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FORWARD

Wow, 28 members and 12 guests, the largest attendance that I can remember for a very long time. It sure would be great if that continued. For the October meeting we will learn all about "Flying to Mexico" from an expert. He will explain all the hows and wheres to simplify the trip. If you have any pilot friends who might be interested, bring them along. For detailed information please see the attached flyer. We also will be discussing the coming October 21 program with the Boy Scouts.

Landis Ketner received the EAA Major Achievement Award 2006

Submitted by Keith and Sylvia

The EAA Major Achievement Award recognizes individual EAA Members for their personal commitment and contributions to EAA, EAA Chapters, their fellow EAA Members and the recreational aviation community as a whole. There are about 170,000 EAA members. Only 10 awards are presented per year. This explains why the award is called the Major Achievement Award.



A round of applause for Landis

Pres. Gerd expresses congrats to Landis



Seemed like Landis was unaware that the presentation would take place at the September meeting but must

have wondered what was happening when his whole family entered the meeting room. Pres. Gerd called on member Jess Krall, who had accepted the Achievement Award plaque on Landis' behalf at the EAA AirVenture 2006 air show, to present the plaque to Landis.

Jess then shared how wonderful that evening in Oshkosh was. The presentation was followed by a rousing round of applause from family, friends and members. Landis responded with emotional thanks to his wife, Betty and family for their support and a thank you to members for nominating him for the award.

Gerd then delivered a presentation of the highlights of Landis' 73 year life, starting from the time when his grandfather took him to the airport at the age of 5 years, and asking Landis about details. Members, friends and family enjoyed listening to Landis talk about his various employments, aircraft building projects, and his involvement in the building of the Indian River Aerodrome.



Landis cutting the EAA Chapter 99 cake

Betty and Landis Ketner holding the award



More photos and details about Landis and the award are published on our Chapter website (www.eaa99.org) in the photos section.

MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 MEETING, September 12, 2006

Todd Scher opened the meeting at 7:04 with the introduction of guests followed by the reading of the minutes of the August meeting by the secretary and the treasurer's report by the treasurer. The treasury showed a balance of \$10,333.31, no change since the last meeting. Both reports were approved by the membership as given.

President's report: Pres. Gerd told of the success of the Young Eagles program and the need for more help by the chapter members, specifically in the area of security. Clark Eckman and Don Key volunteered to monitor the people outside of the building to assure everyone's safety. Gerd then thanked Vern Khail for his donation of a cabinet full of aircraft hardware, and noted that it was for Chapter 99 members only and that they could help themselves as needed. He spoke briefly of the plans for Aviation Day and expressed the need for an additional canopy to be purchased for the event. The October program will be presented by a travel expert who will explain the ins and outs of flying to Mexico. Other chapters will be invited and notices will be given to other hangar tenants. Gerd then described his intentions to keep a \$10,000.00 balance in reserve for contingencies, among them his ongoing plans to obtain a larger hangar.

Vice-Presidents report: Bill Zorc reported on the intentions of a boy scout leader to bring a half dozen scouts from the Ft. Lauderdale area to our Young Eagles program. He also explained the intent of the Owners and Builders Support Group but has not organized it at this time.

Builder reports: John Murphy is working on the second wing for his Zenair 701. Spencer Gould has been helping other builders with some composite work, and has his Corvair crankshaft out to be rethreaded. Don Key has returned from Oshkosh and is again working on his Mustang II. Bill Zorc is taking aerobatic training from Ray Dyson. Todd Scher has hung the rebuilt engine on his Piper PA-20 Pacer.

Young Eagles: Volunteers for the September 23 rally were Gerd, Bill, and possibly Ken if he is here.

Gerd requested advice about flying to Barbados. John Murphy and Roger Doerr responded. Landis Ketner explained a request he received for the chapter to provide help to a Boy Scout Camporee for scouts who are working on Aviation Merit Badge. Marty Marugg volunteered to provide ground and simulator instruction

and Keith Gordon volunteered for navigation instruction. John Murphy volunteered to display his Zenith 701 project.

Landis Ketner was then presented with the EAA Major Achievement Plaque. Afterwards the meeting was closed and those present enjoyed the special cake and comradeship.

September 23, YOUNG EAGLES, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLYOUT

Fifteen youngsters showed up for the Young Eagles flights, eleven of them from a local Girl Scout Brownie troop. The girls ranged in age from eight to ten and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the flights with one exception. She decided at the last minute that flying really was not for her and graciously declined. Bill Zorc, Gerd P. and Ken Mishler provided the rides for the eager youngsters. Marty Marugg did a wonderful job with explaining how an airplane flies using the model airplane and kept them busy before and between flights on the new computer simulator.



Marty holding ground school

The chefs Vernon and Gene are enjoying breakfast, joined by Don Key.



Outside security was improved thanks to Don Key, Michael David and a few other volunteers from the chapter. New flight line procedures were put in place which increased the safety of spectators and still allowed sufficient access for photographs and viewing the take offs and landings.

As usual, Gene and Vern served up a delicious breakfast with an added fresh strawberry treat from Sylvia.

Fly out reestablished after summer thunderstorm hiatus

Submitted by Gerd

The gorgeous weather helped to get the fly out reestablished after the summer thunderstorm hiatus.

Ken's Velocity and Gerd's Mooney took off with four people each. We flew out to Sebring where Chateau Elan provided pickup for us to the restaurant next to the Sebring race track. There the members enjoyed a buffet lunch with the race car engines roaring in the background and the race cars driving by. This was a fun event, the youngest member at the table being ten years and the senior over eighty years old.



Fly out to Sebring, Chateau Elan (that's the hotel with views of the race track)

Great weather on the way back to Vero Beach



FOR SALE

Mustang II Center Section and Wing Jig - still in crate, flap completed. The Mustang II is a good looking, side by side, excellent performing airplane and this is the start of a good project at a fair price. For information on the Mustang II and this kit, call Don Key (772) 581-9587 or cell phone (586) 524-7034.

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

Tue. Oct. 03, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00PM
Including Aviation Day (Interested members welcome)

Tue. Oct. 10, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Bring an interested guest
Program: "Flying to Mexico" held by Rick Gardner

Sat. Oct. 21, Ch. 99 Ground school for Boy Scout
Camporee on Vero Beach Airport

Sat. Oct. 28, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Tue. Nov. 07, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00PM
Including Aviation Day (Interested members welcome)

Tue. Nov. 14, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM
Bring an interested guest

Sat. Nov. 25, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM members & guests welcome
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

Landis & Sylvia 772-567-2506