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Chapter 797 Meeting

Saturday March 29th, 2014

The monthly meeting (on the last Saturday) will be held at the Suwannee County Airport at our EAA Chapter Building at approx. **10:30AM.**

Pot Luck Brunch will be at **10:00AM.** All of our members are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone.



EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

The LAST Saturday of the month

March 29th

Free coffee and doughnuts

8:00-10:00 AM

President's Message

That First Solo X-Country

Allen Rice

What is it with the first solo cross county flight anyway? I don't know how yours was, but speaking for myself and many others, it never seems to be an easy flight. I bring this up because grandson Tucker, you know, the kid that our chapter sent to Aviation Camp last summer, just surprised us by flying his first solo cross country from N. Perry KHWO in Hollywood to Steinhatchee, a distance of 278 nm.

Tucker had a slight tailwind pushing his northbound C-150, which needs all the help it can get. The flight was uneventful until the 16 year old student pilot calls the Sebring Unicom and is told to contact the tower. Big surprise since Sebring doesn't normally have a tower- except for the weekend of the 12 Hours of Sebring race. The guy on the other end of the Unicom wasn't forthcoming with the tower frequency so Tucker had to beg him for it. Anyway, he made it in and parked his little 150 amongst the throngs of Gulfstreams, Citations, King Airs, and Barons and ordered fuel. He finally made it to Steinhatchee about 2.5 hours later.

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February Meeting 2/22/2014

- * 31 members present, 7 guests
- * Bob Jaeger reported on Sun N Fun meeting. Some changes, none affecting us. Blue Angels will perform.
- * Membership - \$15 for 2014. All present members need to renew.
- * Auction at Leroy Boe's property today.
- * Service for Calvin Mercer tomorrow.
- * Up coming events - please see Places to Go
- * Our Chapter web-site has been moved to the national EAA website, for a savings of \$14 per month for the Chapter.
- * Bob Jaeger gave a Safety Quiz.
- * Program - Graham White from Cannon Creek with a talk about the Rolls Royce Merlin engine.

Next meeting - Saturday, March 29th

LOW COUNTRY BOIL FLY-IN

Enjoy Riverside Dining

Saturday, March 22, 2014

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Ancient Oaks Airpark 39FD

Everyone is Welcome to Bring a Covered Dish

**2222 Ancient Oaks Drive,
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President's Message continued

After eating a Hungry Howie's pizza and getting some sleep, our intrepid Tucker departed the grass strip at Ancient Oaks the next day right into a 25 knot headwind. That wind was "kickin'" as they say. Great....278nm at 60mph groundspeed, he'll probably never come to visit us again, at least not by air. After more than 4.5 hours of bouncing his head off the ceiling in the gusty conditions and 2 fuel stops, he made it back home. He wasn't amused when I told him it was a good learning experience. He logged 8 hrs flying time for his first cross country!

A friend of mine related how his first cross country was spent at 400 ft. scud running for 250 miles. Yikes! Florida is flat but we have these things called towers that hurt a lot if you hit them. What was his instructor thinking?

My first cross country was in the Florida summer, so I spent 3 hours bouncing around so much that I needed a heating pad, a chiropractor, and a back brace when I landed. Over the last 39 years, I've never had a more miserable flight.

So what is it with those first student pilot cross countries? My theory is that the airplane gods are testing us, trying to weed out those mortals who they deem not worthy of flight. The gods figure that if you can't hack it as a newbie, you should wash out sooner than later. Kind of like some of my college professors. I bet that Zeus and Ares are probably lying on their couches right now with nymphs feeding them grapes, dreaming up their next set of tortures for another unsuspecting student pilot who dares to enter their realm.

Fly Safe.

Places to Go – March/April

EAA 797 Fly Out

March 22 10 AM
Ancient Oaks, Steinhatchee
Free Low Country Boil lunch

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

March 29th
Free coffee and doughnuts 8:00 – 10:00

EAA 797 Meeting

SATURDAY March 29th at EAA Chapter Building Suwannee County Airport at approx. **10:30 AM**. Brunch at **10:00 AM**. Members are asked to bring a dish to share.

Program – Flying in Alaska

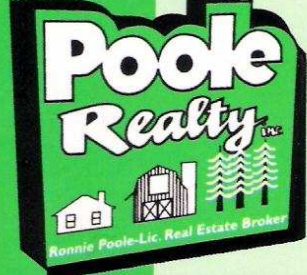
SUN N FUN

April 1 – 6
Set-up March 30-31

April 12 Seminar 10 AM

April 12 Williston Pig Roast Fly-In

Williston Airport X-60 12 noon
All you can eat \$10, children free
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Membership for 2014

Still looking for the last few members to renew their membership for 2014. Cost is still only \$15 per person.

The following have renewed their memberships:

Ken Alsop

Barnes Family – Dan, Fran, Terry, Elize, Charlie

Jim and Mary Griffin

Jack Jackowski

Doug Libby

Phil and Sandy McKenzie

Don and Pam Millar

Lynn Rotz

Irvine Smith

Lee Woodruff

NEW members

Larry Boiven

Dick McCardle

If you would rather renew by mail, please mail your check and any changes to your information from last year's membership form to:

Jean/Dennis Wolcott
6299 SW 52 Lane
Jasper, FL 32052

SUN N FUN

WE NEED YOU!

Sun N Fun is April 1 – 6. Please volunteer with Flight Line Tours. Call David Brown 386-776-1163 or Bob Jaeger 386-365-7033.

EAA Website

Thanks to Allen Rice all info from our chapter website, has been transferred to space for our chapter on the national website. The new link is: www.797.eaachapter.org. However, using the old link, www.eaa797.org will take you to the new link.

Allen has also added a new Member Aircraft page to the chapter website. You can take a look by clicking on the link <http://www.797.eaachapter.org/memberaircraft.htm>.

If you would like to be on the page, send a picture and description to Allen (Allen@AllenRice.net). The picture should be at least 300 pixels wide to look good.

Allen has reinstated our member directory and posted it on a password protected page on the website. If you want to participate, he needs the following information:

1. Your name, your spouse's name.
2. Address
3. Phone
4. Education
5. Occupation when you were working
6. Hobbies
7. Current projects
8. Pilot ratings
9. Aircraft that you have owned with pictures
10. Aircraft that you have built.

WILLISTON AIRPORT PIG ROAST

Please join us for the Pig Roast Fly-In at the Williston Airport. Please tell your fellow pilots and friends. We are seeking support from Florida Pilots in preventing the permanent closure of our Turf Runway 18-36 at the Williston Airport.

EAA Chapter #1484
April 12 12 noon
Williston Airport X60
Stan Berry's hangar
ALL YOU CAN EAT \$10, children FREE

