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Chapter 797 Meeting

Tuesday November 15th, 2011

The monthly meeting (on the 3rd 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 veggie or salad and M-Z please bring a dessert.



EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast

The LAST Saturday of the month

November 26th

President’s Message

Can you believe it's already November? Pretty soon we will be carving turkey and eating more than we know we should. Not to mention that Christmas is just around the corner. What a wonderful time of the year it is and all, that as Americans, we truly have to be thankful for.

I would like to use a good portion of this month’s meeting for discussion on our chapter’s plans for Sun n Fun in 2012. Some members have approached me with their ideas for next year’s event and as always when great minds get together, great things happen.

We also have to nominate and elect officers for 2012. I hope to see all of our members in attendance and hear your input and feedback. With that said, our November meeting is an important one for Chapter 797’s future.

See you there!

Reid

October Meeting

- 22 members present
- Treasury balance from September's meeting - \$8385.05
- Christmas Party set for December 13
- Sun N Fun – no money received. David Brown will reconnect to work finances out
- CAP approved to return to our building for meetings only

F.Y.I.

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-Out? You supply the coffee and the Chapter or anyone that flies in brings the doughnuts, muffins, etc.

If you have a business and wish to place an ad in this newsletter, the cost is \$36.00 a year. Please contact Jean or Dennis Wolcott. The ad is also seen on our website.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held at the Spirit of the Suwannee Park on Tuesday, December 13. The festivities will begin at 6 PM. There will be a full buffet dinner (similar to last years) and a cash bar.

The Chapter will provide one large Door Prize and there will be a Chinese Auction-style gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift worth at least \$10.

The Christmas Party is free for all paid members of the Chapter. For spouses that are not paid members and any other guests, the cost will be \$14.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO BE ADMITTED TO THE PARTY.

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Places to Go – November

EAA 797 Meeting

TUESDAY November 15 at EAA Chapter Building Suwannee County Airport at approx. 6:45 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Last names A-L bring a veggie or salad and M-Z bring a dessert.

EAA 797 Fly-In Breakfast

November 26

CANNON CREEK AIRPARK

Fly In breakfast the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Check out the FSAACA website for other events - www.fsaaca.org

Also check out - www.funplacestofly.com

Members React to Medical Exemption Proposal

October 6, 2011 – As expected, the EAA/AOPA proposal to allow driver's license medical certification by those who fly recreationally under certain guidelines has drawn a considerable number of questions and reactions from EAA members and other aviators.

The proposal, introduced jointly by both organizations on September 24 during AOPA Summit, is still being finalized and will be formally submitted to the FAA in early 2012. The exemption process would include a required online aeromedical education component that EAA and AOPA believe would enhance aviation safety and knowledge of aviation medical factors.

Many of the questions involved the limits on aircraft horsepower, passengers allowed, daytime/VFR operations, and other details announced during the September 24 presentation. Some of the most prevalent questions will be answered in the coming weeks through e-Hotline, Sport Aviation, and other EAA communications.

"The success of medical self-certification in aviation allowed EAA and AOPA to explore a way of expanding use of the process to allow its wider use and even enhance aviation safety," said Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of industry and regulatory affairs. "We know that there will be many questions and suggestions from aviators in the coming weeks regarding the proposal's details and background of particular elements within it. We will continue to update everyone on this effort, especially as we prepare for formal application to the FAA next year."

Via EAA

EAA Webinars Now Eligible for FAA Credits

EAA Director of Member Programs Charlie Becker reports that certain EAA webinars now have FAA credits available for those who participate in those online seminars. The WINGS and Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) credits promote initial and recurrent training for pilots and aviation technicians. This credit availability is an added benefit for aviators through EAA's programs and activities

Report on CAP

It was brought up at our Sept. meeting, that CAP would like to return to using our building for their meetings. This issue was discussed at length at our Oct. meeting, with assurances by both Col. Homzak, a regional CAP officer and Lt. Marie Montgomery, local Squadron Commander, that previous behaviors would not be repeated.

The membership voted to permit CAP to return to our building. The following was included in the motion that was voted on:

- Use of the building would be only for meetings, which will be Monday from 6:30 – 9:00PM.
- CAP will be responsible for cleaning the building after each meeting, using a checklist.
- CAP will pay any additional expenses that they incur and will replace supplies they use.
- CAP will not be using the kitchen, will not store any items and will not be permitted in the hangar.
- EAA has priority if a conflict of scheduling occurs.
- There will be a written contract between EAA and CAP, to be drawn up by a committee.
- This contract will begin with a 6 month trial period.



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Sensitive Static Prop Balancer

Designed by Jeff Jeter

By Paul Lipps

Here's the incredibly sensitive prop static balance device that Jeff Jeter designed and made for me. When correctly adjusted, it will show an out-of-balance indication when a No. 4 washer is placed at the tip of a 63-inch diameter prop.

I rebalanced my three-bladed ELIPSE propeller after painting one blade red and another blade blue to go along with the white one. I just kept spraying color on the front side and flat black on the back side of a light blade until the balance was right on. Spray your way to balance! You can even watch the balance change as the paint dries! When I posted a comment on a Google chat group, I received several replies from people who wanted to learn how to balance their own; therefore, it's only natural that I should share this technique with everyone.

Building

Instructions

Start with a 7/8-inch by 4-1/2-inch aluminum disk. Drill and secure the 5/8-inch tube into the base using red Loctite, then turn the assembly on a lathe once the Loctite cures. This gets the base to run true and concentric with the tube. Also turn the ferrule and the two-piece cap. After turning the cap as a unit, slice off the end piece. Polish the mating surfaces of the cap and end piece for a friction-free fit. A little car wax certainly wouldn't hurt.

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Thread the 1/32-inch stainless steel cable through the two-piece cap and the ferrule. Cut a piece of a rubber pencil eraser (or similar material) and thread the cable through it while inserting it inside the ferrule. This supplies friction for holding the ferrule in place, midway inside the tube. The ferrule needs to be adjustable, as it will be positioned on the cable differently from one prop to another, depending on the thickness of the prop's hub. Fasten a loop onto each end of the cable. Insert the base and the tube into the prop. Thread the ferrule in place and secure it in the tube in the approximate center of gravity of the prop being balanced. Place the cap on the end of the tube and hang the prop from the fixture, making sure that the wire retainer is centered in the bottom of the base. A little tape will help act as a third hand.

Start with the ferrule about midway down the tube and gradually push it down until the prop flops over and the tube rests on the cable. Move the ferrule back up slightly, and the sensitivity of the balancer should be set.

A plastic soda straw can be used from either end of the tube to properly set the ferrule just about the CG of the prop.

See the whole story here.

http://www.eaa.org/experimenter/articles/2009-11_howto_props.asp

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