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Chapter 797 Meeting

March 16, 2019

The monthly meeting will be on the third Saturday of the month at the Chapter Building at 10:30 AM.

A Pancake Breakfast will be at 8:00 AM. All of our members are asked to share in the fun.



E. Conrad

A typical scene @ Planes, Trains & Automobiles.

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

The third Saturday of the month

March 16, 2019

8:00-10:00 AM

From the Top

Hello my friends,

I hope this find you all doing well. I wish to express my gratitude to Dave Poirier for taking the time and effort to update our EAA Chapter website. If you are not familiar with it go to:

<https://www.797.eaachapter.org>

Our next meeting, Dan Calabrese is going to update us on his search for the strut pump and we can count on Clark Dechant to present the VMC course of the month. We are also going to arrange the tables and chairs for the Seminars that will be presented during WOS 2019. A little vacuuming and sprucing up the place is needed. Then we will be out of there.

Our next Pancake Breakfast is March 16th and we are also having a Big Pancake Breakfast on Saturday the 30th at the Wings Over Suwannee. We need volunteers for both. Would you kindly let me know if you are able to work either or both? I'll be shopping for supplies this week. You can reach me at 386-842-2543.

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Wings Over Suwannee is less than 3 weeks away. I had hoped by now, that we would have had a list of volunteers posted, but it's a little sketchy at this time. Yup, I am getting panicky. We all want to make a great impression to the general public and

our sponsors. Your support is tremendously needed.

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Check it out EAA 797. Any of you can join and post your aviation experiences.

I was just reminded of two Fly outs, The Shamrock Fly-in at Cannon Creek on the 16th, (after our meeting) and The Gator Flyin at Gainesville, the 23rd. Busy, Busy, Busy. Praying that the weather behaves for all of our events.

Lastly, we are 71 current members strong. Thank you so much. We value your support and hope to see you soon.

*Cathy Cleveland
Chapter 797 President*

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WOS 2019 Volunteers

I just renewed my Youth Protection Policy background check. It was a bit of a challenge. The process may only feel daunting due to some poor instructions that appear to be the result of pages updated while others didn't get updated.

You have to first log into your EAA membership. This is a challenge because they updated the website overall and are forcing many of us to change passwords. I had to figure out my password was wrong, then how to get the password reset. Next, I had to remember which email address it was going to. Your email address may have changed over time. Since it sends to your email, I don't know how you would fix this short of calling them yourself. If you get into your account, I suggest you update any outdated info.

Once you get logged into the eaa.org site, click on "My Account". This got dicey because if you are in

portrait mode on a tablet, the page resizes automatically and removes the words "My Account" to fit the space better. If you don't see the words, simply click on the stick figure "bust" next to "Cart" at the top right of the page. Once the "My Account" page opens, scroll down after confirming the accuracy of your personal information.

At the bottom of the page click on "Go to Training" under "Training Information". If you have previously gone through the Background Check and taken the Youth Protection Training, your status will be shown under the "Completed Training Courses" section. The "Take/Retake Course" column will have buttons to help you get current. Clicking on the "Background Check" button induces a whirling hourglass for a minute or so before the "Completed" column will change to "Processing". Then Go on to the "Take/Retake Course" button for the "Youth Protection Training". You will go through the questions that are designed to confirm that you are paying attention. It's an educational test, not really a test of existing knowledge. Relax, read and click your way through.

If you are taking the training for the first time, go to: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program> or simply click on this link if you are reading this as a pdf file.

When you receive the email containing your certificate, please forward it to me @ Dave@davesflyin.com. I keep a record of everyone's status. I thank you all for your help and participation over the last few years. Because of everyone's contributions, we have flown hundreds of children safely and expanded their perception of their limitations. I hope the Coordinator that follows will enjoy as much Success.

*Dave Poirier
Young Eagles Coordinator*



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Saturday was a normal foggy day, but I finally got in the air after it lifted. Stopping by Flying Harness Farms, Larry Boiven and I battled a 10 knot head wind down to Plant City to attend Planes, Trains and Automobiles. The cover picture is proof that we attended.

There was a rather large crowd because of its closeness to the heavily populated area. They had lots of planes, fire trucks, and even policemen with their dogs. There was a model airplane competition and a hanger full of model trains that was almost gone by the time we got to the hanger. Yes, they even had Young Eagle rides. One pilot we spoke with said he personally flew 30 kids. All in all the food was great, as you can imagine, Larry enjoyed it. There was a special section with bounce houses for the kids.

Most enjoyed of all; a 15 knot tail wind on the way home that topped of a wonderful day of flying.

Ed Conrad

For us N. Florida flyers, the Plant City Planes, Trains, and Automobiles event turned out to be unreachable. Neil & Jolynn Negley and Allen & Bobbi Rice departed in good weather from Ancient Oaks 39FD in the morning, but it soon became apparent that Plant City would be fogged in all morning. Instead of turning around though, the two RV6A and RV9A pilots landed at Crystal River for an excellent breakfast at the Olive Tree. Bad weather never stops a hungry pilot! We'll try again next year.

Allen Rice

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.

Up & Coming

As we have discussed earlier, WOS 2019 is coming. We instituted a decentralized management team for 2018 that allowed everyone to take on only as much responsibility as they were comfortable with. It was great to see new people take up responsibilities they had never thought to undertake before. When they stumbled, they were encouraged and supported and we all rose to put together a truly great event. I encourage more members to be willing to pick a piece that they can tackle. More hands make light work.

The meetings are every Friday until the show @ 10 AM. That leaves us with two meetings to show time.

Editor

Leeward Air Ranch Fly Out Report

From reports from Cathy Cleveland and Alex Melia it seemed that if you lived north of the Perry to Gainesville line, a line of thunderstorms prevented you from attending the annual Leeward Air Ranch Fly In.

Once again, Neil & Jolynn Negley and Allen & Bobbi Rice were able to get out of 39FD to make the short hop to Leeward which is just 8 miles SE of Ocala. Weather



at Leeward was clear allowing nearly 100 aircraft to fly in. Lots of vintage, military, aerobatic, and experimental aircraft were represented.

The hit of the day was 2 Yak 55's that put on a formation flying demonstration. I didn't get it on video, but on one pass they flew formation spinner to spinner in full left and right slips. That takes a lot of faith in each other to pull that one off.



They had something different for lunch – baked ziti, salad, bread, and about 1000 different desserts. Oh, did mention that they have a 6200' X 150' grass runway? Just beautiful.

Allen Rice



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VMC Club

The question for February, to be discussed at the March meeting; Is there a situation in which you could be at the controls at night, doing your three takeoffs and landings if you are not current and you have a passenger with you?

Clark Dechant
 EAA 797 VMC Coordinator

New Tech Counselor

Allen Rice has succeeded in acquiring his Technical Counselor status. Congrats! Atta-boy!

FAA Reaching Out To Smaller Targets

The FAA's new rules for budding pilots with their first flying machine, has gone into effect. Every flying thing over 8oz has to have a registered pilot.

As of Feb 1, 2019, every RC pilot must register and pay a nominal fee of \$5 for the privilege of flying small models in his back yard. Go to: www.faa.gov/uas/registration to get your unique registration number that is required to be on the outside of any model you fly.

More information is in a *Model Airplane News* article at: <https://www.modelairplanenews.com/faq-announces-all-rc-pilots-must-register/#outer-popup>.

I'm going to try to stay positive and believe that the FAA would rather not have a registry of everyone flying model airplanes. This new registry push is probably due to the proliferation of drones and airspace incursions. They want to be able to pull the drone out of the wreck, read the pilot ID number on the drone and go knock on the owner's door. I fear that this will be like new gun laws: it will likely only affect those not abusing their privilege and not flying drones in the approach at LaGuardia. I wouldn't be surprised if a claimed violation will be held against private pilots should they have current a pilot's license. We will see...

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Volunteers are our Success

Anyone who has shown any interest in our EAA Chapter knows that we are sponsoring the Wings Over Suwannee for the third year (some say fourth if you count Aviation Day 2015). Anyhow, Wings Over Suwannee has proven to be an upcoming event on many calendars and has helped Suwannee County get some exposure. A successful event doesn't happen without YOUR HELP. We need volunteers. We can use as many people as want to help with Young Eagles. If we had more volunteers help with that part, we could be doing more with the kids and keep them occupied while awaiting their turn to ride. That is but one area, please go on EAA.org and take 10 minutes to complete the child protection course. The course is really just use common sense and it is sad that we have to require people to take this course.

We plan to have a pancake breakfast on March 30, that will require some volunteers and the "usual suspects" may not be available for that activity. Parking automobiles and airplanes requires several bodies, and we never have enough marshallers for the aircraft.

We will have the "Kiddie Squadron" operating and it requires at least 4 people (again, they must have the EAA child protection course certificate to participate.)

I hope you will consider being a part of what 797 is about and come out to support the Wings Over Suwannee and head to Lakeland to help with the shuttle there.

Dave Holmes

The Cross City Fly-In and Business Expo is on April 27, 2019. The Cross City crew comes up and helps us with WOS, and we reciprocate by helping them with their event. It is another opportunity to volunteer. We look forward to success at all of these events.

Editor

Azalea Aviation News

Its here again....warm weather and the smell of flying is in the air. Soon the skies will be buzzing

and it will seem most will be headed south for Sun n Fun 2019. Azalea Aviation LLC will be at Sun n Fun again this year with our displays and our Saberwing. If you would like to visit us we will be at Booth N76 in front of Hangar A. We encourage all to go – especially if you have never been there before. There are many good reasons to go to Sun n Fun. Be there to watch airplanes, talk to people, volunteer for our Chapter, spend your hard earned money on food! It is a worthwhile time and you won't regret it. It starts April 2! Be there.

We had another great BBQ and Fly-In March 9th. It was also the last day of the Spyder Engine Workshop where we train people about our Spyder Engine Corvair Conversions and how to build one. With several builders adding Spyder engines to their homebuilt airplanes it is important to understand and be able to maintain the powerplant. This class goes a long way in bringing builders up to speed and giving them the tools they need to become a well rounded builder and pilot. Contact us if you would like to join the next one.

Azalea Aviation will have several new projects going on during the next couple months. We will keep you posted.

As my dad says..'Pointy side forward, dirty side down!'"

Bill and Kyoung Clapp

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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