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PIREPS

Impressions of

Sun'N Fun



Sun 'n Fun offered us another opportunity to focus our attention on innovations in aviation. We heard that Bill Z. was there from Tuesday through Thursday, volunteering at the LAMA (Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association) booth. He stated this was a pretty easy duty, just hang around the tent and talk about airplanes. Keith had offered to take four Korean students over there, making Craig K. bring his mini van if they would all come. We bumped into Carl and Donna M. who were helping out at the Piper tent and watched the Saturday night movie together with Frank H. Frank works on the flight line every year, maybe he saw the plane that ended up in a ditch Thursday morning.

Ken's Shazam was displayed at the Velocity tent, but Ken was nowhere in sight. Rumors had it that Alex W. was hanging out somewhere too. Both were finally spotted by Gerd on Sunday, the day where Mike D. was also attending the show.



Maybe we should hold a Chapter get together at Sun'N Fun next year?



OUTLOOK

The Day after the Diesel Euphoria

The Diesel powered Diamond Twinstar did not live up to its expectations. At our members meeting on May 12, 2009 Gerd will present an economic comparison between the Mooney Ovation and the Diamond Diesel Twinstar and give detailed information about the problems associated with the new technology. The presentation will be concluded with a description of the changes implemented in the newly developed engine. Then hopefully everybody will understand why these changes had to be made.



MINUTES LAST MEETING

Submitted by Landis and Keith

The meeting on Apr. 14 was opened at 7:03 PM by Todd S. with 23 members and three guests present. There was no reading of the minutes as they were posted on the bulletin board and appeared in the latest newsletter. Treasurer Mike D. reported a current balance of \$20,678.28.

Builder reports: Todd passed around an e-mail from Spencer G. (he is now residing in Palm Beach) with pictures of his project. They showed the ailerons and machined metal fittings which he is now working on. Ed C. has had the latest Garmin 695 navigational display installed in his RANS Courier and has learned how to use it. Keith stated

ed he had removed an upside-down mounting bracket he had found on the horizontal stabilizer of his GlaStar.



Guest Andy J. (pictured with Joe G.) found us on the web.

As the President had not arrived, VP Keith spoke on progress of legislation through the Florida Senate to overturn the Florida Supreme Court's ruling that parents could not waive the rights of their children's estate. Two pilots from Jacksonville would address the Senate Wednesday 15 on the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling on General Aviation and in particular, Young Eagles. Many other Florida attractions would be addressing the Senators also. Fantasy of Flight had stopped offering hot-air balloon and biplane rides to under 18 year-old



members of the public. Chapter 99 members had been asked to contact their political representatives to support Senate Bill SB886, which would return decision-making in regard to waivers to parents. Keith also stated that the recent Canadian pilot's flight across the border into USA without permission had added power to the Transport Security Administration's argument for more control over General Aviation.

Todd S. explained the new security procedures being implemented at the Vero Beach Municipal Airport. He will present a program on them at the upcoming FAA Safety meeting for general aviation pilots at Flight Safety on April 16. Stan C. announced that these procedures are already in effect at Ft. Pierce Municipal Airport.

Webmaster Sylvia P. reported that the 150 letters sent to local EAA Members resulted in a 5% increase of Chapter 99 membership.

President Gerd announced that a copy of the Garmin 1000 CD is now in the chapter lending library. He discussed the results of last month's questionnaire and expressed appreciation for those who volunteered as needed. He encouraged all to attend the Learn To Fly Saturday and explained that there would be no flying during those events. Gerd presented Jim D. with a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to the chapter, especially as MC on Aviation Day. Jim then related his problems in an effort to obtain obsolete O-rings for his aging Piper Cherokee aircraft fuel valve.



Gary E. explained that the local Heritage Foundation has selected to honor the Holman family at this years annual dinner. Todd S. presented a motion that since the Holman family was instrumental in Vero's aviation development and has always supported Chapter 99, the chapter should become contributing sponsors of the event in the amount of \$250.00.



The motion was seconded by Mike D. and Keith and passed by the membership.

Marty M. explained the use of the current aircraft simulator in both Young Eagles and Learn To Fly Saturdays and the need for a second unit. Mike D. motioned that \$1000.00 be allocated to purchase a new computer simulator which was seconded by Keith G. and passed by the membership.

After a brief break for coffee and pastry, Chapter 99 member Roy P. presented an excellent program on wiring home built aircraft.



Roy was well prepared. He brought lots of hands on stuff and showed photos of his accurate and high quality workmanship.

LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

Landis reported that attendance for the April Lean To Fly Saturday was very low. No surprise here, with Sun 'N Fun going on! Only two repeat youngsters showed up for it. There was however a visiting newsletter editor from W. Virginia who is visiting her father here in Vero. She is a pilot and is building her own light sport. She was interested in our operation as they want to do something similar. Ed C. had his airplane on display and that was some entertainment for those who did show up. Ed is planning to fly his plane to Michigan for the summer, as soon as the electrical problems are solved. Don and Lucy will be leaving too. To all our seasonal friends: Have a safe trip and hope to see you again next fall!

LAST NOTES

➤ New web based Aviation Show

GA TV ONLINE is a half hour long web based Aviation Show that can be viewed 24/7. The site includes Flying Resources, Flight Planning, Sponsors, Links, Events, etc. Check out www.gatvonline.com for details.



➤ **A note from our Membership Chair Gary**

Chapter 99 still has about twenty good friends who have apparently forgotten to send in their 2009 membership dues. That or they've handed someone in a yellow shirt \$20 and figured that was all that needed to happen. Unfortunately, that's not the way to go. You really need to complete a renewal form and give both the form and your money to me (I'm still learning who everyone is). So if you're one of those twenty, please renew now. You will find all the details on the last page of this newsletter. Thanks!

It seems nothing can bother Jim; not even if Gary threatens to crack the whip to collect dues.



➤ **FAA Safety Team Seminar on May 21**

The planned topic for the Treasure Coast FAA Safety Team Seminar on May 21 will be Summertime Flying, including such subjects as Density Altitude, Thunderstorm Avoidance and others.

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

FOR SALE

➤ **1946 Cessna 140**

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PILOT WISDOM



Here is some good advice for Gerd. He just bought a 1980 Cessna 340 with 900 hours:

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

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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):

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

➤ **Members Meeting**

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

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

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

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

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

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

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 most current details. You can join online.

Chapter 99
Dues for 2009:
\$20.00

STEP 2: JOIN EAA CHAPTER 99:

Please print and fill out this form.

Make your check payable to: **EAA Indian River Chapter 99, Inc.**

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THANK YOU for supporting EAA and local Chapter 99.

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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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Meeting Location

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