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CHAPTER 99 + VERO BEACH, FL

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EAA 99 WEBSITE HONORED!

Vice-President Keith G. was advised in late June that Chapter 99 has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2010 EAA Web Editor Awards. The Web Editor award is presented to recognize an "outstanding and informative" website, and to honor those responsible for the website.

The Chapter 99 website was designed by Gerd P. and Sylvia P. approximately six years ago. Since then, Sylvia has added many enhancements, and today's website is a valuable resource for Chapter members and visitors alike. One can find out anything they wish to know about EAA and Chapter 99 by visiting eaa99.org. The website receives an average of 350 hits per month, and during the winter season and Aviation Day, the hits peak at about 1000 per month.

The Awards were presented on Saturday, July 31 at EAA AirVenture Museum. Ken M. was asked to accept the award on behalf of Sylvia.

Congratulations, Sylvia, you should be proud! *(We all know she is the mastermind behind the website!)*

AVIATION DAY 2011 DATE SET

Saturday, February 12 has been selected as the date of Aviation Day 2011, and advance planning is underway for an event that promises to be very different from past Aviation Days.

Aviation Day will be just one of three events that will take place at the Vero Beach Municipal Airport on February 12. Airport Director Eric Menger is spearheading the effort to attract more people to the airport by coordinating other events that will all complement each other and give the public more incentive to come out to the airport.

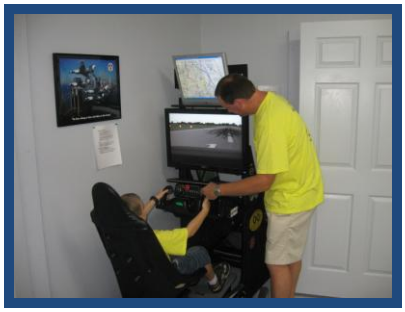
Much more information about the Aviation Day event will be available in the next month or so. Rest assured that Aviation Day will still be a Chapter 99 event, and should benefit from the increased attendance provided by the other events.

As always, the backbone of Aviation Day success is the Chapter 99 members who volunteer their time and energy to the event, and for 2011 we will need to fill a few additional volunteer positions. Please be thinking about how *you* can be a part of the Aviation Day team, and be ready to volunteer your time and talents to this great event!

JULY 24 LTF SATURDAY

Question: What is one way that you can tell it is summertime in Vero Beach (besides the heat)? When the number of visitors equals the number of Chapter 99 members at a Learn to Fly Saturday event! On July 24th, there were about 6 of each, and that meant plenty of pancakes, fresh fruit and simulator time for all present!

Craig K. works with his son Jotham on the Cessna 172 flight simulator at the July Learn to Fly Saturday.



FAASTeam AUGUST SEMINAR

The Treasure Coast FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) will present its monthly safety Seminar at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 19th at FlightSafety Main Hangar, Classroom M. The FAASTeam is fortunate to have Diego Alphonso, from the North Florida Flight Standards District Office, as the presenter for the August seminar. If you have not been at one of Diego's presentations, you have missed out! Make plans to be in the audience for this one!

Check out www.faasafety.gov for more details on Diego's presentation, and to pre-register for the seminar.

KVRB AIRPORT NEWS

After a short delay, the Runway 11L-29R Rehab project is now under way. Currently, Runway 11L-29R, Taxiway F and a portion of Taxiway D are closed, and will not re-open until completion of the project, which is expected in mid-October.

Heavy equipment working on replacing the drainage structures under Runway 11L-29R as part of the Runway rehab project.

At some point during the project, it will be necessary to close Runway 4-22 as well, for a period of 7 days. The exact date of this additional closure is yet to be determined. Construction project information is available by checking NOTAMs, from the Airport page on the City of Vero Beach website (*www.covb.org*) or by contacting the airport directly at (772) 978-4930.

Please be diligent in checking NOTAMs for every flight!

JULY 2010 MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting July 13, 2010, by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:06 PM. There were 13 members and 1 guest present.

PRESIDENT: Mike D. reported that he had received a letter from EAA headquarters notifying the chapter that Sylvia P. has received the 2010 Web Editor Award which will be presented at EAA AirVenture on July 31st. Ken M. will be asked to accept the award since he is planning to be there all week. Mike D. also updated everyone on Gerd and Sylvia's trip to Germany and back in their Cessna 340. Sylvia sent greetings to the chapter members via a postcard from Germany (see page 3). They plan to depart in early August for the return trip to Vero Beach.

SECRETARY: Alex W. reported to the membership that the minutes of the June meeting were posted on the bulletin board and may be read online at the Chapter 99 website.

TREASURER: Mike D. reported that our Treasure, John M. was out of town and reported on his behalf that our current balance was unchanged from last month.

VICE PRESIDENT: Keith G. reported that representatives from Angel Flight attended the planning meeting and asked that Chapter 99 assist them in restoring the fuselage exterior from a Piper Seneca so that it could be placed on a trailer and be used as a float, in parades around South Florida, to bring awareness to Angel Flight and their mission. Keith G. reported that it looked like the biggest item needed might be a right hand windshield and that he was working with Angel flight to try to locate one. A new one has been located that would cost $158 but he was still looking to see if a used one could be found. He reported that the project would require some fiberglass work, as well as some metal work and asked that members interested in working on the project contact him. It was pointed out that the work only will be to make the plane look good cosmetically. Chapter 99 and other contributors to the project would be invited to place their logos on the finished project to show their support for Angel Flight. John H. indicated that he thought he might have a used windshield that might work. Keith said that there had been some discussion of using the Cherokee Six that Sue D. has but it turns out that the school board now owns it and that it would not be available. Keith G. reported that if a used windshield is available then he thought that the biggest expense would be the fiber glassing and asked for volunteers to assist on the project.

Keith G. also reported that Bob F. has offered the Chapter some rudder controls and joystick for our flight simulator. He recommended that we accept the equipment and forwarded the information to Alex W. for follow-up.

Keith G. also reported that the Vero Beach City Council has announced that special-call City Council meeting has been scheduled on August 18 to hear complaints from a group of citizens that the airport protest group. He said that he would like to see as many of our members as possible attend the meeting in our Chapter 99 shirts to show support for the airport, and that an email would be sent out advising every one of the date and time. The protest group is now complaining that the aircraft operating out of the airport represent an environmental safety issue and are asking that a study be made. Keith pointed out that such a study would probably cost the city a million dollars.

Mike D. pointed out that a similar study at one of the cities on Florida's West Coast wound up costing three million after interested third parties sued the city in protest of the tests. Keith G. thought we should get involved and if the opportunity was given for input from the floor that members should voice our support of the airport operations and in opposition to the spending tax dollars on a study instead of on our schools, teachers, firefighters and police. He will also contact AOPA to see about getting them involved in the issue.
(Editor's note: Todd S. will have more information on this subject at the August members meeting)

WEBMASTER: Sylvia P. was not able to attend the meeting since she and Gerd are in Germany.

BUILDERS: John H. brought in the engine mount that he has fabricated for his Kitfox and showed it to the membership.

Doug E. reported that he has glued up the third wing rib for the Pitts S-1 that he is building. He also has completed his aileron ribs. So far his construction has taken place in his living room like a true amateur builder.

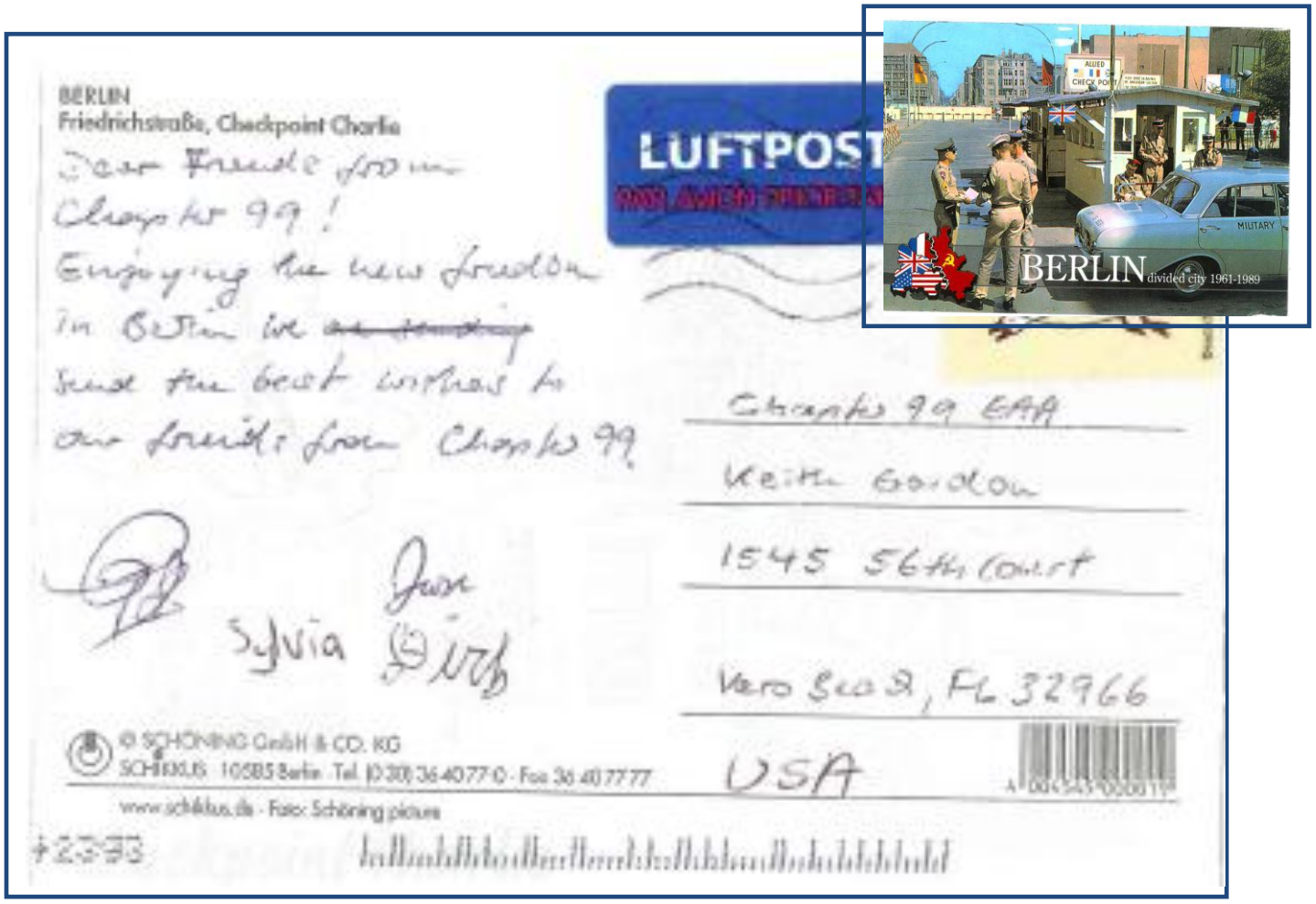
OLD BUSINESS: There was no other old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no other new business.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: After a break Keith showed a film on flying in the Utah Red Rock country. It featured flying into remote airstrips in the canyons of Utah and emphasized how to safely master some very challenging approaches within the towering canyon walls. It was a great film full of spectacular scenery, and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Many "ohs" and "ahs" during the film.

He was thanked for his showing the film by Mike D. The meeting was then closed at 9:15 PM.

Gerd and Sylvia P. Send Greetings from Germany!



OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING	CHAPTER 99 MEMBERS MEETING	LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY EVENT.
1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM	*2nd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM*	*4th Saturday of every month, 8:30 AM*
August 3, 2010 September 7, 2010 October 5, 2010	August 10, 2010 September 14, 2010 October 12, 2010	August 28, 2010 September 25, 2010 October 23, 2010
(Interested members always welcome!)	*(Bring an interested guest!)*	*(Volunteers always appreciated!)*

We are now using e-mail to transmit our newsletter. If you did not receive this issue in the electronic format and would like to do so, please send us your e-mail address and we will be happy to send your newsletters electronically. All issues are available and can be down loaded from the homepage. www.eaa99.org

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 per Year: $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.

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
T-Hangar #16
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