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OUTLOOK

Chapter 99 Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 10, 2011

Instead of a members' meeting on the second Tuesday in December, we will hold our annual Membership Christmas Party on Saturday December 10. Betty and Keith G. have volunteered their home. Invitations have been snail mailed.

If you did not receive an invitation, you may want to check your membership status with Ernie (flyerniefly@msn.com or call 772-643-4414)



Pssst! We'll tell you a secret!

Your officers are working diligently on a special presentation for our members meeting in February. If everything works out as planned, then you will get to see more of this:



And talk to these gentlemen:

London to Los Angeles — 3:47:39



Major William C. Machorek, Jr., navigator



Captain Harold B. Adams, pilot

Keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned.

MINUTES LAST MEETING

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on November 8, 2011 - submitted by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Secretary's report was given by Alex W. He reported that the minutes to last month's meeting were published and distributed to the membership by email and in addition a copy is posted on the bulletin board on the back wall of the meeting room.

Treasurer Steve F. then gave the Treasurers report.

Mike D. reminded everyone that the sign-in sheet was being circulated and encouraged everyone to make sure to sign in. Mike then welcomed our first time visitors to our meeting. They were welcomed with a round of applause.

Vice President Keith G. reported that he had nothing new to report this month.

Webmaster Sylvia P. reported that the plans for the Chapter 99 Christmas party have been finalized. The party will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the home of Keith and Betty G. We will have a dinner. The meat will be provided by the Chapter and members should bring a side dish. Members are urged to RSVP Betty G. and let her know what they will be bringing. Sylvia said that she will mail invitations by the end of next week. Mike circulated a sign-up sheet for those who already know what they will be bringing. Sylvia also asked for and received volunteers to move tables and chairs and assist with setup on the morning of the event. Mike also announced that we will once again have a gift exchange and asked for everyone attending to bring a \$10 to \$15 gift for the exchange. He also encouraged members to bring a guest.

Mike D. said that a member is considering buying into an aircraft partnership and a discussion of partnerships and resources concerning partnerships ensued with many suggestions being offered.

Mike D. then asked for builders reports. Steve F. said that he has not finalized the paint and polish job on his RV. Doug E. reported that he has completed the wingtip bows for the Pits S1 that he is building and is now trying to decide whether to build his own wing spars or buy precut spars. At any rate he says he is about ready to start assembling the wings. Ernie S., who is building a Barracuda, said that he has the pitot system working properly and has calibrated it. He said that his project now is awaiting paint and licensing. Ken M. reported on his Adventure Air



amphibian that he will be resuming work on now that he is back for the winter.

Mike D. related the details about the crash of a Velocity at the Sebastian Airport last month. It seems that a large dose of bad judgment was the primary factor in the crash.

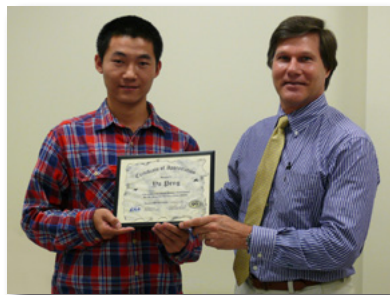
Todd S. reported on the Aviation Day 2012 progress. He has gotten approval from the FAA for flyovers in addition to static displays. This is something he has tried to get approval for the last few years and is very happy that he has succeeded. It should add a lot to the event and is sure to generate a lot of interest. He reviewed the participants he has commitments from so far and is very pleased with the progress and said that it looks like we are well on the way to a good event on March 17, 2012.

Mike D. announced that the speaker for the February meeting will be the SR-71 pilot who set a new world speed record flying from London to Los Angeles. He may be able to enlist another SR-71 pilot and will be bringing video as well. It promises to be a very interesting presentation.

Mike also pointed out that because of Piper's downsizing that we will be losing some members including our Chapter Treasurer. He wished them well in their endeavors and asked that the membership be thinking about a replacement Officer.

He also expressed the Chapter's Condolences and presented a card of sympathy to Phillip M. who recently lost his wife after a long battle with cancer.

A presentation of a certificate of appreciation was made to Yu Peng, the Flight Safety Student from China that we have all come to know as "Bird". He has been active in the Chapter volunteering to help at Aviation Day and at Young Eagle events. He is about finished with his flight training and will be returning to his home in China soon and our best wishes go with him.



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm and everyone enjoyed refreshments and lots of hangar talk before calling it a night.

AVIATION HUMOR

> Rules and Laws in Aviation

Submitted by Roger C.

You have probably heard this before. But it never hurts to be reminded: There are Rules and there are Laws.

The Rules are made by men who think that they know better how to fly your airplane than you. Laws (of Physics) were ordained by nature. You can, and sometimes should, suspend the Rules but you can never suspend the Laws.

About Rules:

- a. The rules are a good place to hide if you don't have a better idea and the talent to execute it.
- b. If you deviate from a rule, it must be a flawless performance (e.g. if you fly under a bridge, don't hit the bridge.)

LAST NOTES

> Open Chapter Position: Treasurer

You may have heard that we will lose Steve who currently holds the treasurers' position. It's not Steve's fault, blame Piper. So we are searching for another member to fill this important position. We are not looking for a bean counter, only for someone who keeps an eye on our finances and writes a check here and there. Contact any officer if you are interested by sending an email to info@eaa99.org or call Keith at 299-0999.

> Open Chapter Position: Newsletter Editor

AirSpeed is a crucial means of communication within the chapter that can be a fun project for someone who knows word processing. The editor is in touch with our officers and gets to know what's going on before anyone else. We need an editor! Contact Sylvia if you are interested by sending an email to info@eaa99.org. If we don't find someone, we'll just keep sending minutes.

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CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

T-Hangar #16, Vero Beach Municipal Airport, 2703 Flight Safety Drive

> Planning Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (all members welcome):

- December 6, 2011
- January 3, 2012
- February 7, 2012

> Members Meeting

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (bring a guest):

- December 10, 2011 Christmas Party!
- January 10, 2012

> Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast

4th Sat. of every month, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

No event planned at this time.

> Upcoming Events:

Chapter Christmas Party on Sat. Dec 10 instead of our members meeting.
No meeting Dec. 13!

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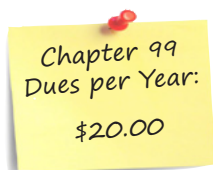
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please consider joining. *IF YOU ARE A MEMBER,* use this form to renew.



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.



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: **E. Santana, 3490 7th Pl. SW, Vero Beach, FL. 32968**

Questions? Contact Ernie: **772-643-4414** or **flyerniefly@msn.com**

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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