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PIREPS

► Christmas Party Sat. Dec. 10, 2011

If you attended our Christmas Party at Keith and Betty's home - you know: We had fun! Thank you to all who came out and helped to make it an evening filled with aviation talk and friendship. If you didn't attend - oh well, there is always next year.



OUTLOOK

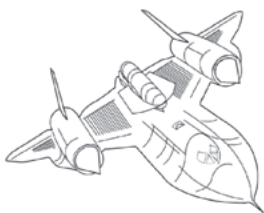
► "London to LA in a SR-71 Blackbird" Members Meeting Feb. 14, 2012 at 7:00PM

A special Valentine's Day Presentation:



At the height of the Cold War, Lockheed's Skunk Works designed an airplane that would prove to be the greatest photo reconnaissance aircraft ever built. The SR-71 Blackbird could fly through any airspace in the world with near impunity. It flew so high and fast that even surface-to-air missiles were largely ineffective against it.

On September 13, 1974, Captain Harold B. "Buck" Adams and his backseater, Major William C. Machorek, set a speed record in SR-71A serial no. 64-17972, flying from London to Los Angeles in 3 hours, 47 minutes and 39 seconds. Adams and Machorek had covered nearly 5,447 miles at an average speed of 1,435.59 mph.



Chapter 99 is looking forward to welcoming Major William C. Machorek. If we are lucky, he will bring another SR-71 pilot along.

Tuesday Feb. 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Location: Our meeting room off 2703 Flight Safety Drive. Bring a friend!

► Aviation Day 2012 Preparations

Aviation Day 2012 will be held March 17, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. History Flight will again bring a B-25 and a T-6 and give rides in both. History Flight advertised gift certificates before Christmas in the hope of people buying them as Christmas presents. This concept proved to be successful last year and brought a lot of people to Aviation Day.

This year Todd expects about 50 aircraft to attend, and preparations are in full swing:

Weekly preparation meetings have been scheduled to start on Tue. Feb 7, 2012. Location: Our meeting room off 2703 Flight Safety Drive.

Volunteer Positions are available!

Please consider volunteering your time. If you are interested, come to our volunteer meeting on February 7 or send an email to info@eaa99.org.

Event flyers will be printed and will be distributed at our members meeting on February 14.

Would you like to post flyers on your car? Send an e-mail to Sylvia (info@eaa99.org) to let her know by Feb. 10, so she can have enough laminated flyers ready on the 14th.

Would you like a number of printed flyers? Come and pick up some at our meeting or let Sylvia know.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD and put up flyers at a suitable locations!



MINUTES LAST MEETING

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on January 10, 2012 - submitted by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:04 PM. There were 21 members and 2 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Secretary's report was given by Alex W. He reported that there are no minutes for December since the Christmas party was held in place of the membership meeting. He also pointed out that a new bulletin board



has been installed in the meeting room dedicated to "for sale, trade, rent, barter and wanted to buy" notices.

Mike D. noted that those who missed the Christmas Party missed a great time with plenty of good food. He thanked Keith and Betty G. for doing a wonderful job in hosting the party at their home once again, and the members responded with applause all around.

Treasurer Steve F. then gave the Treasurer's report. Also, he said that since he has been hired by a local company, he will remain a member of our Chapter and will be able to continue with the duties of Chapter Treasurer. That news was also met with a round of applause.

Vice President Keith G. thanked everyone who assisted in preparations for the Christmas Party and clean up afterwards. He announced that he and Betty would be offering their home for the party again this year. He also pointed out to the members that a Pipistrel LSA aircraft is setting out from Slovenia on an around the world flight aimed at setting a new speed record and that they can follow its progress online.

Todd S. reviewed the planning for Aviation Day planned for March 17, 2012. It appears that the word about Chapter 99's Aviation Day is getting out and we are getting calls and e-mails from a number of people and organizations wanting to take part. Sylvia P. should have the Aviation Day flyers ready for the February Membership Meeting so that we can really begin the effort to get the word out to the community. Starting with the Officers Meeting in February we will begin our once a week Aviation Day Coordination meetings. He reviewed some of the aircraft that have already committed to take part. He noted that the Military demo teams have drastically cut back on air show appearances and it will be much harder to get them to take part because of the budget cuts. Mike D. noted that this year's fuel bill and expenses will probably be higher than in previous years.

Todd also noted that it looks like planning for the Exchange Club air show has lost some of its steam and there is some doubt as to whether or not they will be able to pull it off.

Mike D. then asked for builders reports. Ernie S., who is building a Barracuda, said that he is just about ready for paint. He is confident that his plane is nearing completion and has made a New Years Resolution to complete the project. Bill Z. reported that he has been trying out the Stewart System paints on his RV-8. He is looking to give it a military styled paint scheme. He noted that the Stewart System requires a quite different paint application technique and he is working to master it. Keith G reported that he has not made any progress on his project but he is expecting to get back into it. Ken M. reported on his Adventure Air amphibian that he will be resuming work on now that he is back for the winter.

Bill Z. also said that he needed the name and addresses of all of the Officers for the annual Chapter registration renewal with the state. Mike D. advised him that

there should not be any changes from last year but if he needs additional information, just phone him at his office.

Lew G. told the gathering that he had been glider flying in Hawaii and it was fantastic. He also passed around some photo's of the outing. Calindo S. also reported that he had gone up gliding with the CAP recently. He characterized the experience as "interesting" but said that he preferred to have an engine up front.

Ed C. advised the group that Sebring has some runway closures in effect and if anyone is planning to fly over for the Light Sport Expo they should check the notams and exercise care in the pattern.

Todd D. recommended a website www.funplacestofly.com for new and interesting places to fly out to. It has reviews of all the airfield restaurants for that \$100 sandwich. Also available are listings of places to see and things to do when you visit the airfields.

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 LA. 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.



George I. mentioned that he has a pair of flying boots that belonged to the famous flyer "Bevo Howard". He is interested in getting them into a museum somewhere.

Ken M. discussed a problem with his aircraft's engine shutting down when he hit his push to talk button. He is investigating the possibility that the radio's RF signal is interfering with his electronic ignition.

Mike D. reminded everyone that at the February membership meeting we will have a SR-71 pilot who will talk about his experiences flying that aircraft. He encouraged everyone to come and bring a friend to the talk, it should be very interesting.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned and everyone took a break for refreshments.

After the break Mr. Alec Connelly gave a presentation about the Learning For Life organization and the Aviation Explorers program that strives to foster interest in aviation careers among our young men and women. He also encouraged Chapter 99 to consider sponsoring an Aviation Explorer Post.

At the conclusion of his informative talk he was thanked for coming and the meeting was adjourned by Mike D.





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If you have not already done so, please renew your membership! Your benefits include an annual subscription to AirSpeed, e-mail notifications of chapter happenings, member-only events like our famous Christmas Party, use of the chapter lending library and more (see application). Our

application is printed at the end of this newsletter and is also available for download on our web site: www.eaa99.org.

Remember, membership in the national EAA is required to belong to a local chapter. Renew or join online at www.eaa.org.

➤ To join/renew your membership, please:

1. Check your national EAA membership or renew.
2. Fill out our application form, see the last page of this newsletter.
3. Mail it along with your check to the address shown or bring both to our meeting on February 14 and give them to Ernie.

Our Membership Chair is Ernie.

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Thank You!!

PILOT HUMOR

➤ A Pilot Gets Home Late ...

Submitted by Roger C.

He left home about 8:30 AM to do some work in his hangar at the airport with his friends. On the way out the door he answered his wife's "what time will you be home?" question with "probably about 1:30, I'll have lunch at the airport."

1:30 came & went, 3:00 passed, 6:15, still not home, finally at about 7:00 PM he rolls in the driveway, and presents his wife with a pizza, and begins the apologetic story:

"I finished cleaning the plane about 11:30, had lunch, and I started home, when alongside the road I saw this attractive girl with a flat tire on her car. I stopped to help, got the tire changed, and looked around for a place to wash my hands. She offered money, but I refused, so she suggested that I at least allow her to buy me a beer. She said there's a tavern just up the road, and they have a restroom, you can clean up a bit. I agreed to stop, we had a beer, then another beer, then a couple more, and I realized that this girl was not only pretty, she was very friendly, and a good companion to spend time with. Before I knew it, we were having a rendezvous in the motel next door. And that is why I am so late getting home."

His wife looked him right in the eye and said "Don't lie to me; you went flying, didn't you?"



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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 7pm (Airport Terminal mtg room #201):

- Feb. 7, 2012
- March 6, 2012
- April 3, 2012

➤ Members Meeting

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

- Feb. 14, 2012
- March 13, 2012
- April 10, 2012

➤ Learn To Fly, Social & Pancake Breakfast

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

Cancelled until further notice!

➤ Upcoming Events:

Feb. 14, 2012
"London to LA in a SR-71 Blackbird"

March 17, 2012
Aviation Day

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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?

Contact Chapter 99

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On The Web

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Meeting Location

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Vero Beach Municipal Airport
2703 Flight Safety Drive

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**

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