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PIREPs

Fly Out to Arthur Dunn Airpark on Oct. 6, 2007

Submitted by Gerd



Checking the weather on Saturday morning, the forecast did not look promising. With wind from 080 at 14 kts. gusting to 22 kts. and, temporarily, visibility 2 miles 1500 broken, it did not really look like a beautiful VFR day. Throw in a runway 15 and you're talking about wind at an angle of 70° at about 20 knots. But the metars looked good, so why not give it a try. So finally at 9:00 am Gerd and his family together with Don K. took off flying along the Indian River up to Arthur Dunn. We were ready to turn around if we needed to - but it was just perfect. A cub with a dead battery blocked the taxiway for the takeoffs, so there was hardly any traffic, the sky was blue and the wind was just 6 knots. Even Gerd was able to perform a decent landing. What we saw then was a perfect blend of everything you can fly and have fun in the air. Everything from little tail-draggers, oldtimers with radial engines to the latest in single seat homebuild helicopters were there. And the breakfast was a real treat for which alone it was well worth to fly into Dunn Airpark. After eating breakfast and watching the skydivers for a while we flew back to Vero around noon.

Larry of Chapter 866 served breakfast



Don striking a pose for the photographer

Flying Down Under on October 9, 2007

At the October meeting Keith Gordon gave an excellent description of what it is like to fly down under in Australia. Technically, isn't that really flying upside down? His DVD illustrated what the vast outback is really like to fly over. After the movie he had a quiz ready for us and gave away a bottle of Foster's beer for each correct answer.



B-17 visit to Vero Beach Airport

When the B-17 crew arrived Monday morning, they had 34 flight reservations in place. That was more than they had for Orlando!! But the weather is not cooperating ... at the time of this writing, the event is still going on; Gerd will have a detailed report at the November meeting on Nov. 13, 2007.



OUTLOOK

From London to Sidney in a Tiger Moth

For our members meeting on November 13, our very own Lars will describe his own adventure when trying to fly a Tiger Moth from London to Sidney, Australia. The number of pilots who have had that experience can probably be counted on one hand.



Next Fly Out planned on Sat. Nov. 3rd, 2007 to visit Aviation Day at Marathon Airport

Marathon Airport (KMTN) Aviation Day. Food, airplanes and crafts. RW 7/25 5008x100 ft. CTAF 122.8. To join our fly out, meet us on Sat. Nov. 3rd at 8:30am on the ramp of Vero Beach Airport next to the Sun self service fuel pump. Flyouts are being scheduled by Roger. If you have questions, a location to suggest, want to make arrangements or check for seat availability, call Roger: (772) 538-8180.



Chapter 99 Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 11, 2007, in lieu of our December members meeting. All members are invited - invitations will follow.



Aviation Day 2008

The date for our Aviation Day 2008 has been set to Feb. 9, 2008. Mark your calendar!

MINUTES OCTOBER MEETING

Todd opened the meeting of 24 Chapter 99 members and 4 guests at 7:05. He promised to keep the business meeting short so that everyone could enjoy a lengthy but interesting program. In the absence of the treasurer, there was no report.

The first order of business was for Todd to introduce the new guests. Next were the builder reports: Spencer displayed the wing spar center section which he fabricated for his own design composite aircraft. He also displayed photographs of his Corvair engine conversion for it. Don K. is wrestling with some floor pans for his Mustang II. Craig who is flight testing John's Zenith 701 gave a rundown on its flying qualities. Ernie displayed a photo album of his Barracuda project.



Craig was excited about the Zenith 701.

Two Ernies looking at Spencer's photographs ... but who is the third guy?



Roger reported on the flyout to Arthur Dunn Airpark and the coming flyouts which he has scheduled.

Pres. Gerd spoke of the plans for the coming B-17 tour and the need for volunteers. Marty Marugg volunteered to instruct during the event on the B-17 simulator which was on display that evening. A couple of members got their B-17 signoff that night.

Ken, Jim D. and Bill Z. volunteered for the October 27 Young Eagles flights with Todd a possibility.



Marty presented Gerd with his private german war bird to escort the B-17



Jim D. is getting his check ride on the B-17 flight simulator.

The meeting was closed and those present enjoyed a variety of refreshments and then Keith's presentation.

YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday October 27, dawned bright and clear after a very rainy Friday. Jim D., Ken and Bill Z. flew 10 Young Eagles while Marty instructed them on the simulator between flights. Gene and Vern kept the pancakes moving and a very special treat of baked cinnamon apples and raisins was brought by Sylvia. Several other Chapter 99 volunteers contributed to a successful rally. Todd stopped by later for a chat and brought in some insight about the handling of state grants. It makes for a much better understanding of some of the decisions made by the airport management.

We are still looking for more volunteers, especially pilots with airplanes, to give our active pilots a break. To assist in this very rewarding program, please contact contact the Young Eagles Coordinator Bill Z. at zorc130@aol.com



Todd listening to complaints about the airport.



Gene fixing pancakes for the youngsters



Bill Z. got up at 6am to change the tires on his airplane for safety reasons.

AUGUST FORUMS

Bolt On Horsepower

LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar of interest to all pilots on the first Saturday of each month. November 3, the program will be by Darren Tillman of PowerFlow, "How and Why Bolt On Horsepower Works." The Power Flow is a versatile, quality constructed, complete replacement of your entire exhaust system. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of the airport. Check www.SpeedMods.com.

Sport Pilots and Light Sport Aircraft

The FAA Safety Meeting on Thursday November 15, will feature Donato A. Martino, SP-CFI, "Safe Flying With Sport Pilots & Light Sport Aircraft." Also John Lawler, ATP,CFI,CFII,MEI,AGI, "Understanding Crosswind Landings." These meetings are conducted the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Dr., Vero Beach Airport and are open to all pilots. For more information check www.faasafety.gov.

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CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 99 EVENTS

T-Hangar #16, Vero Beach Airport,
2703 Flight Safety Drive

Planning Meeting

1st Tue. of every month at 7pm (all members welcome):

- Nov. 6
- Dec. 4
- Jan. 2 (Wednesday!)

Members Meeting

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

- Nov. 13
- Dec. 11 - XMas Party
- Jan. 8, 2008

Young Eagles Flights & Pancake Breakfast

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

- Nov. 24
- Dec. - no flights!
- Jan. 26, 2008

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 11 - XMas Party
- Feb. 9, 2008: Aviation Day



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