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OUTLOOK

AirVenture Insider Infos - Sept. 8, 2009

September will be the last month of our chapter summer break, which means there is no official program scheduled.

HOWEVER, at our next members meeting on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM our own Richard Ch. volunteered to share with us how it was to work at the "Learn to Fly" tent at AirVenture in Oshkosh. The tent was overall run by NAFI (National Assoc. of Flight Instructors), had a seminar seating area and three vendors with staff. Richard worked it most every morning.

He had afternoons and evenings off to wander the exhibits and to take several hundred pictures. He also has a video of the A380 fly-bys and landing. Bring a friend (or your significant other) and pray for no hurricane!

Next month the official EAA Chapter 99 Educational Program Season will start with Spencer G. and "What does it take to design an airplane".



MINUTES LAST MEETING



Submitted by Landis

The meeting on Aug. 11, 2009 was opened by Todd Sch. at 7:10 PM with 18 members and two guests present. The minutes of the July meeting were posted on the bulletin board and appeared in the August newsletter. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$18,956.66.

Todd introduced guest David Sch. and then asked for builders reports. Ernie S. is getting his engine in shape. He overhauled a troublesome magneto and now discovered a cylinder problem. John H. has not had time to work on his Kitfox as he was busy preparing for his A & P test. Good news: He passed! Congratulations John. Keith G. needs to build a temporary spray booth and asked the chapter if he could borrow the chapters canopy frame for that purpose. There were no objections.

Pres. Gerd P. spoke of the coming Learn To Fly Saturday and the educational programs for the coming season, which runs from October until June 2010. Based on the results of the Membership Questionnaire 2009 he has lined up speakers for all kinds of aviation related topics.

Vice Pres. Keith G. described the publicity he has arranged for our coming Learn To Fly Saturday and the expected flight school participants. Alex W. reported on the new computer simulator which he has prepared for the upcoming LTF Saturday.

Sylvia gave a brief report on membership status, welcomed Bob F. as a new member and related greetings from José E. and Jerry C.

During the coffee break, members had a chance to play with the new chapter flight simulator that Alex had set up.

After a pleasant half hour of hangar flying and enjoying the refreshments those present were treated to a fascinating narrative by Lucas K., who turned 95 in July, about how he acquired EAA membership No. 46 for 5 bucks in 1953.

Ernie is trying not to crash on landing the flight sim, while Todd and Mike are watching.



Lucas: "Paul and Audrey invited us over for dinner!"

LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

This month Keith pulled together quite some advertising for our Learn To Fly Saturday on August 22. In addition to our regular spots on the radio, he was interviewed by Bob Soos in the MORNING MAGAZINE (WTTB). LTF- Saturday was featured on the front page of YourHub and additional other press notices. Keith arranged for visits of flight schools. He also called for a good rollout of members in yellow EAA shirts and bribed the weather god.



Early in the morning members still had time to browse through Ernie's photos of his Barracuda...



... or like Ernie get their fill of pancakes and the fixings.

Flight Safety brought a G1000 Cessna 172. Pilot Training College had a Gobosh 700 LSA. Remos of SE Florida showed their very nice high-wing LSA and the Cherokee Flyers brought an Avidyne equipped Warrior.



Bob A. and Ron G. of Remos were available to answer questions.



Joe G. and visitor Ken were fascinated by the Gobosh.

An estimated 2-3 dozen visitors were attending, from kids to adults. Most brought family or friends. Some were seriously interested according to Alex. He alone had 15 customers on the flight sim. At least one made arrangements for an introductory flight. Indications were that some visitors expected something like "Young Eagles" and the LSAs had mostly enquiries that could lead to a sale.

Interestingly, not many visitors were interested in getting training for commercial jobs, but rather went towards the LSA direction. The participating LSA schools were very happy with attendance and are planning to come back.

Dirk's RC flight sim was a big hit among the kids and those who waited their turn for the flight sim.

We had plenty of press coverage. Our Hometown News reporter even recognized that we upgraded our flight sim! Lisa from VeroNews.com interviewed Pres. Gerd about Chapter life and EAA in general. She posted an article about our event on www.VeroNews.com (search for "experimental aircraft" and the article will pop up), including information about our next event and contact details.

We gave out plenty of information materials, Chapter newsletters and business cards so visitors could stay in touch with us.

Gene and Vernon were busy all morning fixing flap jacks. Fresh fruit was gone by 11:00 AM. A nice addition were the cupcakes and cookies that the FSI people brought from Mic's Landing, the new management of the Flight Safety canteen.

Considering the low advertising budget (zero), and that it was the last Saturday before most kids went back to school, Chapter 99 was very happy with how it went. A good event with such press coverage will pay dividends after the event is over.

Bill C. and Muriel M. (left) talking to visitors, while Lew G. and Vernon K. keep an eye on things.



This kid was pretty serious about flying and got interviewed by HTNews.

AVIATION FORUMS

FAAS Team Seminar on September 17

Submitted by Todd

The presenter for September's FAA Safety Team seminar is Diego Alphonso. His topic is "Passing the Check Ride/Biennial Flight Review." Diego is from the North Florida FAA Flight Standards District Office, and is one of the most entertaining and informative presenters I have seen, he really does a great job. I want to be like him when I grow up!

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

LAST NOTES

Aviation Day 2010 - Part I

After considering various options, the officers of EAA Chapter 99 have decided that Aviation Day 2010 will be held on:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2010

SAVE THE DATE!



➤ Aviation Day 2010 - Part II

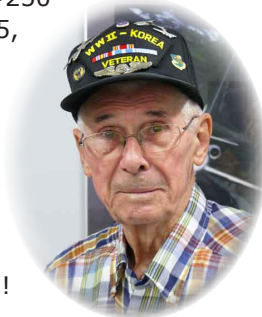
Do you like shooting aviation photos? Maybe playing on the computer making slide shows? Or are you a video taping freak who wants to support us by documenting the event and preparing a presentation?

WANTED!

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER who commits to making a documentation of the event and preparing a presentation for our Aviation Day wrap up meeting in March 2010. This is your opportunity to volunteer a few hours in Feb./March. If you are interested, contact Sylvia by sending an e-mail to info@eaa99.org.

➤ Vero Masons Honor Member Vernon Khail

Vero Beach Masonic Lodge #250 A.&F.M. honored Masons with 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of membership during its regular meeting. The award recognizes when a man was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Vernon, who turned 87 in August, was the only man who received the award for 60 years. Congrats to Vernon!



FOR SALE

➤ 1946 Cessna 140

Annual Jan. 2009, excellent metal wings, 730 SMOH - high compression, 2,200 TT, all top books. Totally restored in 2001, running great. Located in Vero Beach. Owner is 77 and going Light Sport. 22,000 OBO. Call Frank: 772-231-2973



FORMATION FLYING

Photos submitted by Bill Z.

Being able to park your airplane in a tight spot on the ramp is one thing. Being able to fly so close in formation is another.



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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):

- Sept. 1, 2009
- Oct. 6, 2009
- Nov. 3, 2009

➤ Members Meeting

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

- Sept. 8, 2009
- Oct. 13, 2009
- Nov. 10, 2009

➤ Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast

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

- Sept. 26, 2009
- Oct. 24, 2009
- Nov. 28, 2009

➤ Upcoming Events:

Aviation Day 2010:
Feb. 13, 2010

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.**

Mail both to: **G. Embrey, 152 35th Sq. SW, Vero Beach FL 32968**

THANK YOU for supporting EAA and local Chapter 99.

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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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