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Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting is October 21, 2023



New Co-Pilots

**EAA 797 Morning Fly-In
Pancake Breakfast
Is on October 21, 2023**

From The Top

From the top: I just wanted to thank Alen and Bobby Rice for heading up a great education day and everyone who came out and supported this event.

Remember this month is election month so please come out to support and elect your new board for the 2024 year.

Mark it on your calendar our Wings over Suwannee BBQ will be held on 11/4/23 so tell your friends and invite everyone you know

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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

Clark Dechante preceded the September monthly meeting with a safety filled VMC discussion.

He led a discussion filled with pilot's personal experiences, some were quite illuminating. It was a directed hangar-flying session that was engaging and spirited.

Editor

More info on Fuel Substitutes

“The EPA is expected to formally issue an endangerment finding on leaded aviation fuel as early as Wednesday.”

These are the opening remarks from an article from Russ Niles, a contributor for *AvWeb*. Words like this strike fear into the hearts of pilots because 100LL Avgas is the life blood of General Aviation, but it's been coming.

The good news is that we have time due to the processes that need to happen before an industry can be defueled. EAGLE (*Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions*) has a big machine trying to make real changes, but the presence of process gives us hope.

The article ends with some hope: “We believe it is important to understand the finding, what it will mean to general aviation, what it will not mean, and the next steps in the ongoing commitment to eliminate lead from avgas,” EAGLE said in its invitation. Last week EAGLE held a similar briefing to explain the process and give the issue some pre-announcement profile.

Editor

Look up AvWeb for more info:

[Avgas Endangerment Finding Expected This Week - AVweb](#)

[GAMA Hosts Pre-Brief On Life After EPA's Ruling On Leaded Aviation Fuel - AVweb](#)



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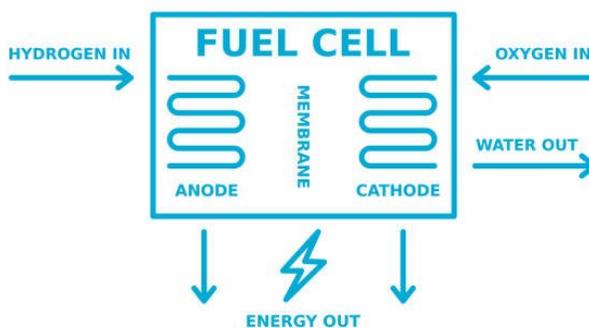
Serious Experimental

With all the talk of 100 LL substitutes, I came across this magazine article and was drawn in.

Hydrogen fuel cells are actually a way to use electric propulsion without the immense complication



that batteries represent. You can refuel quickly with



Hydrogen and still use electric motors.

Oxygen and Hydrogen go into the cell, energy and water come out. Think of it as chemical fusion, not nuclear fusion.

Get to it, build sump-en!

Editor

Ding-Ding! Order up!

The monthly Pancake breakfast will precede the monthly meeting.

As a side note, Cathy will be stepping aside as the organizer for our monthly breakfast and would love the opportunity to introduce another to the privilege.



Editor

Taco Tuesday Strikes Again

Tuesday the 31st of October we will be having our Taco Tuesday social gathering at the clubhouse. Come out and join us for great food just bring your favorite dish for us all to enjoy. Start time is 6:30

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH. We are having our Wing Over Suwannee BBQ, Swap meet, and will be flying Young Eagles.. Sheriff Sam ST Johns Will be doing the cooking for us and will get some of the food donated with us supplying the rest. We will need everyone's help getting the word out in any way possible and help in the setup and clean up after it is all over.. Please make your plans to be there that day.

November 18th: We have been asked to bring our Kiddy Squadron to the Touch A Truck event hosted by Suwannee Electric again this year, If you can transport and or help out with the kids please let me know.

Tommy Diedeman

Tailwind

I'm sure that I missed something or someone and I welcome healthy criticism.

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Homebuilt Fatal Accidents Down 28 Percent

The Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) says the number of amateur-built fatal accidents dropped by 28 percent compared to the previous year.

During the FAA's 12-month period, which concluded Sept. 30, 2023, there were 28 fatal accidents in amateur-built aircraft—down from 39 fatal accidents in the previous year. Additionally, experimental category aircraft saw a nearly 30 percent decrease in fatal events compared to the prior 12-month period.

While the accident rate per flight hour data will not be available until the FAA releases its general aviation survey next year, EAA says the total number of accidents over the past year in experimental aircraft reached a historic low.

"The activity data is necessary to paint the full picture, but the initial indications are very positive indeed," said Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of advocacy and safety. "It shows a continuing trend toward safer operations, even as total hours flown

increase. It reminds us that safety is an ongoing journey that always needs the highest attention of our flying community.”

According to the association, “the homebuilt fatal accident total has been cut by nearly half over the past 15 years, from 598 in the period from 1998-2007, to 338 from 2014-2023.”

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Education Day

Hello everyone. I wanted to thank our volunteers and give a little report on our Aviation Education yesterday. First a big special thank you to: Ed Conrad aka Orville Wright, Sandy McKenzie aka Jackie Cochran, and Alex Melia aka Sully Sullenberger who studied their parts and put on a show for all the kids. And of course we couldn't run the event at all without all our other volunteers: Bobbi Rice, Clark Dechant, Phil Hancock, Norman

Green, Larry Pesek, Pete VanSpronsen, Tommy Diedeman, Sue Levenseller, Bob Lester, Rachel?, Dave Holmes and new member Don? If I missed you let me know.

We served 58 school age students, 5 babies, and 25 adults.



Besides our Aviation Legends skits, 3 intensive instructional activities: Aircraft Design, Cockpit Experience with Aviation Careers, and finally, Rocketry.

We got a lot of great compliments and everyone had fun.

Thanks, Allen Rice

New Copilots

Members Norman Green and Lori Parish tied the knot with festivities @ Little River airport.

Also at Little River, model airplanes made the annual visit.



Joe and I went Fishing. What are our other members doing?

