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### Chapter 797 Meeting

March 21, 2020

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

The Pancake Breakfast will be cancelled. See y'all next time.



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

### The Bottom Line

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Can you imagine were the time has gone? We're practically one quarter into this new year of 2020. Oh well, it's still not too late to volunteer. We have an exciting and extensively planned March. Of course the pinnacle of our chapter experience is as always "Wings Over Suwannee" held the last Saturday of this month, I must commend Dave Holmes and the WOS committee for their dedication and time in planning and executing this community program. There are many new volunteers that have step up to the call ensuring that this event would be our greatest yet. A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU. As you may know "Sun n Fun" has been rescheduled; although through Allen Rice leadership, we continue to plan to operate *Flight Line Tours*. At that time, come one and come all, plan to come an hour then stay the week with our brothers and sisters of Chapter 797 **YOUR** EAA.

Our March monthly meeting will again offer a special guest speaker and the topic will be the future of our airport "Suwannee County Airport-24J". Our speaker will talk about the history of this airport and the significant improvements already made and then those that are planned for the future. This speaker has a wealth of knowledge in airport construction as well as the specific regulations governing airport operations. I look forward to a great group of our

members and guests to engage in a discussion. Also, discussed will be the opportunities for use to increase traffic and qualifying for a greater percentage of the federal grant money from the FAA for airport improvements. This speaker is a engineer and works closely with many county governments.

As a side note: I want to inform you that over thirty people attended the FAASTeam seminar last month and have received FAA Wings credit. Congratulations! Also, if you have not renewed your membership please do so; At \$1.25 a month you can't go wrong.

Also, Remember this excerpt from the last news letter:

“This brings me to my next point: by having everyone volunteer just 5 % more than they did last year thus we can truly become even more outstanding. I know some of you did not have the opportunity to volunteer at all last year thus for those I challenge you by volunteering just one hour a month, **THANKS.**”

With kindest regards

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pete vanSpronsen*

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## Cancelations Extravaganza!

### Chapter 797 Monthly Meeting:

The monthly meeting is cancelled along with the accompanying Breakfast Fly-in.

### Shamrock Fly-in:

The annual Shamrock Fly-in at Cannon Creek airpark is reportedly cancelled.

### WOS 2020:

Our signature annual event is postponed to the weekend of October 24. More info will be in successive newsletters as it becomes available.

### Sun N Fun 2020:

The 2020 Sun N Fun Aerospace Exposition is mid-process being rescheduled. The tentative date for the future is May 5, 2020. They are saying that they will have a firm date in the future by April 17, 2020. Touch base at their website for the most recent updates.

### AirVenture 2020:

I haven't seen anything saying that Oshkosh 2020 will be affected by the current cancelation climate.

## 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*

## Silver Status

Good Afternoon!

Your chapter was recently recognized as a Silver Level chapter for 2019. Attached is a special emblem created by EAA for your chapter to display on your webpage, newsletter, promotional materials, etc.

Congratulations!

Tailwinds,

**David Leiting Jr., PPL ASEL,**

**Bill & Kyoung Clapp**  
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## For Piet's Sake...

The Big Piet is coming back to life. With a running engine and new covering on the damaged fuselage, a new cowl is being designed.



The new cowl is designed to show off Azalea's Corvair Aero-engine conversion to good effect and promises to be a head turner with new graphics and colors added.

Bill and Kyoung Clapp are determined to make 2020 a good year for Azalea Aviation, LLC.

*Editor*

## Volunteers For 977

We had so many last minute changes to our kid signups that I turned down your volunteers. With that and a few of my volunteers opting out (understandably), it was just too unpredictable. We had numerous no shows.

My biggest fear is for my pilots to come out and just have to sit and not fly. We did some modification to our protocols to include sanitizing planes and spreading everyone out. Our count was 24 flights in a gentle flow over the morning, and those who came had a great day.

*Becky*

*(I want to say thanks to all who stepped forward and offered assistance. This cooperative interaction we have with other chapters makes me proud to be in our Chapter.*

*Editor)*



## Tri Pacer 4 Sale

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Lets Talk!

Joe Arbie, 386 984-5654

I've flown her, she's a good ship - *Editor*

## WOS 2020

As of the submission of this article, Wings Over Suwannee is still in a GO mode. We are supposed to make our decision whether to delay until October 24, 2020 or go ahead with the March 28 date on 21 December . As the chairman of this committee, that is our official stand. In reality, I think the state or federal government is going to ban gatherings of certain size that will be much smaller than our anticipated crowd for Wings Over Suwannee. We will make that decision officially next Saturday.

I do think we are going to have to reschedule. Everything was falling into place for our late March event. I hope that you will block out October 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now so you will be available then. The Wings Over Suwannee is an event that benefits the Tourism Development Council, the Suwannee County airport, and EAA Chapter 797. The event needs volunteers. While it is “convenient” to say, “Contact the Boy’s Ranch”, that does not get the manpower we need. The manpower we need is YOU. You have knowledges that apply directly to what we are trying to do and you will spend a day doing some thing you love or something you used to love. We need EAA members (i.e. you) to help direct people, park car, park airplanes, work with Young Eagles, kitchen help, drive a tractor, ride along as a “look-out”. None of this is hard work, but it takes people. This is one of our fund raisers for the year, we all should help make it happen!

I hope you will make the next 797 meeting and find out where we stand on Sun’N’Fun and Wings Over Suwannee.

*Dave Holmes, WOS 2020 Chairman*

*As previously listed, the Event has been Postponed. - Editor*

## VMC Club

As I type this portion of the EAA 797 Newsletter, I’m not certain there will be a monthly meeting held on the 21 st of March.

The Caronavirus has affected the schedules of so many events. However, however!...If there is a meeting on the 21 st , the VMC Club will be active.

Radek has come up with an interesting question regarding a symbol on the VFR charts. In this case, it just happens to be located on the New Orleans Sectional, the very Eastern area, inside Florida. I will be more than a little disappointed if any of our local pilots are stumped.

In the “What Would You Do?” department, Radek has released a new video. This one is very good as well as being absolutely current. The contributor to this month’s video is an active VMC member, with a situation asking the same old question: “What Would You Do?”

Hope to see you on the 21st...If not, then next month.

*Clark Dechant*

## Tailwind

I’m sure that I missed something or someone and I welcome healthy criticism. You can send comments, questions, ideas or articles to:

[dave@davesflyin.com](mailto:dave@davesflyin.com)



## Aeronca Champ 4 Sale

### Sold!

Gerry Chancey's Aeronca Champ is now owned by Mr. Ed Hoffman and is on it's way for pontoons to be put on at the Seaplane Base in Winter Haven. It is going to the Hoffman's dream home on Tarpon Lake to spend it's days floating and flying with a lot of other floatplanes there. Neat story, the pontoons were brought back from Alaska, flying on top of a mini-van all across the USA to Florida by the Hoffmans.

Gerry will be very pleased.  
*(Email Rec'd: Editor)*

## SVFC News

The Suwannee Valley Flying Club is looking for two more members. We have five members and that includes Frank Ahern, the aircraft owner, Greg Boyette, Tommy Diedeman, Cameron Bunting, me. We have two potential members but really need two (2) more members. Just having members that pay dues is good, but we need to have the airplane fly to stimulate the revenue. The airplane is hangered at Cannon Creek and access is very easy. So, if you are looking for an inexpensive way to fly, the Suwannee Valley Flying Club might be the ticket for you.



If anyone wants to join the Suwannee Valley Flying Club contact me at 817-308-9752 or [oneyholmes@yahoo.com](mailto:oneyholmes@yahoo.com).  
*Dave Holmes*

## ADS-B: Not a savior , but a new tool for the bag

January 1, 2020, has come and gone and for those who are blessed to use our National Airspace System, that means the new ADS-B Out rule is now active. While there have been some early adopters, there still remains a large portion (the FAA estimates around 50% of the GA fleet) of aircraft that haven't adopted the new rule. Some luddites don't want it. Others simply don't need it. But there's no debate the added safety benefit for those with the extra ADS-B In functionality exists. And with the warmer months approaching in pilot-dense Florida with our abundant breakfasts and lunch fly-ins, there are bound to be more hazards.

ADS-B is not intended to replace visual scan, but it is now an instrumental tool in aiding our scans. You can slice a smaller part of the sky to look for a specific target in addition to checking the rest of

your periphery. Has this helped? Immensely. A mere minutes after equipping my aircraft with ADS-B Out I initialized my ADS-B tablet. It displayed a target broadcasting nearby, with 0 airspeed and altitude. A few minutes later, I made my standard radio calls for taxi, crossing runways, and back-taxi for the uncontrolled airport where I was at, without so much as a peep in reply on UNICOM. As I began to back taxi up the inclined runway (which blocked view of the other end of the runway), I glanced down and noticed the ADS-B target's speed began increasing. It didn't take long to realize the aircraft was beginning its takeoff run, and in my direction. I quickly exited the runway and sat in the grass, no hazard existed, but there's no doubt ADS-B aided me in identifying the target a good 15-20 seconds before I was able to get visual on it.

My take home on this new tool? Use it in conjunction with our other safety items. Keep your visual scan up. Not everyone is equipped, including those turkey vultures. Use your radio and make standard non-controlled radio calls as well as use flight following in cruise- Jax Center is more than willing to give us another set of eyes for Mode C targets. And include your electronic display in your scan (safety permitting) to make sure you aren't on a collision course with another ADS-B Out aircraft. It'll keep for friendlier skies.

*Alex Melia*

*(I hope this isn't the last we see of Alex. He has moved into a new career in aviation halfway across the country. Good luck Alex! Godspeed. – Editor)*

## Celebrity

I have been working on this Fisher Celebrity project a little. The firewall and engine mount are fitted along with the main fuel tank. The fuel line from the tank to the gasolator has been fabricated and installed.



The fuel shut off and elevator trim controls were fabricated, and the cables were fitted and installed. I put the rudder, horizontal stabilizer, and elevator temporarily to check fit and to get the proper length for the elevator trim cable. Several brackets for the upper wing mount tubes have been fabricated. The lower wings and ailerons are mostly complete.

*Dennis Wolcott*



*(Save me  
a seat! I  
love the  
Celebrity  
- Editor)*

## Sun & Fun Volunteer Update

Dear Volunteer:

Earlier today, a difficult decision was made to postpone the upcoming SUN n FUN Aerospace Expo. SUN 'n FUN and the Aerospace Center for Excellence are deeply concerned about the developing crisis with COVID-19 and understand our responsibility to help in the fight against the spread of the disease. Our first priority is always the health, safety, and well-being of our patrons, partners, staff and volunteers. With the full support of Polk County, the City of Lakeland, Lakeland Linder International Airport, and the FAA, at this time we are planning to postpone the 2020 SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo until May 5-10.

We are committed to providing updates as quickly as possible. Please visit

[www.flysnf.org](http://www.flysnf.org) <<http://flysnf.org/>>;

for updated information as it becomes available and follow us on social media.

You currently have a credential for the 2020 event requested for you. Please contact your area chairman and let them know if you will be available for the new dates in May. Your response is important, it will help us determine what our workforce will be and what operations we can press forward with.

We appreciate the unwavering support of our greatest asset – our volunteers - and hope everyone

will make plans to join us here this May.

I know this change will impact many operations, schedules and activities. We are planning to go forward with the best event possible and hope that you can be a part of it!

Thank you and blue skies!

*Laura Vaughn  
Executive Director of Events*

## Flightline Tours Volunteers

Hi Everyone:

Well, like so many other events around the country, SNF has postponed the Airshow/Fly In until May 5-10. See the email at Left. As a result, I am postponing the buggy work party until April 26-27. That's a Sunday, Monday. While I'm sure that the early camping permits will be available for pickup prior to the 26th, they haven't made a decision when that will be. We cannot stake out our campsites until the permits are available. I plan to set up my campsite on the 26th and leave it there until the following week similar to what I was originally going to do.

Hope that you can still make the postponed work party. Please let me know if you can make it. Let's hope that this whole Corona mess settles down by then.

*Thanks,  
Allen Rice*

## Sorry for the delay...

Well, my computer crashed, but the news goes out. Sorry for the delay and any omissions that have occurred as a result.

If I have missed something, please resend it

*Editor*