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FORWARD

As you read this newsletter, Chapter 99 is entering a new era in its' long and illustrious history. President Gerd is relinquishing the reins of the Chapter in order to devote more time to other significant endeavors (one of which is more flying, he says!), and Sylvia is cutting back on her responsibilities in the day-to-day operation of the Chapter as well. Gerd and Sylvia have been very instrumental in the growth and direction of Chapter 99, and have devoted a tremendous amount of time, resources and most of all, energy. It's hard to imagine the Chapter without them, and it is very comforting to know that both will continue to be involved in our activities.

Gerd and Sylvia…***thank you*** for your dedication and perseverance! Without a doubt, your efforts have had a truly profound and positive influence on Chapter 99 and the members!

APRIL 2010 MEETING MINUTES:

The April 2010 meeting took on a slightly different look as the presentation portion of the meeting was first on the agenda. The 24 members and guest present enjoyed a very interesting presentation by Jeff Schans, Thunderbolt Engine manager for Lycoming Engines. Jeff spoke on the history of Lycoming, and their current products including Thunderbolt and OEM Experimental engines.

Jeff Schans of Lycoming displays a new-technology RMT! (Quiz – Does anybody remember what an RMT is? Answer at the bottom of Pg 3.)

After the presentation and a social time, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM. Todd welcomed everyone, and announced that the minutes of the previous month's meeting could be read on the chapter website or were posted on the meeting room bulletin board. The following reports were made:

BUILDERS **–** Ernie S. reported that he received the fuel injection components for his Barracuda engine. Ken M. has sold 75 nose wheel locking system that he developed for the Velocity aircraft. Alex and John were also recognized for the great job they did on the flight simulator and enclosure. John M. gave the group a preview of his next building project.

John M. unveils his latest project…it's rumored to be a "fast-build" kit!

PRESIDENT: There was no President's report since Gerd was out of the country.

VICE PRESIDENT: Keith G reported that he continues to closely monitor the Parent Authority Bill, but at the present time the bill does not appear to be moving through the legislature.

TREASURER: According to Michael, "in spite of doubling the pay for officers, we still have money in the account".

MEMBERSHIP: Gary E. was not at the meeting, but had passed along the latest membership information to Sylvia. As of the date of the meeting, Chapter 99 had 71 members on the roster.

WEBMASTER: Sylvia continues to update the website every month, which includes posting the newsletters and information about meetings and programs.

OLD BUSINESS: Romeo V. reported that there were several videos of Aviation Day 2010 posted on the YouTube website.

NEW BUSINESS: The election of officers was conducted in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws. The nominating committee of Alex and Todd presented the following nominations:

President	Michael D.
Vice President	Keith G.
Secretary	Alex W.
Treasurer	John M.

The membership voted on each nominee individually, and all were unanimously approved. Congratulations to those elected, and thank you for your willingness to serve the Chapter.

Chapter 99 is still in need of a newsletter editor. If anyone is interested in taking on that position, or just helping out, please let one of the officers know.

The meeting was officially closed at 8:45 PM.

LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY

We had a pretty good turnout! Plenty of members showed up sharing stories and banter. Those few visitors who dared to stop by were not only seriously interested in aviation (2 adults, a CFI and his wife, 2 FlightSafety students, 2 kids) but were treated with flight sim sessions by Alex, got their brains and hands loaded with information materials by Landis, got their tummies loaded with pancakes and fresh fruit by Gene & Vernon AND were immediately included and involved in all kinds of aviation discussions. We picked up another member, and the 2 FS students each got a Trial Membership. The LTF event gives us an opportunity to engage our visitors in a way that is not possible at membership meetings.

FLORIDA AIRPORT DIRECTORY

The Florida Airport Directory, published for many years by the Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office, may soon be a thing of the past. The Department is considering ceasing publication of the directory due to budget constraints, and is conducting a survey to help them make the decision. Here is a link to the survey, if you wish to participate:

http://survey.florida-aviation-database.com/Survey.aspx

Many thanks to Romeo V. for sharing this information with us.

YOUR DESTINATION AIRPORT: WILL YOUR AIRCRAFT "FIT"??

Todd Scher will be the presenter at the Chapter 99 Membership meeting on Tuesday, May 11. The topic of the presentation is "Your Destination Airport – What to Expect". Pilots may assume that their destination airport can adequately handle their aircraft and their intended operations, but may also be surprised when it can't. Todd's presentation will show the many differences in airport facilities and features, how they might adversely affect your flight operation, and how to find out the information you need to keep surprises to a minimum!

FAASTEAM SEMINAR

The Treasure Coast FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) will present its monthly safety Seminar at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 19 at FlightSafety Main Hangar, Classroom M. The May seminar features David Littlefield, an Air Traffic Controller from Fort Pierce Tower. David is a CFI as well as a controller, which gives him the ability to understand issues and answer questions with the knowledge and experience gained from both sides of the microphone.

David gives a very entertaining presentation, and for those who have questions, is very approachable. This is a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with an air traffic controller who understands the pilot's perspective.

KVRB AIRPORT NEWS

Runway 11L-29R Rehabilitation Project – the airport expects to issue a Notice-to-Proceed to Ranger Construction on May 5, and construction on the project should begin shortly afterwards.

This project is includes resurfacing of Runway 11L-29R, widening and resurfacing of Taxiway F, new runway and taxiway edge lights, new PAPI on Runway 11L, and stabilization of sandy soil at the Runway 29R approach end. The Taxiway F edge lights will be LED technology, which is expected to increase the life of the fixtures while using less electricity.

There will be numerous Runway and Taxiway closures associated with this project. Please get the latest NOTAMs before any flight…it only takes a few minutes at the most, and can save a lot of headaches (or worse!).

ARFF Vehicle – the Airport's new Rosenbauer Airwolf C-3 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicle was delivered on Monday, April 14. The new "Crash 3" vehicle features FLIR (Forward-Looking Infrared Radar) which helps the operator aim the bumper nozzle, and can detect "hot spots" which might indicate an impending fire.

CHAPTER 99 CALENDAR

T-Hangar Meeting Room, Vero Beach Municipal Airport at 2703 Flight Safety Drive

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*
May 4, 2010	May 11, 2010	May 22, 2010
June 1, 2010	June 8, 2010	June 26, 2010
July 6, 2010	July 13, 2010	July 24, 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

Answer to quiz from Page 1:
The object that Jeff Schanz is holding was identified as an RMT, which is an acronym for ***R****ound****M****etal****T****hing!*
Congratulations if you remembered and answered correctly!

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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