

# FAMFAM UPDATE

Friday AM Friends of Airport Manatee

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## ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT



NOTAM 09/229

48X Airport Manatee

Start Date UTC: 09/16/2022

End Date UTC: 09/23/2022

**RWY 07/25 Closed**

Excessive rain has turned our grass runway into a bog and it doesn't look like the weather is going to lighten up anytime soon. As a result, the runway is closed through Friday of next week unless we get some serious sun to dry things out. The soft turf quickly turns into ruts and mud with a few aircraft operations... not to mention extended takeoff runs.

The dismal cloud cover and occasional rain showers didn't dampen spirits too much for Fri-

day's FAMFAM get-together. There were still plenty of cookies, coffee, and donuts to go around. A few snowbirds are winging their way back south so our group is growing again. Kathy Brassard snapped some photos of the occasion as proof that camaraderie is still alive and well at Airport Manatee despite the restriction.



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## QUICK GETAWAY

Mark Conner found some not-so-pretty lifters, among other parts in the engine of his RV-10 that required a teardown and overhaul. He needed to get his cylinders to the overhaul shop but the runway was closed. Ed Sweeney volunteered to fly him there in his RV-10 but it took some negotiating to get off the ground. Airport Manager, Tom Reeder contacted the FAA and had the Notam lifted temporarily so Ed and Mark could depart. That took some time but eventually, with wet grass, mud, and water sprayed up behind the aircraft as the RV-10 lifted into the air and disappeared to the East.



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