

EAA CHAPTER 1298 SUMMER COOKOUT

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Over forty (40) chapter members and guests settled down to an incredible array of food, drink, camaraderie and hangar talk during our summer cookout held on August 21, 2021. The participation in this year's summer cookout was truly refreshing and a strong indicator of our members' enthusiasm, support and volunteerism. With a lot of new faces too, it was also a very strong sign of our chapter's continued growth.



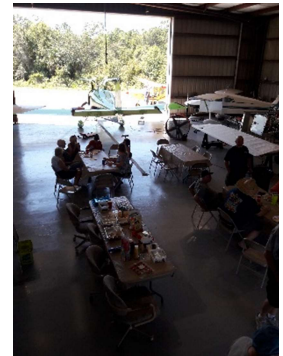
Even though the temperatures were hovering in the low to mid 90's throughout the week, Saturday morning brought a little breeze that made our summer fling a little bit bearable.



The Chapter-hosted event included beer brats and hamburgers, which were

simply delicious; salads, chips and drinks. Many of our members also brought side dishes and desserts. These were also a great addition to the menu.

The hangar was set up similar to our monthly meeting breakfasts' layout except we had a really nice, stand-alone table set up with all the salads, desserts and condiments. We had two grills set up outside with a preparation table in between the grills, which made the serving process seamless.



The cookout out began at 11:00 am and nearly went to 2:00 pm.



It was really nice to not only see everyone enjoying themselves, taking a few hours spending with their family and friends, but also a noteworthy moment to listen and hear the different discussions taking place at the different tables. Aviation enthusiasm is definitely alive in Chapter 1298!

Not to be forgotten: The Chapter also sent a few brats and burgers over to our local air traffic controllers who were on duty. They were really pleasantly surprised and so thankful for us thinking of them. Now, that was a pretty nice gesture!

It's always hard to try to recognize everyone who pitched in for this event, but a special thanks goes out to Bill and Donna Smith for getting the food, doing the preparation, bringing in the second grill and, most importantly, doing all the cooking for us. Also to Phil Renard for manning the brats grill.



Chapter leadership would also like to thank all those members and guests who helped make this outing the success it was. By the way, cookouts, dinners, fly-outs, Young Eagles, meetings, member projects, community involvement, aviation technology, and some hangar flying too ...This is who we are. EAA chapter 1298 on the move!

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!