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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**June 15, 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.



*Happy Air-Camper, Bill Clapp*

## **EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast**

The third Saturday of the month

**June 15, 2019**

**8:00-10:00 AM**

## **From the Top**

Good Day to everyone:

The Pancake Breakfast is coming up on the 15th. I'm not sure who is available for KP duty this time. We may be looking for help. The doors are unlocked usually by 7:30 AM, if you are interested. I hope the weather cooperates. Let me know!

Doug and I were invited to a little flying excursion to Crystal River, and we had a blast. We have a bunch of fun people to be around in our chapter. I wish we could have made it to the Apalachicola Breakfast. Now I know what we have been missing.

I can't wait for Steinhatchee's Pancake Breakfast July 13, 39FD. Be there by 8:30 AM. Give Allen Rice a RSVP, we will be shuttled into town to Fiddlers Restaurant. See the EAA 797 Facebook page.

Just a reminder, after our scheduled meeting, we are going to have our first Events meeting including the Pig Roast and Wings Over Suwannee, you don't have to join the committee. We just need people to explore what is going on and maybe, you can give us some support. And "YES" you can join the committee!!!!

I want to thank the following for staying for the hanger clean out last meeting. We hauled 3 truckloads of trash to the dumpster, swept walls, floors, and sorted our signage, and listed some ideas for shelving. Bobbi and Allen, new members Phillip

and Pam, Clark, Greg, Dave, Doug, Larry, who was on his lunch hour. I hope I didn't miss anyone, thank you, thank you, and thank you. This needs to be done every January when it's a tad bit cooler.

I want to personally wish all the Dad's in our Chapter a Happy Father's Day. Cherish the time you have with your family and friends. There are so many of us that don't have that opportunity anymore. But we have many memories to review and share. Make it a good one.

*Cathy Cleveland  
Chapter 797 President*

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**Young Eagles @ Canon Creek**

For those who are dreading this heat, remember, you don't have to shovel heat! It has been extremely warm and August like, sorry, it's Florida, and at least we're not flooded or have severe tornadoes.

On 1 June, EAA Chapter 977 at Cannon Creek hosted an EAA Young Eagle event. It was a beautiful morning, unfortunately, the advertising for the event got screwed up and the intended audience did not receive notification. Despite that problem, at least 19 kids were flown. We had seven airplanes available so, we were able to do one-on-one flights. I think Tommy Diedeman flew more people than any of us, but still, not too many.



The 977 does an excellent job of putting on a Young Eagle event. One reason is that their YE events are well manned, and that is because everyone lives there. We could do a much better job if we could get people to come out and help with the handling of kids, teach them about airplanes, and assist in the loading and unloading from the airplanes. Many of the Cannon Creek volunteers are not pilots, some are pilots no longer flying, some have never flown, and others are there to be around airplanes – the emphasis is encouraging the youth to pursue an aviation career or just spur an interest. I hope our next Young Eagle's event will bring more of our membership out to help with all the activities a Young Eagle event should have.

*Dave Holmes*

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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.

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## Suwannee Valley Flying Club

The Suwannee Valley Flying Club is still alive and well at Cannon Creek. The Musketeer is starting to pick up a little more activity due to some of our new members like Phil Hancock and Mike Turner.



With the hot days, an early morning or late evening flight is a little more practical. This month, the airplane will be getting an annual inspection and an ADS-B upgrade but after June, the airplane will be available. Come on over to Cannon Creek and give the Musketeer a try.

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## Airventure 2019

With Oshkosh right around the corner, I'm not sure that I will get the lead up story out in time for the ones departing northbound. So, here's the link you need:

Click here to get directed to the 2019 NOTAM:  
<https://www.eaa.org/airventure/aaa-fly-in-flying-to-oshkosh/aaa-airventure-oshkosh-notam>

I am in real danger of experiencing some adventure this year and flying to AirVenture. If I get all my ducks in a row, I will have a story to tell later. However; ducks are ornery...

I would like to place an advance order for news from all who do manage to make the trip.

## What it's all about..

Levi Griffin started as an intern at Azalea Aviation in his senior year of High School. He got paid little and used as cannon fodder, but he hung in there.



When Levi graduated, he decided to stay and pursue possible aviation career paths while he attended college.

Levi and Bill in the 150

Last week Levi got his first intro to flight from the left seat. I watched his wing-wagging take-off and was transported back decades to my first unsteady climb into the skies. I hope Levi realizes the unique opportunities presented by working in the company of the likes of us. I hope he takes advantage of every opportunity and learns to soar.

*Editor*

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Good Day to all,

The heat of summer is here and that makes flying days interesting. I mostly get to fly early in the morning or late in the evening to take advantage of the cool hours. Especially true when flying in a Pietenpol. I've been spending many hours lately getting used to flying open cockpit. It is certainly different and a whole lot of fun. The challenges are different and varied. It gives one a profound sense of respect for the pioneer aviators of a hundred years ago. Hours of low level flying, delivering the mail, flying out of pastures, very little communications and adverse weather conditions made early flying exciting to say the least. I am getting a taste of that today. And I love it.

I did get a chance to make a short cross country flight own to Little River to visit with Bob Lester. It took an hour and a little bit to make the flight. The flight was eventful ... every bit of it at 1200 feet or less. Bob was right...flying a Piet is a lot of fun!



We had our BBQ and Fly-in this last Saturday as normally scheduled. Of course, the weather was not cooperating so we only had one flyer and several drivers. About 16 people made the event, and even though our numbers were low, we enjoyed good food and great company! We will not be having a BBQ in July due to planning and getting on the road for Oshkosh AirVenture 2019. If you can make Oshkosh and have never been there before....do it! It is a worthwhile event. Bring your comfy shoes and be ready to walk a lot and see a lot of aviation. Well worth your time and money.

We continue building and delivering our Saberwing Aircraft Kits. This week we delivered fuselage kit #16 to its builder in Valdosta, GA. It's nice to have another builder close by. The shop currently has three Saberwings being constructed in it. One is the company's first Tri-Gear Saberwing, Darcy (TX) is nearing completion of his EXP-TRI, and Frank is about 1/4 way through his EXP-TRI Saberwing.

You are welcome to come up to Cook County Airport (15J) and see these customer builds and encourage them. We are constantly looking for helpers in the shop and volunteers. If you have a skill set that we might be able to use and you have time available, please let us know.

"Dirty side down, Pointy end forward"

*Bill & 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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