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## FORWARD

2007 started with another well attended members meeting on Jan. 9. Some daring members even brought their wives! We hope to see more significant others in the future, they are always invited and welcome, no matter what's on our agenda. Todd Scher's slide show outlining the history of the Vero Beach Airport was fascinating. It revealed little known facts about the airport that make it very unique when compared to other airports of the same size in the country.



Todd providing insider knowledge of Vero Beach Airport

Connie Zorc and Patty Crouse enjoying the evening



Next on our schedule for educational programs is a double session about building an airplane with composites. At the February meeting Ken Mishler will introduce us to building with composites showing a 50 minute DVD, followed by a question and answer session. Ken Mishler has built that outstanding Velocity in the EAA hangar and is now working on his second, an even bigger and more advanced Velocity. In April the "Cooking with Composites"-Show will follow, a fun event, but one which will give us serious background information.

## 2007 CHAPTER 99 DUES

Yes, it's that time of year again. Have you renewed your Chapter 99 membership already? If not, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and either bring

it to a meeting or mail it to the address given along with your payment. We know that flying is better than filling out forms, but we need to keep our chapter records current. It is important for us to have your EAA membership number on file for the roster we have to submit annually to Oshkosh. The officers prefer to spend their time thinking about how we can improve your membership experience, rather than chasing you for your EAA number. And please remember that the EAA requires that all members of a chapter also belong to the nationals. Forms for the national membership are available from Landis or you can join/renew online at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org).

## MINUTES: EAA CHAPTER 99 REGULAR MEETING, January 9, 2007

The meeting was opened by Todd Scher at 7:04 PM by introducing the guests. There were 25 members and 7 guests present (yes, wives counted too). Since there was no regular meeting in December, having been replaced by the Christmas party, there was no reading of previous minutes. The treasurer's report given by Michael David showed a balance of \$10,478.50.

Bill Zorc reported on sales tax problems with the Florida Dept. Of Revenue when purchasing a certified airplane or licensing a homebuilt. Sylvia P. reported on the photographs of the Girl Scouts during the instruction day which Chapter 99 held for them. Photos can now be viewed on our homepage. She also created a new backlit advertising display in the airport terminal lobby for the chapter.

Builder reports: John Murphy is working on the aft fuselage of his Zenair 701. Don Key is going to receive a new tail wheel assembly for his Mustang II from the kit vendor to replace the original one which was welded at the wrong angle. Bill Zorc has completed the annual inspection on his RV-8. He and Marty Marugg are building a portable flight simulator from an incomplete BD-5 kit. Spencer Gould is helping a friend build a Velocity and has also completed the horizontal stabilizer for his own design airplane.

Ken Mishler and Gerd P. volunteered for the January 27, Young Eagles flights with Jim Davis a

maybe. John Murphy volunteered the treats for the February meeting.

Old Business: Valkaria Air Fest is scheduled for February 17. Weekly Aviation Day meetings will start on Tuesday January 23. Don Key inquired about the possibility of the chapter accepting donation of the Mustang II kit which was advertised in recent chapter newsletters. All agreed it was acceptable if interested bidders were available. Don will follow up with the donor.

President's Report: Pres. Gerd reported on the new airport hangar rules, the recent Girl Scouts Instruction Day and the required chapter elections. The election of officers will take place during the March meeting. The officers planning meeting for February will be held one week early, January 30, as Pres. Gerd is not able to attend at the regular time. A volunteer schedule for Aviation Day was passed around with a request for signatures on specific tasks.

After the close of the meeting those present enjoyed a break with coffee and pastry. Todd Scher then presented an excellent slide show on the history of Vero Beach Airport from the earliest days in the late 20's thru its use as a military base during WWII and up to the present with plans for the future.

## YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FLYOUT

Saturday, January 27, was a great day for flying. Three pilots, Ken Mishler, Gerd P. and Bill Ransom flew ten Young Eagles after Marty Marugg instructed them on the chapter simulator. John Murphy's hangar was open to all who were interested in seeing how an airplane is built. In the meantime a group of chapter 99 members checked out the status of the chapter's canopies in preparation for Aviation Day. Gene and Vernon were kept busy feeding pancakes and fresh strawberries to all hungry visitors. And we had a lot of visitors, more members were there than Young Eagles! Even Eric Menger stopped by to pay us a visit and show us his favorite form of transportation on two wheels. Lots of hangar flying too!

Vernon serving some pancakes to Young Eagles



Bill Ransom signing a certificate for his little co-pilot

For lunch Michael, Gerd and Jens took the Mooney to Orlando Executive to check if it might be a good destination for a bigger fly out. Parking at the Schowalter ramp, several restaurants and a big mall are in walking distance. It was a fun event and on their way back the crew even acted as if they knew what they were doing.



Gerd and Michael demonstrating some professional flight planning to Jens.

## AVIATION DAY

Starting on January 23, preparation meetings will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 PM until March. Everybody is invited. Meetings are held at our meeting room. It would help a lot if members, who signed up as PIC or SIC heading a group, will attend the last two planning meetings before March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are only three preparation meetings left, scheduled for Feb. 6, 20 and 27 (see calendar, and check our websites for short term changes).

## CHAPTER 99 PROCLAMATION

At the February 20, meeting of the Vero Beach City Council, EAA Chapter 99 is scheduled to receive a proclamation from the city for its work in promoting aviation at the airport. The council has recognized activities such as Aviation Day, instruction seminars for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Young Eagles Program etc. Since the Pres. and Vice Pres. are not available that date (what are these guys really good for anyway?), the award will be accepted by Michael David. Members of Chapter 99 are encouraged to attend. Since all people involved in local politics follow these meetings closely, it would help if we show up with a good number of members in our yellow T-shirts. It is very important to demonstrate that the airport is used, enjoyed and supported by local voters and not only by jet passengers flying in from up north.

Time and place: City Hall, 1053 20th Place. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM, and proclamations are usually presented at the beginning of the meeting, probably within the first 10 to 15 minutes. Then you're off the hook and free to join our planning meeting for Aviation Day, held at 7:30 PM at our meeting room.

## LOPRESTI SEMINAR

This month's LoPresti Seminar will be held on Saturday February 3 and will feature George Sigler who will talk about his "Experiment in Survival." George presented his fascinating and entertaining program to Chapter 99 at a meeting last year. If you missed it now is your chance to hear it, it is well worthwhile especially for anyone flying over water. The hangar opens at 9:30 AM with coffee and pancakes, the talk starts at 10:00 AM and all pilots are welcome. The LoPresti Hangar is the largest one on the north ramp. RSVP [elletter@LoPrestiAviation.com](mailto:elletter@LoPrestiAviation.com) or 1-866-395-4757.

## VALKARIA EAA CHAPTER 1288 AIRFEST

Our neighboring EAA Chapter to the north is planning an Airfest for February 17, 2007 to be held on the Valkaria Airport. For more information you may check [www.MLBPilots.org](http://www.MLBPilots.org). Aviation activities have been scheduled for the entire day and they have asked for volunteers to help. Whether you fly in or drive in, identify yourself as a Chapter 99 member (your membership card and/or our yellow chapter T-shirt might help) and do what you can while enjoying a fun day.

## SPORTAIR WORKSHOPS

EAA SportAir Workshops will be held at Lakeland on February 17 & 18. Classes will be held in the following subjects:

Sheet Metal Basics	Fabric Covering
Composite Construction	Kit Building
Electrical Systems	

For more information you may contact [www.sportair.com](http://www.sportair.com) or phone 1-800-967-5746.

## SAD NEWS

Bob Tenbus was not a member of Chapter 99 but he was a friend and supporter and had a definite influence on its existence. Bob was the local FAA DAR and had licensed most of the experimental aircraft in this area. He died in a fatal car accident Friday, January 26.

## CALENDAR OF CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

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

- Tue. Feb. 06, Aviation Day planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
All chapter members welcome.
- Tue. Feb. 13, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Bring an interested guest to enjoy Ken's presentation about composites
- Sat. Feb. 17, Ch. 1288 Valkaria Airfest
- Tue. Feb. 20, City Council Proclamation 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 1053 20th Place.  
Aviation Day planning meeting 7:30pm  
All chapter members welcome.
- Sat. Feb. 24, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM members & guests welcome  
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow
- Tue. Feb. 27, Aviation Day planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
All chapter members welcome.
- Sat. Mar. 03, Ch. 99 Aviation Day, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Tue. Mar. 06, Ch. 99 Staff & Planning meeting, 7:00 PM  
Including Aviation Day review  
(Interested members welcome)
- Tue. Mar. 13, Ch. 99 Regular monthly meeting, 7:00 PM  
Chapter Election Day!  
Bring an interested guest
- Sat. Mar. 24, Ch. 99 Young Eagles & Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 AM members & guests welcome  
Luncheon flights for pilots to follow

If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of EAA Chapter 99, please consider joining. If you are a member, use this form to renew. AIRSPEED is published monthly and part of your membership benefits.

## JOIN EAA CHAPTER 99

DUES 2007: \$20.00

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