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## Chapter 797 Meeting

### Saturday August 29th

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

### August 29th

Free coffee and doughnuts

**8:00-10:00 AM**

## First Flight

By Allen Rice

Last month, as I lined up my brand new RV-9A on the centerline of runway 07 at Suwannee County, I wondered if Chuck Yeager, Scott Crossfield, or Alan Shepard were ever as nervous as me on any of their first flights in an untested aircraft. I then had a flashback or maybe it was one of those moments that you hear about where your whole life flashes through your brain in a nanosecond.

For me, it wasn't my whole life, just the last 6 years of building the RV that I relived just before I pushed the throttle in. All of a sudden, I'm second-guessing myself on every rivet and nut and bolt that I installed in the plane. Did I forget any of the stabilizer bolts? Did I properly torque the spar bolts that I couldn't reach with a torque wrench? Did I drive all the thousands of rivets to just the right length? Did I tighten all the fuel and oil lines enough that they won't leak or loosen with vibration? OMG!!! I'm about to fly this contraption and it might fall apart into 10,000 pieces before I get to 1,000 feet.

# First Flight

By Allen Rice  
Cont.

Trying to calm myself as I sit there building my courage, I realized that unlike those famous test pilots who had a thousand different engineers and technicians build their planes, Bobbi and I were the only builders on my plane. This gave me a little extra confidence knowing that if anything were really screwed up on the plane, I should know about it. Yeager, Crossfield, and Shepard sometimes had to wonder if any of their engineers or builders had messed up. So after the nanosecond passed, my left brain said "What the hell." and my right hand involuntarily pushed the throttle to full. My paranoid coward right brain said "Are you nuts? Stop right now. You're going to kill all 3 of us." Since my left brain controlled the throttle and my right brain controlled the stick, it was up to my brain stem to broker a solution: either high speed taxi until we hit the fence or pull back on the stick. Fortunately brain stem blocked all electrical impulses from right brain and somehow we were all climbing through 400 ft. and turning crosswind. Fortunately we got back on the ground. I don't remember how, but between left brain, right brain and stem, they took care of it. Oh, and as far as I know we didn't lose any parts over Live Oak.



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## FSAACA Fly In

Little River Airpark

August 15

EAA 797 members present: Allen & Bobbi Rice, Kyoung & Bill Clapp, Dave Poirier, Larry Boiven, Bob Lester, Frank Matthews, Morris Brown, Clark Dechant, Georgie & Ted McMullen, Don & Dee Riley, Ken Alsop, and Morris Brown. They had a big turnout with pulled pork, chicken, beans, potato salad, dessert, chips, coleslaw, etc. Their clubhouse was packed and the weather was perfect. Lots of airplanes. Allen Rice



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## Places to Go – August

### EAA 797 Meeting

**Saturday August 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.

### EAA 797 Morning Fly-In

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### Fly – Outs

Check out for other events

[www.fsaaca.org](http://www.fsaaca.org)

[www.funplacestofly.com](http://www.funplacestofly.com)

## JUNE MEETING

- 19 members present and 2 guests
- Treasurer's Report, balance of \$15,384 as of May 31, 2015
- Member Larry Boiven held a Concealed Weapons class, 8 members attended
- FSAACA Fly-In will be in August
- Oshkosh will be in July, so no meeting for July
- Planning to bring our buggy back from Lakeland so we can put on new tires and then use in locally for parades.

## NEW ADVERTISER

Recently Allen obtained 2 Slick magnetos from **Wentworth Aircraft**, for the magneto seminar held on April 18th. The seminar went well and was very informative.

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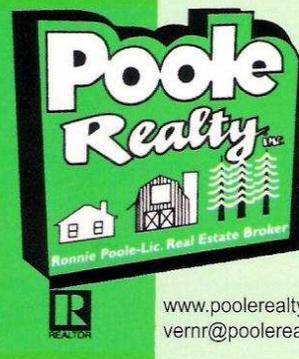
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## FSAACA Fly In

Little River Airpark

August 15



## Up-coming Events

**8/29** EAA #797 August meeting.  
Program will be **Tuskegee  
Airman** presented by John Gay,  
Tuskegee Airman descendant.

### CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASS

The class was very successful, with eight members participating. Many thanks to Larry Boiven.

## In Memory of....

The Chapter was notified that member Don Krueger passed away Feb. 3.

Also sad to report, that long-time member Fran Barnes passed away on Aug. 18 while at the Barnes' summer home in Alaska. She was a pilot and she and husband of 68 years, Dan, lived at Kitty Hawk. All six of their children and two grandchildren flew up to see her before she passed. No service is planned at this time. Condolences may be sent to 19160 60<sup>th</sup> Place, Live Oak, 32060.

## **Compass Rose Project**

Here is the latest update. The county has agreed to pay for the surveyor. The location of the compass rose is to be on the south side of runway 25 where there is a large ramp and the old location of the gate to an old proposed development. The Chapter will be responsible for the manpower and paint. Right now the surveyor is planning to do his work in September.