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## Newsletter for EAA Chapter 99, Vero Beach, FL

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### **FORWARD**

22 Chapter 99 members and 4 guests attended the March meeting. A great turnout, the best we have had in a long time. Could it have had anything to do with the fact that food was available? Maybe we should do that more often. As a result of Aviation Day, a hangar neighbor, Jeff Manchec got acquainted with us and attended the meeting. He gave us a rundown on his current project, a diesel engine conversion for his Cherokee. Gerd P. led us through the procedures for making a simple crosscountry flight in Germany. After hearing that we shouldn't gripe about the few requirements we have to follow in this country. The program for April will be our own Clark Eckman whose subject will be Avionics. Plan now to attend and bring a guest (or two).

### **MINUTES: CHAPTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 09, 2005**

Leftover hot dogs and sodas from Aviation Day provided the basis for an impromptu cookout at the March meeting. Added to that was some sauer kraut and potato salad supplied by thoughtful members for a delicious pre-meeting meal. After everyone had their fill, Pres. Keith G. opened the meeting at 7:18 PM and introduced guest Jeff Manchec who gave a brief presentation with projected DVD photos of his very interesting project. Jeff has installed an SMA Diesel engine in a Piper PA28-236 Dakota and is working on an STC. We will keep an eye on this one as it should make some very fascinating future programs.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by the secretary and approved. The treasurer's report was read by the treasurer and showed some income and expenses from Aviation Day for a current balance of \$7,263.27. The report was approved as read.

Todd Sch. reported that on Aviation Day there were 1,745 tickets sold and that there were more than 50 airplanes in attendance. The PBY and Blackhawk helicopters were the major attractions and proved to be very popular. Todd thanked Cliff L. for his efforts in obtaining them. A motion was presented, seconded and

passed to donate \$200.00 to the CAP for their assistance.

Marty M. told of a Space Shuttle mockup being built by CAP at St. Lucie airport. A suggestion was made that our sign on Flight Safety Dr. Should contain the website. Pres. Keith volunteered to add it. He then closed the meeting at 8:25 PM.

After the meeting the members and guests enjoyed another excellent program presented by Gerd P. This time he took us on a flight made by him and his family in Germany and detailed the process required to do so.

### **AVIATION DAY, MARCH 05, 2005**

Whoever was in charge of weather did an outstanding job, as it was windy and rainy right up to Friday, and then it started in again after the weekend. Saturday was bright and clear and only slightly windy. There was good attendance and the only complaint that I heard was that nobody told the restaurant that we were giving out vouchers, and Todd quickly took care of that. There seemed to be some miscommunication on their part.

We had a very successful event and did alright financially, but there is room for improvement. With the results fresh in our minds we need to start planning for next year.

### **YOUNG EAGLES & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

With nine youngsters eagerly awaiting an airplane ride and zero airplanes, the day was almost a disaster. However, a few phone calls by Mike D. brought Gerd P. to the rescue. Three of the subjects decided not to wait, but to return another day. The remaining six decided a free airplane ride would be worth the wait. It took awhile, but Gerd managed to put a smile on everyone's face before they left.

Pancake customers were also a little scarce but Gene and Vern still managed to fill a few stomachs. How about supporting this worthy endeavor by attending the next one on April 23, and bring some guests.

## KITFOX PROJECT

Vice Pres. Bill Z. found a request for a KR-2 project on the internet and since he has been storing one in his hangar that belongs to the chapter, he promptly sold it. Now all we need is a buyer for the BD-5 kit. A damaged Kitfox has also been donated to the chapter. By salvaging it and combined with the kit we already have, there should be enough parts to build a new one. Final disposition has not been fully decided. Two proposals have been discussed. The first is to sell it to a group within the chapter to complete and fly as their own. Such a group would have to be organized which so far no one has volunteered to do. The second is to start building it as a chapter project and use it for instructional purposes and get the young eagles to participate. Michael D- has volunteered to organize that project. However, to do that we need more room. There is a possibility to achieve this, does anybody know any of the new city council members? If so, please inform Pres. Keith G., Michael D. or Landis, this is important.

## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS T-Hangar #16 at Vero Beach Municipal Airport

Tue. Apr. 5, Ch. 99 Staff & planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
(incl. Aviation Day and KitFox, interested members welcome)

Tue. Apr. 12, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Bring an interested guest

Apr. 12 - Apr. 18 Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-in, Lakeland, FL  
[www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)

Sat. Apr. 23, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM (volunteers needed)

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