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Chapter 797 Meeting

March 17, 2018

The monthly meeting will be on the third Saturday of the month at the Chapter Building at 10:30 AM.

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



Double Eagle
(Picture found on Web..)

EAA 797 Morning Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

The third Saturday of the month
March 17, 2018
8:00-10:00 AM

From the Top

Twenty eighteen is picking up speed! Saturday we will have a chapter meeting following the pancake breakfast. I hope ya'll can make the pancake breakfast and the brunch after the pancakes as we go into the March meeting. We do not have a speaker for this meeting, that was done on purpose. I also hope as many as possible will make it over to Cannon Creek for the 10th annual Shamrock Fly-in right after our meeting.

At our last meeting, Joel Dorensenko presented a golden opportunity to our chapter and I hope we take him up on the offer. Joel has a Milholland "Double Eagle" that he is willing to donate to the chapter for us to complete

Double Eagle Specifications:

Weight.....385 pounds (dry)
Height.....6'8"
Wing Span.....28'3"
Gross Weight.....900 pounds
Wing Cord.....55 inches
Useful Load.....515 pounds
Wing Area.....127 sq. ft.
Wing Stress Load.....4 G's
Fuselage.....18 feet
Engine 1835 cc.....60 Hp (approx).

. This might be a good project to involve the River Oaks Technical School and/or the aviation class at Mayo High School. I have never built an airplane of any kind, but I believe this is what EAA is supposed to be all about. I will be talking about this opportunity at Saturday's meeting.

I would be remiss if I did not remind those who need to, to pay your dues for 2018.

We have several events coming up: Cross City Fly-in, Dave Poirier is looking for more airplanes to fly Young Eagles; then Easter and the next week after, off to Lakeland for Sun'N'Fun!

Don't sit down, we'll need you to volunteer for whatever you can do at the Wings Over Suwannee, 20 – 22 April. We are short of volunteers. In May, we need to clean up and repair the club house, I was thinking 5 May. We'll try to make it tolerable with something on the grill. So, Happy Twenty Eighteen!

Dave Holmes, President

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Lake City Fly Out Report

The Lake City Fly Out on Feb 24 was a mixed bag with two of our members able to land at LCQ, three that went on to the planned alternate and two that turned back for home.

Ground fog was the issue that messed things up along with the KLCQ metar reporting light IFR,

mist and 1 mile visibility. Allen Rice reported that he could see the airport from above but didn't want to encourage anyone to try an approach through the fog. Towers around the airport could be seen popping up through the fog.



Morris Brown, Bobbi & Allen Rice at Steinhatchee after breakfast.

Ken Alsop reported that he and Larry Boiven made it through and landed at LCQ. John Campbell and Dennis Wolcott returned to their home bases while Bobbi and Allen Rice and Morris Brown went on to Steinhatchee Ancient Oaks 39FD and enjoyed breakfast at the Bridge Café.

Allen suggested that next winter we try scheduling the fly outs for lunch time to avoid the all to common morning fog conditions.

The next fly out will be the Cannon Creek Shamrock Fly In on March 17, 12:00PM immediately following our chapter meeting.

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.



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

Shamrock Fly-In

It's the tenth iteration of the shamrock Fly-In this year and it's a landmark year for them. They have built a new Chapter Hanger Building that they are all too happy to show off. I think we can appreciate the feeling of having your own space.

I have attended the last three years and found it to be a good time with good food and great company. It's ten bucks for adults and five for the wee ones. It's on March 17th from 11:30am – 2pm. We may want to wrap up next month's meeting quickly!



Up & Coming

Items for discussion this meeting (3/17/18):

Cross City Fly-In (3/24/18): We will be flying Young Eagles at their event and providing help on the ground as well. We have had a reciprocal arrangement with Cross City for the last several years.

Sun-N-Fun 2018 (4/8/18-4/15/18): We will be running the Flight Line Tours as usual. The crowds are expected to be larger than ever. This is a big revenue source for us and all help is appreciated. Let Allen Rice know early enough to get credentials and camping space.

Wings Over Suwannee (4/20/18 - 4/22/18): This is the third year we will be hosting the event and the public has been asking about it. Good weather will guarantee a strong turnout. Volunteers are needed to commit some of their time and help out with this event.

We have packed up months ahead that hold the promise to reward us with revenue, exposure and accomplishment. I know I'm going to rest in June!



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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

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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Hello Fellow Chapter Members

This past weekend Azalea Aviation hosted the biannual Spyder Engine Workshop at our facility in Adel Ga. We were thankful to have clients from Utah, South Carolina, Florida, Michigan and more spend the time and money to come visit us and learn more about our Corvair Conversions. If you have not been a part of this class, it would be time well spent in learning new techniques and procedures about auto engine conversions as well as meet some new aviators and airplane builders. We are thrilled to see all the talent and potential walk through the doors.

Thursday we opened up at 9am to donut and coffee as people slowly came in to acclimate themselves to our facility. By the end of the day we had one car engine and one aircraft engine torn down and apart.

Friday was class day. We began at 9am with our Spyder Engine Assembly Manual and go through the step-by-step process of building an engine. Lunch was catered in for all to enjoy. Afterwards

we continued with the class. By evening most of the engine is assembled.

Saturday is also our Fly-In and BBQ day so it gets quite busy. We finished up the engine by 10 am and installed it onto the test stand. Smokin' Pig was gracious enough to provide a delicious BBQ for all to enjoy. Thank you Mike! Several aircraft flew in from out of state as well as many regulars. It was a full house. Late into the afternoon we ate, discussed engine and did a little hangar flying. One by one people packed up and headed home..leaving us tired but better for it.

SO.....Consider attending one of our classes. Expand your knowledge base as well as get to know some of the people around here and across the country. You will love it!

Check out our website (azaleaaviation.com) and Facebook pages for videos and pictures of past Workshops and other events we have at Azalea Aviation.

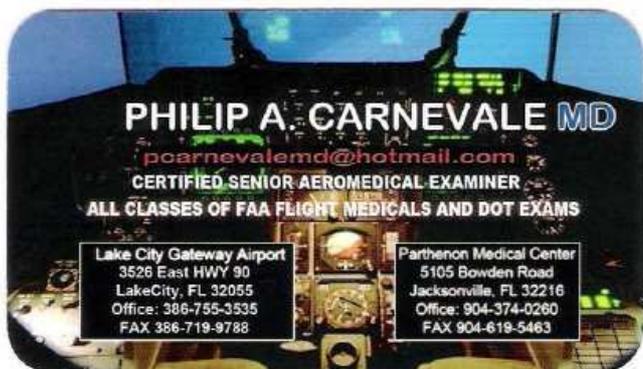
SAFE FLYING!

Bill Clapp

Rotorway Update

My Rotorway helicopter project is nearing completion. The main rotor blades have been completed and mounted. Weight & balance was calculated, and a hang test has been completed.

The helicopter is currently at Canon Creek Airpark where is in going through the final fitting adjusting and inspection and will get its condition inspection.



BTW there is going to be a Spring Gathering (of helicopters) at Canon Creek on March 30th thru April 1st. There will be several Rotorway experts at the gathering and I should be able to get my blades tracked & balanced and get some transition training in my helicopter.

Dennis Wolcott

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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