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EAA Chapter 797 Meeting: The Monthly Meeting will be on June 15, 2024

 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 
Fly-in or Drive in
Suwannee County Airport, 24J

Pancakes
Plain or Blueberry
Sausage
Bacon
Orange Juice
Coffee



8:00 to 10:00 – 3rd Saturday
\$5.00 Adults \$3.00 under 12

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy
VMC Club presentation and our
Monthly Meeting!



From The Top

Hello everyone and thank you for your patience and understanding. Life is wonderful, well the wedding & honeymoon was anyway. Now down to business.

Dave Holmes hosted a great YE event this weekend at our 24J Clubhouse. And had a huge turnout. He was able to fly 26 Eagles with the amazing support of all the chapter members that came out to make it all possible.

And Allen Rice held the first member meeting for the 797 Flyer. It was an opportunity to evaluate our project and start the documentation of the building process.

It is such an exciting time to be a part of all the activities at our airport. Join us this Saturday for another awesome breakfast as we make some more memories together.

Your President

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Do you want to enjoy your hot weather flying a little more? Here are some tips as the weather heats up this spring.
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VMC Club

VMC meeting this month was presented by Greg Boyette.

Editor



Your Guide To Soft Field Takeoffs |

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Are you taking off from a grass or gravel runway? Is your hard-surfaced runway covered in snow? Then it's time for you to show off your soft-field takeoff skills.
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Membership News

For those who are considering joining the club or are interested in renewing membership. The membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st. Any new member dues collected after October 1st each year will carry over until December 31st the following year. The cost of the annual membership to our chapter is \$20.00 a year.

Please remit payments in person or to:

Suwannee Co. Airport, EAA Clubhouse
13344 80th Terrace
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Editor



Pot Luck Tuesday Reminder.

Be sure to mark your calendar. Our monthly Potluck Tuesday will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. This month it falls on the 25th. This is a great time for club members to socialize and enjoy great food. Socializing will start at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.

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Wings Over Suwannee October 5, 2024:

Wings Over Suwannee will be held on Saturday October 5th and planning is beginning to ramp up.

We still help with the event. Even if you have missed the first several meetings, we still need additional help. And, even if you cannot attend the event, there are lots of planning activities that you can assist with.

Please consider finding ways that you can offer any assistance.

Christina Bedenbaugh
WOS Chair



Young Eagles

We only had 30 kids signed up for our 8 June Young Eagles Rally. We flew 26 kids. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help: Randy and Kelly Grimes, Sally Boyette and her daughter, Frank and Genny Wing, Don, Leon, Cathy Cleveland and whoever I missed (the hazard of listing names!). I have not planned on having another rally until Wings Over Suwannee when we will have sign-ups on 5 October and fly kids on 12 October.

Dave Holmes,
Young Eagles Coordinator

Owners Don't Forget Maintenance!

A bad way to learn is through other people's mistakes but in aviation we often do learn because of someone else's mistakes. I subscribe to the General Aviation News (GAN) which has several pages of Aviation Safety Reports that people have filed. Some reports are plain stupidity, some are maintenance problems, some are poor judgment, and some are "learning experiences".

In the latest GAN there was one report that I identified with right away. I would like to think that I have "higher standards" than the individual that had the problem, but . . . The report was about an

airplane running out of oil and making an emergency landing. The reason the airplane lost oil was the pilot/owner had not properly safety wired the oil filter which allowed it to back off.

At the conclusion of the report, the pilot/owner said he had changed the oil the year before and had flown about 60 hours. What? That is too long in two ways! I wondered if he had checked the oil filter in the past year?

On the Cherokee and the Comanche, the filter is visible, and I often check it for leakage. I will admit, I have not double checked my safety wire job, but I think I will start. Safety wiring is not a difficult task but if you don't know how to do it, ask any one of the several A&Ps in our chapter.

Sometimes you need to think about what the safety wire is preventing and use some logic to ensure it will be effective. Safety wiring is one simple task that most owners can perform. Most owners either do not know or do not care about torque values. When doing many of the simple tasks the owner is allowed to do on a certified airplane, torque values are often called out – spark plugs, spark plug wires, brakes, valve covers, to name a few items that an owner might find himself removing and replacing and should torque to a proper value.

The bottom line, a little owner maintenance can save a lot of money, if done right. A little owner maintenance can cost a lot of money if not done right!

Dave Holmes

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SkyRaider Club Project Updates:

This week, Ed Conrad held our first workshop for the 797 Flyer which is a SkyRaider 3 derivative. The task for the day was to inspect all the parts for cracks, corrosion, damage, mis-drilled holes, leaks, etc.

Members Ed Conrad, Allen Rice, Matt Wagoner, Billy Tyndall, and Don Hiers logged 1.5 hours in the Builders Log. Thanks guys, the 797 Flyer looks to be a great flying light sport aircraft.

If you would like to help finish the 797 Flyer, contact: Ed at DieselEd@me.com or Allen at AIRice352@gmail.com.

Allen Rice



797 Flyer workshop this Sat June 15, 12PM. Tasks & tools workshop briefing and then on Thurs 7:30PM by Google Meet (like Zoom but easier). Send me your email at AIRice352@gmail.com if

you want to participate or just sit around and offer advice 🤔🤔🤔

Allen Rice



Allen shared the results of his findings. Is it believed to be a Modified Ridge Runner 3, the comments on the Ridge Runner web page say it a great find. Allen had each of us do a written inspection of the faults we could find on the plane. Great class to begin assessment of our project. Looking forward to our next meeting to discuss the next step.

Ed Conrad

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Prayers for one of our Own!

797 member Bill Clapp has put his plane down hard in an off field forced landing late Monday, June 10, 2024. He is awake and alert in a Valdosta hospital. Prayers for his speedy recovery.

Club Calendar

- EAA 797 Club Meeting – 3rd Saturday of every month. The next meeting is June 15th.
- Club Aircraft Project Meeting – June 15th at 12 PM at the clubhouse.
- Wings Over Suwannee October 5, 2024

Please email corrections, event information, photos, and any information that you would like to pass on to:

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