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PIREPS

Fly Out to Arthur Dunn on March 1, 2008

By now everyone is aware of the tragedy at Titusville on March 1, in which Chapter 99 member Don K. lost his life and member Ueli C. got severely injured. While flying to the breakfast at Arthur Dunn, Titusville, FL they were involved in a collision with another aircraft. A memorial service was held for Don on Sat. March 8, 2008. On March 21, after a couple of surgeries Ueli was in stable condition and was flown with an ambulance flight back to a hospital in Switzerland.

DON KEY HAS GONE WEST

Submitted by Keith & Landis

Chapter 99 is grieving the loss of member Don K. Born on July 7, 1927, he was a member of Chapter 13, the oldest Chapter in Michigan, which is based at Ray Township Municipal Airport and serving the Detroit area. Soon after Don moved from Michigan to Florida he joined Chapter 99, probably in 2004. He was an active member, always attended meetings and was a regular volunteer at all our functions including Young Eagles.



Don Key was always eager to tell his newest joke and never missed to point out that his name consisted of two words! He brought a lot of laughter to the chapter and will be dearly missed.

Chapter 13 and Chapter 99 are trying to coordinate a joint collection of \$350.00 before April 11, to have a memorial plaque fixed on the memorial wall at Oshkosh (www.eaa.org/support/memorial.asp or see page 61, March Sport Aviation). A dedication ceremony is held each year during Air Venture. If you like to contribute to this cause, Keith will be accepting donations at our next meeting on April 8 and May 13, 2008. You can also contact him by call-

ing 772-299-0999. The suggested donation would be \$10.00/person.

OUTLOOK

Chapter Activities in April

Most of our members are busy either volunteering for or visiting Sun 'N Fun in Lakeland, so we are not going to suggest a destination for a Fly Out this month.

Members meeting on April 8, 2008

As a program for April we are planning to watch the rest of Landis' movie about fabric covering. The hands on session has been postponed to our:



Members Meeting on May 13, 2008

featuring Landis and Bill Z. who will show us how to cover one or two control surfaces. The meeting will be on May 13 - we hope they can make up their mind by then whether to cover a Corby Starlet rudder, any of the tail feathers from a Petrel seaplane, or any of the tail surfaces from our EAA Kitplane project. Save the date and watch for more info coming up.

MINUTES MARCH MEETING



After extensive refurbishing efforts, Todd opened the meeting of 26 members and 2 guests at 7:04 PM and started with the introduction of the guests. He announced that the minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the board and in the newsletter. There was no treasurers report.

Webmaster Sylvia reported on the use of new software for the website and recognized Landis' re-



liable help with the newsletter.

Builders Reports: Ernie is currently working with fiberglass for front end parts of his Buccaneer. He also built his own sheet metal shear. Spencer is about to add the skins on his wing structure which will also contain the fuel tanks on is own design composite. Richard Ch. is installing an interior in a 1965 Piper Cherokee.

Todd announced that the officers had decided that since the Titusville tragedy a review of Chapter 99's operating procedures is in order and until that is clarified, the Young Eagles program will be suspended. Hopefully it can be resumed on April 26.

Elections: All existing officers agreed to resume their respective offices for 2008, Keith volunteered to serve as Vice President. Vice President Bill Z. being busy with flying Young Eagles, maintaining his airplane and doing work as Y.E. Coordinator supported the idea. Frank, Chairman of the Election Committee suggested to reelect the current officers with the single change concerning the Vice President. The members present were asked for additional nominations, there were none. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. All present agreed. Newly elected Chapter 99 officers are:

Gerd P. - President (software and tech geek; his favorite airplane runs on diesel)



Mike D. - Treasurer (usually comes prepared and has the checkbook ready)

Keith G. - Vice-President (wears his Aussie Outback hat for special occasions)



Landis K. - Secretary (never forgets to bring his chapter Samsonite)



The officers are supported by (in alphabetical order):

- Bill Z. - Y.E. Coordinator, Flight Advisor
- Gene & Vernon - Hospitality Committee
- Roger D. and Betty G. - Event Planner
- Sylvia - Newsletter Editor & Webmaster
- Todd - Meeting Director

Not to mention all our dedicated volunteers and active members!

After being reelected, Pres. Gerd announced that he will do a member questionnaire at one of the next meetings to receive input about interesting programs for the next 12 months. He then reported on several issues which were considered by the board of directors as a result of the Titusville tragedy. At the March pancake breakfast, he said the time will be used to evaluate the used parts donated to the chapter by the LoPresti Corp. and prepare them for sale at the Sun 'N Fun flea market in April. Marty offered the use of a trailer for that purpose. Vol-



unteers were invited to participate. Pres. Gerd then asked what day the members preferred for the Christmas party, a Saturday or Tuesday in place of the regular meeting day. The decision by the members was unanimous for the Tuesday.

Pres. Gerd then adjourned the meeting after which those present enjoyed a break with coffee, snacks and a delicious fruit salad prepared by Betty G. Landis showed a video on Fabric Covering by the Poly Fiber system, spiced up with additional explanation and a lot of interesting details.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

After Gene and Vern served up their usual pancake breakfast for the hungry members, March 22, 2008 was a day of work for Chapter 99. The members took advantage of the time to check out the parts donated to the chapter by the LoPresti Corporation. The parts were identified, inventoried and priced in order to place them in the Flea Market during Sun 'N Fun in April. The parts were then loaded into Frank's trailer to be ready to take them to Sun 'N Fun. Many thanks to the group of chapter members who showed up to assist. However, some members just came to keep an eye on things and helped to finish the pancakes.



While some members were not afraid to get their hands dirty ...



... our PIC's preferred to meditate over paperwork.



After the cleanup was complete, Ed decided to go flying...



while Landis could not get enough work done and tackled that stack of old magazines.

APRIL FORUMS

LoPresti Aviation Seminar April 5, 9:00 AM

LoPresti SpeedMods' will hold a charity donation breakfast in honor of Don (he was a longtime employee for LoPresti). Breakfast donations will benefit the Hubbard House of Orlando. The breakfast will be followed with a presentation by Jim Bede, the father of the homebuilt aircraft. The LoPresti hangar is located on the north ramp of the airport. More details at www.SpeedMods.com.

"Flying Over Water" - FAA Safety Seminar on Thursday, Apr. 17, 2008, 7:00 PM

If you did not attend the March seminar, you missed a very informative and humorous program. For Thursday April 17, the topic will be all about flying over water by James A. Kemp. He will address the myths, pro and con of choices, landing in water as opposed to crashing in water, safety and survival and the procedures involved in flying to the Bahamas. Location: FightSafety International Hangar, 3530 Cherokee Drive, VRB, Classroom "M". For more information check www.faasafety.gov

FOR SALE

Don's son David has Don's Mustang II for sale. It is 30% complete, good workmanship. If anyone is interested or can be of any way, he can be contacted at gskey911@aol.com. **SOLD**

Piper J-3 Cub, 1/3 share. Call Scott, 772-794-3260.

1999 Seawind 4 place amphibian, 58 hrs. TT. Must sell due to illness. \$400,000.00 invested, no reasonable offer refused. 602-432-8356 or dwanman@cox.net

Flightstar IISL 2 place Light Sport, less than 200 hrs., Rotax 582, liquid cooled, electric start, radio & BRS chute. A great fun flyer. \$15,995.00 Call 772-567-2506 or email ketner@bellsouth.net



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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):

- April 1, 2008
- May 6, 2008
- June 3, 2008

Members Meeting

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

- April 8, 2008
- May 13, 2008
- June 10, 2008

Young Eagles Flights & Pancake Breakfast

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

- April 26, 2008
- May 24, 2008
- June 28, 2008

Upcoming Events:

- April 8-13, 2008: Sun'N Fun Fly In, Lakeland, FL

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Meeting Location:

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Vero Beach Municipal Airport

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 membership in the national EAA is required to belong to a local chapter. Please provide your EAA number and expiration date.

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