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FORWARD

2006 has seen an increase in activity for Chapter 99 and we hope to continue this in 2007. Each month there will be the regular meeting with a technical program, and the Young Eagles Rallies with the pancake breakfast and luncheon fly outs. January 6, 2007, there will be a special instruction day for the local Girl Scouts similar to the one held for the Boy Scouts last October. On March 3, 2007 our annual Aviation Day will be held. Obtaining a larger hangar is important for Chapter 99's continuing growth and is a primary priority for President Gerd. The program for the member's meeting on January 9, 2007 at 7pm will be presented by our own Todd Scher: "The History of the Vero Beach Airport."

CHAPTER 99 CHRISTMAS PARTY

There was no regular meeting of Chapter 99 in December, instead there was a Christmas party held at the home of Keith and Betty Gordon on Saturday evening December 9, 2006. Cocktails started at 6pm followed by a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings at 7pm. Everybody brought a dish to share.

Gerd-Santa brought Michael David his EAA certificate for being the treasurer of Chapter 99 in 2006.

Our webmaster, this time in front of the camera, instead of behind.

The highlight of the evening was the gift swap. Everybody was given a number which determined the order of gift selection. The rule was that as an individual's number was drawn, he or she had the option of either picking a wrapped gift or claiming one that somebody else had already unwrapped. If they chose someone else's gift then that person had to choose another wrapped gift. There were no takers for perhaps the first dozen recipients but then John lost his oversized Santa stocking. He was then obligated to select another wrapped gift. This time he received a female co-pilot. Oh, well, some guys have all the luck. The only problem was she had to be blown up and it seemed doubtful John would be up to that task. Perhaps he could use the air hose at a local FBO. The taker of the Santa stocking did not keep it very long as it was claimed by yet another admirer. The only other problem was when a couple of guys seemed to have trouble unwrapping their gifts. It took awhile, peeling layer after layer, but they finally made it.

Vernon Khail, his wife and Paul Weyand

Betty Key, Landis &, Betty Ketner and Cliff Loar. Gerd and Ed Crouse in the background.

About 30 members and guests were present, and everybody had a good time. The only complaints that were heard were that somebody had eaten too much.

GIRL SCOUTS INSTRUCTION DAY

Saturday January 6, 2007 has been scheduled as the day for aviation instruction for the Girl Scouts similar to the special Young Eagles Day Chapter 99 held for the Boy Scouts. The difference is that the girls are not allowed to fly during an official Girl Scout function. However, the girls will be invited back with a parent to attend any of the regularly scheduled Chapter 99 Young Eagles Days.

LOPRESTI SEMINAR

This month's LoPresti Seminar will be held on Saturday January 6 and will be about the Delta Hawk Diesel Engine. The hangar opens at 9:30am with Coffee and Donuts and the talk starts at 10:00am. All pilots are welcome.

FLYING TO MEXICO AND BAHAMAS

Remember Rick Gardner of Caribbean Sky Tours? He did a professional presentation about Flying to Mexico in October for us. On Tuesday, January 9, 2007 he will make another presentation in Pompano Beach on flying to Mexico and the Bahamas. For more details visit www.caribbeanskytours.com or call: 786-206-6147

SEBRING LIGHT SPORT AVIATION EXPO

Thursday Jan. 11 thru Sunday Jan. 14, 2007 will be the third annual Sebring Sport Aviation Expo. If you have any interest in flying Light Sport Aircraft, this is a must. There are forums each day covering many subjects related to Light Sport Aircraft plus a huge display of Aircraft and equipment. For more information and a schedule of forums check www.sport-aviation-expo.com. Be sure to check this site for approach and departure procedures.

YOUNG EAGLES, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLYOUT

Due to the holiday season activities, there was no regular Young Eagles Day in December. They will start again on January 27, 2007.

VALKARIA EAA CH. 1288 AIRFEST

Our neighboring EAA Chapter to the north is planning an Airfest for February 17, 2007 to be held on the Valkaria Airport. For more information contact Mike Whaley, at merlin@ov-10bronco.net. Todd will have more information at the January meeting.

LEESBURG TOWER

Be informed, Leesburg, FL, LEESBURG(KLEE) now has a tower. Hours of operation are from 1200-0000Z (0700 – 1900 local).

LEE Class D airspace extends from the surface to 1599' MSL for a 4.1 NM Radius. Arriving aircraft should obtain the current ASOS/ATIS information and contact tower when 10 NM out for arrival instructions. Aircraft operating in the vicinity of the airport when ATCT and Class D airspace are not effective should monitor the CTAF frequency.

Tower/CTAF 119.35
Ground Cont. 121.725
ASOS/ATIS 134.325

2007 CHAPTER 99 DUES

It's that time of year again; Chapter 99 dues of $20.00 are due and payable. Fill out the attached form and either bring it to a meeting or mail it to the address given along with your check. The information on the form is important in order for the chapter records to be kept current. The EAA requires that all members of a chapter also belong to the national. Forms for national membership are available from the secretary.

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

Tue. Jan. 02, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting including Aviation Day (interested members welcome)

Sat. Jan. 06, Girl Scouts Aviation Instruction Day

Tue. Jan. 09, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Program: "The History of Vero Beach Airport" by Todd Scher
Bring an interested guest

Thur. Jan. 11 thru Sun. Jan. 14
Sebring Light Sport Aviation Expo

Sat. Jan. 27, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Tue. Feb. 06, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting including Aviation Day (interested members welcome)

Tue. Feb. 13, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Bring an interested guest

Sat. Feb. 17, Ch. 1288 Valkaria Airfest

Sat. Feb. 24, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Landis & Sylvia 772-567-2506 or email info@eaa99.org

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If you are not a member and enjoy reading this newsletter, please consider joining.
AIRSPEED is published monthly and part of your membership benefits.

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