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### FORWARD

The March meeting was a blast, a rundown on Aviation Day by Todd, a preview of things to come by Pres. Gerd, election of officers and a great slide show of Aviation Day by Sylvia. All this topped off with a delicious feed consisting of home made baked beans, hotdogs and sauerkraut and three kinds of baked dessert. Many thanks go to all the donors.

For April, Ken M. and Spencer G. will present the "Cooking with Composites Show": They will explain hands on how to build with composites - and how NOT to build. Gerd also will conduct a member survey with emphasis on the future of Chapter 99. And don't forget Sun 'N Fun is also coming up in April (www.sun-n-fun.org).

### MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 REGULAR MEETING, March 13, 2007

The meeting of 24 chapter 99 members and 2 guests was opened at 7:00 PM by Todd Scher. The minutes of the February meeting and the treasurer's report were both read and approved. Treasurer Michael D. also made copies of the Annual Treasurer's Report for 2006 available which showed a balance of \$10,134.58.

President's Report: Pres. Gerd gave a rundown on Aviation Day held on March 3. The weather was windy and rainy; the field was IFR for hours causing over half of the expected aircraft not to show. There were no airplane or helicopter rides available. However there were enough aircraft available locally plus some military aircraft which arrived the day before to have a reasonable presentation.

Pres. Gerd read the financial report for the day which netted \$1,664.99. He then described the hard work by chapter members before and during the event which led to its success. He also presented special commemorative mugs to Todd Sch. for organizing it and to Marty M. for manning the simulator for

children long after the event was over and his continuous efforts each Y.E. Saturday. Michael D. motioned that \$400.00 be donated to the CAP for their help. It was seconded by Keith G. and approved by the membership.

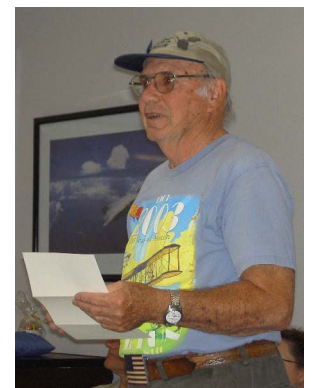


Sylvia reported on updating the website with photographs of Aviation Day.

Builders Reports: Spencer G. presented three pages of pictures of his own design composite aircraft highlighting the fuselage structure. John M. has completed assembly of the control surfaces for his Zenair 701. Don K. had to remachine the new tail wheel bracket for his Mustang II which he received as a replacement for the original which was fabricated at the wrong angle. Bill Z. told of a visit to Len Bechtold who is building a 75% scale P-38 and now also has possession of the cowl molds for Bill's Corby Starlet. Todd Sch. reported that his original Piper Pacer was flown by his son Joel one year after Joel was forced to land it on A1A because of an engine failure.



Spencer working on his fuselage



Landis: "Paul Poberezny really reads newsletters!"

Secretary Landis K. read a letter from EAA Founder Paul Poberezny commending Chapter 99 for its close association with the airport management and the city and for receiving the proclamation from the city.

16 Young Eagles were flown on February 24. Bill R. and Jim D. volunteered for March 24, the next Young Eagles Saturday.

Todd Sch. announced that there will be another "Coffee with the Mayor and City Council," on April 13, at C.J. Cannon's in the airport terminal. If you are able to have your airplane on display on the airport terminal ramp that day, please contact Todd Sch. at VRB airport: 772-978-4930.

Todd then called for election of officers. Don K. reported for Marty M. stating that all current officers were willing to serve another term. Todd asked for nominations from the floor, there were none. Don K. motioned that since all were willing, that the current officers serve another term. The motion was seconded and approved.

President	Gerd P.
Vice-President	William Z.
Secretary	Landis K.
Treasurer	Michael D.

There are no changes in the management team, the Newsletter Co-Editors are Landis & Sylvia, and Sylvia also is in charge of the website. Todd will continue to make the meetings a humorous and entertaining event.

Jim D. described an experience where he was invited to operate an A320 simulator at a facility in Orlando. That sounded so cool, Gerd was drooling.

Guest Bob Steward, a winter visitor from Pennsylvania described his EAA experiences and building his Kolby Slingshot.

After the slideshow of Aviation Day photos, members, spouses and guests enjoyed a feast of Sauerkraut and Frankfurters, Baked Beans and three pastry desserts. A lot of hangar talk could be heard, along with the secrets of how to prepare the perfect Sauerkraut and Baked Beans and negotiations for trading recipes.



## YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLYOUT



March 24 was a fine day, just a little windy. No wonder there were so many families coming out! Our meeting room was filled with people chatting and eating, the parking lot and outside area was crowded, and Landis had his hands full to keep everything under control. Only Marty seemed to be doing his Flight Simulator thing with his never ending patience, as if it were only him and the kid at the controls present. 29 Young Eagles were flown. Pilots were Jim D. and Bill R. in their Piper Cherokees. Ed C. in his RANS Courier and Ueli Ch. in his Velocity started their careers as Y.E. pilots. Bill Z. in his VANS RV-8 joined in later.



*Ueli only planned for breakfast ...*

*... and Ed C. for the fly out to lunch!*



But boy, were we glad they flew kids! Still many families left early; because they did not have the time to wait (Landis counted 16 kids leaving). Let's hope they come back another day. John M. displayed his Zenair 701 under construction. Michael D., Don K. and Roger D. escorted the youngsters to the airplanes, and Keith G. assisted Landis K. with the paperwork.

The event was well attended by a lot of members and friends of Chapter 99 who enjoyed the pancake breakfast with fresh strawberries.

Around noon Ed took his wife, Gerd the whole family, and Don hitched a ride with Ueli for a fly out for lunch to Venice, Italy.

*Or was it Venice, Florida?*



## **AVIATION DAY - March 3rd**

Friday March 2, the day before Aviation Day was a nice day except for high winds. Canopies were set up, signs were put in place and other chores completed. Some aircraft arrived and were put in place for the next day. A stir-fry cookout in late afternoon was set up for volunteers and crews of arriving aircraft.

*Does anybody know how to set this thing up?*



*Ready for Saturday!*

For the second year in a row, the event was plagued by bad weather. The day started out windy and rainy with the field IFR for hours. Over half of the aircraft expected just couldn't make it. There were no airplane or helicopter rides. Display aircraft including all the light sports except one were absent. The modelers tried, but were forced to leave due to the high winds.

Local airplanes, a few that did make it in and some military aircraft were put on display. The big hit of the day was a Coast Guard helicopter which spent the entire time demonstrating rescue techniques by lifting kids in and out of it with the cable hoist.



Chapter 99 airplanes were on display featuring Jon Murphy's Zenair 701 under construction.

As the day progressed the sun came out and the weather improved except for the high winds. In the afternoon there were fly-bys by several aircraft as they were leaving. Despite the weather the attendance was fair, but not nearly as many as last year.

Michael D. cooked hot dogs all afternoon for the chapter and CAP volunteers. Cold drinks were available all day. In late afternoon as the canopies were dismantled and the site cleaned up he again cooked stir-fry for the hungry.



All expenses were met and a donation was made to the CAP for their help leaving a modest sum for the chapter's efforts. Many thanks go to Flight Safety, Sun Aviation and any other participants for their generous assistance. Planning for next years event has already begun and hopefully we will have better weather.

## **LOCAL FORUMS**

The FAA holds interesting forums the third Thursday of each month in the new Flight Safety Hangar at the end of Flight Safety Drive except for April. Due to the conflict with Sun 'n Fun, the April forum will be held the fourth Thursday, April 26. All pilots and student pilots are welcome. Find further information on [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov).

## **BUILD A BIPLANE**

A generous chapter 99 member has made available a builder manual for a Smith Miniplane. This was a popular design in the early days of EAA, many of which Swere modified for racing. The manual contains information how to build this single place craft from scratch using a four cylinder Continental engine. If you are interested please contact Landis (772-567-2506 or email [info@eaa99.org](mailto:info@eaa99.org)).

## **2007 CHAPTER 99 DUES**

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## **CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS**

T-Hangar #16 at 2703 Flight Safety Drive,  
Vero Beach Municipal Airport

Tue. April 03, Ch. 99 Staff & planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
(Interested members welcome)

Tue. April 10, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Bring an interested guest to the  
"Cooking with Composites" Show

Fri. April 13, Coffee with the Mayor and City Council  
9:00 AM at C. J. Cannon's Restaurant  
Chapter 99 aircraft display on the  
Airport Terminal ramp

Tue. April 17 thru Tue. April 23, EAA Sun 'N Fun Fly-in,  
Lakeland, Florida ([www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org))

Sat. April 28, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM members & guests welcome  
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Tue. May 01, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
(Interested members welcome)

Tue. May 08, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Program: Frank Haas will tell us "How  
to stay out of jail with Owner's Main-  
tenance". Bring an interested guest

Sat. May 26, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM members & guests welcome  
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Landis & Sylvia 772-567-2506 email [info@eaa99.org](mailto:info@eaa99.org)

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