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CHAPTER 99 + VERO BEACH, FL



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Monthly Newsletter for EAA Indian River Chapter 99 – April 2011

Sun-N-Fun Report

By now most people know that a category EF-1 tornado touched down on Wednesday afternoon and churned through the display areas flipping airplanes, mangling tents, and creating destruction and general mayhem. Yours truly managed to depart about thirty minutes prior to that event, talk about timing!! Various reports show the total damaged aircraft ranging between 40 to 60. This year's attendance was down, and the Homebuilt area was only about a third full which probably caused less damage to result.

Carl and Donna M. were in the Piper tent, and for a while when the 95 mph winds and horizontal hail threatened to take the tent down, he said he really feared for their lives.

There were three Pietenpols on the west end of the Homebuilt ramp that managed to get all wrapped together.

I had ridden on an Eastern Airlines DC-7B when I was 8 years old. Here I'm getting re-acquainted with the "business" end of the same airplane.



By the next day, most of the damaged airplanes were moved near the helicopter area, and things were getting back to a new normal. But the rain had brought a new hazard: Mud! The parking lot

started gobbling up cars, keeping the tow-trucks busy for the next few days.

By Saturday, there was a constant stream of people inbound to see the afternoon airshow featuring the Navy Blue Angels. The attendance numbers looked normal by then, and it took us an hour and fifteen minutes to get out of the parking lot that evening.

Mary and Mark W. took home another trophy for their recently restored Fleet Biplane. They were lucky to have no damage at all to their plane. Maybe it was that set of double tie-downs?



Speaking of tie-downs, both the spiral screw-in type and the "Claw" types experienced failures. The spiral types just pulled out, but several of the Claw types had either broken or were twisted into spaghetti shapes as their load limit of 1600 lbs was exceeded.

Here's a link to some of the photos...

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=358039&id=192081688622>

And a short Video....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNt1BKqF3a0>

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting March 8, 2011, by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. There were 28 members and 7 guests present. He welcomed everyone to Classroom "M" that Flight Safety has so graciously made available for Chapter 99's monthly meetings while the hangar meeting room is still being repaired. He then asked for the Secretary's report.

Alex W. reported that the minutes to last month's meeting were published in the monthly newsletter which was distributed to all the membership and that he had a copy available if anyone wished to see them. He also noted that a sign-in sheet was being circulated and asked all present to sign-in.

Mike then asked for the Treasurer's report and Steve F. reported the results of the ticket sales for Aviation Day had covered the expenses which were reviewed and the remainder was deposited to the Chapter account. Mike D. reported to the membership that the Chapter was making donations to Missionary Flights International, The Civil Air Patrol, and to the EAA Chapter Fund from the proceeds.

Mike reported that the speaker for the April Membership Meeting would be a representative from Sky Kits. They are planning to bring one of their aircraft with them and discuss the kits that are available for their aircraft. They are marketing a kit aircraft similar to the Zenith 701. Their aircraft is all metal and has excellent STOL capabilities. Then in May, the speaker will be Gerd P. presenting an accounting of the second half of his and Sylvia's adventure crossing the Atlantic to Germany and returning in their Cessna 340. Both of these presentations promise to be entertaining and informative and the membership is encouraged to attend.

Todd S. was then called upon to discuss Aviation Day. Todd reported that the flight line display and the quality of the display was, in his opinion, the best ever. Todd introduced Skip W. and thanked him for being the moving force behind getting two Marine F-18's displayed at Aviation Day. Skip was given a round of applause by the membership. Skip pointed out that both of the F-18 pilots were former Blue Angel members and that they enjoyed being a part of Aviation Day. Todd also pointed out that the flight line crew did an excellent job and even though Frank H. did

not get a flight line layout until way too late, he did a great job helping to get aircraft where they needed to be and he pledged to have Frank a layout early next year or at least by April. Todd also mentioned that there has been some discussion about moving the date to a little later in the year but nothing has been decided and we take our chances with the weather no matter when we set it.

Todd said that there were too many people involved with planning and making Aviation Day happen that he would not try to name them all and called on the pilots in command of the various committees to say a few words about their part. Todd D. representing the Rotary Club who provided food and refreshments thanked the chapter for providing them with the opportunity to take part and said they were "slammed" with the numbers of people that came and they made eight runs to the Sam's Club for food and supplies during the day! From the Rotaries point of view, they did well which allows them to fund their local charities also. It was a very successful event for them. Alex W. reported that the simulator crew did an excellent job in their new location this year and thanked all of the aircraft owners who brought their aircraft out for display and led a round of applause for Todd S. for his leadership and planning of another great event. Ernie S. thanked all of those in his admissions group for a job well done. Ernie also reported that we now have 45 members who have paid their membership dues and encouraged any who have not to get their dues in as soon as possible before the mailing list is purged of non members.

Sylvia P. gave her webmasters report. She reported on the volume of hits on the Chapter Website which was up anyway about one hundred percent over last year. Once we started advertising for Aviation Day, the visits doubled to about 140 per day and tripled to 210 shortly before the event. Interestingly the datatransfer doubles over an average month. This means that people not only visit more often, they also look at more pages and seek out more information about the chapter and Aviation Day. Sylvia also reviewed the results of her survey of people exiting Aviation Day which showed that the most of our visitors heard about our event in the newspaper followed by members of the aviation community and road signs.

Mike D. said that he was pleased with the results this year and the proceeds will insure that Aviation Day will continue even if we have a couple of years of weather washouts.

A suggestion was made that we have performers next year and it was pointed out that if we have aerial performances that our costs skyrocket and make it very hard to be worthwhile without outside sponsors helping with the costs.

It was also suggested that when we have guests such as Barry Vincent Smith, the WWII WASP, that we should set up a special tent with seating where attendees can visit with them and hear them speak of their experiences.

Todd also related that History Flight was ecstatic over their results in selling flights and are looking forward to taking part again next year. There was enough interest in flying in their aircraft that they had to fly not only on Aviation Day, but also on the two days following the event. They had first planned on being here only one day.

Mike D. summed it up by saying that our whole philosophy about Aviation Day is that we just want to be able to put it on next year, make it pleasant for families to bring their children and not be too expensive so that those attending can get excited about aviation and flying. We also want to promote our beautiful airport and let people come out and see and experience it. This year was a great success.

After everyone stuffed themselves on a wonderful variety of refreshments, Romeo V. showed three videos he has put together from photos and videos of Aviation Day. The videos were professionally done and presented and enjoyed by all in attendance. The videos can be found on YouTube by searching for Aviation Day Vero Beach.

After viewing the videos Romeo was given a resounding round of applause and thanks.

The meeting was then closed at 8:53 PM.

Pancake Breakfast and Fly In

Homestead Executive Jet Center Will be hosting a Fly-In and Free breakfast Saturday, April 9th Breakfast will be served between 8:30am - 11:30am Free pancakes and coffee for everyone (donations are welcome).

Young Eagle Flights begin at 9am EEA Chapter 620 will be flying Young Eagles ages 8-17 EAA Pilots, If you will be flying Young Eagles, please let us know.

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OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING

*1st Tuesday of every month,
7:00 PM*

April 5, 2011

**Airport Terminal Meeting Room
#201**

***(Interested members always
welcome!)***

CHAPTER 99 MEMBERS MEETING

*2nd Tuesday of every month,
7:00 PM*

April 12, 2011

**Flight Safety Main Hangar
Classroom M**

**3530 Cherokee Drive,
Vero Beach
*(Bring an interested guest!)***

LEARN TO FLY SATURDAY EVENT.

*4th Saturday of every month,
8:30 AM*

**Canceled
until further notice**

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.



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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**

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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

T-Hangar #16

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