



Join us on the second Saturday monthly at 10:00 am in The 983 Hangar, NE corner of Pecan Plantation Airpark (0TX1)  
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# EAA CHAPTER 983

<http://www.eaa983.org>

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## The 983 Hangar is Finally Here!!

Please join us for our first meeting in the new hangar on Saturday, 14 October at 10:00 am

The Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Sam Butler for making this possible and seeing through the sometimes difficult and trying construction process. And to Doug Crumrine for spearheading the effort to finally gain consensus and raise the funds required. And of course to all of you, our members, for donating your money, time, materials, temporary meeting and storage space, and morale support.

As Charlie Becker pointed out, "A consistent and comfortable gathering place for chapter members is critical to [our] growth and longevity... people want a place to call 'home'."

We can all be proud of this accomplishment.



*Ready for Move-In*

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## Annual Fly-In 4 November

We officially start at 10:00am, but we need to be ready for arrivals as early as 9:30am. And of course there's a LOT of setup to do on Friday evening and early Saturday morning.

We're expecting dozens of homebuilt, classic, and certified aircraft. Don't forget about the auction – we still have bills to pay for the hangar build!

Sue Cole will be coordinating Young Eagles flights, and we need everyone to stay alert and help out with safety.

More information is on our website at <http://eaa983.org/wp1/event/eaa-chapter-983-annual-fly-in/>

For the Pilot Briefing, see <http://eaa983.org/wp1/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/FlyIn-Briefing-2017.pdf>

Don't forget about helping out with tear-down and cleanup if at all possible!

## Officer and Director Elections

This December our current Officer and Director terms are up. All of our officers and two directors are stepping down. We owe them all a heartfelt “Thank You” for their service and accomplishments.

We have 6 positions to fill with a new group of folks – each with new ideas and energy.

**WE NEED YOU!!**

Please contact a member of the nominating committee asap and put your name in the hat for one of these positions:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Director

We have two returning Directors: Don Christiansen and Bill Eslick. So, we need to fill two positions being vacated by Damon Berry and Dick Keyt.

The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be filled by one person.

Please contact a member of our Nominating Committee ASAP:

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# ATC Privatization

If you oppose ATC Privatization, it's time to place another call to your Congressman. For most of us living in Pecan Plantation, that would be Michael Conaway at 202.225.3605. Or, you can look up your representative online at <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>. Mark Baker, AOPA President and CEO, writes (emphasis added),

“I know you have heard from me on a couple of occasions over the last few months about HR 2997, a bill that would hand over our air traffic control system to the airlines. And now, once again, **supporters of the planned proposal are planning to schedule the bill for a vote next week in the U.S House of Representatives, the 11th of October.**

“Your voice is critical in this fight. Privatization proponents are making calls and twisting arms every day to gain support...

“Here are some talking points to use when you call:

- I am a constituent and I oppose HR 2997.
- HR 2997 simply hands over our Air Traffic Control system to a board controlled by the airlines and special interests.
- This legislation will not reduce delays – 80% of delays today are caused by the airlines (crew scheduling, flight scheduling, maintenance), and weather events.
- We have the largest, safest, and most efficient air traffic system in the world.
- This proposal is risky and has many unintended consequences.
- According to the Congressional Budget Office, HR 2997 will add \$100 billion dollars to the deficit.
- The American Conservative Union foundation says this is not privatization and has requested the bill be pulled.
- The General Accountability Office says that this transition will slow modernization of our air traffic control system.
- The Congressional Research Service says that HR 2997 is most likely unconstitutional.

“Nearly 200 General Aviation organizations, small airports, mayors, unions, conservative groups, and many others oppose HR 2997.”

## ***Chairs and Tables – Member Benefit / Fundraiser***

*EAA 983 is starting a new program to make our chairs and tables available for use by members as well as other groups. If you have a need for chairs (>175) or rectangular tables (17) we have them for you. Tell your friends and relatives! FREE TO MEMBERS! Suggested donation \$1/chair or \$5/table. There is a \$25 refundable deposit. Delivery may be available within Pecan Plantation for an additional donation. Call 817-408-9576 to schedule.*

