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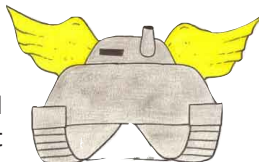
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OUTLOOK

► **Fly Out Idea of the Month - Dec. 20, 2008**

The following information has been taken from the EAA Aviation Calendar of Events:

OPEN HANGAR DAY in New Smyrna Beach (KEVB) on Saturday, December 20, 2008, 10:00 AM - 4 PM. *Food *Museum & History *Vintage Aircraft *Warbirds. Timeless Wings & Wheels, WWII bombers and fighter aircraft will be on display. Food and drinks will be sold to benefit Timeless Wings And Wheels. Contact: Carole at 386-314-4499 for more details about the event.



Chapter 99 publishes the "Fly Out Idea" as a courtesy to its members. No research has been done to determine if the airports listed are suitable for any particular airplane performance, nor do we check if the events provide a safe environment for flying into and attending them. Chapter members, guests and pilots are responsible to research and make decisions to attend or not to attend any listed event. Chapter 99 does not screen any pilot and does not recommend any individual, nor represent that any individual pilot or airplane is qualified, competent, safe or insured.

► **Chapter 99 XMas Party - Dec. 9, 6:00 PM**

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Tue. Dec. 9, 2008, at 6:00 PM in lieu of our December members meeting. New this year is the location: Clubhouse at Countryside. All members are invited, please check your invitation for details and RSVP. You did not get an invitation? That could mean you haven't paid dues for 2008. Some chapters sell tickets for their parties - Chapter 99 does not. The full blown buffet loaded with all kinds of home cooked goodies, making up a three course meal for two, along with a good time with friends, is part of your membership benefits.



► **Aviation Day Meetings**

Starting on Tuesday Dec. 16, prep meetings for Aviation Day will be held weekly until the event (skip Dec. 30th). Check our calendar on page 3 for a better overview.



Calling All Volunteers - Mark Your Calendars!

All volunteers are asked to attend the Volunteer Meeting on Tue. Jan. 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM, held in the chapter meeting room.

MINUTES LAST MEETING

Submitted by Keith

Todd S opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. In attendance were 21 members, our guest speaker and 10 visitors, of whom 5 were first time visitors. As is our custom, the new visitors were welcomed and invited to give a brief resumé of their aviation involvement. It was noted that Don G is back for the winter and both Landis K and Marty M received Service Bulletins requiring modifications to their bodies. Both expect to be back in the air soon. Minutes of the October meeting, which are on the notice board were accepted as correct. Treasurer Michael D reported we had \$15,163.97 in the bank account.

VP Keith called for a few volunteers to set up and clean up at the Christmas Party. If you have an hour time from 4-5:00 PM the night of the party, please call Betty at 299-0999.

Help!

VP Keith also reported that the Chapter's hangar would become vacant around of November and asked members to spread the word.

Builder reports: John H reported on his shed. He will be moving the Kitfox into it soon. Ken M had another story of a Velocity owner who lost 2 blades off his propeller (not sure how many blades it had in the beginning). The vibration caused the carburetor to detach, which saved the engine from being torn off. The pilot made an on-airport landing, though not on a runway. Ken helped him fix it up and he flew for some hours overhead VB airport before departing north. The engine then sustained a piston failure somewhere north of here. Alex W is working on the simulator - Patty D offered to upholster the seat. John M has sold his flying PA-12 and had taken a deposit on his non flying PA-12 project. Keith G reported he is reading the GlaStar builders manual, contrary to his normal course of "when all else fails, read the instructions."



Keith with Ed C and Don G, sitting.



John retired from building - for the 3rd time now.



Sylvia P spoke of an order for more Chapter Polo shirts with embroidered name. New members wishing to work on Aviation Day need either a T-shirt or Polo shirt. Sylvia advised our Disclaimer Poster had been updated.

Sue DB explained her VB High School "Build a Plane" project with students. She is looking for an abandoned project or finance to buy one, then, of course, she will need volunteer help to instruct and supervise the building. This is a very worthy project to become involved in. E-mail info@eaa99.org for Sue's address if you wish to become involved or have ideas or leads to what she wants to start.

Coffee break commenced at 7:50 pm.



Mike and Ken checking the bookkeeping

Lars talking to Bob D., Pres. of EAA Chapter 1288 in Valkaria



Betty's brownies were yummy, and had a lot of takers!

Mike Cardinale, FAA Air Traffic Controller for 14 years, pilot, aircraft owner and builder then gave a very interesting review of Vero Beach Tower operations. He very professionally facilitated an open discussion on Air Traffic Control procedures and issues, from a local as well as a national perspective. The opportunity to talk one on one with a controller in a casual atmosphere was well received and there was a positive flow of information. Many questions from members and guests were answered, and many misunderstandings were cleared up.

(Remark: Meanwhile a Thank You letter has been sent to the tower administration.) Before the close of the meeting, Mike was curious about what our members are flying or building, which led to an extensive hangar flying session, enjoyed by all.

Phil M, referring to an experience as a young B-17 pilot in WWII: "After crossing the Atlantic, those guys in the tower in Europe just would not let us land!"



LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

Submitted by Keith

Learn to Fly Saturday morning was attended by 17 members and guests. Patty D provided a sumptuous omelet. Marty and Alex had a few pilots work-out on the simulator, which now has a much bigger screen and the attachment for the chair to simulate engine and airframe vibrations to add more realism to hard landings. Jim Davis reported that ethanol free gasoline is available at Port Consolidated, Jenkins Ave, Ft Pierce. Payment must be by corporate credit card or cash. Hick's Fuel on the SW corner of US-1 and SR-60 is also reported to be selling ethanol free gas. A visitor brought two kids hoping to get an airplane ride. I believe Bill Z obliged.



Lew G, in between Vernon and Lucas, who enjoyed Lew's company and his sense of humor.

Patty, trying the flight simulator



AVIATION FORUMS

➤ **No FAA Safety Seminar in December**

Submitted by Todd

The FAAS Team will take time off for the holidays. We will resume on January 15. Topic is "Preventing Solo Inci-



dents and Accidents" by Diego Alphonso, of North Florida FSDO. Diego has done a few seminars for us before, and not many people give presentations as entertaining and factual as he does. He is one of the best! Held at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach. For more information check www.faasafety.gov

➤ **Patty Wagstaff at LoPresti's**

The following information has been taken from the EAA Aviation Calendar of Events:

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 9:30am - 12:00 pm
LoPresti Fury Pilot Corkey Fornof and Patty Wagstaff, "First Lady of Aerobatics". A duo like no other, they have both excelled at the precision flying that aerobatics demands and entertained audiences worldwide. Not your normal "plane talk", they will be telling stories and exchanging experiences with their Vero Beach audience. Charity breakfast to benefit H.A. L. O., a local "no kill shelter" for animals. Contact: Mimi 772-562-4757, www.loprestiaviation.com. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport.

➤ **Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring**



The annual event will take place on Sebring Airport January 22-25, 2009. This is a great place to see the latest in Sport Aviation development. Besides the numerous aircraft on display, there are flight demonstrations and forums. For more information check www.sport-aviation-expo.com.

LAST NOTES

➤ **Chapter Business: Dues for 2009**

Chapter 99 is now accepting applications for 2009. To join or renew your membership, please use the form on the last page. Fill out and send along with your remittance to Landis to the address provided.



➤ **Hangar for Member Project available**

Beginning with December, our chapter T-hangar next to our meeting room will be available. Rent is \$446.32 per month. John can leave work benches and some tools for a builder or take them out. Builders and active members have priority, but if we do not find a builder interested in the workspace, we will offer the hangar for storage of an airplane. If you are interested or know someone who might be, send an email to info@eaa99.org or call Keith (772-299-0999).

PILOT HUMOR



*Ooops! Looks like Santa missed getting a clearance from North Pole ATC.
Happy Holidays!*

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Many thanks to VP Keith for his numerous contributions.

CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

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

➤ **Planning Meeting**

1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm (plus Aviation Day prep meetings):

- Dec. 2, 2008
- Dec. 16, 2008 AvDay
- Dec. 23, 2008 AvDay
- Jan. 6/13/20/27, 2009

➤ **Members Meeting**

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

- Dec. 9: XMas Party
- Jan. 13, 2009
- March 10, 2009

➤ **Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast**

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

- Dec.: NO SOCIAL
- Jan. 24, 2009
- Feb. 28, 2009

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

- Dec. 9, 2008 - 6pm: XMas Party at Country-side Clubhouse
- Feb. 7, 2009: Aviation Day

IF YOU ENJOY READING OUR NEWSLETTER AND ARE NOT A MEMBER OF EAA CHAPTER 99,
please consider joining. *IF YOU ARE A MEMBER,* use this form to renew.



JOIN EAA AND EAA CHAPTER 99!

STEP 1: JOIN THE NATIONAL EAA:

National Membership is required in order to belong to a local chapter. Dues vary on what membership option you choose and do NOT include dues of a local chapter. Log on to EAA.org for details and to join online or contact Landis for a brochure and a form.

Chapter 99
Dues for 2009:
\$20.00

STEP 2: JOIN EAA CHAPTER 99:

Please print and fill out this form. Make your \$20 check payable to:
Indian River EAA Chapter 99, Inc.

Mail both to: Landis Ketner, 120 Sopwith Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32968

THANK YOU for supporting EAA Chapter 99

Name EAA No

Street Exp. Date:

City, State, ZIP

E-mail Phone

FAA Ratings Current Aircraft Owned

Aircraft Project Under Construction

CONNECT with aviation minded people and participate in chapter happenings. Your benefits add up: In addition to your benefits as a member of the national EAA (details at EAA.org), by joining Chapter 99 you will receive our monthly newsletter and e-mail notices of chapter meetings, socials and aviation events. A local chapter supplies helpful information and offers valuable resources. Did we mention the fun and camaraderie that comes with sharing the love of flying, building, or restoring an aircraft?

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Meeting Location

T-Hangar #16

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