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## PIREPS

### Aviation Day 2009

Submitted by Sylvia



The morning of February 7, 2009 started with chilling temps in the 50's. Chapter 99 members donned jackets and were grateful for the coffee that Vernon brought along. Only Marty and Alex were lucky, they had their spot for the flight simulators inside the Airport Terminal lobby. Our visitors didn't mind the cold, there was a line forming way ahead of the opening hour. This caused a little nervousness throughout the early admission team, because they had no cash yet! But this minor incident was solved quickly. In general, the whole event was well prepared and the volunteer teams knew what do.

Jess on duty counting visitors: "1467, 1468, 1469 ..."



Ken knew that safety advice is not enough and took care of the "sharp object" protruding from Shazam.



Jess and John M. took turns counting the visitors. By 3:30 PM they were tired and gave up: 4,035 visitors! We broke the record of 2007, which was just short of 3,000. You can imagine that with so many visitors, we could use all the

Bill and Sue in the Chapter 99 tent



hands we had. Unfortunately our chapter icon Landis was sick and could not attend. Bill Z. stepped in his spot and manned the Chapter tent, giving out pamphlets and talking to anyone who dared to stop by. Marty and Alex were so busy, they didn't even have time to go get some water. They were glad that the trouble shooting team noticed the emergency and organized some water and break time. The volunteers on the flight line were just as tied down, most of them did not get a chance to walk the event.

Jim D. did an awesome job moderating Aviation Day. He was well prepared and kept the visitors up to date about the different airplanes on display and the several fly-in/fly-over/departure happenings. Mike's hot dogs helped us to keep our energy levels up, together with the tasty chili that Bill Z. brought.

When the gates closed at 4:00 PM, everybody was tired but grateful for a successful event.

Lars and Todd had to hold down the Tiger Moth during the Coast Guard demonstration.



A big Thank You to all who volunteered their time and resources to make Aviation Day 2009 such a success! More photos will be available on [www.eaa99.org](http://www.eaa99.org) soon.



## OUTLOOK

### Members Meeting on March 10, 2009:

#### VOTE

All members of 2009 received the proposed changes of our Articles of Incorporation in the mail in January, together with a proxy. We need your vote, please plan to attend or send in your proxy!

#### ELECT

And while we are doing official chapter business, let's get done with the election of officers as well. Gerd is also planning to distribute his annual Chapter questionnaire with suggestions for future programs.

#### ENJOY

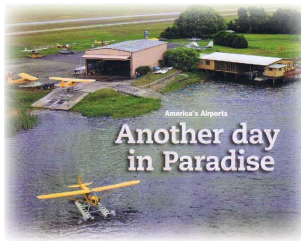
"Airport Emergency Response - What to Expect When Things go Wrong" will be our program for the evening. Todd will talk about emergency response capability and how it differs between airports, what will happen behind the scenes in an emergency, what the pilot needs to know and do, and what happens after an accident/incident, including reporting requirements.

### Chapter 99 Fly Out Idea - March 14, 2009

Winter Haven Gilbert Airport has a new place in the terminal building serving great sandwiches, salads and soups for lunch. Prices are very reasonable. KGIF is located just a mile from Jack Brown's Seaplane Training Base (F57 on the charts). Brown's is a busy little seaplane training facility and will be providing seaplane training all day Saturday (weather permitting). The FBO at KGIF can provide us with car rides over and back to Brown's seaplane base. Some members indicated that it would be nice to be at the KGIF FBO by 10:00 AM, go to F57 to watch the action, then go back to KGIF for lunch.

Everyone should make his or her own arrangements and decision relating to taking part in the suggested trip, including the suitability of the Winter Haven Gilbert Airport and the cautions that relate to the varied training traffic that takes place there. The airport identifier is KGIF and it is non-towered. Parking is at the new terminal building on the north end of the airport adjacent to the divided highway.

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.



## MINUTES LAST MEETING

### Submitted by Landis

The meeting of 27 Chapter 99 members and 6 guests was opened at 7:05 PM by Todd S. with the introduction of guests. He then announced that minutes of the previous meeting were in the newsletter and posted on the bulletin board. Michael D.'s treasurer report was that over \$7,000.00 was received from Aviation Day and that until all invoices for expenses were received he would not have a final figure.

Builder Reports: New member Dan C. is working on a Corvair engine conversion for a Zenair. Welcome to the chapter! Ernie S. is working on final details for his Buccaneer and John H. told of researching the paperwork for the KitFox to find the model and serial number. Sue D. has acquired a damaged Piper Saratoga from the insurance company owner to use as a model for instructing her High School Aviation Club.

Vice Pres. Keith G. asked that anyone who had not signed a letter of protest to the FAA for the proposed regulation from the Department of Security that all aircraft over 12,500 lbs. comply with airline regulations to do so at this meeting. He also told of the very successful Aviation Day and presented Marty M. with a certificate of commemoration for his excellent work while instructing on the flight simulator at chapter functions and Aviation Day.



Jess: "You would not believe how many people got married while waiting in line, only to save money on tickets!"



Todd S. stated that at the officers meeting March the operation of Aviation Day will be discussed and asked that all people with ideas for improvement for next year please attend.

For their contributions to Aviation Day motions were made to donate \$500.00 to the Treasure Coast CAP who provided the security and \$400.00 to Missionary Flights International for displaying their DC-3. A motion was also made to provide \$500.00 to Sue D. for use in her High School Aviation Program of rebuilding their newly acquired





project. All motions were seconded and approved.

Todd officially closed the meeting and all attendees enjoyed a snack of hot dogs, sauerkraut, baked beans and key lime pies. After the break José E. showed his excellent slide show of the activities of Aviation Day.

## LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

*Submitted by Alex*

Thanks to the hard work of many of our members, our Learn To Fly Saturday Social and Pancake Breakfast was once again a success and I believe we were once again successful in fueling an interest in aviation among our neighbors here in Vero Beach and some of our surrounding communities.

A big question had been in a lot of our minds: What impact would Aviation Day have on our program? Well, it seems that we generated more interest among adults who are interested in aviation. We had about as many adults attending, flying the simulator and asking questions about flying as we had young people. Landis counted at least 6 persons seriously interested in Chapter activities and Aviation.



*This gentleman came to talk about flight simulator related computer issues.*



*Paula: "This event is a real treat. You know, flying is on my bucket list."*

As usual Marty did a great job of explaining airplanes and how they fly using his remote control model and between the two of us the simulator was buzzing all morning. Landis was kept busy handing out informative pamphlets and

letting our visitors know how they could pursue their interest in aviation. Ken did another outstanding job of answering questions about flying.

Gene and Vernon just keep turning out those pancakes for everyone and messing with our weight and balance! Many thanks to them and all the other Chapter 99 members who gave of themselves to make the day another success. We look forward to many more, just getting better each month!



## 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. If you are interested, send an e-mail to [info@eaa99.org](mailto:info@eaa99.org) or call Keith (772-299-0999).

### ➤ FAA Safety Seminar on March 19, 2009

The FAA Safety Seminars are open to all pilots or would be pilots. 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](http://www.faasafety.gov)

## PILOT VIEWS

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

*Leonardo Da Vinci*

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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):

- March 3, 2009
- April 7, 2009
- May 5, 2009

### ➤ Members Meeting

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

- March 10, 2009
- April 14, 2009
- May 12, 2009

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

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

- March 28, 2009
- April 25, 2009
- May 23, 2009

### ➤ Upcoming Events:

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

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 .....

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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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### On The Web

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### Meeting Location

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