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# CANNON CREEK FLYERS

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May 3, 2023

Chapter 977 meeting minutes

Called to order: 7:20pm

President **Don Downs** called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 42 members and guests present for the meeting.

## Membership: Mel Towner

No new guests this evening

## Treasurer: Mark Sires (not present)

All finances are in order

## Mark Wiencek

No Fly-outs at this time



## Movie Night is Wednesday May 17th

Showing *A Wing and a Prayer*

## Our Annual Memorial Day Dinner and Auction - Monday, May 29th

If you have any items for the Live or Silent Auctions, contact Vicky Shanks.

**June 10 - International Young Eagles Day** - Join us at 24J (Suwannee County) -

9:00am - 12:00pm for Coffee, Donuts and Young Eagles flights!

Volunteers and pilots who are available, please contact Dave Holmes.

Thank you to **Mary Beth Downs** for helping with and setting up the refreshments tonight! The cookies were made by **Pam Huber and Joyce Kutner**. Sign up if you'd like to bring goodies to the next meeting! Contact **Shirley McManus** for more info.



## **Congratulations to 2 of our youngest members!**

**Eric Sedlak** - graduated from the FSCJ A&P Program. His FAA tests are next. Wish him luck if you see him!

**Landon Horton** - He's blazing through his flight training with Dave Holmes. Already has 20 hours in just 3 weeks.

**Tonight's program: by Keith Gordon** - His son had an amazing flight in a P-51 Mustang at the Kissimmee Airport recently. Included with the flight was a complete video of the experience. Thanks, Keith, for sharing that experience with us!

## **We have a new interim Vice President - Steve Smith**

Thank you to **Karen Smith** for organizing our 50/50 this evening. Drawn by Eric Sedlak.

**Congratulations Mel Towner!** He donated his \$40 back to our chapter. Thank you Mel.

## A New Bird at 15FL!

Watch out for this beauty to start flying soon!

Gary & Nancy Marquis recently purchased this beautiful Cessna 152, built in 1977.



## History In Plain Sight

During a recent visit to Whole Foods in Gainesville, I happen to notice some aviation history on display. In the front of the store, adjacent to the outdoor eating area was a sizeable two wall display on the use of the land the store sits on now from the 1940's.



Stengel Field, home to Gainesville's first aviation school, was on that land in the 40's. To be honest, I had no idea the Pitts Special had it's roots in our area but I think they were referring to the one specific version used by Betty Skelton. Google states that Curtis Pitts lived in Homestead, FL. Very interesting none the less. Next time you are in the store, check it out. The corner where this is displayed seems to be used as a back water area of the store.. but it's still clearly visible.

Mark Wiencek



Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm Submitted by April Sedlak, Secretary

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Join us for our MONTHLY MEETING

EAA Chapter 977 holds a monthly meeting in which all aviation enthusiasts are welcome. The meeting is held on the first Wednesday of every month. Doors open at 7PM, meeting starts promptly at 7:15PM.

Meeting location is at the permanent home of EAA Chapter 977 which is located on Cannon Creek Airpark (15FL). Our street address is 288 SW Challenger Lane, Lake City, FL, 32025