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CHAPTER DUES

Are you surprised to get the January edition of AirSpeed in the regular mail instead of email? We just thought to make it easy for you to renew your chapter membership by supplying you with a printed application. Yes, it's that time of year again:



2009 membership dues are due!

Your benefits include an annual subscription to AirSpeed, email notifications of chapter happenings, member-only events, use of the chapter lending library and more (see application). Our application is printed at the end of this newsletter and is also available for download on our website: www.eaa99.org

Remember, membership in the national EAA is required to belong to a local chapter. We need everybody's national EAA number and date of expiration. EAA headquarters request a current membership roster for Chapter renewal and will reject any incorrect listing. Forms for the national membership are available from Landis, or join/renew online at www.eaa.org.

➤ To join/renew your membership, please:

1. Check your national EAA membership or renew.
2. Fill out our application form on the last page of this newsletter.
3. Mail it along with your check to the address shown or bring both to a chapter meeting.

Thank You!!

PIREPS

➤ Ch99 XMas Party on Dec. 9, 2008

Submitted by Landis

The 2008 Chapter 99 Christmas party was held as scheduled on Tuesday December 9, in place of the regular monthly meeting. The gala affair was held at the spacious clubhouse of the Countryside community west of Vero Beach along route 60 due to the courtesy of member Bob A. For his efforts in this endeavor he was presented with a Chapter 99 polo shirt by Pres. Gerd during the festivities. Also deserving of many thanks for the success of the event were Keith and Betty Gordon who organized the affair, the set up of tables and the clean up after. A special thanks to Betty for conducting the gift exchange game.



After his knee surgery, Landis was able to attend. He even wore his fancy Christmas attire.



Bob showing off his chapter polo shirt.

John H. recovered his stolen tool three times!



The evening started out with a social period with beverages. Each member was requested to bring a vegetable dish or dessert to go along with the turkey which was supplied by the chapter and prepared by Betty G. This made for a delicious meal with plenty of food for everyone. After the appropriate people were recognized for their efforts, the fun part of the evening began. Each person had been requested to bring an inexpensive wrapped gift for the exchange. Random numbers were given to everyone who brought a gift. The rules of the exchange game were that as a number was called the person would select one of the gifts, unwrap it and show it to everyone. The next person to be called could either choose to pick a new gift or take one from a previous recipient if they so desired. The loser



would then have to pick another wrapped gift for themselves and the process started all over again. This made for some humorous incidents as some desired gifts changed hands several times. Everyone present had a good time. What a great way to end the year for Chapter 99!

Chocolate anyone?



Chapter 99 Fly Out Idea To New Smyrna

Submitted by Gerd

On Saturday Dec. 20, Gerd and his Mooney took opportunity of the Fly Out Idea of the Month and had a nice flight to the Open Hangar Day in New Smyrna Beach. He even managed to submit photos, taken with his cell phone:



OUTLOOK

Bonanza and Boeing 747 What's the difference anyway?

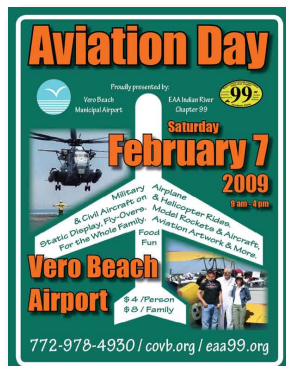
Our airline captain Keith, who flew everything from sea-planes in airline service to 747s, will share with us some of his endless supply of experiences and anecdotes. This promises to be an entertaining evening! Mark your calendar for our members meeting on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Plan to attend and bring a friend.



Two of Keith's planes

Aviation Day 2009

Chapter 99 and the Vero Beach Airport will again host Aviation Day, this year on Feb. 7. Planning meetings for this event are being held Jan. 6, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, all at 7:00 PM in our chapter meeting room. Interested members are welcome. Flyers for advertising will be distributed at the members meeting on January 13, 2009.



Volunteer Meeting on Jan. 27, 2009

Calling All Aviation Day Volunteers!

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

Get To Know Your Fellow Members

Submitted by John H.

Hello fellow members of EAA Chapter 99. My name is John and I am the newest member of the chapter. The other day there was a discussion among chapter members about how difficult it is to get to know people in the chapter when you are new. The idea came up if anyone would like to start a column in the newsletter dedicated to helping the members get to know each other better. It sounded like something I would enjoy so I volunteered. Our plan is to interview a member and then write about his/her aviation experience and interests. To get started, I will tell you about myself, and some of the history of my quest for flight. I hope you all will enjoy reading this new column, called "The Cuckoo's Nest".

CUCKOO'S NEST

Submitted by John H.

My father loved flying; he was a paratrooper in the Korean war and worked as a load master on an airplane that dropped supplies and equipment to the troops on the ground. He had many pictures and I loved looking at them. Two were most memorable: One of the left engine of the aircraft he rode in with the prop not moving. The engine was trailing smoke, because it had been shot by the enemy. The other was of the impact zone where they had dropped a tank. On its way out of the airplane it started spinning causing the parachutes to tangle up. When it hit the ground it buried itself and the ground collapsed back over it. There was only a two-foot hole with the parachutes trailing on the ground. Dad said they poked a stick down the hole to see how deep it was. It was about six feet to the top of the tank.

One of my first experiences with flying was when my brothers and I built a large kite. We used plastic sheeting, some small trees out of the woods and some duct tape. My two brothers, who are several years older than I, climbed on top of the barn. Steve, the craziest of us, jumped off holding onto the cross piece of the kite. It worked wonderfully at first and he glided about two hundred feet. But when his forward momentum slowed he pulled into a stall and then dived straight into the ground. He wasn't hurt much but the kite was in pieces. Even though I was only 5 or 6 at the time I could tell the problem: The center of gravity was too far to the rear and they needed control surfaces. I offered to redesign the airplane for them. They were unwilling to try again, but I have been wanting to build an airplane ever since.





I have been a carpenter, but spent some time in the US Navy working as a diesel mechanic with the Navy Sea Bees. After leaving the Navy I went back to construction work, and in 2004 I came to Florida to do roofing.

After about two years construction, work had just about completely dried. But someone in my church that is an A&P told me about an opening for an apprentice aircraft mechanic at Flight Safety. I jumped at the chance and have been working there for two years now. I am going to get my airframe certification soon and enjoy the work. I haven't gotten to fly though.

My current projects are the Kitfox that you folks have been kind enough to let me build, and I am also going to be assisting Susan (teacher at Vero Beach High School) and her students in building an affordaplane ultralight, as soon as we can get some funds to start.

I am looking forward to talking with all of you. See you next time.

AVIATION FORUMS

FAA Safety Seminar on Jan. 15, 2009

Submitted by Todd

Topic is "Preventing Solo Incidents 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

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 info check www.sport-aviation-expo.com.



LAST NOTES

Hangar for Member Project available

Our chapter T-hangar next to our meeting room is available. Rent is \$446.32 per month. 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).

AVIATION QUOTE

Submitted by Roger C. and Bill Z.

Photo by "Ye Mystic Airkrewe"

"What freedom lies in flying, what Godlike power it gives to men... I lose all consciousness in this strong unmortal space crowded with beauty, pierced with danger."

Charles A. Lindbergh



"Ye Mystic Airkrewe" is a great bunch of guys and gals. They try to get together for a formation practice on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. If you are interested in what they are doing, contact Bill Z. by sending an email to info@eaa99.org.

Or check <http://www.yemysticairkrewe.com/>

*** BEST WISHES FOR 2009! ***

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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 prep meetings):

- Jan. 6/20/27, 2009
- Feb. 3, 2009
- March 3, 2009

Members Meeting

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

- Jan. 13, 2009
- Feb. 10, 2009
- March 10, 2009

Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast

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

- Jan. 24, 2009
- Feb. 28, 2009
- March 28, 2009

Upcoming Events:

- 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

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