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Chapter 797 Meeting

Saturday April 26th, 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.



Have you planted your garden yet?

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

The LAST Saturday of the month

April 26th

Free coffee and doughnuts

8:00-10:00 AM

Low Country Boil a Hit

Allen Rice

Despite the heavy rains and lightning 26 members and guests braved the inclement conditions and made the trip down to Steinhatchee for our March meeting. At 10:00AM president Allen Rice called the meeting to order inside his hangar at Ancient Oaks Airpark 39FD. After reviewing the past and future activities, the meeting was turned over to Morris Brown who entertained everyone with a video presentation on flying in Alaska.

By 12pm the skies cleared and the meeting was adjourned. It was time to eat! Allen Rice, Dale Perry, and Gerry Chancey hosted the culinary event featuring a free potluck low country boil luncheon. The shrimp, sausage, corn and potato concoction prepared by Chef Dale was topped off by several tantalizing potlucks brought by members. It was delicious and we were all stuffed.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made the event such a success.



The Sun N Fun Report

Allen Rice
4/6/2014

Now that the 2014 version of Flight Line Tours at Sun N Fun is now in the books, we can now look back on the success of Chapter 797. In addition to the months of prep work that was required of chairmen David Brown, Bob Jaeger, and Charlie Barnes, our intrepid trio tirelessly supervised over 20 volunteers in constructing the tents, rigging the tractors, cleaning and maintaining the buggies, taking money and tickets, seating riders, and driving the tractors. They must have done something right because there were no incidents, accidents or injuries.



(Sun N Fun cont)

For those who haven't experienced the fun that comes with being a Flight Line volunteer, a typical day goes something like this: depart the campgrounds at 8:30AM and ride one of the buggies to the Flight Line Tours tent, arriving at 8:55AM. Quickly open the tent and prepare for the day's tours. You then collect money and tickets, load riders on the buggies, put up the guard rails so that no one falls out, move the steps away from the buggy and then jump on the 'shotgun' seat. Remember: 1 horn beep = stop, 2 beeps = go, and 3 beeps = caution. The shotgun rider alerts the tractor driver just before getting run over by an airplane.

Volunteering is not all work and no play, however. Expect to get treated to a free t-shirt and all the 'mystery meat' sandwiches that you can eat. Yummy! We also get to sneak away occasionally to attend a seminar or just enjoy the show. Personally, I enjoy the camaraderie and conversations in the volunteer tent and getting to know my fellow EAA'ers just a little bit better.

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Flying Around the World

Allen Rice

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to fly around the world in your own plane, you only needed to be present at the seminar last April 12 at our clubhouse. Ms. CarolAnn Garratt was our 2nd speaker in our monthly seminar series and presented "Flying Around the World 3 Times in a Mooney". Talk about nerve and persistence- WOW!

Ms. Garratt's talk and video slide presentation were exceptional and had our members attention riveted to her. She explained that her first flight around the world was a solo exploratory flight. After completing that flight she decided that she could better the world record time and spent the next 18 months preparing for a record attempt. Her preparation included building custom long range tanks to replace the back seats, securing airspace and landing permits from all foreign countries along the route, and preparing herself



Carol Foy and CarolAnn Garratt after their record breaking 2012 around the world trip.

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Places to Go – April

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

April 26th
Free coffee and doughnuts 8:00 – 10:00

EAA 797 Meeting

SATURDAY April 26th at the 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 – Sun N Fun Report

April 12 Seminar 10 AM


"Flying Around the World 3 Times in a Mooney"

April 19 Williston Breakfast Fly-In

Williston Airport X-60 9AM

April 26 Barbeque in memory of Leroy Boe

O'Brien Airpark, home of Dr. Lee Woodruff, 22247 109 Dr., 5 – 8 PM. Pot Luck.



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(Around the World cont)

and her co-pilot for 24 hour stints in the cockpit. The westward trip went off without a hitch and Ms. Garratt in her Mooney broke the record by half!

Some interesting facts: fuel cost \$19.00 per gallon and she burned up 4 starters. The purpose of all 3 of Ms. Garratt's trips was to raise awareness and funds for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Thanks to Ray Anderson for setting up his projector for the presentation.

Membership for 2014

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

At this time, we have 57 members!

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

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Barbeque in Memory of Leroy Boe



There will be a Barbeque in memory of Leroy Boe the evening of April 26, from 5 PM to about 7 PM. It will be held at O'Brien Airpark at the home of Leroy's friend and neighbor, Dr. Lee Woodruff. The address is 22247 109th Dr, O'Brien, 32071.

It will be Pot Luck and bring your own beverage.

Also, Lee is asking you to bring any photos you may have of Leroy involved in activities with all of us over the years.

Fly in or drive in.



