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# CANNON CREEK FLYERS

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Chapter 977 meeting minutes

Called to order: 7:15pm

President **Don Downs** called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 48 members and guests present for the meeting.

Our condolences to **Dennis Kaefer** on the recent loss of his wife, **Penny**. She will be missed by many.

## Membership: (our new coordinator) Nancy Marquis

No new members present today



## Treasurer: Mark Sires

Our Shamrock event was a great success, even with a slow start and low clouds the day of the event

Gross \$2143, Net about \$1500, Served 122 meals!

There is still leftover pork in the freezer that will be used for our Memorial Day event.

\*\*\* Shamrock Fly-In photos are posted on our chapter website. Feel free to download your favorites!

## Fly-outs - Mark Wiencek

Nothing planned, but Sun N Fun in Lakeland, FL is fast approaching the week of April 8th

## Young Eagles Workshops



Next meeting will be **Thursday April 18th at 6:30pm**

An email to our volunteers will go out soon. Anyone else interested in joining is more than welcome to attend! We have volunteer spots open for event support.

The goal date for our first Workshop will be June 8th which is also EAA's International Young Eagles Day!

## Upcoming events



Our next **Dinner and A Show** will be **Saturday April 27th**

We voted on our movie choice! It was a close one...

**Dinner:** Don's Famous Meatloaf, made-from-scratch mashed potatoes & gravy and a vegetable

*Movie will be announced by email soon*

*Please RSVP to April if you plan to attend*

We will be also be pricing out some new chapter shirts. Details coming soon if you'd like to purchase one to show off our amazing chapter!

## **Member vote: Show of hands by those present**

Who would be in favor of building a new chapter hangar up in the front of the neighborhood?

In favor of: 35

Against: 4

We will also need a vote from the CCAMC on using the land there. More info to come.

**Memorial Day Dinner & Auction, May 27th** - Any small items for the Live Auction or the Silent Auction, you can bring them over to Vicky Shanks hangar until the event if you like

Thank you to **Mary Beth Downs and Karen Smith** for helping with and setting up the refreshments tonight. The cake was very good!

If you'd like to volunteer to bring something for our next meeting, contact Mary Beth Downs.

Thank you to **Doreen** for organizing our 50/50 this evening!

Our winner is **Ray Isherwood!!** He donated his winnings back to the chapter. Thank you and congratulations!

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



**Gator Fly-In  
Gainesville, FL**  
by Mark Wiencek

For me, Saturday started out with some shopping in town, as the weather was supposed to be poor. But as the morning wore on, it was clear the weather man got it wrong. I decided to attend the annual Gator Fly-In at Gainesville, and in the Highlander. The flight there was fine, but slow as is the case with this aircraft. I arrived about 12:30. I was parked outside the



show aircraft ropes, but found a nice LongEZ owned by Chapter Member Cameron Bunting holding down the fort as the only Experimental on the show line. There were food trucks selling the typical 'carnival' fare, and a hangar full of displays showing both aviation and general merchandise. The event included speeches by AOPA's Kollin Staginito honoring Richard McSpadden. The fun for me (and a few others) began when I spotted a small thunderstorm heading to the airport. I decided to make a run home before it hit. Another Highlander and I left the parking area headed for runway 25 with the winds out of 290 at 10, gusts to 16. Well, not the best, but doable. As I pulled out onto the runway, with the storm ever closer, the tower proclaimed the winds were 19, gusting 34! Note I was in clear sunny skies, but the storm looked quite mean and was just moving from west to east just north of the airport. We both launched. Wow.. what a wild ride! And the good thing, the Highlander let me 'enjoy' this for an extended period as I flew west, then north to deviate around the cell. Once in the air, ADSB painted the cell as two dark shades of purple. Never even seen that on ADSB before. As soon as I got to the west of the cell, the air went dead calm. The remaining trip back to CCA was uneventful, but I did have to wait for another cell to move off of Lake City before I could land.



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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