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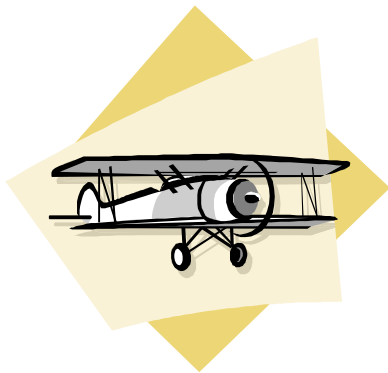
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## Chapter 797 Meeting

### Tuesday August 16th, 2011

The monthly meeting (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) will be held at the Suwannee County Airport at our EAA Chapter Building at approx. **7:00 PM**.

“Sheryl’s Buffet” will provide the entrée for dinner at **6:00 PM**. All of our members are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. Last names A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a veggie.



## EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast

The LAST Saturday of the month  
**August 27<sup>th</sup>**

## President’s Message

It's August and one thing we can all look forward to, is it should be a little warmer. It sure has been a cool summer. Oops! That must be the heat stroke talking.

I hope all have had a good summer so far and that you have been able to get in a little flying.

Our August meeting will be an all business one as we have alot to go over so I hope we have a good turnout. We will have fried chicken with salad, so hope to see you there.....

Reid

## June Meeting

- 20 members in attendance, 2 guests
- Treasury balance - \$8733.33
- We will send one student to Aviation Camp. It will be Jim de Wulf's grandson.
- Voted to change the price of the Breakfast to \$5.00
- The Chapter needs HELP for the Breakfasts. We need cooks and servers. See Reid or Don Derocher if you can volunteer.
- Presentation by Peter Wallace about Light Sport Aircraft.



Peter Wallace

Mr. Wallace gave a very informative talk about LSA and requirements for pilots of LSA. Here is info about Mr. Wallace-

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**AirVenture 2011  
is Memorable for Many Reasons**

AirVenture 2011 was marked by many highlights of both people and aircraft. The final numbers are impressive: Final attendance was up about 1.3 percent, to 541,000, while the number of exhibitors (803) and show planes (2,522) were up from 2010 totals. Auto parking and camping revenues also showed increases. Attendance figures may have been even higher except for rain on Wednesday and Thursday that held down general public figures. More importantly, the unique moments that occur and people that are part of the event make it unforgettable for all of us on the grounds. EAA

**Researchers: Solar flares could disrupt  
GPS signals this week**

Solar flares could cause disruption to GPS signals on Friday and Saturday, researchers warn. The sun erupted with three solar flares on Thursday that ranked three on a scale of five. "In a solar cycle there are perhaps 10 or 20 events of this size," Brian J. Anderson, a research physicist at Johns Hopkins University. Avweb

**EAA, NTSB Work Together on Safety Study**  
EAA Director of Market Research Jim Sweeney is representing EAA in a joint project with the National Transportation Safety Board on amateur-built aircraft safety. A postcard will be sent to amateur-built aircraft owners, asking them to complete an anonymous, online survey available through the EAA website. The data will be collected throughout the summer, then shared with NTSB and analyzed to help the aviation community learn how to enhance safety in homebuilt aircraft.

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**Places to Go in August**

**EAA 797 Meeting**  
**TUESDAY August 16th** at EAA Chapter Building Suwannee County Airport at approx. 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Last names A-L bring a dessert and M-Z bring a veggie.

**EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast**  
**August 27th** at the EAA Building at Suwannee County Airport from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, o.j. and coffee. Proceeds go to send young people to Aviation Camp.

**Check out the FSAACA website for other events - [www.fsaaca.org](http://www.fsaaca.org)**

**Also check out - [www.funplacestofly.com](http://www.funplacestofly.com)**

## Simple 'Coffee & Donuts' Event Boosts Chapter's Visibility, Membership

By Jim "Smitty" Smith  
President, EAA Chapter 1246 (McKinney, Texas)

June 28, 2011 – Back in February of 2011, we decided to experiment with a monthly event where we would invite chapter members and the general public to our local airport to enjoy free coffee and doughnuts. We selected the first Saturday of each month and picked a hangar to hold the event in from 9 a.m. to noon, where we would put on coffee and purchase several dozen doughnuts from a local donut shop.

The first get-together in February 2011 did not look promising. It was very cold, with a light mist in the air, but we decided to go for it. To our surprise, we had more than 40 people show up! Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. Everyone told flying stories (some of which were true) and got to know each other even better than before. Even though the get-together started at 9 a.m., folks stayed around and visited past 1 p.m.!

Since that time, our "First Saturday Free Coffee & Donuts" has grown. Last month, we had 60-70 people come out for the event. It was a little difficult to count everyone since they were coming and going, visiting other hangars, looking at airplanes, and talking with other hangar and aircraft owners. It was like a public school open house, with the coffee and doughnut hangar being the central hub of the event. Needless to say, no one was bored.

Now for the interesting part. We noticed that we always have a large number of first-time visitors for each Saturday event, full of questions about the chapter and aviation. These newcomers almost always bring their families and friends when they come to the event. It's fun to watch the excitement on the kids' faces when they see all the airplanes. At our regular monthly evening chapter meetings, we typically have a few first-timers, but not as many as the "Coffee & Donuts" get-togethers. It's also rare that someone will bring their family to a night chapter meeting.

Our speculation is that most families are looking for fun things to do on weekends. What better way to entertain your family (especially the kids) than with a visit to your local airport to see airplanes up close? Spouses, although not necessarily interested in aviation, seem to be happy and pleased to attend since it is a "family" outing.

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As an effort to grow our membership and support EAA, we encourage our newcomers to fill out a simple visitor's card with their name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. They are then added our roster as a visitor and start receiving e-mails about our events and meetings. What's the outcome? They come back! Our membership now boasts 252 members and growing!

Blue skies and tailwinds!

## F.Y.I.

Don Derocher has a new phone number. If you need his "Handy Man" services, please call 860 558-8872.

## Fly-Outs

Looking for suggestions for locations for a Fly-Out.

Also, how about volunteering your house/air park for a coffee and doughnut Fly-In? You supply the coffee and the Chapter or anyone that flies in brings the doughnuts, muffins, etc.



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# June Breakfast Fly-Ins



# More planes from the June Breakfast



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