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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**Saturday Feb, 25th**

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.

## **EAA 977's 9th Annual Shamrock Fly-in**



## **EAA 797 Morning Fly-In**

The LAST Saturday of the month

**Feb 25, 2017**

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

## **To Navigate a TFR**

I have a great flight instructor. I won't mention his name here because he might be embarrassed, but he has a ton of great experiences since his time as an F-8 Crusader pilot in Vietnam.

Anyway, every time we go flying I ask him to teach me something new. The last time we flew we practiced dead stick landings, lazy 8's and wing overs (not exceeding 60 deg bank and 30 deg pitch of course since we didn't have parachutes. It wasn't hard to do them sloppy but more difficult to make them precise. But it was a blast!

This weekend I wasn't with my instructor but knew that I was going to challenge my skills and learn something new by flying through the POTUS TFR over PBIA. For an instrument pilot it probably is no big deal but for a little old VFR pilot like myself, I have to admit that it was a little nerve wracking.

The occasion presented itself because after working on Tucker's Comanche for a month, it was time to deliver the old girl to the Okeechobee Paint Center for a new paint job. So, Bobbi and I took off Friday morning from Steinhatchee (39FD) in the RV9 for the quick flight to Pompano Beach. The TFR didn't go into effect until 4:15PM so even though Pompano was under the outer ring, I wouldn't have to deal with the rules.

The next day, Saturday, was a different story. Tucker and I were to fly the RV back up to Steinhatchee to pick up the Comanche and fly both

planes back down to Okeechobee, drop off the Comanche and finally continue on to Pompano and through the active TFR.

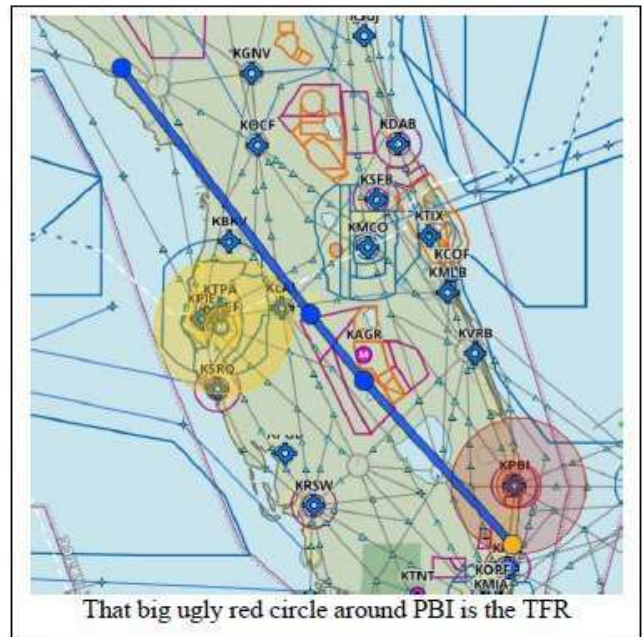
Wanting to avoid seeing an F-16's off my wingtip, we tried to make everyone happy by following the rules.

General aviation is not allowed inside the 10NM radius at all so if you are at one of those airports, you're grounded. Fortunately we were under the 30NM radius and allowed to fly after first filing a flight plan and getting a discrete transponder code and Miami center frequency from Pompano Ground.

Once we took off and got a 'frequency change approved' from Pompano Tower, we called Miami Center, confirmed our altitude and activated our flight plan. If you don't have an altitude encoder on your transponder, you are grounded. Once we were on our way, we were on flight following and constantly being handed off from Miami departure to Miami approach, Miami Center, Palm Beach approach, Palm Beach departure, Tampa approach, Tampa departure, and finally Jacksonville approach. Nine frequency changes! And you have to repeat everything back while you remember the frequency and instructions that they just gave you! Not easy if you're not used to a lot of radio work. Even though we were flying VFR, ATC expected us to stay at our legal VFR altitude unless we requested a change. Imagine that! At one point I strayed 80 ft. from my assigned altitude and Tampa departure called immediately to ask if I was descending. Each time that we contacted a new ATC, we would say "Tampa approach this is N822AB with you at 6 thousand 5 hundred" to confirm what altitude they were seeing reported by our transponder.

On Saturday and Sunday we went through this TFR busting routine a total of 3 times, Pompano to Steinhatchee, Steinhatchee to Pompano and finally Pompano back to Steinhatchee one last time. I fly to South Florida frequently so even though I'm a slow learner, I'm pretty sure that I'll get this TFR thing down pretty good since the POTUS is expected at his Palm Beach mansion every weekend for the next 4 years. Besides, as much as I like my instructor, I better get a handle on it as I don't want to see one of his F-16 buddies off my wing tip.

*Allen Rice*



That big ugly red circle around PBI is the TFR

## New Administration

Nominations were heard and candidates placed on the ballot at our January Meeting. When the dust settled, we had some new board members.

President:	Dave Holmes
Vice President:	Shaun Freeman
Secretary:	Ronda Holmes
Treasurer:	Dan Calabrese
Newsletter:	Dave Poirier
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Additionally, Timmy Lee was appointed as our new Website Editor.

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## Shamrock Fly-In

One event that always seems to push a big turnout of EAA 797 members is the EAA 977 Shamrock Fly-In. The Fly-In is hosted at Cannon Creek Airport (15FL) annually and has always been a good time for all.

This year's event is on March 18, 2017. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. The food is always awesome and the dessert table is to die for. There will be a car show for the earth bound amongst us.

More information can be obtained at EAA 977's WebSite: [WWW.EAA977.org](http://WWW.EAA977.org) and through Mike at (386) 466-0997.

*Editor*

"Time is 11:30AM-2P and there will be burgers and dogs for everyone. I've been going for years and it is always a treat.

*Allen Rice*



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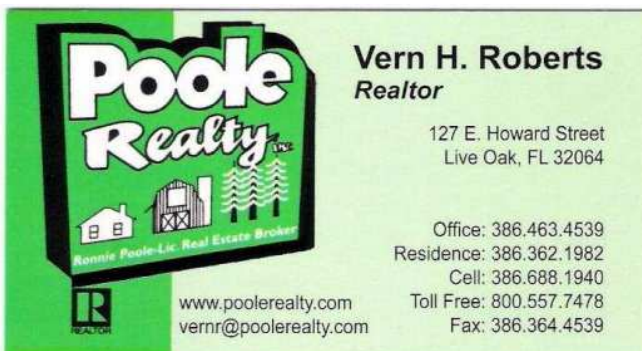
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## News Wanted!

This is your newsletter. I am very happy to see that several people have stepped forward with their experiences to fill these pages. Let us know how your project is going or where you've been. It's your newsletter, let's make it about you.



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## Ford Tri-Motor Visit

The Ford Trimotor came to Jacksonville's Craig Airport (KCRG) in early January. I had not planned to even go view the antique airplane much less fly on it but one of my students wanted to. So, she did the mission planning and we prepared to fly the Cessna 150. We were supposed to go on Friday, 6 January but the weather was better on Thursday so I talked her and her parents into moving the trip ahead a day. That was fortunate as the Friday weather did get bad and Mr. Obama dropped into Jacksonville on Friday creating a TFR that probably would have had an effect on the flight. The 150 flight went as planned, the more mission planning you do, the better the flight! The Trimotor airplane information and ride were worth the trip. The price is a little high, but it is quite an aircraft and if you haven't seen it, try to mark your calendar the next time it is around.

*Dave Holmes*



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## Wings Over Suwannee Update

The WOS planning committee held a meeting Feb 10 and began the complicated task of constructing the event site plan. Among all the displays and events are the Fly Mart, helicopter rides, Young Eagles, general airplane rides, Air Force & medical helicopter static displays, balloon rides, aircraft parking, seminars, vendors, RC aircraft show, Bloodmobile, and they all need a place to go without impacting anyone else.

The committee also finalized the signage locations promoting the event all around the



surrounding counties and Shaun Freeman is working hard to get stadium speakers mounted on the light pole by the ramp for our sound system. Only 8 weeks to go! The next planning committee meeting is Feb 24, 10AM at the Suwannee County Airport FBO. Everyone is invited.

Be sure to check Facebook/Wings Over Suwannee for the latest updates.

*Allen Rice, Chairman*



## Suwannee Valley Flying Club News

The Suwannee Valley Flying Club is steadily moving closer to taking their first flight. Several new members have plunked down their initiation fee and are ready to go. President Dave Holmes and committee members are now ready to look at some airplanes to either purchase or lease.

The SVFC club fee structure is:

Flying/Pilot Membership: \$200 initiation fee, \$40/month dues, \$40/hr airplane rental.\*

Social Membership: \$10/month

The next SVFC meeting will immediately follow the EAA 797 meeting on Sat, Feb 25, 12PM. For the latest information on the SVFC check out Facebook/Suwannee Valley Flying Club.

\*Flying/Pilot members must also belong to EAA 797 for \$15/year.

*Allen Rice*

## Kiddie Squadron Has Missing Men

There are still a few Kiddie Squadron kits that are not yet in formation. I am personally one of these absentee projects, but I am in the home stretch. It would be great if we had a more complete ensemble for the WOS event on April 28, 29 & 30.



## LCQ Fly-Out Report

Unlike our foggy January abortive fly out to Lake



City (LCQ) and subsequent diversion to Perry Foley, the Feb 11 fly out to Lake City enjoyed clear, sunny skies. Seven airplanes and 14 souls either flew in or drove in. We all walked across the street to the Landings Café for a big buffet breakfast, got stuffed, and enjoyed a bunch of good conversation and flying stories.

Attending were: Dennis Wolcott, Morris Brown, Shaun Freeman, Shaun's wife Dee and Shaun's daughter, Christy & Jere Stouffer, Don Stipp, Brad Zoeller (EAA 977 president) and his wife, Allen Rice, Jolyn & Neil Negley, and Ken Alsop. Bobbi Rice was doing the picture taking.

*Allen Rice*

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## Azalea Aviation LLC Happenings:

The last few months have been busy for us up at Cook County Airport (15J). Our Maintenance Facility has been busy with aircraft annuals, repairs, prop balancing and projects. We completed the repairs on the Cessna 150 we purchased from Irving Smith and have started renting it out for instruction. Two new full time employees and a couple part time high school students have been added to the crew. If you need your aircraft worked on please give us a call.



Bill and Nathan in the '150

Progress has also been steady on our Manufacturing Facility where our Saberwing

Aircraft kits and other composite components will be made. It has been hard work and taken time to grow to where we are now. Our goal is to have the Manufacturing Facility fully functional in the next six months.

Our Saberwing has been performing to expectations as well. When we first flew the Saberwing two years ago we had installed one of our 100 HP Spyder Engines (Corvaire Conversion) in the airframe. This past year we removed the 100 HP engine and replaced it with a 120 HP Turbocharged Spyder Engine. This new combination requires more care and testing but shows great potential. It sounds great as well.

Every second Saturday, we try to have a BBQ Fly-IN at Cook County Airport. It has been a great success and a lot of fun. Many of our EAA Chapter members have made the flight north to visit and share ribs or Korean BBQ with us. We have enjoyed this event tremendously. Our next BBQ will be March 11<sup>th</sup>. I believe that Boston Butt is on the menu...along with other goodies. Hope to see you there!

### **SPYDER ENGINE WORKSHOP!**

**March 9-11<sup>th</sup>** will be the dates for our next Spyder Engine Workshop. This is an opportunity for anybody to come and learn more about our Corvaire conversions and watch an engine being built. Typically we can build an engine from beginning to end and test run it on our Dynamometer on Saturday. We have anywhere from 12-15 attendees for this Workshop on average. There is a small cost but what you will learn and the friends you can make will make it worthwhile. Call or email us if you are interested in attending.

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## Chapter Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. We need to get our dues in and get on the updated membership listing. With all the action and excitement you get for your membership, I can't think of a better bargain. Fifteen dollars keeps your newsletter coming.

## Sun N Fun Credentials

Sun N Fun is just around the corner. If you are going to help us out and participate in our Flight Line Tours project at Sun N Fun, you need to send Bob Jaeger your information so that he can put you on the list for credentials. Bob's email is:

[T18er@comcast.net](mailto:T18er@comcast.net).

As in past years, EAA 797 members all camp in the same area and enjoy a free lunch and delicious BBQ every night for the entire week.

*See what your Dues can do for you! (Editor)*

## Pancakes Return to EAA 797

Great news! President Dave has approved of reinstating our old pancake breakfast tradition! Hooray! The club will purchase a large propane griddle suitable not only for lots of pancakes, but also burgers, hotdogs, sausage, onions, peppers, etc. Yummy!



-Not To Scale-

Now here's the deal. In planning for this, we have set up a regular monthly schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday- Open or Fly out to Keystone's breakfast

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday- Pancake Breakfast 8:30AM-10AM

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday- Monthly Fly Out

Last Saturday- 8AM Hangar Talk Fly In & 10AM Brunch Meeting

No excuses not to fly! There is a flying event every Saturday!

The pancake breakfast menu will consist of pancakes, sausage/bacon, juice, and coffee for just \$5. We are looking for some expert flapjack flippers to serve as co-chairman, so step right up and let us know that you are willing to help. You'll even get an official pancake apron!

*Allen Rice*

## Carrabelle Fly-In

On March 11, 2017, I will act as emissary and volunteer at Carrabelle/Thompson airport (X13) for their Fly-In event. We have been asked to run their Young Eagles Flights at what is their inaugural event. Dave Holmes has volunteered to fly me down and help out as well.

The Mayor and several representatives came over and visited at our last meeting. Hands were shaken, a deal was made.

I need another volunteer pilot or two. If you can commit to helping them make their first event a successful one, I'd appreciate the help.

*Editor*

## Tailwind

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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