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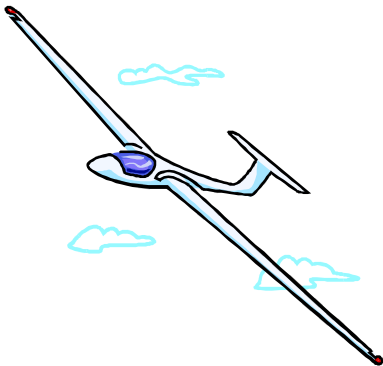
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Chapter 797 Meeting

Saturday May 31st, 2014

The monthly meeting (on the last Saturday) will be held at the Suwannee County Airport at our EAA Chapter Building at approx. **10:00AM.** Barbeque will be at **12 noon.** Club provides burgers & hot dogs; members bring sides, salads and desserts



EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

The LAST Saturday of the month

May 31st

Free coffee and doughnuts

8:00-10:00 AM

Our Old-Timers' Legacy

May 2014

by Allen Rice

I'm sitting here at my computer trying to beat a topic out of my brain to write about. C'mon synapses connect and come up with some electrifying words. Something either worth a chuckle or at least slightly inspirational. Well, next month I'll do a chuckle so this month let's do inspiration.

I joined Chapter 797 probably many years after the majority of our members. Before handing over my first \$15 membership fee, I can remember that there were two things about our club that really impressed me and made me want to join. The first was the fact that the Catfish Squadron is responsible for a volunteer project as large as Flight Line Tours at Sun N Fun. The second is the chapter clubhouse and hangar built by our members.

I can only marvel at these two projects and the dedication and manpower that were required of my predecessors to make Flight Line Tours and our clubhouse a reality. As a mid 60 year old myself, I wonder if I even come close to possessing the energy and enthusiasm of the men and women who were 60-ish when they built the four buggies

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APRIL MEETING

- 14 members and 2 guests present
- Ultralight from Leroy Boe still available, would club consider buying it to work on. Might need to form a Flying Club Corp, as an EAA chapter may not own an aircraft.
- Member Larry Boiven wants to buy the Mini Max in our hangar. Approved.
- Dan Barnes unveiled a plaque he made in honor of Leroy Boe and his 9 years as Flight Line Tours Chairman.
- Need to pick a student for this summer's Aviation Camp. Lead from Morris. Further discussion at May meeting.
- David Brown gave a report on Sun N Fun. He and Charlie Barnes and Bob Jaeger ran the Flight Line Tours. Wagons need maintenance; this year had to replace 3 tires.

(Our Old Timers' Legacy continued)

and supplied the tractors and hauled everything down to Lakeland for the first year of Flight Line Tours at Sun N Fun. I suspect that it was most of the same buggy builders who pitched in and built our clubhouse and hangar. What an incredible accomplishment!

These were members who truly had a vision and got off their butts and worked hard!

When I look at the accomplishments of our old-time members I wonder if I, along with our newer members, could do the same thing. Do we now have the same fortitude and resolve that the older members had? When I look at some of the massive projects in this country like the 7 Mile Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge, or even the Hoover Dam, I often question that even with all of our advanced equipment and knowledge, if in this present day, our country could cooperate enough to duplicate just one of those feats.

Our forefathers and old club members deserve a lot of credit. Every time that I walk into our clubhouse I am inspired by their legacy.

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In Honor of LEROY BOE



At our April meeting, Dan Barnes presented the chapter with a plaque he created in honor of Leroy Boe, and the nine years Leroy was the Chairman of the Flight Line Tours at Sun N Fun. Dan picked up the hat, which Leroy wore in Lakeland, at the Yard Sale Bonnie Boe had to help defray medical costs from Leroy's illness.

Dan explained that Leroy always provided great leadership and always made good decisions and that is where the "What Would Leroy Do?" came from.

The plaque is mounted above the two rows of photos of Past Presidents in our chapter building.

THANK YOU, Dan, for a great remembrance of a great man.

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May 31
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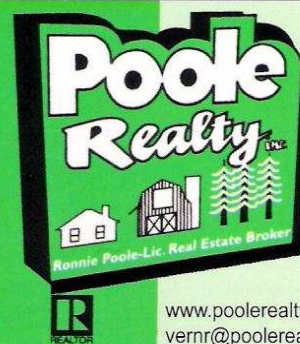
EAA 797 Meeting

SATURDAY May 31st at the EAA Chapter Building, Suwannee County Airport at approx. 10:00 AM. Barbeque at 12 noon. Club will provide burgers and hot dogs, all members asked to bring a Pot Luck side dish
Program –

May 17 Seminar 10 AM

"Working with composites"

May 24 Fly-OUT to Folkston, GA



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MAY MEETING

In Honor of Memorial Day and all
our Veterans

We will have a change-up for the May Meeting. We will meet as usual at 10 AM, but will not have Brunch.

After the meeting, at 12 noon, we will set up a grill and barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs. The Club will provide the burgers and dogs, buns and condiments. Members are asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

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Fly-Out to Folkston, GA

On May 24, many members flew north for lunch in Folkston, GA at the Okefenokee Restaurant. They flew in to Davis Field, 3J6, and were transported to the restaurant, for a delicious buffet meal.



There were 5 planes and 11 people – Allen, Bobbi and Paige Rice, Bob Jaeger and son, Dennis Wolcott, Larry Boiven and friend, a gentleman from Little River Airpark and two gentlemen from Georgia who came after seeing our website.

It was a great day for flying.

