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FORWARD

The July 4th fireworks social got rained out so the goodies were served up at the July meeting. The attendees also enjoyed the showing of "One Six Left," the sequel to "One Six Right". It portrayed the making of the popular DVD which was very interesting. For August we will prevail upon the visitors back from Oshkosh to give us a first hand account of the action which took place there.

By now we should all have received our August issues of Sport Aviation which features the B-17 Aluminum Overcast. It contains a great article about this fabulous airplane. Keep in mind that Chapter 99 will host this historic aircraft in Vero Beach on October 29 thru November 2. Volunteers are needed for this event so mark your calendars now and plan to help.

EAA´s B-17G Flying Fortress will be in KVRB from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, 2007

Surprise! Jim Davis brought his daughter Amber to the July meeting.

MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 REGULAR MEETING, July 10, 2007

The meeting of 18 members and 3 guests was opened at 7:00 PM by Todd Scher. The minutes of the June meeting were not read as they were listed in the July newsletter. The treasurer's report was not given in the absence of the treasurer Michael David.

Builder Reports: Don Key has installed the flap and flap controls on his Mustang II. He explained that it is one piece and crosses the fuselage, unlike most aircraft which have one flap panel per wing. He is now trying to decide whether he wants to install an aluminum or fiberglass fuel tank. Spencer Gould displayed a sample of the carbon fiber wing spar material he has been experimenting with. It seems the instructions given to him by the salesperson did not quite work out. He likes the material but cautioned builders to beware of such information, especially stress numbers. Newcomer Ernie Santana described his Barracuda project as the airframe is basically complete and the engine has been hung. He is currently looking for a hangar.

John Murphey´s freshly painted beauty

John Murphy's Zenair 701 parts are out of the paint shop. The aircraft is now being assembled. He also announced that it was Don Key's 80th birthday to which Lucas Ksayian replied that his 93rd birthday was the day before. The group wished both gentlemen a happy day and continued good health.

With EAA# 46, Lucas Ksayian is one of the very first EAA members!

As a very active member of Chapter 99, Don Key lends a hand wherever he can.

Todd's request for Young Eagles pilots for July 28 was not very successful as the usual pilots are going to Oshkosh. Marty Marugg also stated that he could not participate as the simulator instructor. Keith Gordon will fill in for Marty and a search for volunteer pilots will continue.

Todd reported that the Fred Weick memorabilia which the chapter had donated to the Sun 'n Fun museum at Lakeland has now been returned and is in the possession of member Gene Gagliardi. Gene is looking for an environmentally controlled storage place. Since the museum no longer wants to display the items they will be set up in the lobby of the new terminal building at Vero Beach Municipal Airport which should be completed some time next year. Keith Gordon will check with Flight Safety International for storage space.

The Fred Weick memorabilia will relocate to KVRB (photo shows display in Lakeland).

Landis Ketner read a letter from Paul Poberezny. This may sound confusing to some of our readers, since just a few months ago the chapter received a first letter from Paul. But he indeed sent a second one, commending the newsletter and the chapter's association with the community. He feels this is very good for aviation, and he hopes that other chapters will do the same. Other than that, he likes our Young Eagles program and went on to thank the volunteers. Paul's letters show that he does care about what the chapters are doing and he does read the newsletters. For us as a chapter, it feels good to get positive feedback from headquarters. Thanks, Paul!

Member Don Key with EAA founder Paul Poberezny at Oshkosh AirVenture 2006

After the close of the meeting, the members and guests enjoyed the ice cream and fruit originally intended for the July 4th fireworks social. They also enjoyed a showing of "One Six Left," a video about the making of "One Six Right".

Photos of this month's members meeting have been submitted by Don Key, right before he left for Oshkosh. Here are some more of his shots – enjoy!

Notice the sticker? WE love the way Todd moderates the meetings.

Landis, Jess and Bill working on sweet "leftovers"

Cliff powered by the projector or vice versa?

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

July 28 was a slim Young Eagles day. Most of the members who usually participate were at Oshkosh or elsewhere on vacation including most of the volunteer pilots. Gene and Vern were there as usual serving the pancake breakfast, Keith Gordon filled in for Marty Marugg on the simulator, Landis Ketner presided over the paperwork and Bill Zork was the only pilot with his 2 place RV-8. That was it. An attempt was made to suspend the ad in the Press Journal for July in hopes of keeping the numbers down but for some reason they printed it anyway.

It was a perfect day for Young Eagles, the sky was clear with widely scattered clouds and calm winds. Shortly after 8:00 AM they started arriving: 2 Cub packs, several families with not only their own children but those of friends and neighbors and some repeats. After explaining the situation to the parents, and suggesting that they might come back in August when we would have more airplanes, some of them understood and graciously agreed that they could wait another month. The rest did not want to do that and agreed to wait

their turn even though it could take several hours. Then there were several that came with friends and did not have their parents present to sign the consent forms. They were given forms to take along for their parents to sign. August should prove to be a busy Young Eagles day.

Some of the kids hung around for the simulator instruction even though they didn't fly which kept Keith busy the entire time. One thing which became readily obvious was how important the volunteer chapter members are who usually attend these sessions and just do whatever needs to be done. Things can get a little chaotic without them. Their presence was sorely missed. However, everybody survived, nobody got upset and there were no "incidents." Bill flew 8 youngsters, one at a time keeping him busy till after 12:00 noon. There is no count of how many Keith instructed on the simulator but it was a bunch. How many left to return next month is not known, but a good guess would be close to two dozen.

Bill Zorc, lone pilot on Young Eagles Saturday (file photo)

Volunteers are needed for August 25! Plan now to attend. Your assistance is appreciated.

AUGUST FORUMS

LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar the first Saturday of each month. Saturday morning August 4, they will feature Hortsche Brytsche and Bonnie Sklaren, Long Distance Flying Adventurers. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport. Check www.SpeedMods.com.

The FAA Safety Meeting on Thursday August 16, will feature Diego M. Alfonso, ASI FSDO-15 explaining Aviations Gray Areas and Misconceptions. These meetings are conducted the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Dr., VRB. For more information check www.faasafety.gov.

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

Tue. Aug. 07, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00 PM
(Interested members welcome)

Tue. Aug. 14, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Have you been at Oshkosh? Tell us about it and bring a friend.

Sat. Aug. 25, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Tue. Sept. 04, Ch. 99 Planning meeting, 7:00 PM
(Interested members welcome)

Tue. Sept. 11, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7 PM
Bring an interested guest

Sat. Sept. 22, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

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