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Sun 'N Fun 2008

is history, but what a great week. A little soggy at first but after that the weather was just great. Several members were there, camping out or just for the day. Perhaps some of them have interesting tidbits to tell us of the event.



Our parts sale at the Sun 'N Fun went very well. The chapter netted \$ 641.00, so Frank H. could give a big stack of cash to Landis during our Pancake Breakfast last Saturday. We tried to talk Landis into taking us out to C.J. Cannons, but to avail.

Lunch with Bump Holman

On behalf of Chapter 99 and the airport, Todd, Gerd and Sylvia treated Bump to lunch at C.J. Cannons on April 23, 2008 to thank him for Sun Aviation's generous support of Aviation Day 2008. To mark the occasion, Bump was presented with a personalized runway light by the airport, and a certificate of appreciation from Chapter 99. Thanks again, Bump! We couldn't have done it without you and the dedicated employees from Sun Aviation, Sun Avionics and the Sun Jet Center!



OUTLOOK

Officers Meeting on May 6, 2008, 7:00 PM

While at Sun 'N Fun, Pres. Gerd did some inquiring with EAA personnel and has some interesting information to give us at the meeting regarding the Young Eagles program and our liability situation. By that time he will also have met with a local attorney and have some idea of Chapter 99's position. To this officers meeting we particularly invite all our Young Eagles pilots and volunteers involved to discuss the future of the program.

Members Meeting on May 13, 2008, 7:00 PM

This month's members meeting promises to be an exciting one:

Chapter Liability Issues - a summary about our situation will be given.

Vote for your favorite educational program - Gerd will have a list of desirable educational programs available for the coming year. Voice your opinion, and if you have a special program in mind that you would like to see, let us know. Your officers rely on your input. (After all, this is for you!)

Fabric Covering Hands On Session - featuring Landis and Bill Z. who will conduct a hands on session about fabric covering. They are planning to bring three control surfaces in different stages to work on. Bill brought the parts in to our Pancake Breakfast last Saturday for a preview (see page 2). Bill also did some research and came up with a fairly new type of waterborne covering system which is very safe to use indoors. Watch your reminder e-mail for details!



MINUTES MARCH MEETING

The meeting of 14 members and 5 guests was opened by Todd at 7:14 PM. March Minutes were not read, because they were in the newsletter and on the bulletin board. The treasurers report by Michael showed a balance of \$13,583.79 as of March 31. Todd then introduced the guests.

Vice Pres. Keith explained the details of obtaining a plaque for Don K. to be placed on the memorial wall at Oshkosh. It was paid by donations



from Chapter 99, Don's home chapter in Michigan, and the Mustang II builders organization. He also gave information on the Errors and Omissions policy for the chapter which he has been looking into. Following that was a general discussion on the suspension of the Young Eagles program and Chapter 99's responsibilities. In the absence of President Gerd, no decisions were made.

Webmaster report: Sylvia stated that she was taking steps to prevent unauthorized use of photographs by outside interests which have appeared in the chapter newsletter and web site.

Builder reports: Spencer is working on the Corvair engine and the wings for his own design composite airplane.

Todd told of the upcoming FAA safety meeting and the card sent from Chapter 1288 (Valkaria) to Chapter 99 in sympathy for the death of Don K. He then closed the meeting and those present enjoyed snacks and a hangar flying session.



Member Joe G. chats with Alex, a student from Flight Safety.



Keith reporting on the Errors and Omissions policy.

The program by Landis was an explanation of the Stewart System for covering aircraft and a continuation of the DVD started at the March meeting of the PolyFiber system.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Since the Young Eagles program is currently on suspension, there were no Young Eagle flights. Howev-

er several youngsters did show up and were treated to a pancake breakfast and given instruction on the simulator by Marty. In a general discussion of several of the members present, Pres. Gerd explained what he had learned at Sun 'N Fun regarding the program. Several suggestions were made and one that seemed favorable was to expand the simulator training. Bill Z. and Marty have been working on converting a BD-5 into a more realistic simulator.



Hangar flying in Ken's hangar.



Betty's mouth watering 4-berry fruit salad went very well with the pancakes - YUMMY!!

The Chapter 99 members and guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes, pastry and mixed fruit. These Saturday morning sessions are a great social event where along with enjoying the food, those present can exchange ideas, ask questions, swap stories, get to know each other or just have a good time, for example play:

Chapter 99 Show & Tell

Bill Z. brought in the parts to be covered at our next members meeting. He suggested a wooden flap to be used as propeller for Ed's RANS, but Frank (he is an A&P by trade) only scratched his head, wondering how this should work out. In case you wonder how Ed lost his prop in the first place, read on...



EAA Hangar Defect Revealed!

Submitted by a big fan of Chapter 99
Thanks to painstaking research conducted by Ed, we now know that the Chapter's new box hangar has a defect that could affect everyone who hangars a plane in the City's T-Hangar complex. It seems that, when the hangar door is not raised to a level that is higher than the tallest point on an airplane, the tallest point will strike the hangar door if the airplane



is moved into or out of the hangar. Ed's research further revealed that, if the highest point on the airplane happens to be a wooden prop, there is a good chance that the hangar door, although faulty, may prove stronger than the prop. This is very valuable information, and we are all indebted to Ed for taking the time (and spending the money!) to bring this situation to our attention.

It is the unselfish attitude of members like Ed Crouse that makes:



APRIL FORUMS

"T.O.s, Ldgs. & Whoa!" FAA Safety Seminar
On Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM the Treasure Coast FAASTeam will host two seminars. The first will be "The Ups & Downs of Takeoffs & Landings" by David Littlefield and the second presentation will be "Land & Hold Short Operations" by Todd Scher. Location: FightSafety International Hangar, 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach, Classroom "M". For more information check www.faasafety.gov

LoPresti Aviation Seminar
LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar of interest to all pilots on the first Saturday of each month. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport. Check More details at www.SpeedMods.com.

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LAST NOTE

Merana's "B-17" watercolor was accepted into the American Society of Aviation Artists' juried 2008 International Aerospace Art Exhibit, running from June 16th - September 14 in Seattle, WA. See the watercolor in AirSpeed December 2007. (All editions are available at www.eaa99.org/newsletters.)

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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):
• May 6, 2008
• June 3, 2008
• July 1, 2008

Members Meeting
2nd Tue. of every month at 7pm (bring a guest):
• May 13, 2008
• June 10, 2008
• July 8, 2008

Pancake Breakfast & Social
4th Sat. of every month, 8:30am - 11am
• May 24, 2008
• June 28, 2008
• July 26, 2008

Upcoming Events:
• Summer Break!

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Meeting Location:

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