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FORWARD

The August meeting was quiet for Chapter 99. The absence of the President and Vice President, vacations and bad weather the night of the meeting made for a cozy setting. The intended program was to be about AirVenture, Oshkosh, but none of the attendees were present to share their experiences. This is good news for all who missed the August meeting; there is a second chance in September.

"Get well" wishes go to Don Key (aka Easy Rider). He was goofing around with his son's motorcycle up in Michigan and had an accident. He didn't ride it, only sat on it "Just for the hell of it", Don said. "When I was getting off, it fell on me, taking away a big chunk of skin on my right leg, and right down to the bone." Fortunately, no bone was broken. Meanwhile he is home from Michigan and coming along good. After his recovery, Don is planning to assassinate that motorcycle: "Without blindfolding it first!" he said.

Our next major event will be the EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast tour scheduled for October 29 through 31. Keep this date open, volunteers will be needed. Get more info at the September meeting.

MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 REGULAR MEETING, August 14, 2007

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Todd Scher. 8 members and 4 guests were present. Michael David gave the Treasurers report of $11,718.62.
Todd began the meeting with the introduction of guests and the announcement that Pres. Gerd would be returning from Germany on the following day, something about it being too cold there.

Builder's reports: For the first time anyone can remember, there were no building members present. However guest Morgan Hunter stated that he is currently flying a single place airplane that he designed and built. He just moved to Vero from Daytona and is looking for a hangar. There was also a report that John Murphy had run the engine and taxied his Zenith 701.
Young Eagles: None of the usual Young Eagles pilots were present, but Michael David announced that Ken Mishler would be home by August 25 to participate. Bill Zorc was also a possibility.
Todd reminded everyone of the B-17 Aluminum Overcast which is scheduled to arrive on tour in Vero on October 29, and that volunteers would be needed. Sun Aviation has volunteered the use of their ramp and the Jet Center for the event since the terminal renovations will not be completed by then.
A brief reminder was given for the FAA Safety Seminar to be held on August 16. This completed the business of the meeting and the members and guests enjoyed the brownies supplied by Betty Gordon and a lengthy hangar flying session.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Members and guests enjoying breakfast

These kids are ready for the show!

Saturday August 25, was a great day for flying Young Eagles. The air was smooth, the winds calm and clouds were high and scattered. A large turnout was expected as leftovers from the July event that could not be accommodated then stated that they would return in August. Twenty two Young Eagles were flown by Jim Davis, Ken Mishler and Bill Zorc. Just one week prior to the event the availability of these aircraft was in doubt due to maintenance problems. Jim's Piper had an exhaust leak, Ken's Velocity had a deep nick in the prop and Bill was working on a modification to prevent any inadvertent interference from the rear seat. Rumors are that he even installed a little mirror so he could watch his little co-pilot's face. However extra effort was exerted by these volunteers to assure that their aircraft would be airworthy in time. Marty Marugg who also could not be present at the July event was present this time and conducted a large class of youngsters on the simulator prior to their flights.

Jim has his hands full, flying 3 kids each trip.

Landis and Keith handling the paperwork

Vern Khail drafted John Murphy to help in serving pancakes to the hungry. Keith Gordon assisted in the paperwork and Roger Doerr and Mike David kept order outside between flights. These volunteers are to be commended for their dedication in making a very worthwhile program a success. More volunteers are needed to keep up with the success of our Young Eagles Flights, especially pilots with airplanes. Read on!

PILOTS AND CREW SHARE THE EXCITEMENT OF GIVING YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS

When Chapter 99 started to give Young Eagles Flights, there were usually just a handful of kids showing up. Every now and then, there were no kids at all. Those were the times, when the members had plenty of time on Young Eagles Saturday to chat and muse over the good old days … Meanwhile, our Chapter is buzzing. Good programs, delicious food, well placed advertising and last but not least a really nice group of members – all those are factors that contribute to an overwhelming success of both our Chapter and our Young Eagles Flights. Gone are the times with a few daring kids showing up: Even over the summer we had more than 20 kids on any given Young Eagles Saturday!

To make sure this success is really wanted by the pilots and the Young Eagles crew, it was necessary to keep communication open. Therefore after the flights on Young Eagles Saturday the pilots and volunteers sat together to discuss a few issues and guidelines.
Results were that all involved are enthusiastic about the success we have. Everyone wants to keep the program going and growing as it is now. The active pilots enjoy flying the kids and appreciate the support of the ground crew, may it be help with security or filling out paperwork. Ground school sessions are a very important part. Once the kids get on the plane, they recognize control surfaces and instruments. Then everyone present agreed that pilots should operate in their comfort zone, may it be due to different airplanes, tighter age requirements for the kids, or financially or whatever.
The group came up with a few good ideas for guidelines to ensure the success of the program. Now we are looking for more pilots to participate in this very rewarding program. If you are an interested pilot, come to our next members meeting on Sept. 11 where we are going to talk more about details or contact our Young Eagles Coordinator Bill Zorc at zorc130@aol.com.

FLY OUT PLANNED ON SEPT. 15th

There will be a new approach to our fly out program. Our goal is still to fly out once a month, but any day but Young Eagles Saturday, and preferring activities of other chapters to get in contact with them. Non-flying members are welcome to fill empty seats. To get started, a Chapter 99 fly out is planned on September 15th going to Bartow for breakfast and visit the on-field air museum. Mark your calendar, we are going to have more details at the September meeting or call Roger at (772) 538-8180.

AUGUST FORUMS

WHAT PILOTS SHOULD KNOW WHEN SELECTING A FACILITY FOR ENGINE OVERHAUL.
Sat. Sept. 8, LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar of interest to all pilots. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport. Check www.SpeedMods.com.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD 121.5 MHz ELT'S AND THE NEW 406 MHz PLB'S
Thur. Sept. 20, FAA Safety Meeting at 7:00 PM, featuring our own Pres. Gerd. Meeting will be held at the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Dr., VRB. For more information check www.faasafety.gov.

NOTES FROM VERO BEACH AIRPORT

T-HANGARS PHASE 2
The city of Vero Beach is building new T-hangars right next to our meeting room and existing T-hangars. Foundation and structural supports for 14 new 1,500 square foot T-hangars are under construction and are expected to be available by January 2008. At this time, a waiting list is available for those interested in leasing a new T-hangar. Chapter 99 is high on the list, so our dreams of having one or two hangars for storage and/or maintenance of airplanes for our members may finally come true. Stay tuned for more info.

AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING
A complete renovation (inside and outside) of the Airport Terminal Building began on July 2, 2007. Weather permitting; the renovation of the airport terminal building will be completed by October 2008. Construction is by local contractor Summit Construction Management, Inc., and is partially funded with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grants.

Foundation for new T-hangars

There is not much left of the VRB Airport Terminal Building …

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FOR SALE

1/3 SHARE IN NEW LIGHT SPORT AIRPLANE
The Sport Cruiser is an elegant, stylish and fantastic airplane. For airplane details visit the manufacturer's website: www.airplane.cz/sportcruiser.htm. Capital requirement will be $25,000 per partner. Call Marty at (772) 564-2903 or email at makind@bellsouth.net .

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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

Tue. Sept. 04, Ch. 99 Staff & planning meeting, 7:00 PM
Interested members welcome

Tue. Sept. 11, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Experiences of Oshkosh

Sat. Sept. 15, Ch. 99 Fly Out to Bartow

Sat. Sept. 22, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome

Tue. Oct. 02, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00 PM
Interested members welcome

Tue. Oct. 09, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Bring an interested guest

Sat. Oct. 27, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome

Mon. Oct. 29 – Wed. Oct. 31, B-17 Aluminum Overcast
tour, Sun Aviation Jet Center

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