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PIREPS

➤ **Fly out to Winter Haven on March 14, 2009**

Submitted by Gerd

Two members enjoyed a fantastic morning at GIF. Sitting on the restaurant porch with a coffee latte and Apple Streusel, the view included both the runways of Winter Haven and the sea plane base, where a wide range of air- and seaplanes could be observed taking off and land. GIF has a new terminal with a new café style restaurant. Good coffee, pastries, sandwiches, salads and soups are available. Definitely a place worth a visit!

Gerd doing a thorough tire kicking inspection before heading back.



OUTLOOK

➤ **Electric Wiring by Roy on April 14, 2009**

Submitted by Bill Z.

Our April program will feature Roy P. presenting a short explanation of how to wire your home built aircraft and showing a bunch of photos. You might be familiar with "Roy's Electrical Service", since Roy spent most of his career working on home and commercial electrical installations. He is also the designer of the "Drifter" which is an original design ultralight. His most recent airplane was a gorgeous RV-7, which he sold, and he is putting the finishing touches on a Murphy Elite on floats.

MINUTES LAST MEETING

Submitted by Sue

Vice President Keith called the members meeting on March 10, 2009 to order at 7:05 PM. 22 members and five guests were present. Eight more members were represented by other members. The proxies were verified at the meeting. A notice of special meeting to vote on the amendment and the elections was mailed on Feb. 2nd, 2009 to all 46 members on file as of that day.

President's Report: Gerd handed out questionnaire forms for input from chapter members for the purpose of planning the next year's activities. There is hanger

space open for any member interested – see Ed or Keith for more information. Landis reported there is a need for chapter members to greet visitors and talk to them about

aviation at our Learn to Fly Saturday events. Then there was a lengthy discussion on risk and liability with the Young Eagles program and separating it from the Learn to Fly Saturday.



Gerd: "Everything is fine - until something happens! Whatever the chapter activities are, there must be no doubt that insurance coverage is safely in place."

ELECTIONS



The Amendment of Articles of Incorporation was passed in an unanimous vote.

The membership voted for the following officers: President – Gerd, Vice President – Keith, Treasurer – Mike, and new on board is Sue as Secretary.

Since Landis stepped back as secretary, Gerd presented Landis with an Award of Appreciation for his 40+ years of dedicated service to our chapter. It will take two people to pick up the ropes: Sue will take over the secretary's job and Gary volunteered to do the membership part.



Officer's handoff: Sue and Landis



Vice Presidents Report: Keith reported he sent off 38 letters to the Department of Transportation to demonstrate our voice against the Large Aircraft Proposal. Keith also reported there has been an overwhelming response from the GA community throughout the nation against this proposal.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported our chapter account has a balance of \$21,292.59.

Webmasters Report: Sylvia reported that the Press Journal has printed an announcement about the Learn to Fly Saturday events with a reference to the chapter web site. Sylvia has updated the chapter web site with information on the Learn to Fly Saturday event on the home page for the public to easily find. The Learn to Fly brochure is also now on the web site for the public to see.

Builder Reports: Ernie is progressing on the Barracuda with sanding and finishing before the painting begins. John H. reported he is also progressing on the Kit Fox and he brought in one of the strut attachment pieces to show. Keith reported on his Glasair – the wings are in his garage and the fuselage is at the hanger and he is working on things. Marty reported he is working on expanding the chapter simulator and the CAP simulator. He stated the value in the simulator is significant as it draws a lot of interest not only at Aviation Day but also at Learn to Fly Saturday's.



The membership was reminded of the next Fly Out event on March 14, 2009 to the Jack Baker Sea Plane Base.

Before Keith officially closed the meeting, a cake was presented to José with thanks for his work for the chapter and best wishes for his future career as a pilot. After everybody enjoyed coffee



and some cake, Todd presented his program "Airport Emergency Response - What to Expect When Things go Wrong"

José pictured next to Roger and Gary

LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

Submitted by Alex

On March 28, 2009 Vernon was there bright and early as usual, getting the coffee pot going, setting up tables and everything else. Whew! How does he get up that early on a Saturday morning? Everything was ready for Gene to start the pancakes by the time guests began to arrive. Pancakes, pastries, orange juice and coffee with fresh strawberries from Sylvia to top them off were there and

everyone enjoyed the breakfast.

Keith's signs announcing Learn to Fly Saturday caught the eye of a few "Veroites" and we had enough of folks interested in aircraft and flying to keep Marty and myself busy with his "Ground School" and flights on the simulator. It is good to see that we are attracting a wide range of guests, children to adults who want to find out more about flying. Thanks to Landis and all the other members who greeted our guests and made them feel welcome.

Ed Crouse was in his hangar all morning welcoming the visitors we sent over. Lars dropped in with his SAAB airplane with Tommy, a friend from Sweden who was here in the US getting checked out in a P51 Mustang.



Ed explaining his RANS to visitors Jim and Steve.

Lars with Tommy and the SAAB. Lars, what is the meaning of RUK-SLUCHTVAARTSCHOOL?



Landis reported that he did not meet any would be pilots, but there were two guys there that are old time pilots and were interested in joining the chapter. There was one 15 year old who was very interested. Landis watched Alex entertaining the kids that just walked in: "Alex is to be commended as at least with one girl he tried to get her to pay attention while he was explaining the instrumentation and she was more interested in what her friend sitting on the sofa had to say."

CUCKOO'S NEST

Submitted by John H.

Hello members of EAA 99! Our featured member this month is Lars, who has been flying since 1947. Yes, that's 62 years!! This 80 something year old pilot took me up in his 74 year old airplane (1934 Tiger Moth) and told me stories of his life as an aviator.

Lars grew up on a small island in the Baltic, between Switzerland and Russia. The chief of the Swedish air force was on the board of the company that Lars's father was in charge of. This general "I can't pronounce his name" came once a year to Lars' parents home for the board meeting. Lars remembers that he was very inspiring and encouraged the children to take an interest in flying.

During the war Lars saw many airplanes and also built model airplanes. The Swedish military had compulsory





service and of course Lars wanted to join the air force, but his father felt that it would be too dangerous and wanted him to go to college before he could become an officer and pilot. So his father promised to pay for private flying lessons at some opportune time later.

Lars entered the university and discovered that they had a flying club with 5 Klemms they had just purchased from the Swedish military. He wrote home to his father and asked if he could start flying. His father kept his promise and paid for Lars to learn to fly, beginning in the fall of 1947. Lars continued to learn through the winter, mostly flying with skis and received his license in the spring. Right after he received his license the club started to offer a 5-hour aerobatic course, so Lars took that also. He said that since that time he has tried to stay current, and continues to do some aerobatic flying even in his 80's!

After university, Lars spent some time as a mining engineer in the mountains where there were no airports, so he was only able to fly in the summers during his vacation. Sometime later Lars moved to America for a while and then to India and did some flying in Piper Cubs. After the Chinese attacked, the Indian government would not allow foreigners to fly. With the money he made in India he bought a Klemm, but discovered how difficult the Klemm is to work on. In 1972 he found a Tiger Moth – that's the one he is still flying today.

For about 12 years Lars had a business in San Jose and Riverside California doing cremation – with a Cessna 182!! He would spread the ashes at sea, in the desert and over the mountains. Surely Lars was a pioneer in this line of work.



View from the copilot's seat.



Tiger Moth in front of the hangar at IR Aerodrome

These are just some highlights. Lars loves to talk about his experiences. If you like to hear good flying stories – just ask him for more!

LAST NOTES

➤ **Hurricane Shelter for Airplane available - GREAT DEAL - ONLY \$183.61 per month!**

Ed is offering his space in the Chapter box hangar during his summer leave. This is a chance for another chapter member to shelter his beauty between May and October from inclement weather for a very reasonable price!! Rent is \$183.61 per month. High wing airplane will work, needs to get along with Ken's Shazam. If you are interested, send an e-mail to info@eaa99.org or call Keith (772-299-0999).

➤ **FAA Safety Team Seminar on April 16**

The FAASafety Team Seminar on April 16th will feature two presentations: Wings Program Update, by Donato Martino, and General Aviation Airport Security, by Todd. Held at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Main Hangar, Classroom M, at 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach. For more information check www.faasafety.gov

➤ **Future Fuel? Update from EAA e-hotline**

"A significant step toward establishing an alternative unleaded fuel took place this week, as Teledyne Continental Motors, Inc. (TCM) announced the first test flight using unleaded aviation fuel (94UL) in a certificated aircraft. Essentially 100LL without the lead, 94UL may provide a long-term fuel from established sources, while imposing the least impact on the flying community, TCM said during a teleconference this week. EAA has conducted considerable research into alternative aviation fuels to ensure members can pursue their passion for flight." Read the full story online:

http://www.eaa.org/news/2009/2009-04-02_fuel.asp

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CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

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

➤ **Planning Meeting**

1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm (incl. Aviation Day preparation):

- April 7, 2009
- May 5, 2009
- June 2, 2009

➤ **Members Meeting**

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

- April 14, 2009
- May 12, 2009
- June 9, 2009

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

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

- April 25, 2009
- May 23, 2009
- June 27, 2009

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

- April 21-26, 2009:
Sun 'N Fun at Lakeland

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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 most current details. You can join online.

Chapter 99
Dues for 2009:
\$20.00

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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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