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PIREPS

Aviation Day 2011 a big success

Submitted by Todd

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, EAA Chapter 99 teamed up with Vero Beach Municipal Airport for the ninth Aviation Day. Taking advantage of the sunny weather, about 4,000 visitors came out to enjoy over 50 participating display aircraft, take a tour through several of the larger aircraft, chat with the pilots, embark on an airplane or helicopter ride, or just gaze at the exhibits on the airfield or in the air.

Piper Aircraft had the mock-up of their new Altaire jet aircraft on hand, along with two new production aircraft. The Light-Sport Aircraft (LSA) industry was represented by Remos and US Sport Aircraft.

Classic and rare aircraft such as a 1930 Consolidated YPT-6A biplane and a DeHavilland Tiger Moth shared space with home built aircraft owned by our members, which included an RV-8, an RV-9A, a Rans S-7, a Velocity and a Murphy Elite on amphibious floats. Missionary Flights International of Fort Pierce brought their flagship 1944 DC-3, re-engined with PT-6 turboprops



replacing the piston radial engines. A group of civilian T-34 trainers arrived overhead the airport in a formation flyover prior to landing, and departed later in the day, again in formation.

The military aircraft attending Aviation Day 2011 included two Navy FA-18C Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadron 86 based at MCAS Beaufort, SC, a Navy T-6 Texan II from Training Air Wing Six flown in from NAS Pensacola, and the Coast Guard's newest aircraft, the HC-144A Ocean Sentry, which flew in from Coast Guard Air Station Miami.

History Flight attended with their WWII-era B-25H Mitchell bomber, North American T-6 Advanced Trainer, and Stearman primary trainer, all of which were available for rides and flying constantly. The Bell JetRanger helicopter was also busy all day flying patrons.

Inside the terminal lobby, visitors checked out our three flight simulators, the FAA Safety Team, Piper Aircraft Pilot shop, and Legacy Flight Training's brand-new Piper Mirage and Meridian flight simulators, along with several other vendors and exhibitors.

Having welcomed so many people at the airport, provided so much "Plane Enjoyment," and done so safely, we are considering Aviation Day 2011 a resounding success!



After the event, we received the following e-mail:

"I just wanted to be a voice to say thank you so much for the great show this year. We have gone before and always enjoyed it. But there were new planes, etc. and we recognize that it must take a huge amount of work to put it together. So my husband and I want to say THANK YOU to all of you who did so!"

Michele K. T., First Church of God
Children's & Women's Ministries



APRIL 1ST, 2011

You know that this is April Fools Day. Did you also know that after April 1st we will clean up our membership database? That means, if we haven't received your renewal by then, we need to assume that you want to discontinue your membership with EAA Chapter 99. Ernie is serious and not making an April Fools Joke: There will be no more free bees after April 1st, 2011!

So - if you have not already done so - don't be a fool and renew today. Please fill out the application printed at the end of this newsletter (also available for download on our web site: www.eaa99.org.)

If you are not sure about the status of your membership, please contact Ernie at 772-643-4414 or mail to flyerniefly@msn.com



➤ **To join/renew your membership, please:**

1. Check your national EAA membership or renew.
2. Fill out our application form on the last page of this newsletter.
3. Mail it along with your check to the address shown or bring both to a chapter meeting and see Ernie.

Thank You!!

RENEW!

OUTLOOK

➤ **Officers Meeting on March 1, 2011 - 7 PM**

All the volunteers and group leaders are invited to our organizational Aviation Day wrap up meeting. We will discuss what went well and what could be improved and take notes for next year.

Location: Airport Terminal meeting room #201



The Aviation Day planning team at work

➤ **Members Meeting on March 8, 2011 - 7 PM**

Get a summary about how Aviation Day 2011 went, including numbers. Back by popular demand: We are planning for "Aviation, Fun and Friends - and Food!" with hot dogs, German sauerkraut and Letitia's famous baked beans. For desert there will be Betty's Banana Cream Pie and

Keith's Australian Rum Balls. Romeo will prepare a presentation featuring the highlights of Aviation Day 2011.

Save the date, plan to attend and bring your significant other!

Location: Flight Safety Main Hangar, Classroom M 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach FL



MINUTES LAST MEETING

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

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 26 members and 3 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.

This meeting was dedicated to status and planning for Aviation Day to be held February 12, 2011.

Todd S. familiarized all present with the General Planning and Safety procedures. He has developed a layout of the ramp areas and reviewed the placement of the aircraft within the area. Todd stressed that there should be no aircraft movement within the area without his approval, and there would be no engine starting or movement of aircraft under their own power allowed except for the aircraft providing rides along the northern edge of the flight line. Todd also reminded everyone that it was everyone's responsibility to enforce the No Smoking rule on the ramp. He reminded everyone that there should be no handling, climbing onto or entering aircraft unless the aircraft owner was present and approved. He noted that Joe M. was in charge of the Lobby and Terminal Exhibit Area and that problems and concerns with all off ramp issues should go through Joe so that the flight line group can concentrate on the ramp area. Todd again pointed out the importance that every visitor needs to get a chance to read the safety advice printed on the program.

Todd then reviewed preparations with each of the volunteer groups and asked for questions or problems.

Ernie S. reported that he had been able to fill in several empty spots he had for the admissions group with names of volunteers.

Joe G. with the Visitor Parking Group pointed out that Parking is the first impression visitors to the event get and we don't want to screw it up, especially with all the handicapped parking. He reported that he could use four more volunteers to work the parking areas. After some discussion it was suggested that perhaps we could enlist



the help of local Boy Scouts and Todd D. made some calls to no avail. The Boy Scouts had a previous commitment. Sylvia offered to print a list of members for Joe so he can recruit additional help.

Alex W. reported that the Simulator group in the Lobby would appreciate it if they could get food and relief assistance during the event if possible. He also reported that he had talked to member John M. now living in Maryland who reported with regret that he would not be able to attend Aviation Day but wished success for the Chapter.

After all questions were answered, Todd announced that setup would be on Friday at 4:30 PM and those needing to gather equipment from the box hanger would assemble there at 4:00 PM. He also announced that a safety briefing would be conducted at the Chapter tent on Saturday morning just prior to the opening of the event.

Unanimously the group welcomed the suggestion of having a "After Aviation Day Celebration" at the upcoming March meeting on March 8, 2011.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM and last details were discussed with coffee and treats.

LAST NOTES

➤ **Pre-View Members Meeting in April**

David Tibbetts, the local Sales Representative for Skykits Corporation, formally of Canada, now headquartered in Paris Tennessee, has offered to give us a presentation of the aircraft and details on building a Savannah VGW kit (this LSA STOL craft is also available "ready-to-Fly").

For anyone who has thought about building or knows

someone who has - this presentation should answer most of your questions about the all metal Skykits.

For more information on the Skykits log on to www.skykits.com. We are planning for David to give his

presentation for our members meeting on April 12, 2011. If things work out, he will fly in with one of his planes. Save the date!



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CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

Flight Safety Main Hangar Classroom M
3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach Airport

➤ **Planning Meeting**

1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm (Airport Terminal mtg room #201):

- March 1, 2011
- April 5, 2011
- May 3, 2011

➤ **Members Meeting**

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

- March 8, 2011
- April 12, 2011
- May 10, 2011

➤ **Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast**

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

Cancelled until further notice!

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland:
March 29 - April 3, 2011
For details log on to:
<http://sun-n-fun.org/>

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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.

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?

*Chapter 99
Dues per Year:
\$20.00*

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