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PIREPS

Aviation Technology & Human Endurance

Wow, 38 members and guests attended our meeting on January 8, 2008 to hear Dr. Glenn Tremml relay an interesting piece of aviation history from the record holder himself. He portrayed a great example of what can be accomplished by a little organization and dedicated teamwork. It was an excellent example of the ultimate in light weight composite construction and personal physical conditioning. Can you imagine a single place airplane with an empty weight of 88 pounds, or one that starts to fly while being carried by four men at a brisk walk?

Chapter Fly Out to Sebring Sport Aviation Expo Submitted by Jim

Saturday January 19th was intended to be the monthly Chapter 99 fly out to Sebring to attend the first U.S. Sport Aviation Expo 2008 at Sebring Regional Airport.

Roger D. and his friend José joined Jim D. and his son-in-law Jeff at 8:30 am as we boarded the pathfinder for the flight to Sebring. Jose is from Mexico and a Flight Safety Student who is just about to have his shirt tail cut off as he celebrates his Private Pilots license on the road to a full Commercial, Instrument, ATP rating before returning to Mexico. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was not on board our Piper that morning as a check of the AWOS at Sebring indicated 400 feet ceilings and 1/4 mile visibility. Not wanting to waste the opportunity to "turn money into noise", we flew the Pathfinder towards Okeechobee which was CAVU at the time. We were delighted to find our favorite breakfast and lunch spot "The Landing Strip Cafe" was open for business. This great little "down home country cooking" restaurant is under new ownership and is being remodeled to meet the standards of the newly unveiled FBO. However, the food was just as scrumptious as ever, and the prices had not budged a bit. Not to mention that \$3.90 per gallon is over a dollar cheaper than fuel at one of the KVRB providers.

We checked a few times more, still finding that KSEF was still low IFR. So, we reboarded our winged transport and wandered aimlessly back towards



Vero Beach. While our venture to Sebring will have to wait until next year, we enjoyed the camaraderie of each others company as well as some excellent hanger flying stories.

OUTLOOK

Aviation Day Feb. 9, 2008

February 09, 2008 is the date for Chapter 99's biggest event of the year. It is very important for the chapter as it is the only fundraiser. Due to the terminal building restoration, this year it will be held in front of Sun Aviations largest hangar, entrance through the Avionics area.



Advertising for the event is in full swing. We placed several ads in the Vero Press Journal and the Home-town News. Public announcements are running from now on until Feb. 9 on our local Treasure and Space Coast Radio Stations and on TV Channel 13 (Vero Beach City Hall Channel). Our official flyer is available for download from our website www.eaa99.org, where you will also find a most current list of confirmed participants.



Jim sure knows how to advertise professionally ...

... while Keith specializes in working diligently and quietly behind the scenes.



Info to all Volunteers for Aviation Day

Set up will start on Fri. Feb. 8 at 2:00 pm. After 4:30 pm we can set up in the Sun Avionics hangar. Sat. Feb. 9 at 8:00 am Keith will hold a volunteer briefing



in the Sun Avionics Hangar. Volunteers, please be on time and wear your Chapter 99 shirts. The newly ordered shirts will be available for pick up on:

- Tue. Feb. 5, 7:00 pm
(planning meeting, our chapter meeting room)
- Fri. Feb. 8, 2:00 pm
(during set up on the ramp)
- Sat. Feb. 9, 8:00 am
(volunteer meeting, Sun Avionics Hangar).

Aviation Day Wrap Up Feb. 12, 2008

On Feb. 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm - for our next members meeting - we are planning to wrap up Aviation Day 2008 with hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans and dessert. And if Sylvia doesn't screw up with her new computer, we are going to have a slide show of the event. In any case we can promise "Aviation, Fun & Friends" and invite our volunteers, members and friends.

Next Fly Out Planned

Since everybody is running circles these days because of Aviation Day, we are looking towards beginning of March for a next fly out. Roger will have more info for our members meeting on Feb. 12. If you have questions, a location to suggest, want to make arrangements or check for seat availability, call Roger: (772) 538-8180

MINUTES JANUARY MEETING

The meeting of 28 members and 10 guests was opened at 7:03 by Todd who announced the minutes of the previous meeting appeared in the newsletter and were posted on the bulletin board. The treasurer's report by Michael showed a balance of \$9,562.93. Sylvia explained the chapter renewal forms, T-shirt



forms and packages of Aviation Day posters which were distributed. Roger explained the scheduled fly-out for Jan. 19 to the Light Sport Aviation Expo at Sebring. Pres. Gerd gave an Aviation Day planning update and asked for

volunteers for specific positions. He also announced that chapter elections will take place in March. For this he appointed Frank H. as nominating committee chairman. Gerd then stated that the new hangar will be available in February and asked that members who wished to use it for projects must let him know as soon as possible.

Pilots Ken M., Bill R. and Jim D. volunteered for our

January 26 Young Eagles Rally.

Builder reports: Don K. is working on the forward cockpit area of his Mustang II, installing the header tank and floor pan. Spencer G. displayed photos of his own design composite fuselage being mated to the



center section wing spar in the kitchen of his parents' summer home. He explained that was the only place he could find with enough space to hold them. Ken M. has installed the landing gear on his new Velocity while it

was upside down in his shop. He said it looks like a dead bug. Ernie S. is working fire wall forward on his Buccaneer. Ueli C. is trying to complete the airplane he started in Switzerland many years ago (before he built his Velocity).

Todd reminded everyone of the FAA Safety seminar coming up on January 17 and then closed the meeting. After a break for coffee and pastry everyone enjoyed the program by Dr. Tremml.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday January 26 was a great day for Young Eagles. The weather was very good and seventeen youngsters showed up, nine of them first timers. We had two sets of twin boys. There were four volunteer pilots, Ed C., Jim D., Bill R. and Ken. Marty instructed on the simulator. Gene and Vern kept everybody fed and several Chapter 99 members were present to keep everything safe and orderly. Some other members just showed up for a chat.



Parents enjoying breakfast and the paper while they wait

Marty and Dirk instructing a girl on the flight simulator



An indication that the program is effective locally was that three parents and one grandfather inquired



where they could go for economy flying lessons. Each of them were presented with a copy of the new EAA publication, "Learn To Fly," and directed to attend our Aviation Day where we expect to have a Light Sport airplane on display from a flight school just starting up on St. Lucie Airport. So far there are no operators on the Vero airport that offer Light Sport training. One mother explained that she uses attending the Young Eagles program as a reward for good behavior and high school marks. Her son is an "A" student due at least partially to the program. Another mother says her two children can't wait to get on the computer and check the EAA Young Eagles website to see their names and latest flight listed on the Young Eagles logbook (www.youngeagles.org). This sort of feedback is very encouraging and makes all the effort very worthwhile. To date we have flown a total of 504 Young Eagles.

CHAPTER 99 NEEDS YOU ...



... to check if you renewed your membership! If you haven't received your membership card for 2008, that means you haven't paid. According to our records, 39 members have paid their dues for 2008 so far. Landis threatens to publish the names of all members who paid in the next newsletter, and take off all others from our mailing list. We thought we'd give you a heads up to avoid embarrassing moments.

To join/renew please:

- 1.) Dig up your national EAA membership card or renew. Membership in the national EAA is required to belong to a local chapter. Join/renew online or ask Landis for a form.
- 2.) Fill out our form at the end of this newsletter.
- 3.) Mail it along with your check to the address shown or bring it to a chapter meeting.

CHAPTER 99 HANGAR SPACE

Due to the lack of interest from builders we decided to use the hangar for airplane storage for now. The EAA Box-Hangar is available for storage of one or two more airplanes. If only one more airplane fits into the hangar, monthly cost will be \$361.48. If two more airplanes are stored in the hangar we look at \$240.98 per month per airplane. If you are interested send an email to info@eaa99.org or call Landis (772-567-2506).

FEBRUARY FORUMS

LoPresti SpeedMods' Aviation Seminar, Feb. 2 will feature Steve Wittman, a race pilot, airplane designer, builder and EAA member. When he was 85 he decided that he should step aside and let some of younger pilots have a shot. The last air show that he flew was on his 90th birthday. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 am on the north ramp of the airport. More details at www.SpeedMods.com.

FAA Safety Seminar, Feb. 21

The next FAA safety seminar will be held on Feb. 21 at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Dr., VRB. At the time of this printing, the FAA Safety team has not finalized the program for February, but the plan is to have an Aviation Medical Examiner make a presentation on flight physicals.

LAST NOTE

John and Muriel said good bye to the little Zenith. She went flying into a container to be shipped to her new owner in Switzerland.



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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):

- Feb. 5, 2008
- March 4, 2008
- April 1, 2008

Members Meeting

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

- Feb. 12, 2008
- March 11, 2008
- April 7, 2008

Young Eagles Flights & Pancake Breakfast

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

- Feb. 23, 2008
- March 22, 2008
- April 26, 2008

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 9, 2008:
Aviation Day

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Meeting Location:

T-Hangar # 16
2703 Flight Safety Drive
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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