

# EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



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Newsletter for EAA Chapter 99  
Vero Beach, FL



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### FORWARD

There will not be a regular meeting in December; instead it will be replaced by the annual Chapter 99 Christmas party. Due to the holiday conflicts, there also will not be a Young Eagles Rally in December. However, this does not mean that all activities cease for Chapter 99 in December. A group is working on plans for a Girl Scout instruction day similar to the one we had for the Boy Scouts in October. Plans for Aviation Day in March are ongoing, Gerd is working on educational programs for the coming year and Sylvia is working on a new Chapter 99 showcase for the airport terminal lobby. Regular Chapter activities will resume in January. As a program for the members meeting on Jan. 9 we are planning for a presentation about the history of Vero Beach Airport.

### MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 MEETING, November 14, 2006

The meeting of 22 Chapter 99 members and 1 guest was opened at 7:04 PM by Todd Scher with the introduction of the guest. He then called for the reading of the minutes of the October meeting which were read by the secretary and approved by those present. The treasurer's report which was read a little later showed a balance of \$10,531.06 was also approved.

President's report: Pres. Gerd expressed appreciation for all who volunteered to make the Boy Scouts Young Eagles Rally a success and announced that the Chapter would be doing a similar day for the Girl Scouts. He then described several items including two computers which are no longer needed by the chapter and offered them to anyone who wanted them. He then spoke of the Christmas party and of the cooperation with the airport management to obtain a larger hangar. He also explained a chart that was being passed around for people to sign up for specific tasks on Aviation Day. Todd Scher reported on the progress to date.

Builder Reports: Spencer Gould reported that he had attended William Wynne's Corvair College where 100 people had attended. Don Key reported some problems

with the tail wheel installation on his Mustang II. He is currently trying to resolve a conflict on the drawings with the designer. Ed Crouse described the new windshield and canopy installation on his RANS Courier and warned the group that Lexan and gasoline don't mix. Gerd Pfeifle described the statistics of a recent trip to Los Angeles in his Mooney as to speeds and gasoline consumption and cost.

Todd requested volunteers for Young Eagles on November 25 and Jim Davis responded with a maybe. He also told of a coffee session of the City Council to be held at the airport offices on December 15 and that it would be a good idea to have several Chapter 99 aircraft on display. Don Key reported on a Young Eagles Rally at his home Chapter in Detroit Michigan where he flew forty eight Young Eagles in one day.

After the coffee break those present enjoyed a program by our own Keith Gordon in which the audience participated in theoretical flights through controlled airspace in Florida.

### HENRY GAUNTT

Henry was a member of Chapter 99 since 1966, having moved here from Miami where he was an active member of chapter 37. He worked for Piper as an Electrical Engineer until his retirement in the late 80's. In Miami he was instrumental in building the Chapter project, a Pietenpol. After moving here he was just as active in rebuilding Chapter 99's J-3 Cub in the late 60's. He was a founding partner in building the Aerodrome where he rebuilt a Cessna 185, a 190, and an Airmaster. His last project was a Culver Cadet which he flew regularly up until about two years ago. At that time his wife passed away and he relocated to Georgia to live with his daughter and her family. For many years up until that time he was the treasurer of Chapter 99.

Henry was a talented and dedicated man whose passion was small aircraft. He was very knowledgeable and always willing to help anyone who needed it. Henry Gauntt went west this November 2006.

## November 25, YOUNG EAGLES, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLYOUT

The weather wasn't the greatest, lots of cloud cover and even a light sprinkle as Bill Zorc took off on the first flight of the day with a Young Eagle in his RV-8. The rain didn't last very long, the sun occasionally was seen and the air was very calm. Jim Davis had two flights in his Piper Cherokee 235 with two Young Eagles each time. Ken Mishler stood by with his Velocity but no more youngsters showed up. This was finally Ken's chance to do some hangar flying with other members. He had been busy flying most of our Young Eagles Saturdays. Other members brought along family and friends to enjoy breakfast. After it was clear that no more kids were showing up, Ken took out his go kart and that way made the day for Jens and Dirk.



This can be fun too!  
Ken with Jens and Dirk

Landis and Don, with more family and friends in the background



It was a quiet but very enjoyable Saturday family oriented morning. There was no fly out due to the ceremony for Henry Gauntt.

A curious reporter from the Press Journal showed up having seen the listing in the events column of the paper. Since the turnout of youngsters was light, he was treated to the whole operation with Bill Zorc giving him an airplane ride and Marty Marugg instructing him on the finer points of flight on the simulator. Having the press understand what Chapter 99 is all about can only be an asset. We look forward to a better relation with them.



Bill Zorc and his  
"Young Eagle" Julio

The next day there was a mention of the event in the Press Journal with a small photo of Jim Davis and his co-pilot. However for the actual impression this action had on the reporter check his personal website [www.julythephotoguy.com/elblog.htm](http://www.julythephotoguy.com/elblog.htm) and scroll down through the photos.

## LOPRESTI SEMINAR Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am

The first Saturday of each month LoPresti Speed Merchants presents a technical seminar for pilots with some very interesting guest speakers. This month's guest speaker is Nick Jones, Aircraft Designer and Formula 1 racer who will speak about "An Irresponsible Life In The Air." Nick is one of the few Domestic Aces alive in our country having destroyed ten aircraft, unfortunately all his own.

The LoPresti hangar is located on the north ramp of the airport. It is the large hangar on the west side of the ramp, the south end. As you come down the drive, continue straight through the gate in back of the hangar and park on the south side. If you fly in taxi to the North ramp and turn left on to the first parking area. The hangar opens at 9:30 with Coffee and Donuts and the talk starts at 10:00. All pilots are welcome. To find out more, please call LoPresti at 772-562-4757.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 9

Betty and Keith Gordon have again volunteered their home for the annual Christmas party. The date is December 9, 2006, and the address is 1545 56<sup>th</sup> Ct., Vero Beach. The idea for the party will basically be the same as last year, with Cocktails, gift exchange and a pot luck dinner. Drinks, ham and turkey will be supplied by Chapter 99. All members welcome. If you are planning to attend, please coordinate dishes with Betty: (772) 299 0999 by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.



## GIRL SCOUTS INSTRUCTION DAY

Having seen the report of the Boy Scouts Young Eagles Day by Chapter 99 in the local newspaper, the Girl Scouts have contacted Chapter 99 and requested a similar event. The only difference would be that the Girl Scout Council does not allow them to have airplane rides. However they are very interested in having the other instruction which we provided to the Boy Scouts. Several aircraft will be needed for display and ground instruction. The principals involved have agreed to conduct such an event which is tentatively scheduled for January 06, 2007. Volunteers are needed.

## AVIATION DAY

The date of March 3, 2007, only four months away has been set for the big event. Planning has been ongoing but this month's planning meeting is crucial for its success. All members interested in volunteering should attend the planning meetings.

## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

T-Hangar #16 at 2703 Flight Safety Dr.,  
Vero Beach Municipal Airport

Tue. Dec. 12, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting including Aviation Day (Interested members welcome). NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE!

Sat. Dec. 09, Ch. 99 Annual Xmas Party @ the Gordon's  
1545 56<sup>th</sup> Ct., Vero Beach

Tue. Dec. 12, No Regular monthly meeting this month,  
but Staff & Planning meeting

Sat. Dec. 23, No Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
this month

Tue. Jan. 02, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting including  
Aviation Day (Interested members  
welcome)

Sat. Jan. 06, Girl Scouts Aviation Instruction Day  
(Volunteers needed)

Tue. Jan. 09, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Bring an interested guest

Sat. Jan. 27, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM members & guests welcome  
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Landis & Sylvia . . . . . 772-567-2506