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### PIREPS

#### Fly Out to Piper at Lock Haven, PA Submitted by Gerd

While visiting Pennsylvania in June, we could not resist to see the birth place of Landis and Piper (there is no doubt that both are connected forever).

We flew to Lancaster, PA (KLNS) in two legs with a stop in Grand Strand (KCRE). Although we flew IFR, most of the time the conditions were nice VFR. After a couple of days exploring the Amish Country we picked a day for a VFR flight over the Harrisburg nuclear power plant, the Gettysburg battlefields and then northeast towards Lock Haven, PA (KLHV). After landing at Piper Memorial Airfield, the nice FBO guy gave us a ride to the Piper museum, which is right on the field.

The museum is small, it only occupies one floor of the building and an adjacent hangar, but you can get a really good overview of the airplanes Piper built and learn a lot about the Piper family (see also [www.pipermuseum.com](http://www.pipermuseum.com)). There is a simulator room and several exhibits, like "The Early Years", "The War Years", "The PA-29 Papoose" (yes, Landis' airplane is there too), "The Metal Airplanes" and even "Piper at Vero Beach, FL". In the hangar they have (among others) a PA-23, the PA-12 "City of Angels", several cubs and a Cheyenne LS 400 fuselage on display. Our tour guide loved to hear that we were from Vero Beach, and related a lot of insider stories.



Looks like they named a town after Landis ...



The Piper Aviation Museum, as seen from the field.

Before heading back to Vero Beach, our last stop was to be Pocono Mountains Wolfs Lodge, which is a big hotel with an indoor waterpark (just for the kids, of course). Since the weather seemed to clear up and we did not want to get into the thunderstorms, we took off VFR from Lancaster. Halfway there, Pocono

Mountains (KMPO) was still IFR and it was obvious that we would soon enter the clouds. Radar looked o.k. and the stormscope didn't show anything so we finally dared to ask the helpful controller from Allentown approach for an IFR clearance. Our flight ended after a GPS 13 approach circling 23 right at minimums. Now I know first hand why airlines are not allowed to do circling approaches and I surely do not want to try this one at night. For a flatlander like me, the whole trip to PA was an interesting lesson on local weather patterns.

### OUTLOOK

#### Chapter Activities during Summer Months

For the months of summer (July-September) the meetings will be short on business and long on socializing. For August there should be some members returned from Airventure Oshkosh 2008 who can relate the happenings there. If you have an interesting video to share, you may bring it along for the August or September meetings. Please call Landis at 772-567-2506 to make arrangements. Also along those lines, anybody who has something to contribute to this newsletter is encouraged to send it to [info@eaa99.org](mailto:info@eaa99.org).

#### Sport Pilots & LSA Seminar on Oct. 14, 2008

We are going to start off a new series of aviation oriented programs with a presentation by Donato Martino: "Safe Flying with Sport Pilots & Light Sport Aircraft", covering the Sport Pilot and LSA Rule in all aspects and answering questions. Save the date and watch for more information.

### MINUTES MEETING JULY 8, 2008

#### Submitted by Keith, photos by Bill Z.

The regular monthly members meeting on July 8, 2008 was opened at 7:06 PM by Vice President Keith in the absence of President Gerd.

23 people were in attendance, of which 3 were new visitors. One of the visitors introducing themselves was a young couple intending to restore a Piper PA-18. Another young man, recently employed at Piper, is building a Zenith 601. Surprise! Surprise! A former Young Eagle and someone who, thereafter, begged many more rides a couple of years ago, Jessica E., now grown up and planning to join the Navy



to fly F-18s or F-35s visited as well. Minutes of the June meeting, posted on the notice board, were accepted as correct. Some discussion took place over suspension of the Young Eagles flights and reasons for this action. The VP advised that 23 e-mails to Florida EAA Chapters had been sent out containing a full description of the legal ruling given in the case of a 14 year-old boy killed in a rented ATV accident at Lake Okeechobee. We are awaiting outcome of a Supreme Court judgment on this case.

*John talking to a young couple (CFI and A&P mechanic, she is a student pilot).*



*Keith with Jessica, who is applying for an opening at the Naval Academy.*

In the absence of Pres. Gerd, Secretary Landis, Treasurer Michael and web-mistress Sylvia, no reports were received.

Builder and owner reports were called for. Ken related the saga of bureaucratic red-tape that prevented the sale of N87M to a Spanish buyer. Several others reported slow progress on their projects. Jim D. then enthralled us with his horror story of fueling up on mogas, which he has used for years in his Cherokee 235. You guessed it! He got a load of ethanol; even though he was assured the supply was ethanol-free. His fiberglass tip-tank sealant turned to a gooey sludge, blocking fuel lines and disintegrating the sump drain "O" rings. He is still checking fuel lines and the carburetor. Ken, who once owned a couple of gas-stations, reported that unmarked tankers often delivered fuel to several different brand gas stations, so you really have no idea what fuel is being dispensed. Bill Z.'s Warner Sportster is coming along slowly, he's fitting the side longerons to the fuselage, and fitting, staining and sealing the floorboards and seats.

*John is plugging away on his Super Cruiser, he is working on the engine baffling right now.*



It was nice to see Spencer, who took the time to

drive up from West Palm after his second day at work with his new job. He is working now on military jet engines.



### **On a happier note**

Lucas K announced this was the eve of his 94th birthday. Don't we all hope to reach 94, let alone be as spritely? Many more Happy Birthdays Lucas!



The meeting was closed at 8:03 PM.

Gene G supplied pretzels and Betty G sent pecan squares for coffee break which was followed by the EAA Air Venture DVD, presented by our technology team of the month: Ken and Todd D.



## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SOCIAL**

### **Submitted by Landis, photo by Connie Z.**

Eleven members and four guests attended the breakfast on July 26. Since the city objected to our sign on Flight Safety Drive it had to be removed. VP Keith had completed the paperwork for a sign permit but was not able to process it in time for the day. However it should be completed by the time of our next event, the August 12 meeting and the sign reinstalled at the entrance to the T-hangar complex.



### **Chapter 99 Taking the Lead**

There have been several discussions among the officers and interested Chapter 99 members about changing the theme of the Saturday sessions to a "Learn To Fly" Saturday aimed at interested persons of all ages. As of now there is really no place a person can go to learn about what is required for a license to fly an airplane, especially in the Light Sport category. By taking the lead here the chapter should be able to increase the membership of potential and active pilots. We will know more about what we can do after the October 14 meeting when the program will be presented by Donato Martino of US Sport Aircraft, Ft. Pierce.





## AVIATION FORUMS

### FAA Safety Seminar on Aug. 21, 2008

The FAA safety seminars always have very interesting and informative programs for all pilots or would be pilots. They are conducted the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Dr., Vero Beach and are open to anybody. At the time of this writing, no topic and speaker were established yet. You might have more luck by logging on to [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov)

### No LoPresti First Saturday in August

There will be no seminar for August as the staff will be at Airventure Oshkosh 2008. However on Saturday August 30, (one week before First Saturday), at 11:00 AM, the woman flying group known as the "Grasshoppers" will be arriving at the LoPresti hangar for a charity luncheon and an informative talk by Dr. Hancock. Check [www.SpeedMods.com](http://www.SpeedMods.com).

## CHAPTER KITFOX PROJECT

A disposition needs to be determined for the KITFOX kit that has been donated to the chapter. Ideally it would be given to a small group to take over and build it with the help of chapter volunteers in the chapter hangar. There has been one response from the chapter survey to do just that but more help will be needed. However all suggestions or offers will be considered. Contact Gerd or any other chapter officer.

## FIT AVIATION DAY, OCT. 18

Aircraft displays, aviation products, aviation information booths, food, demonstration flights. Fuel discounts for all participants!

\* October 18, 2008, 8 AM – 4 PM at KMLB

\* 640 Harry Sutton Road - Melbourne FL, 32901

For more information or notification of your intent to participate, please contact the flight school at 321-674-6521 or e-mail: [Martianwings@aol.com](mailto:Martianwings@aol.com)

## LAST NOTES

### Safety at high level at Vero Beach Airport



For the sixth time in a row, Vero Beach Airport passed the FAA part 139 safety inspection with ZERO discrepancies! Congratulations to the management of Vero Beach Airport and the dedicated staff.

### FREE Online Training For Pilots!

Submitted by Roger D.

[www.PilotWorkshops.com](http://www.PilotWorkshops.com) delivers online workshops that tackle the challenging situations you encounter in the cockpit. Their workshops are taught by award-winning instructors who share their stories, tips and tactics to help you manage the risk and get the maximum enjoyment from your flying.

### Pilot Humor

Submitted by Ernie

A plane leaves Los Angeles airport under the control of a Jewish captain. His co-pilot is Chinese. It's the first time they've flown together, and an awkward silence between the two seems to indicate a mutual dislike. Once they reach cruising altitude, the Jewish captain activates the Auto-pilot, leans back in his seat, and mutters, 'I don't like Chinese.' 'No rike Chinese?' asks the copilot, '....why not?'

'You people bombed Pearl Harbor, that's why!'

'No, no,' the co-pilot protests, 'Chinese not bomb Peahl Hahbah! That Japanese, not Chinese.'

'Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese... doesn't matter, you're all alike!'

There's a few minutes of silence.

'I no rike Jews either!' the copilot suddenly announces. 'Oh yeah, why not?' asks the captain. 'Jews sink Titanic.' 'What? That's insane! Jews didn't sink the Titanic!' exclaims the Captain, 'It was an iceberg!'

'Iceberg, Goldberg, Greenberg, Rosenberg, ...no mattah... all same!'



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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):

- Aug. 5, 2008
- Sept. 2, 2008
- Oct. 7, 2008

### Members Meeting

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

- Aug. 12, 2008
- Sept. 9, 2008
- Oct. 14, 2008

### Pancake Breakfast & Social

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

- Aug. 23, 2008
- Sept. 27, 2008
- Oct. 25, 2008

### Upcoming Events:

Oct. 14, 2008 - 7 PM:

Sport Pilot & LSA Seminar by Donato Martino

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**Meeting Location:**

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

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