



CANNON CREEK FLYERS

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NEWSLETTER

March 2021

President **Don Downs** called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were **38** members and guests present for the meeting.

Mel Towner: If you haven't already, be sure to get your dues in soon!

A big welcome to our **newest chapter member Noah**! He was a guest at last month's meeting. He is an A&P with Haeco and a student pilot who recently moved to Lake City from California.

Welcome to our guests: Shawn and Larry

Treasurer: Mark Sires (not present) - Our current account balance is \$16,298.89, that is after the property taxes were paid. We should have no more large bills until the mortgage payment in July. This month's utility bill was \$42.00 - doing great on that front!

Thank you to **Mary Beth and Shirley** for the refreshments tonight! Our extra goodies provided by **Karen Smith and Vicky Shanks**. We need a few good bakers! Sign up if you'd like to help bring goodies to the next meeting!

Volunteers for grass cutting: Becky Zoeller, Bill Campbell and Gary Marquis. Thank you!

Shamrock Fly-In & Craft Show - Saturday, March 20th 11:30 -1:30

\$10 adults/\$5 kids

Good food, great desserts, hopefully great weather too! Mark Wiencek and Bill Campbell are hosting this year. Volunteer meeting is the Thursday before, March 18th, at the chapter hangar at 6:00 pm.

If you have crafts to sell, contact Vicky Shanks for table space. Any other questions, contact Mark or Bill

Mel Towner: The Tool Crib

A Google form (spreadsheet) is now available for those interested in participating in our chapter tool crib. The spreadsheet will track the tool loaners and the tools. Contact Mel for more information.

No movie night this month because of the other events happening.

Congratulations to our 2021 Member of the Year: Becky Zoeller!

Congratulations to Harley Pickett and Larry Shanks, who have received the FAA Safety Award! This award is given to pilots that have 50 years of flying, without any incidents. (see Short Final for a picture)



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The **B-17 tour is stopping at KLCQ** - The EAA asked our chapter if we would be a host. Needed : 6 volunteers per shift for a 3-day event. More volunteers will be needed for food sales and a chapter booth. The event would be the weekend of March 26

*Is the chapter interested in hosting? Almost everyone's hands went up
- Chapter 797 would be a partner in the event. Lake City Airport is in favor of it. We will need to plan this in just 3 short weeks*

By show of hands, How many of us would be willing to volunteer? More than half of the members present raised their hand. By show of hands, should we look more into hosting the event? YES (almost all)

Advertising will be handled by EAA. Dave Holmes will be coordinating with his chapter (797). Bob Hoffman will be meeting with KLCQ . Watch for more information soon! To learn more, go to:
<https://www.eaa.org/ea/events-and-experiences/aluminum-overcast-eaa-b-17-bomber-tour/b-17-aluminum-overcast-tour-stops>

Shirley: Wellborn Blueberry Festival is June 5th

Shirley McManus is the chairperson for the event
"Hometown USA" is the theme

We'd like to have a float for our local EAA chapters and past Young Eagles waving their logbooks to spark some interest for our Young Eagles program. More information coming soon. Let Shirley know if you are interested in being a part of the event.

Tonight's **50/50** had a \$40 prize. And our winner.... DJ Torres! He donated his winnings back to the chapter.

Thanks to all of you who attended. It was a great crowd!

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Submitted by April Sedlak, Secretary

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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



SHORT FINAL...

Wednesday Breakfast, February 10th. The gang put on Wednesday Breakfast 6 on the 10th. Kudo's to Dale Condy, John Deloach, and Bill Shippee who put out an excellent spread. By the looks of them, Dale's pancakes were made to exacting standards! Weather put a damper on any fly ins, but the gang still served up nearly 35 breakfasts to hungry guests. *Mark*



Project Update: RV8A This is the first time in these pages that I have info on DJ Torres' RV8A project. I stopped by his hanger in late February to find him hard at work making excellent progress on his 'eight'. Excellent workmanship! He is hitting the project hard.. and I don't think it will be too long before we see this sharp bird in the air! *Mark*

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Project Update: RV8 I'm beginning to see a pattern here! Met up with Mark II (Mark Sullivan) at Williston the other day, and got a chance to snap a pix of his upgraded panel. The entire plane is looking sharp, and the panel is just the icing on the cake. Mark is having a blast flying her and has a permanent "RV Grin" on his face. *Mark*



Not one but two! Yes.. two of our Chapter members have recently received the coveted FAA Safety Award. No small feat.. having a squeaky clean record as PIC for 50 years! Congratulations to HARLEY PICKETT and LARRY SHANKS!



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