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PIREPS

Fly Out to Marathon on Nov. 3rd, 2007

Submitted by Jim D.



Our trip to Marathon was terrific! Don, myself and our radio station Promotion Director, Justin ventured to Marathon Island to see the EAA Chapter 1241's annual Aviation Day exhibit. We were able to see vintage Warbird aircraft, home built aircraft, new airplanes, and aircraft in government service. It was quite a show. The chapter claimed over 500 people from the surrounding communities attended along with unknown numbers of pilots who flew in. The flight line shared a Dyke Delta (built by one of the chapter members), Pitts specials, new Diamonds and Cessnas, Light Sport aircraft, and fascinating



displays like the Life Flight helicopter. Various groups made presentations to the audiences including the builder of the Dyke Delta. One star of the show was a P-51 Mustang fighter brought to the show by Todd Stewart of Key West. Our trip down took just 1:15 in the Piper Pathfinder traveling across the everglades. On the way home, we decided for the scenic view whereby we followed US 1 up the Keys, passing Layton, Islamorada, Plantation and Key Largo. Don said it was the most beautiful water he had ever seen. We then passed over Biscayne Bay and toured the very expensive



real estate of Fisher Island and South Beach. Justin got his first experience at the controls on the way back. He couldn't stop talking about it for days. It's amazing how flying can thrill a newcomer.

From London to Sydney in a Tiger Moth

At the November meeting Lars reported about his participation in an attempted flight from London to Sydney, Australia in his Tiger Moth. A number of planes including his did not make it. Others arrived but as much as a year later. He showed a lot of slides and shared maps and anecdotes.



B-17 visited Vero Beach Airport

Due to bad weather the B-17 was unable to fly any passengers while in Vero Beach. Still a lot of folks came for ground tours and talk about good old times. Among them gunners, pilots and maintenance guys. Marty's B-17 flight simulator was another highlight. He showed the ropes to a lot of Flight Safety students.

A grounded B-17 is good news for ground tours



Bill Z. and Bill C. in the B-17 merchandise trailer

Ground tours and merchandise sales netted Chapter 99 a total of \$656.00. This was not exactly what we expected, but probably still better than the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter. Bill Z. reports: "The B-17 was scheduled to leave on Thursday, but the weather was worse in Fort Lauderdale than here, so they stayed an extra day. They rescheduled to leave on Friday morning, but with a full load of our



members, they taxied out and during their runup had a bad magneto on one engine, and another was very rough running. They worked on it all day and planned to leave Saturday morning. Unfortunately, it took all day Saturday to get everything up and running. Joel was a great help to them, and we had at least three of our members available for ground support all the days they were here. Finally the B-17 left on Sunday morning - which was the scheduled departure day for Ft Lauderdale."



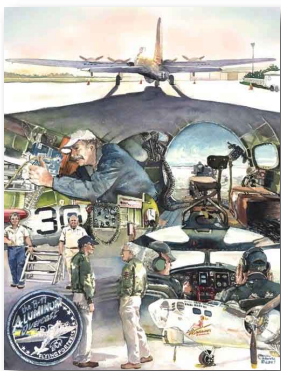
Friday November 2nd,
6:15 AM



The lucky five in Ft. Lauderdale

The most challenging task for Bill was to round up people to ride along. Not everybody is available three days in row to be at the airport at 6 AM, hanging out for a couple of hours and jump on when the bird is ready to fly. The final tally as to lucky riders included: Dave and Merana, Lars, Bill Z. and a WW-II B-17 pilot who just joined our group.

After the flight, Merana felt inspired to add another aviation image to her collection. Chances are you may find it as a center-fold poster in one of your favorite EAA magazines. Her way of saying 'thanks' for the ride, EAA...keep 'em flying! To read her capturing description how it feels like to fly the B-17, check the photos section of our website www.eaa99.org. The photos posted there are mostly from Bill Z. Don't miss this chance to see the B-17 up close - inside, outside and in flight.



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OUTLOOK

Aviation Day 2008

The date for our Aviation Day 2008 has been set to

Feb. 9, 2008. Mark your calendar!

Chapter 99 Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM in our chapter meeting room in lieu of our December members meeting. All members are invited. Call Betty G. at 299-0999 by Dec. 3rd for details and to coordinate the dish you are bringing. BYOB and a gift for the gift exchange.



Chapter Fly Out

Given the very busy schedule everyone seems to be involved with, we decided to take a break for the month of December. Here are some suggestions if you want to venture out:

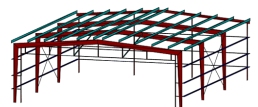
Fort Myers, FL: EAA Chapter 66 Young Eagles Pancake Breakfast, Dec. 2 at Page Field (FMY).

Merritt Island, FL: Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast, December 8 at Merritt Island. Contact Bobbi Lasher, 321/636-5346.

Avon Park, FL: Civil Air Patrol/EAA Breakfast, December 9 at Avon Park Executive (AVO). Contact George Von Eschenbach, 863/257-0259

Hangar for Member Projects available at KVRB

Beginning in January or February EAA Chapter 99 will have a hangar for member projects available. The hangar measures 48X40 feet and will be divided into four areas. One area will be common workspace with EAA99 tools and the three other workspaces are available for members to build their own airplane in that hangar. Cost per month will be approx. \$250 per workspace. Builders have priority, but if we do not find three builders interested in the workspaces we will offer the hangar for storage of small experimental airplanes. If you are interested send an email to info@eaa99.org or call Landis (772-567-2506).



Sebring Sport Aviation Expo

The annual event will take place on Sebring Airport January 17 - 20, 2008. This is a great place to see the latest in Sport Aviation development. Besides the numerous aircraft on display, there are flight demonstrations and forums. For more information check www.sport-aviation-expo.com.

MINUTES NOVEMBER MEETING

Todd opened the meeting of 26 Chapter 99 members and 9 guests at 7:00 PM (that makes 35 total and means: come early, or bring a lawn chair in the future). The treasurer's report by Michael showed a balance of \$10,536.25.



President Gerd then reported on the position of the chapter in regarding the new regulations on income tax and on the recent EAA B-17 tour. Good news: Our new hangar will be available shortly for member projects. Interested members see page 2 for details.

Builder Reports: Spencer completed his rudder pedal installation and is working on the wing spar/fuel tank ribs for his own design composite aircraft. John has completed his 40 hours in his Zenair 701 and has checked out his assistant Don. Don is working on belly skins and floor pans for his Mustang II. Ken is fabricating a belly scoop for the turbocharger on his second Velocity.



Young Eagles for Nov. 14: Pilots Ueli, Ken, Ed, and Bill Z. volunteered along with Keith to fill in for Marty on the simulator (did we wear him out with the B-17 event?)

Todd reported on the progress for Aviation Day. Weekly meetings will be held every Tuesday until that date.

Guests Regina and Jeff from the Cherokee Flyers flying club spoke about the group and invited pilots to join. They are actively reaching out to instructors that are willing to share their knowledge and enjoyment of flying. Cherokee Flyers is a non-profit flying club dedicated to promoting aviation safety and training. Membership is available to all pilots, not only Piper employees. They currently have two



Piper Archers III which they rent to members of the club for very reasonable rates (currently \$124/hr plus tax - wet). Ground School is free of cost. To find out more check www.cherokeeflyers.com or call Piper and ask for Cherokee Flyers. Interested in instructing? Contact Jamie (jamie.smith@piper.com) or Matt (matt.bourvic@piper.com).

After refreshments, the group enjoyed an interesting program by Lars about his attempt to fly a Tiger Moth from London to Sydney, Australia.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Since the holiday weekend reduced the school activities it was thought that there would be a large turnout for Young Eagles. Wrong, only nine youngsters showed up. Ueli and Ed each flew two and Bill R. flew one. Keith Gordon filled in for Marty on the simulator, the usual ground crew kept things moving and Gene and Vern fed everybody pancakes.



Young Eagles snapshots ...



... submitted by Don

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THANK YOU!!

CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

Planning Meeting

1st Tue. of every month at 7pm (all members welcome):

- Dec. 4, 2007
- Jan. 2 - WEDNESDAY!
- Feb. 5, 2008

Members Meeting

2nd Tue. of every month at 7pm (bring a guest):

- Dec. 11 - XMas Party
- Jan. 8, 2008
- Feb. 12, 2008

Young Eagles Flights & Pancake Breakfast

4th Sat. of every month, 8:30am - 11am

- Dec. - no flights!
- Jan. 26, 2008
- Feb. 23, 2008

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 11 - XMas Party
- Feb. 9, 2008: Aviation Day



If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of EAA Chapter 99, please consider joining. **If you are a member**, use this form to renew. Remember that in order to become a member of Chapter 99, you need to be a member of the national EAA. Please provide your EAA number and expiration date. **AIRSPPEED** is published monthly and part of your membership benefits.

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(DUES 2008, \$20.00)

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