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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**January 20, 2018**

**The monthly meeting will be on the third Saturday of the month at the Chapter Building at 10:00 AM.**

**A Pancake Breakfast will be at 8:00 AM. All of our members are asked to share in the fun.**



*The Flying Club's 150 has a new sibling.  
See SVFC News*

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

**The third Saturday of the month  
January 20, 2017  
8:00-10:00 AM**

## **From the Top**

Happy New Year! Before this article is published, we will have elected officers for 2018. I write the piece assuming no one replaces me as President, howsomever (as they say in Alabama), if I have been replaced I wish my successor the best of luck and they will have all of my support.

Late in 2017, I had sent in a report to the national EAA that listed our officers. Due to a few problems, I ended up listing Dave Holmes several times. Sorry to say, if you are not a national member, you are not eligible to be President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. That was a minor problem that I hope the 13 January election will help fix!

What is 797 going to do during 2018? We have some important events approaching us that require volunteers.

Cross City has a fly-in 24 March. We have "committed" to providing Young Eagles support for their event. Cross City's fly-in has grown every year and they have been very considerate to not conflict with Wings Over Suwannee. I hope we have a good turnout to make the Young Eagles run as smooth as possible.

Sun'N'Fun is April 10 through 15, so, get your taxes done early and come on down to Lakeland. We need volunteers there and it is well worth the compensation of SNF admission to volunteer. We "work" from 8:00 am to about 2:00 pm and the "job" allows you to see most of the static displays

and military aircraft, then after 2:00 pm you can watch the airshow and/or go through all the vendor displays. It really is a good time, you don't have to be there for the whole 5 days – contact Allen Rice and get your name on the volunteer list.

Then, what we have all been waiting for, Wings Over Suwannee 20 through 22 April. Undoubtedly you will hear more about this event at our chapter meetings. We need many volunteers.

We should plan something for May, i.e. a cookout or something. My thought is that we set aside a Saturday to do some maintenance on the clubhouse, spruce it up some and finish the day with meat on the grill or something like that (oh, maybe some adult beverages).

We will have chapter meeting in July. One reason for moving the meetings to the third Saturday of the month is to deconflict with things like OshKosh. So, think about what you would like the organization to do this year. We have plenty of time. It is sort of unfortunate that we do not have an airplane project but as the chapter matures and the chapter members mature, I think it is natural that we are not getting together to buck rivets.

We will have elections in November this year for the 2019 year, I let that get out of hand and we missed having new officers for the first of the year. I hope to see everyone at the 13 January meeting and the following week at the combined meeting with the QBs. Blue skies, tail winds and smooth landings to all.

*Dave Holmes 1/12/18*

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**Fly-Out Set for Steinhatchee  
Jan 27, 2018**

It's been a year and a half since we last visited Steinhatchee, specifically 39FD, Ancient Oaks Airpark so lets meet there on January 27, 2018, 9:00AM.



Bobbi and Allen Rice will be our hosts and will provide transportation into town for breakfast at Fiddlers Restaurant. Fiddlers always provides a great meal! The grass runway is 3100' facing 18/36, 122.9 on the radio. Follow the golf cart to Allen & Bobbi's place. If you are driving, the address is 2200 Bell Dr, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. Everyone is invited, see you there.

**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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## Suwannee Valley Flying Club News

### To One and All:

The Beechcraft Musketeer is on line, ready for flight. I have flown the airplane, it is a very nice airplane to fly, very comfortable and has very good performance (particularly if you are used to flying a Cessna 150). I hope everyone will want to check out in this airplane.

We are looking for new members. At our current rate, we are going to start sinking if we don't get more members and more hours on the airplanes. We will soon set up another meeting.

Safe skies, smooth landings, talk to you on Guard!

Dave Holmes, President SFVC  
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*Newly acquired Beechcraft Musketeer*

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, Jan 20, 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.



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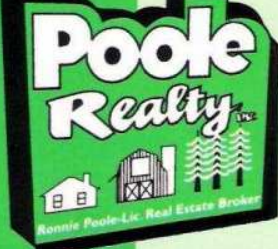
### Elections!

In our electoral/business meeting on Jan 13, the following slate of officers was elected.

President (for only 1 more year)	Dave Holmes
Vice President	Morris Brown
Secretary	Rhonda Holmes
Treasurer	Peter VanSpronson

Continuing in service:

Newsletter Editor	David Poirier
Young Eagles Coordinator	David Poirier
Web Site/Social Media	Timmy Lee



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## Proposed 2018 Club Schedule

Here is a list of dates for our meetings and special events as of 12 January 2018, as always, subject to change:

20 Jan 2018	Regular Meeting with Quiet Birdmen
17 Feb 2018	Regular Meeting
17 Mar 2018	Regular Meeting
24 Mar 2018	Cross City Fly-in
10-15 Apr	Sun 'N' Fun
20-22 Apr 2018	Wings Over Suwannee
<b>28 Apr 2018</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b> (delayed a week for WOS)
19 May 2018	Regular Meeting
16 Jun 2018	Regular Meeting
21 Jul 2018	Regular Meeting
23-29 Jul 2018	OshKosh
18 Aug 2018	Regular Meeting
15 Sep 2018	Regular Meeting
20 Oct 2018	Regular Meeting
17 Nov 2018	Regular Meeting
15 Dec 2018	Regular Meeting – Elect Officers for 2019
22 Dec 2018	Christmas Party (???)

*Dave Holmes*

## Flightline Tours

Sun N Fun is fast approaching with just 3 months left until the April 10-15 show. As you know, EAA 797 operates the ever-popular Flight Line Tours during the event.

Volunteer coordinator Allen Rice is putting out the call at this time for help from all chapter members. Allen says, “We need tractor drivers, shotgun riders, ticket takers, and step movers to make the event a success. Rice went on to say that “It’s not all work either, we have free lunches every day and a barbeque each night at the campground. We all sit around telling flying stories that may or may not be true. We have a fun time and it makes for great camaraderie”.

While many members spend the entire week camping at the event, it is not required. Anyone can help for just a few hours one day if they like. To become a volunteer, you need to sign up with Allen by emailing him at [Allen@AllenRice.net](mailto:Allen@AllenRice.net). Volunteers get free credentials into the show.

*At the 1/13/18 meeting, Allen stressed that all volunteers need to get him informed of their availability and facilities requirements (tent space vs camper). He plans to fully schedule volunteer activity this year.*

*Editor*

## Cross City Fly-In

The Cross City Fly-In has been scheduled for March 24, 2018. Our chapter has volunteered to help them with their event just as we did last year. There will be no aerobatic performance this year, so there will be no need for a federal presence. No closures of the airspace, a freer and more friendly atmosphere for all. Once again, it will be our first Young Eagles event for the year. I urge all volunteers to put this event on their calendar. They help us at our events and we have reciprocated in the past. Let’s help make their event a success!

Dave Poirier, YE Coordinator

## Heritage Park Outing

We took the “kiddie squadron” to Heritage Park on 16 December. Morris Brown, Allen Rice, Dave Poirier, Ronda and I were there from 10:30 am to about 2:00 pm. As you can see from the pictures, it was a beautiful day and the kids (including Morris) had a great time riding around the property. We do have a slight problem with the “kiddie squadron”. The EAA international does not endorse a chapter having kiddie rides; therefore, when we activate the kiddie squadron, we are not insured. This is a problem for the Wings Over Suwannee which I hope to resolve.



*Morris is Driving*



*A view down the line..*

*Dave Holmes*

## Building Status Update

In 2016, our clubhouse was absorbed into the airport. The building is now airport property and I am negotiating with Nate Smith over our lease

agreement. For several reasons, no one wants to get rid of us but we do want to get the “paperwork” straight.

It is still our clubhouse and needs some “sprucing up”, kind of reminds me of having a cottage that is used periodically and little things go unnoticed until they pile up. Mostly, we just need to clean up the building and tighten a few lose corners.

*Dave Holmes*



## 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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