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Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting is December 17, 2022



Chap 797's Kiddie Ride @ Heritage House

EAA 797 Pancake Breakfast Is Not Happening This Month



From The Top

Good morning 797 Hope you all are doing well

I just wanted to say thank you and a great job to Mr. Holmes and all the Pilots and ground crew that made our Young Eagles event at 42J last Saturday a big success. I heard we had 11 pilots and flew 103 kids that day. I know we probably could have done a lot more but we ran out of time in the end.

If you feel like going for a plane ride our friends at Little River AirPark are having their fly-in this weekend too. I appreciate those of you that have confirmed your attendance for our Christmas party on the 17th after our normal business meeting, I hope everyone can come out and fellowship together.

Take care and have a great holiday season
I look forward to seeing you all soon

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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



Public Image & 797

Suwannee Valley Electric Co-op mentioned us in their latest issue of "Currents" as one of their notable activities around the County. We also made a stop at the "Touch a Truck" event and the Heritage House with our Kiddie squadron of mini planes. Our past appearances at Christmas on the Square and the Veteran's Day Parade, along with our Young Eagles flights have also helped to vault us into the public eye and to the attention of citizens and public servants alike.



I wanted to take a moment to recognize the difference it has made for our chapter, to not only bring attention to us, but to the airport as well.

When we first got the YE flights consistent, I heard many parents comment that they didn't even know we had an airport. Thanks to the members who built the Kiddie ride components, overhauled the Ranger to tow them and then go on to volunteer at public events, we have brought attention to our facility that has seen expansion and improvement to the airport we all use. Runway improvements and expansion, the addition of Jet-A and soon, MoGas are signs that we have secured our airport as an operating facility for the foreseeable future.

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Thanks to all of those who have been instrumental to the success of our Public Relations.

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Members in Action

Wheels and Wings hosted the well known Zenith Rudder workshop and Fly-in. A great group of participants joined the Zenith hands-on kit airplane building workshop class held in Lake City, Florida, at the Wheels & Wings facility on December 2 & 3, 2022.

Wheels and Wings is located at beautiful Cannon Creek Airpark where Herman offers builder assist services mainly Zenith models. On Saturday, Amy and Herman of Wheels & Wings hosted an Open House and informal Zenith fly-in gatherings, with a number of beautifully built Zenith airplanes in attendance. The workshop class started on Friday morning, following an introductory talk by Zenith Aircraft owner Sebastian Heintz. >>>



The workshop classes are designed specifically for the first-time airplane builder and have become popular with sport aviation enthusiasts who are considering building their own aircraft but are unsure if they have the required skills, workspace and tools.

During the workshop, each participant builds and assembles their own Zenith aircraft rudder tail section from a standard Zenith kit.



Wheels and Wings is a local importer for ULPower aircraft engines and factory trained to perform heavy maintenance and engine overhaul, also training of new service centers and owner maintenance education for the USA is organized by Herman. Another dealership held is Dynon Avionics and when you're looking for a competitive avionics price don't forget to reach out to Wheels and Wings. Being a Zenith finishing center, Herman guides the builder to the final steps of getting their plane airborne and organizes the Airworthiness Inspection and the first flight at owners request. Many times a large part of the test flying is done by Herman with the guidance of the EAA Flight test cards. For more info: www.WheelsandWings.net or 386-690-4239 but you can always stop at the Hangar alongside Sisters Welcome Road near the I75 overpass in Lake City.

Herman Eshuis

For more pics, Click Here:

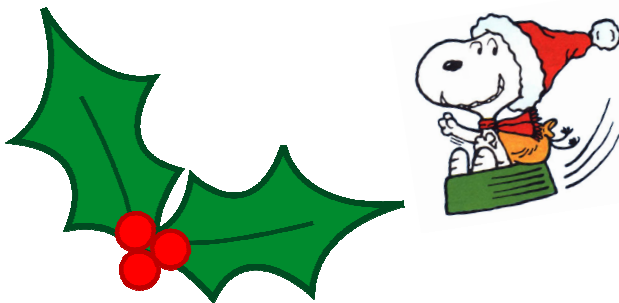
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Herman Eshuis is a Chapter 797 member as well as other area chapters. I wish I had been able to visit for the fantastic lunch on Saturday, but my schedule had me there on Friday.

Follow the link above for many more pictures of the attending planes, pilots.

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From Cross City

Thanks Catfish Squadron for ALL your help again this year on our Cross City Airport Expo. Wishing Each of You a Wonderful Holiday Season And Looking Forward An Eventful 2023!

All our best, the Cross City Crew

Elections

Chapter Elections for 2023 positions:

Tommy Diederma –	President
Christina Bedenbaugh –	Vice President
Pete vanSpronson –	Treasurer
Norma Bolyard -	Secretary

Don't forget your Dues are due.



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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