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Chapter 797 Meeting Saturday February 28th

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. [Program](#)



EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

The LAST Saturday of the month

February 28th

Free coffee and doughnuts

8:00-10:00 AM

“It is easier to find men who will volunteer to die, than to find those who are willing to endure pain with patience.”

[Julius Caesar](#)

By Allen Rice

Please permit me to paraphrase a famous quote by Robert Fulghum and say “Everything I needed to know, I learned in first grade”. Mrs. Parker was my first grade teacher at Wyndmoor Elementary in Philadelphia and unlike my fourth grade teacher at the same school who rapped me more than a few times with a ruler across the knuckles and the back of my head, Mrs. Parker was a sweetheart. But at the time that didn’t mean anything to me.

Suffice it to say that I was not Mrs. Parker’s favorite student. In fact, according to my mother, saintly Mrs. Parker and the principal both wanted to throw me out of school due to behavior problems and let me ‘mature’ before allowing me to re-enter the next year. My mother would have none of that.

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President message continued

You see, she had her hands full with 5 other kids younger than me and couldn't wait to start trimming the roster if only for 6 ½ hours per day. So I was given another chance.

In my defense, my antisocial behavior could have been the result of being locked out of the house each day sometime after my 3rd birthday and my 3rd sibling was born. This was my mother's early attempts to trim the roster. As a result, I grew up in the woods by myself hunting for salamanders, frogs and skunks until my brother came of age on his 3rd birthday and his banishment from the house commenced. At least mom let us back in at lunch and dinner. We were on our own with only our infantile sense of judgment and rules to guide us. So it was no surprise that after 2 ½ years of freedom to roam, I might have had a small issue with 22 classmates and 22 classroom rules of behavior.

But I digress so let's get back to what I learned in first grade which is when most of us learn to read. While all the drills and lessons on the alphabet, sight words, and reading about Dick and Jane seemed to have a positive effect on me since I love to read to this day, I think that the most important lessons that I learned from Mrs. Parker were to have patience and dogged perseverance. Mrs. Parker never actually taught these qualities you see, I actually learned them from her interaction with me. I could tell that she cared for me with never-ending patience and never gave up on me.

President message continued

Sixty years later, I still think of Mrs. Parker, my angel of patience and perseverance, especially after I smash my 3rd attempt at fabricating a tank support bracket or as I drill out 45 rivets that I installed prematurely in a spar. Finally, after 5 ½ years of construction and frustration, my RV 9A got its airworthiness certificate. I don't know if Grandson Tucker had as good a first grade teacher as I had but I know that he is learning the same two qualities as he endures 5 weeks of postponements and delays trying to take his private pilot checkride and 9 months of construction restoring his 1971 C10 pickup.

I learned some handy things in high school and college, especially in my math classes, but nothing as important as what I learned by accident in first grade.

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Fiddler Crab Festival Flyout Report

February 14 was a beautiful day to fly and vice president Morris Brown took advantage of the clear skies to pilot his Aeronca Chief from Little River to Ancient Oaks in Steinhatchee for the Festival. From Ancient Oaks, Bobbi Rice accompanied Morris downtown to the festivities. Activities at the Fiddler Crab Festival always include a free chili and gumbo cookoff, mullet toss, cakewalk, lots of craft vendors, and of course fiddler crab races. Our next flyout will be to Cannon Creek on March 21 for the Shamrock Fly In.

Allen Rice

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Places to Go – February

EAA 797 Meeting

Saturday February 28th 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.

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

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Fly – Outs

Check out for other events

www.fsaaca.org
www.funplacestofly.com

JANUARY MEETING

- 18 members, 3 guests attended
- Treasurer's Report, balance of \$12,317.46 as of Dec. 31, 2014
- Looking for volunteers for S&F
- Date change for April Meeting to May 2nd
- Elections were held.
- The program was given by Don Riley, about U.S. Foreign Relations and Implications for Aviation.

“Jack” Jackowski passed in February. Jack was a current member of the chapter and lived at Kitty Hawk Airpark. His obituary was in the Feb 18, 2015 Suwannee Democrat newspaper, which can be viewed online

RENEWING ADVERTISER

Sending many thanks to Doug Libby for renewing his ad in this newsletter. Please see the ad directly below this box.

Doug lives in one of Suwannee County's many airparks and is a very active working pilot.

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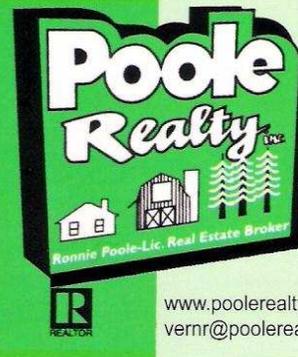
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January Meeting

Up-coming Events

Sun N Fun – 4/21-26

Fiddler Crab Festival 2/14 Fly in to Ancient Oaks get a ride to town. Contact Allen Rice if you will be attending.

Fly out to Williston 2/21 10 AM Dine at the restaurant at the airport.

Shamrock Fly In 3/21 at Cannon Creek

Election of Officers for 2015. All 2014 officers were nominated and accepted their office for 2015.

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April Meeting Date Change

Lee Woodruff suggested we move our April meeting date, as it conflicts with Sun N Fun, and many of our members will be in Lakeland. He suggested the date of May 2. After the May 2 meeting, Lee invited members to fly or drive to his house for the Leroy Boe Memorial Bar B Que.

2015 Membership Renewals

Dick McCardle

Allen & Bobbie Rice

Ken Alsop

Terry Martin

Lee Woodruff

Don & Dee Riley

Terry & Elize Barnes

Linden Heston

Clark Dechant

Larry Boiven

New Members

J.J. Johnson

Tucker Rice

2015 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2015 is now open. Dues for the year will remain at **\$15 per person**. If you are a renewing member, you will need to verify that your current information is the same as last year or up-date your information, and pay the dues. Only new members need to fill out an Application form. Please see Dennis or Jean Wolcott at our Feb 28 meeting or send a check to Dennis Wolcott, 6299 SW 52 Ln. Jasper 32052.

The following people joined toward the end of 2014 and will not have to pay again for 2015 -

Paul Matthew

John DeCrescenzo

Paul Krawchuck

David Starling

Frank “Red” Schulte

Ted and Georgie McMullen

This past month I was at a Gun Show/ Flea Market, and was waiting for my daughter as she was taking a concealed weapons class.

While walking around I ran into another member taking another concealed weapons class from a different instructor.

Then I ran into another member Larry Boiven who told me that he is an NRA instructor and gives these classes. If there is any interest he is willing to give the class for our members for free (or small donation to the chapter)

If anyone is interested contact Larry (coolstick120@gmail.com)