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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**April 20, 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.



*The XP-82 as imagined by youth*

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

The third Saturday of the month

**April 20, 2019**

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

## **From the Top**

Good April to Everyone!

Easter Sunday is upon us this coming weekend. We hope you can bring your visiting family and friends to the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday. I won't keep you long at the meeting. I am going to rehash the Wings Over Suwannee. The Committee would like to hear your comments. I'd like to hear from those that attended Sun-n-Fun. Any learning experiences that we can use? Cross City Business Expo is April 27<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for help. They too are growing and need our help.

Wings Over Suwannee 2019, was a huge, and successful event. I hope you were able to attend. We were a bit short handed, and I was busy, going twenty directions.

I cannot thank the committee and volunteers enough for giving us your time and helping us make Wings Over Suwannee such a success. We should be proud that we were able to fly 163 Young Eagles this year.

The Pancake Breakfast was very popular, and they had a great crew, as usual, working their magic. The Kiddie Carts were a huge hit with the young children. I saw Larry Peseck grinning from ear to ear hauling the kids around. Great job! Terry and Kathy, you are such dears for running the

People Mover. Next year we will have relief crews for all positions. I have already started rounding up some people.

There were several people that were interested in joining our chapter at the WOS. Keep your eye out for new members and make them feel welcomed and get to know them! Doug and I have 7 close friends, who joined just so they could help. How's that for support! Thank you, Larry, Debbie, Tom, Brenda, Skip, Ric and coming soon Nick. They have been around for Pancake Breakfasts in the past and will continue.

*Cathy Cleveland  
Chapter 797 President*

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## WOS 2019 Young Eagles Report

WOS was another successful event for the Young Eagles Program. We set up in a carousel fashion to be as efficient as possible. This photo from 2018 shows about what Friday's Education Day looked like. It was the calm before the storm. We flew 22 Young Eagles on Friday.



Saturday we hit the ground running. Dennis Wolcott was promised away for Saturday, but Alex Melia, David Cristol and Brad Bedenbaugh all came back from Friday for more fun. They were joined by pilots Ron Koblitz, Bill Derr, Tommy Diederma, Mark Johnson, Greg Boyette and Mike Corbett for a total of eleven pilots and nine planes. Many hands make light work.

By the end of the day we had flown 141 more Young Eagles and 2 Eagle flights.

All told, 163 Young Eagles flown. We handed out EAA provided comics, foamy gliders for the kids and flag hat pins for the volunteers. I made some contacts at Sun & Fun that will be getting us some gold plastic "Pilot's Wings" for future events. Keeping kids engaged is the trick, so I continue to seek out means and methods.

Next week is the Cross City Expo and another Young Eagles Flight event. Please RSVP to my email on the newsletter header if you can help out there.

*Dave Poirier  
Young Eagles Coordinator*



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## Bill Lagoni sighted!



Bill Lagoni was sighted at the barbeque in Adel on March 13.

He appears to be recovering, but in good spirits. Remember him in your thoughts and prayers as he convalesces.

## Barbeque at Williston

The Barbeque at Williston Airport (X60) on April 13, 2019 appears to have been another success. They filled the hangar with the aroma of pulled pork and the gentle laughter of busy diners.

I flew down with chapter member Joe Arbie in his Piper Tri-Pacer.



Ready to depart FD71 O'Brien West

It's a pleasure to dance with an old gal like this. She's got her own style, and she demands your attention. Thanks Joe!

Other chapter members: James Culp, Bob Lester, Dusti McxClusky, Morris Brown, Dennis Wolcott, Larry Boiven, Allen & Bobbie Rice, Alex Melia were sighted. If I didnt count you, so sorry that I missed you.

*Dave Poirier*

## 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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## Up & Coming

The Cross City Expo is upon us already. On April 27, 2109 we will reciprocate as usual with the Cross City crew to help them put on their grand affair.

The Expo is similar, yet different from WOS at 24J. There will be Biplane Rides and a different array of carney foods for your delight. There will be Young Eagles rides and a full assortment of vendors differing from WOS. The event is further south and prone to attract some different aircraft.

Come on down and help us out! It'll be a hoot!

*Editor*

## Free Drawing Winner



WOS 2019 had its first ever drawing for free merchandise. It was a modest prize, but hopefully the start of an annual addition to *Wings Over Suwannee* for years to come.

Congratulations to Emery Farkas of Live Oak! I will be seeking you out soon to present your prize. Emery has won a \$25.00 gift card from American Spruce and specialty along with a catalog to shop from.

*Editor*



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## VMC Club

### VMC info, WOS & SnF

Wings Over Suwannee and EAA Chapter 797 made the front page of the April 3 edition of the Suwannee Valley Times with photos of two 797 aircraft at WOS. The next meeting of the WOS Planning Committee will be deciding how to make WOS 2020 better!

At Sun and Fun, I worked at another EAA Chapter, EAA Chapter One of the Vintage Aircraft, called Florida Sport Aviation Antique and Classic Association, for 8 days. At the Vintage Hospitality Building I assembled a breakfast called "Breakfast In A Cup" each morning from about 0600 to nearly 1000. I was one of a crew of five and we turned out a lot of grits, eggs and sausage, with cheese and butter. FSAACA grossed more this year than ever before.

I was surprised when I received a 10 year pin from SnF. I didn't realize I had been coming to SnF for that long.

At SnF I talked with EAA VMC program director, Radek Wyrzykowski. (yes, his name is spelled correctly, but I still can't pronounce it!) He tells me that a new series of VMC videos "What Would You do?" are coming out now. Stay tuned for more problems when you are the PIC.

I met Julie Clark at a FAA awards ceremony. She was so nice. I just couldn't believe when she was asking me about my flying in KSA. She has 31 thousand hours!

All in all SnF 2019 was a great time, probably the highlight of a lifetime in aviation for me. I met some wonderful new aviation friends and I rekindled my friendship with friends I have gained over the years, though I see many of them only at SnF for a few days each year.

Last month's question, the one presented at the March VMC meeting was: "You are at a towered field and have accepted a LAHSO clearance and must now do a go-around. Can You?" At the April meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss the correct response.

Remember that the agenda of the VMC Club is a directed form of "Hangar Flying". If you have a point to make or a story to tell which is related to the VMC topic, please speak up. We want to hear of your experience.

We all can learn.

*Clark Dechant  
EAA 797 VMC Coordinator*

## A Boeing Aquisition

Have you ever flown a Boeing product? Soon flying a Boeing product will be accomplished by almost any pilot who owns an iPad. I found the attached article that I thought many would be interested in reading:

"CHICAGO, March 6, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] completed the acquisition of ForeFlight, a leading provider of innovative mobile and web-based aviation applications.

ForeFlight has partnered with Boeing for the past two years to bring aviators Jeppesen's aeronautical data and charts through ForeFlight's popular mobile platforms. Now, the teams will integrate talent and offerings to bring innovative, expanded digital solutions to all segments of the aviation industry.

"We are excited to build on ForeFlight's tremendous success in personal, business and defense aviation so we can provide next-generation, integrated tools to our aviation customers today," said Ken Sain, Boeing Vice President of Digital Solutions and Analytics. "This acquisition also expands Boeing's rapidly growing, unparalleled digital services portfolio which will enable us to compete and win in the \$2.8 trillion, 10-year services market."

The acquisition of ForeFlight aligns with Boeing's growth strategy of complementing organic investments with targeted, strategic investments that position the company for long-term growth.

"We are inspired by the future built at Boeing and what our teams will be able to create by coming together," said Tyson Weihs, co-founder and CEO of ForeFlight. "Our companies share a passion for delivering customers the essential tools that drive efficiency, productivity, and safety."

Terms of the approved deal are not being disclosed and do not affect Boeing's financial guidance or the company's commitment to returning approximately 100 percent of free cash flow to shareholders.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ForeFlight has approximately 180 employees.

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*Submitted by Dave Holmes*

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## Sun N Fun #45 Report

The 2019 Sun N Fun event is now history and after giving over 1900 buggy rides, EAA 797's Flight Line Tours is now parked for another year. This was the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sun N Fun and chairman Allen Rice and co-chairman Charlie Barnes are happy to report that we gave more rides than any year in recent memory. The weather gods cooperated for the most part by only raining out part of Tuesday and leaving the remainder of the week dry.

Allen reports that a project like this requires a lot of help and would like to thank the 62 volunteers who helped make Flight Line Tours 2019 a success. It's not easy covering all the work shifts for 8 days but our volunteers came through like champs racking up over 1488 man hours for the week rigging tractors, driving tractors, loading buggies, riding shotgun, selling tickets, hawking customers, and sliding those heavy steps back and forth.



*Tucker Rice waiting to take another tour of the Sun N Fun show. Driving the tractors takes some patience while avoiding all the pedestrians.*

A special thanks goes out to our master chefs, Jolynn & Neil Negley and Bobbi Rice for the tasty cookouts each night at the campground.

*Editor*

## WOS 2019, A Really Big Deal..

*Wings Over Suwannee* (WOS) 2019 was a bigger success in many ways this time around. New alliances have been found and old ones reaffirmed. The only grumble I heard from the Food Vendors is that they want more. They would love to have two days of sales, perhaps we need to consider the growth in future events.

I suspect that we may have a more in-depth discussion at the monthly meeting on April 20, 2019, but I can say what I know.



Brad Bedenbaugh at left, taking another group up for their Young Eagles ride.

The free drawing suffered from low

participation, but the entries were enough to select a winner. Perhaps we can drum up some positive spin with the results we have and muster up more interest in successive events.

Aviation day earned some kudos from participants as they learned more about aviation and the resources available at their local airport. Students were ushered around nine different educational stations of knowledge and activities. Those with the correct guardianship for the releases got a free plane ride that included a brief explanation of pilot's duties and a pre-flight plane inspection.



*One group building "rockets" on Education Day*

We had both the Sheriff's Department and the Florida State Police on site. They brought bottled water, a quiet generator and more to the table. Having these resources assured for future events will broaden our appeal to food vendors and generally enhance the festival. There are other new allies found as the Air Fest continues to garner attention and respect for our efforts.

The Young Eagles flights corralled some new pilots from Cannon Creek, chapter 797 and even as far away as JAX Executive airport. Two pilots also flew in with a Navy owned Piper as they are members of the Navy Flying Club. This required additional disclaimers and paperwork, but Carrie Johnston and Tina Poirier were "Johnny-On-The-Spot" and kept the line moving.

Community response was positive on all levels and several front page news articles resulted. Good press all around drives our reputation into the future. The county is so impressed that they have requested assurances that WOS and our Pig Roast will continue in our calendar. One news article can be found at:

[https://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/thousands-flock-to-wings-over-suwannee/article\\_8b26674c-56d6-11e9-861e-cb5531764fd3.html](https://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/thousands-flock-to-wings-over-suwannee/article_8b26674c-56d6-11e9-861e-cb5531764fd3.html)

As the event grows, we need the membership to grow in numbers and involvement. Many hands make light work

*Editor*

## Azalea Aviation Happenings

SUN n FUN 2019 is over! And I need my rest.... For those who have never been to a large Air Show such as Sun n Fun or Oshkosh... be sure to bring along your comfy shoes and your chair. As tired as it can be to walk around, see all the beautiful planes and owners' handiwork, look through all the hangars, being an exhibitor is that times three! Here's a look into what it takes.

More than just money. Preparing for a show such as Sun n Fun starts almost a year before the show as you get ideas and items together for the next show. The busy part kicks in a couple weeks before a show with packing the trailer, getting all our supplies together, and packing up the camper and tents to be used while staying there. We typically have to make three or four trips to Lakeland to get all our stuff there. Usually two driving trips there and back and a flight or two depending on aircraft we choose to display or have on the flight line. We have to be set up and ready a day before the show starts so we usually begin our transportation three days before the show. If we are lucky, all goes according to plan and we have time the night before for a nice dinner out on the town.

Before the start of the first day there are usually people stopping by to talk with us. We do take a little time to get the Corvair Coffee maker up and going though because without it we won't make it through.

This year we had Dave, and two of our Saberwing customers helping at the booth to talk to people. You can imagine how tired you feel at the end of the day after speaking to hundreds of people while trying to keep a fresh smile and answering everybody's questions. This goes on all week long. In the evenings we get to enjoy a night in town, watching a movie at the campground theater, or watching the evening night Air Show. Friday and Saturday are the big days with the largest crowds and really expends our energy. Sunday is a bit of a relief and more relaxing.

Once the show is over we jump back into a busy time of packing again and moving everything back to Adel again. This typically takes us about three days just to get everything back and then a couple more days to unpack, do laundry, and get the shop back to work again. Of course all this cost us time and expense to accomplish. A site at the show can cost from a couple thousand

dollars up to over ten thousand dollars for the week. Add in transportation costs, camping, meals, employees and lost work time and the final cost of Sun n Fun really starts to show. We have to have faith that all the hard work and expense will be a positive investment into our Saberwing Aircraft and Spyder Engine lines as well as an encouragement to those who are building and flying our products.

Next time you come to a show such as Sun n Fun, consider your vendors and all the hard work they put into bringing the product out for you to see and enjoy. Take advantage of your time there to ask the questions and spend time with people who are invested in your aviation dreams.

See you next year at Sun n Fun !

*Bill, Kyoung, Dave, Levi, Carl and Micheal  
....the Azalea Aviation Crew!*

### **Carrie Johnston: Volunteer Spotlight**

*Carrie has volunteered from the start (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Air Festival) and not missed an event. She is not a*



*member, has no interest in an aviation future, but she loves a good time and pitches in at our annual YE event.*

*Thanks Carrie!*

## **Suwannee Valley Flying Club**

The Suwannee Valley Flying Club is still alive and doing OK. As always, we could use a few more members who want to fly! We have a couple of new members but the hours on the aircraft are still a little low.

To entice more ridership, we changed the monthly fee from \$40.00 a month to \$90.00 a month. I know that looks contrary to trying to get more ridership but the first hour of use is included in the \$90.00. Also, we have a 90-day fly clause in the by-laws. If you don't fly for over 90 days, you have to fly with an instructor for club currency. Therefore, a member could pay his dues and accumulate 3 hours of flying time before he would have to fly for currency. Sorry to say, I don't think the program is very successful in increasing our flying hours. We will keep trying.

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*

## **Wings Over Suwannee – over and done**

Sun'N'Fun – over and done. What do we do now? Well, the first thing is take a breathe, Second is set aside 27 April to help our friends at Cross City with their annual fly-in. Dave Poirier is ramping up the Young Eagles and I hope it runs as smoothly as it did last year and at Wings Over Suwannee this year.

Third is consider a clean up day at the EAA 797 building. It is in better shape this year than last year when we spent a day painting and cleaning but, still could use some work.

If you did not make it to SNF, you missed a good event and the Flight Line Tours went well. This was the first year I was there for the clean-up of the buggys before the start. I plan to do that next year. Allen Rice may have a recap for us at the next meeting. Bottom line, if you haven't volunteered before, consider doing it next year – free admission (a \$30+ value per day), free parking (\$10.00 value), free ride on the Flight Line Tour (\$5.00 value) plus the camaraderie. Hope you consider it and follow through.

*Dave Holmes*

## **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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