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Chapter 797 Meeting Saturday Jan, 30th

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
Jan 30, 2016
Free coffee and doughnuts
8:00-10:00 AM

From the top:

Gifts That Just Keep on Giving

By Allen Rice

Now that the holiday season is past, I can reflect back to Christmas' of old and how excited my 5 brothers and sisters were every morning of the 25th. Before moving to Florida we were Philadelphians and prayed every Christmas Eve that we would get snow by the time we awoke the next morning. I can only remember once that it actually happened. Anyway, since we were only one year apart in age, there was always much pushing and shoving to get down the stairs first and see what Santa brought. The younger, weaker siblings always ended in a pile crying at the bottom of the stairs but hey, it was the survival of the fittest in our house.

After my brothers and I got our Christmas morning spanking, we were allowed to open all the wonderful delights left at our house. As I remember about 30% was really neat stuff like six-shooters, cowboy hats, and model airplanes. The other 70% was 'squishy' stuff that we could tell wasn't worth opening like underwear, socks, and clothes for school. Also, if the tag said it was from Nana, us boys would toss it in the unopened pile until Mom yelled and made us open it. Inevitably it was matching PJ's for me and my brothers.

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A few years ago my wonderful wife treated me to a pilot's dream Christmas present and a few months later I scheduled my aerobatic flight in a North American AT-6. I was so excited that it felt like Christmas 1954 all over again when it actually snowed.

So after my 'bailout briefing', my instructor Monty and I took to the beautiful March blue skies of Palm Beach. Monty was a good guy and gave me the controls for the whole flight between takeoff and landing. I'd never had any aerobatic training except for hundred's of hours flying radio control models, so how hard could it be, right? So I told Monty to start talking me through some maneuvers in this light and smooth advanced trainer.

Monty says 'OK hotshot, dive to 130mph and pull the nose up above the horizon and roll to the right, then push when you're inverted and keep rolling'. No problem, I've done that a million times with my RC planes, so here we go. I get to the bottom of the dive and pull, feel the G's in my seat, slam the stick to the right and make the horizon spin. Cool, piece of cake. Except, uh-oh, what's going on with my stomach? The rest of my souvenir wingtip video shows me still flying the Texan but now I'm holding the humiliating blue barf bag to my face.

As I crawled out of the cockpit using the bailout techniques that Monty had taught me, wifey greeted me at the wing with her all-knowing wifely smirk (you guys know what I'm talking about). She was still grinning when she asked how I liked my Christmas present. Just about then I was wishing she had given me pajamas instead...



February Fly Out Scheduled

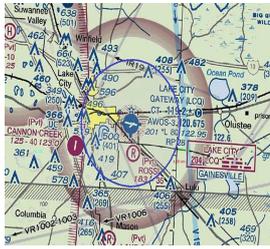
We will be staying close to home for our February Fly Out set for February 13. Barbara and Morris Brown will be our hosts for a lunch time BBQ at their homestead located at Little River Airpark (FL10), 30.11N/82.91W. Come after 10AM, the menu is ribs and burgers. Barb says that you are welcome to bring a dessert if you want. Pilots should land on the E-W runway and taxi to the house. Morris will be out there to direct you. If you are driving, the address is 18230 77th Place, McAlpin, FL. \$5 donation. Call Barb or Morris at 386-963-5320 for more information.



Lake City Airport is Transitioning

Allen Rice

1/15/2016



For years, Lake City Airport (LCQ) has operated as a Class G airport with a tower. Citing “controlled airspace is necessary for IFR operations”, the FAA proposes to make LCQ a

Class D airport. The agency has filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

Pilots probably won't notice any differences interacting with the tower but there are changes to the airspace in and around the airport. The new Class D airspace will extend from the surface up to 2500' AGL within a 4.2 NM radius of the airport. Class E airspace that had started at 700' AGL will now start at the ground.

If you have any comments, they are due to the FAA by Feb 29.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for Suwannee County's aviation event of the year. On March 26, 2016 EAA 797, in conjunction with Suwannee County Parks & Recreation and the Airport, will host the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Suwannee County Airport at 24J.

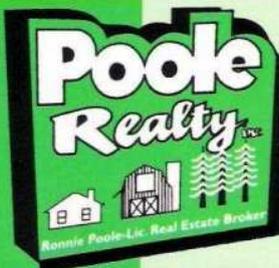
The event will feature fly-ins by FSAACA (antique airplanes), general aviation, experimental aviation, a military fly over, Young Eagles Flights, RC model airshow, custom car show, Flight Line Tours, Fish & Game aircraft, Highway Patrol aircraft, medical helicopter, fire engines, new car displays, military recruiters, kiddie rides, airboats, vendors and more. We even have a skydiver scheduled to open the show! Of course everyone is going to get hungry so breakfast and lunch will be served at the clubhouse. Please plan to fly in your aircraft or at least drag it out of the hangar for display.

Planning is going on now with our partners at Parks & Recreation. We need more help with planning and volunteers for the event so if you would like to participate let Allen know at Allen@AllenRice.net or 352-498-5533.

Holiday Party Recap

The EAA 797 2015 Holiday Party was a big hit last month. Partygoers enjoyed several activities in addition to a feast with tons of delicious food prepared by the fantastic cooks among our membership.

There was something for everybody at this year's event including door prizes for everyone (twice), our usual raffle drawing, a bomber jacket auction which raised \$80 for the Chapter (thanks to Larry Boiven), and the much anticipated Ugly Sweater Contest. I won't hold you in suspense any longer, but by an overwhelming poll of members, Barbara Brown was crowned the winner, beating out 10 other contestants. Throughout the evening guests were entertained with a slide show of pictures of chapter members and activities from 1983 to the present. There were lots of laughs and we all had a good time.



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December Fly Out Report

Perfectly clear skies and no wind conditions were a treat for our fly out to Cross City on Dec 12. Flying in were Dennis Wolcott, Paul Michel, Doug Libby, and Larry Boiven. Bobbi and Allen Rice took the land route and hauled everyone into town and the Cypress Inn for breakfast. Yummy and we had a great time.



Next Meeting Jan 30

EAA 797's next meeting is set for Jan 30, 10:00AM at Suwannee County Airport 24J. We will also host our monthly 'Hangar Talk Fly In' at 8AM-10AM on the same date. Free coffee and donuts for the early birds.

Gerry Chancey's grandson, Harry will be the program and tell us all about his experiences at the 2015 Aviation Camp at Lakeland. Also, expect President Allen to update us on planning for the big 50th Anniversary Aviation Day at Suwannee County.

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As usual, we urge y'all to bring a covered dish for brunch. See you there.

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Tailwind

Well, this is my first attempt at a newsletter. I hope it works for y'all.

I'm sure that I missed something or someone and I welcome healthy criticism. You can send comments, questions, ideas or articles to:

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