pilot?

Article from *Flight Training Magazine* forwarded by Bobbi Rice

As weather forecasting evolves, so do the means by which we receive the information. Pilots once got aviation routine meteorological reports (METARS), terminal aerodrome forecasts (TAFS), and all other pertinent weather products by telephone or in person from a weather briefer. They still can, and do, by calling 800-WX-BRIEF. Numerous FAA flight service stations in Alaska offer walk-in briefings with flight service

specialists, because cell and internet coverage in the forty-ninth state can be lacking.

Now, pilots can get weather delivered to a laptop or an electronic flight bag such as ForeFlight Mobile or Garmin Pilot. Weather by SMS text message has been around at least since 2007, with Google, TextMetar.com, WxbyTXT.com, and others allowing pilots to get texts sent to mobile phones.

Leidos Flight Service, the company that provides approved weather information for the FAA, continues to march into the future. Recently the company announced it would provide Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant voice skills so that pilots can ask Alexa or "Hey Google" their devices and get Metars, TAFs, aviation forecast discussions at an airport and adverse condition updates.

Leidos also unveiled its own spin on weather-by-text-message. Send a text to 358-782 with "MT" (for METAR) followed by the four-letter ICAO identifier of an airport. Add "PT" to the message and it will come in plaintext. If a TAF is available, that will be sent too. Quiz yourself by requesting an untranslated METAR and deciphering the codes. Then request the same METAR in plain text. Were you close?

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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

VMC Club

The information to answer the October question is to be found on a sectional chart. I do not have the entire sectional, only a small section was sent to us from the VMC Club. However, I will be disappointed if you are unable to figure out the answer from the question!

The question: Why does it say "minus" under the name of the Furnace Creek Airport.?

The answer will be discussed at the November meeting.

The "What Would You Do" portion of the program is still being researched since I have not yet received the latest video from Radek. It may be a rerun!

EAA 797 VMC Club Coordinator

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The Holmes Report..

I have not been around as much lately due to my instructor flying business. I am proud to say, Christina Bedenbaugh and Norman Green are private pilots as of the first of the month. On October 2, Alex Melia obtained the rating of Commercial Pilot. All three of these individuals were easy to work with, worked hard and got through the practical test without any hitches. I also trained Ronda's son, Thad, but he has yet to take a check ride. Thad had some time off work, so he came over on 25 August. He had the ground test complete before coming, that is always a "long pole

in the tent". When he left on 17 September, he had flown 42 hours and completed all the requirements. So, the lesson there, if an individual can devote the time (and money) a pilot license can be obtained in a short time.

Don't worry, I am not getting bored, I still have two students at Cannon Creek, an instrument student at 24J, a solo student at KCTY, and a new student at 40J.

So, this was just a quick note to let you know we do have some new pilots out there and thrill of flight is still alive and spreading.

We hope to see everyone at the Pig Roast on 19 October, it is going to be GOOD! After the Pig Roast, on 31 October we will have our tent set up to participate in the "candy for kids" gala event the police department and fire department put on downtown. Bring the kids, grandkids, even great grandkids, this is a safe way for kids of all ages (like 73) to enjoy Halloween.

If you don't have Wings Over Suwannee 27 – 29 March 2020 on your calendar, get it out and save the date now. We need volunteers, of all kinds, I'm sure Cathy Cleveland and others will talk more about that event.

Dave Holmes



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Suwannee Valley Flying Club

Dear Members of the SVFC;

The SVFC is still alive and well, but we need flying members. It is nice to have people pay their dues, but the airplane needs to fly to keep it in good shape and to help boost the treasury. If you are looking for a cheap way to fly an airplane capable of carrying 4people, consider the SVFC. The airplane is located at Cannon Creek and available. Blue skies and tail winds.

Dave Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer
 817-308-9752

Thomasville Fly-In

Tina & I did our first fly-out and camp flight. The ground was hard as a rock, there didn't seem to be anything to do once the sun set and there wasn't any ATM. No matter, we flew there. That's cool all by itself. They have a simple and active event, but if they want to promote campers to stay they might want to plan some activities. There needs to be a meeting place for the hangar flying. Maybe a bonfire, fire pit? Just someplace to act as a nexus.



Tina & I at Thomasville

I've posted more pics of Club member's aircraft on the chapter's FaceBook page.

New Program for Young Eagles

There is a new program for Young Eagles that gets them more after-the-event activities. We could partner with the RC Club on site and get kids flying RC Planes. This is a great way to keep their interest.

<https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/EAA-Young-Eagles-Build-and-Fly-Program>

Editor

Leeward Air Ranch B-Fast

With a last minute invite, Ed Conrad and I planned to haul down to Leeward Air Ranch for their breakfast on 10/05/19.

The morning was a misty one, but the reports south were all green. Ed and I flew the miles in between enjoying the crystal clear air of early morning. Arriving at Leeward was Chaos! There were RVs buzzing the field in formations exercising their smoke systems, slow traffic (Ultralights) with the bunch zig-zagging behind them and a seemingly endless supply of new planes sweeping into the fray.

One of those slow planes was making a beautiful expanding gap that Ed exploited in a heartbeat. We swept down seemingly in formation with two RVs. That 6000' runway makes for a lot of space to get hordes of planes down fast.

There was quite a cross section of different aircraft, classic cars and other assorted toys to catch your eye. We wandered about and Ed found a good bargain in the parts mart area.

Breakfast was a cross section of choices in different corners of the room. Grits over here, pancakes over there, Eggs and bacon over that-a-way and drinks on another table. There was plenty to pack into your carry-on, that's for sure.

Afterwards, Ed let me fly his 152 over to Wiliston for fuel and then back to 24J for a chapter planning meet. I greatly enjoyed the feelings of comraderie for the day and if I forgot to say it, thanks Ed.



Ed & I at Leeward



Chapter 797 showed up for the community once again for the Suwannee Valley Electric Co-op's very public event. By consistently appearing at community events, Chapter 797 is becoming a Live Oak personality.



Kiddie planes are a hit wherever we go.

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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