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## Chapter 797 Meeting

**Thursday January 27th, 2011**

This month's meeting will be held at the Suwannee County Airport at our EAA Chapter Building at **7:30 PM.**

"Sheryl's Buffet" will provide the entrée for dinner at **6:30 PM.** All of our members are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a veggie or salad.



**EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast**  
**Saturday January 22nd, 2011**

Breakfast served from 8:30 – 10:30 AM.

## President's Message

### New Officers 2011

President – Reid Paget  
Vice President - Morris Brown  
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Have you renewed your #797  
EAA membership for 2011?

**DUE NOW!**

**\$15 per person**

Pay at the Breakfast (1/22) or at  
the Meeting (1/17).

**See Reid Paget!**

## Christmas Party

A great time was had by all who attended our Christmas Party at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park the first week of December. The food was good, the music was good and the Chinese Auction Gift Exchange was fun.

If you didn't come, you were missed and you missed out on a good time.

**This month, JANUARY, the Breakfast is BEFORE the Meeting and Dinner.**

## Sun N Fun Flight Line Tours

Looking for a few good men/women!

Be a volunteer this year at Sun N Fun in Lakeland. The dates are March - April 3, 2011. Contact Bob Jaeger -

[t18er@comcast.net](mailto:t18er@comcast.net) or 386 754-6911.

We need lots of people to help out on the Flight Line Tours. Last year our Chapter had to use "outside" volunteers. Let's keep it within our Chapter this year.

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## Places to Go in January

### EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast

January 22 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.

### EAA 797 Meeting

January 27 at EAA Chapter Building Suwannee County Airport at 7:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Last names A-L bring a dessert and M-Z bring a veggie or salad.

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

<http://fun-places-to-fly.com>

## FAA re-registration

The massive FAA project to re-register all U.S. aircraft is underway. In fact, the program is in its third month, and if your airplane was registered in the month of March in any year you have until the end of this month (January 2011) to apply for re-registration. The procedure is simple and you can apply on line. [aopa.org](http://aopa.org)

You can check your N number and see when you expire.

[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/aircraft\\_certification/aircraft\\_registry/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/)

## FCC drops proposed ban on 121.5 MHz emergency locator transmitters

The Federal Communications Commission halted plans to prohibit emergency locator transmitters on the 121.5 MHz frequency. The Federal Aviation Administration had requested the FCC review the prohibition. "This reversal is evidence that a coordinated effort from the aviation community can effect change and prevent a harmful proposal from becoming law," said the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. [AviationWeek.com](http://AviationWeek.com)

## EAA SportAir Workshops

If you've ever dreamed of building your own aircraft, step one is right around the corner. EAA SportAir Workshops is holding a 2-day workshop session at the Aviation Institute of Maintenance - Orlando Campus on February 26-27, 2011. Learn in a highly rated aviation maintenance school. Get first-hand knowledge, tips, and techniques from aviation experts, many who have been featured in EAA's Hints for Homebuilders video series. Enroll today and be on your way to living the dream!

## NTSB Recommends Annual ELT Checks on GA Aircraft

Results from fatal crash that claimed Sen. Ted Stevens

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has issued two safety recommendations to the FAA that would require a detailed inspection at annual of all emergency locator transmitters (ELT) installed on general aviation aircraft to ensure that their mountings maintain their retention capabilities during an accident. The recommendations come as a result of NTSB's investigation into the August 2010 fatal crash of a de Havilland turbine Otter airplane in Alaska that claimed the lives of five people, including former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. According to the NTSB, the aircraft's ELT was found loose on the floor of the airplane by a pararescuer at the crash scene. It had activated but was separated from its mounting bracket and antenna; thus, satellite and aircraft involved in the aerial search did not detect vital aircraft registration information and the global positioning system coordinates that would have hastened SAR. Nor did the unit transmit the 121.5 MHz homing signal detectable locally by other aircraft, air traffic control facilities, or rescue personnel who use a compatible receiver.

In this case, the airplane was equipped with a functioning 406 megahertz ELT, which can be a tremendous aid to search and rescue operations, But this vital life-saving technology won't do anyone any good if it doesn't stay connected to the antenna. Nearly five hours after the crash, volunteer airborne search personnel located the aircraft approximately 19 miles from where the flight originated. Four passengers were seriously injured. NTSB states that had the ELT remained attached to the mounting tray, it is likely that the signal would have been detected soon after the accident, and search and rescue personnel could have been dispatched directly to the accident site hours earlier.

EAA members don't have to wait for an official FAA response to these NTSB recommendations. Next time you're doing a preflight or annual inspection, take a little bit extra time to examine your ELT mounting system. [eaa.org](http://eaa.org)



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