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PIREPs

Rundown on AirVenture 2007 aka "Oshkosh"

At our last meeting on September 11, several members shared their impressions of this largest EAA fly in. Don showed some of his photos on the screen and Jim shared some stories. Ken saw everything the other guys saw, but came up with more insider details about airplanes running out of fuel, landing on the interstate, bumping over a police car, and finally some bunching up on arrival, all ending up on final at the same time.



Ken: "They flew that low over the police car!"

Fly Out to Bartow on Sept. 15, 2007

Well prepared by Roger who unfortunately could not come along, Jim with Patty and her sister and Gerd with his family took off around 8:45am. What a surprise upon arrival: Gene and his brother Ralph flew over in Ralph's Cessna Skyhawk to join! All together there were now nine people to go for breakfast. Bartow recently built a beautiful brand new facility with parking right in front of the terminal, and the food at the restaurant is good. After breakfast, the group toured the museum which is also located in the new terminal building. There you can learn about the history of Bartow airport and see photos, uniforms, flight logs, and other memorabilia on display. Around noon it was time to leave, for the cloud built up had become considerable, up to more than 6,000ft.



OUTLOOK

Outback Pilot about Flying Down Under

We are not talking about a steak house here. Join us for a presentation of our own outback pilot Keith at our next members meeting on October 9, 2007. Keith will show a DVD about flying a safari in Australia's sun burnt Outback and spice it up with personal experiences and stories. What the DVD promises: "Picture it: It's Autumn 2005 and an Oscar-winning director of photography is filming nine vintage aircraft flying 4,000 miles through some of the most desolate areas of the Australian Outback... this is exhilaration at its best from the comfort of your couch!" Come early, or the best seats on the couch might be taken.



Next Fly Out planned on October 6, 2007 to visit Smilin' Jacks at Arthur Dunn Airpark

EAA Chapter 866 in Titusville is holding a fly in featuring all kinds of aircraft. It is advertised as "An aeronautical dream display of a blast from the past heroes!" Their breakfasts are well known among EAA'ers and worth a try. For more info about the fly out call Smilin' Jack EAA Chapter 866: (321) 269-0803. To join our fly out, meet us Sat. Oct. 6 at 8:30am on the ramp of Vero Beach airport next to the Sun self service fuel pump. Total distance to Arthur Dunn (X21) is 62nm. Roger has been working hard on getting the fly outs off the ground. If you have questions, a location to suggest, want to make arrangements or check for seat availability, call Roger: (772) 538-8180



Roger and Landis discussing flight prep

More Goodies coming up

Gerd is back from his hiatus in Germany with his new itinerary for Chapter 99 for the coming year. Look forward to more enriching programs covering new aviation technologies, how-to's about fabric covering, Light Sport seminars and more. Add some social events, the B-17-visit and Aviation Day, and we will be busy until next summer.



AIRSPPEED MAKEOVER



Greetings from your newsletter editors! How do you like our new format? Look for more reports about chapter activities printed first thing on the front page, more and a bit larger photos, new attractive headers with page numbering, a calendar you can clip and stick to your fridge, plus new contact information just below our renew form. We hope to create a more pleasurable reading experience! Questions and comments are welcome, email Sylvia: info@eaa99.org



MINUTES SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September 11, 2007 meeting of 20 members and 4 guests was opened by President Gerd at 7:00 PM. There were no comments on the minutes for August which appeared in the newsletter and the Treasurers report listed a balance of \$11,981.94.



Ernie checking out Spencer's photos of his wing spars

John with his star riveter Muriel in front of his Zenair 701



Builder Reports: Spencer has run his Corvair engine conversion and had five pages of photographs to show of the construction of his wing spars for his own design composite aircraft. John has flown his Zenair 701 and reported that it flies just as a 701 STOL should. He also stated that it contains 7,000 hand pulled rivets. Ken reported that Michael has been helping him sand the wings on his new Velocity. He also told of the damaged Velocity he purchased off a cornfield in Colorado and repaired it sufficiently to



fly it to Vero. He proudly showed off the paint job. What a beautiful plane! Richard reported that there were some good buys on used Moseler VW engines at Indiantown Airport which required overhaul. He purchased two of them. Don has had no progress due to a slight injury. We thought there was something about being inverted on his son's motorcycle. But Don set records straight and told us what really happened: He was a victim of a shark attack in his son's fish tank!

Young Eagles: Ken and Jim volunteered for the next rally. Gerd reported on a meeting of all participants resulting in some rule changes for the chapter and sparked a discussion. Finally Jim put it to the point: We need more pilots! With our new guidelines we

want to encourage more pilots with fuel discounts and pilot friendly guidelines.



Roger explained the new procedures for the fly-outs and presented copies of his listing for coming events.

Gerd presented his listing of programs for the coming year and of the plans for the B-17 tour in October. He also explained the plans for a B-17 simulator to be on hand for demonstrations at that time. Jim volunteered his limousine to retrieve the passengers from Ft. Lauderdale after the flight to the next destination.

The meeting was then closed and after those present enjoyed some refreshments, Don, Jim and Ken told of their Airventure experiences. Ken explained his participation in the Cup Race to Oshkosh where he averaged 198.4 miles per hour in his Velocity SUV.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

At the September 22 Young Eagles Rally, Jim, Ken and Bill flew 12 eager Young Eagles. Attendance was down from previous months probably due to the fact that school is now on and there are many other events to occupy young people on Saturday mornings. As usual Marty was kept busy on the simulator which broke down for a period of time but after a little tweaking by Jens it was again operational. This is an important part of the program and plans for improvement are being considered. John proudly displayed his newly completed Zenair 701. The pancake crew as usual was kept busy feeding the Chap-



ter 99 members, the Young Eagles and visiting guests.

Parents capturing the moment of their kid taking flight

Young Eagles Ground Crew

More volunteers are needed to continue with this program, especially pilots with airplanes. To assist in this very rewarding program, potential pilots are requested to contact the Young Eagles Coordinator Bill at zorc130@aol.com. Our proven ground crew is looking forward to meeting you.



Another shot of Ken's "Firebird" which he displayed for Young Eagles



Jens is trying out the pilot's seat of John's Zenair

EAA HOTLINE MEMBER INFORMATION

EAA HOTLINE is an email message sent out every Friday with important information not just for EAA members but for all pilots. There is no cost to EAA members. To subscribe go to the homepage at www.eaa.org and click on EAA HOTLINE.

AUGUST FORUMS

Liberty XL2

LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar of interest to all pilots each month. October 13, the program will be by Matt Tary of Liberty Aircraft with a complete rundown of the Liberty XL2. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport. Check www.SpeedMods.com.

ASRS and AERP

The FAA Safety Meeting on Thursday October 18, will feature Richard Funcheon with an overview of the NASA/FAA "Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)". Also our own Todd Scher will explain "Airport Emergency Response Procedures." 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.

1/3 SHARE IN NEW LIGHT SPORT AIRPLANE

The Sport Cruiser is an elegant, stylish and fantastic airplane. For more details call Marty at (772) 564-2903 or send him an email at makind@bellsouth.net.



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CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

Planning Meeting

1st Tue. of every month at 7pm:

- Oct. 2
- Nov. 6
- Dec. 4

Members Meeting

2nd Tue. of every month at 7pm:

- Oct. 9
- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11

Young Eagles Flights & Pancake Breakfast

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

- Oct. 27
- Nov. 24
- no flights in Dec.!

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 30 & 31: B-17 Tourstop at KVRB Sun Jet Center



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