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PIREPs

Garmin1000 - More Than Pretty Glass



At our June members meeting Gerd gave a thorough introduction to the architecture of the Garmin 1000 System. By simulating system failures, he explained how multiple safety layers are protecting the pilot. His Mooney was parked outside the meeting room, so everybody was able to check out the technology. It looked just like the big airplanes. Gerd stated that even though he has a lot of trust in the stability of the system, his passengers are always prepared for the worst, especially flying over water.



Dirk demonstrated his version of being prepared for ditching.



Landis: "One snip and it's all over."

OUTLOOK

Chapter Activities during Summer Months

For the months of summer (July-September) the meetings will be short on business and long on socializing. We can have hangar talks as long as we want. Nobody will be cracking the whip, because Pres. Gerd and Sylvia will be gone until the end of August while on their annual pilgrimage to the homeland. Hopefully they will have some interesting tales for us when they return. For July Landis prom-

ised to show a 25 minute movie about AirVenture - if there is help available to hook up the equipment. Filmed during AirVenture 2007 and narrated by Harrison Ford, this movie was designed to capture the passion for aviation and community spirit brought to Oshkosh each summer by EAA members. Bring a guest and some popcorn!

MINUTES JUNE MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:08 PM by Vice-Pres. Keith G. He announced that the minutes of the May meeting were printed in the newsletter and asked for any changes or corrections. There were none and the minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report by Michael D. was "no changes since last meeting".

Keith then reported that the memorial fund for Don K. had been completed and that the \$35.00 surplus would be given to his widow, Betty. The family provided most of the information for the biography to be filed with the plaque and that there will be a DVD of the memorial.

What's that look on Ken's face? He just came back from flying 87M ...



Builder reports: Ken M. reported that he flew 87M, his first Velocity for the last time and that the customer was going to fly it home to Spain. The paint work on Shazam, his second Velocity had been completed.

Shazam, still wrapped up for painting.



Gerd and Dirk admiring the paint job on the wing.



Spencer G. received the cylinder heads for the Corvair engine on his own design and is working on securing the wing skins. Bill Z. installed a new steering link on his RV, varnished the seats on his Warner Sportster and is also working on his Corby Starlet. John M. has completed installing the fabric on his SuperCruiser and is ready to start the finishing process. Jim McG. needs electrical help on his Europa and anyone able to assist can contact him at 772-978-1902.

Bill brought along one of his smaller flying toys, a RC controlled airplane model made by "Air Hogs". They need to be flown in dead calm air, or indoors when they are that small! Especially our young guests were fascinated by the abilities of this little flying machine.



Gene G. reported that Vernon K., who has always been able to volunteer for our pancake breakfasts is in the IR Memorial Hospital and as yet they have not determined his problem but that he is able to have visitors.

Treasurer Mike is working with Betty G. on the chapter bookkeeping. Gerd is working with the attorney on 501(c)3 compliance and bringing the articles of incorporation up to date.

Half of the chapter's box hangar may be available for aircraft storage. Interested members should contact Gerd.

After refreshments of coffee and Keith's Australian rum balls, Pres. Gerd gave his presentation on Integrated Avionics. He had trouble pronouncing some of the Garmin vocabulary and of course someone blamed it on the rum balls.



After the meeting, Roger showed off his brand new Cessna 400 to some members. He has flown about 30+ hours with it already. Gerd's comment: "A fire breathing hot rod!"

Ladies attending the meeting: Connie, Sylvia, Ingrid and Patty. Gerd still thinks they only came to see his presentation.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SOCIAL

Submitted by Keith, photos by Bill Z.

This time the Saturday morning social was lightly attended. However Lucas K. and Lars DJ. found they had some mutual acquaintances and Lucas kept being reminded of "yet another story", which kept us all entertained.

Bill Z brought his RV-8 in expecting to fly some pre-arranged Young Eagles, however they did not show up. Gene G. managed to dish out the pancakes without the help of Vernon K., who, incidentally, is out of hospital and doing better. Betty G. provided a new style of pancake topping. Marty M. showed off his brand new SportCruiser to a few of us. Would you believe that new airplanes even smell like new cars? John M. showed off the new engine installation in the PA-12 he is restoring to some critical eyes. No problems there. Our EAA sign on FlightSafety Dr. was taken down for refurbishing. We do have some problems with the City sign laws, so it may have to become mobile.



Lars with Ingrid and Lucas

APRIL FORUMS

FAA Safety Seminar on July 17, 2008 - 7PM

Location: FlightSafety International Hangar, 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach, Classroom "M". At the time of this writing, we did not have more information about the program. You may have more luck by checking www.faasafety.gov

LoPresti First Saturday on July 5, 2008

LoPresti SpeedMods presents an aviation seminar of interest to all pilots on the first Saturday of each month. The LoPresti hangar opens 9:30 AM on the north ramp of VRB airport. Check www.SpeedMods.com.



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LAST NOTES

Export trouble

We heard that Ken's Velocity, supposed to go to Spain, is still around. The buyer from Spain still wants to buy her but there is trouble with the paperwork. It turned out that the permits for ferrying and the registration of plane can not be done correctly at this time. Ken is very disappointed that the sale did not go through yet, but happy she is still in the family.



The Founders' Wing News from EAA headquarters

Headquarters are planning to add a new building to the facility which is designed to preserve EAA's beginnings through an exhibit space and a library. Through this "Founders' Wing project", we can pay tribute to our story and use it as a tool to forever

guide our future as an organization. If you would like to contribute/sponsor this project, log on to www.eaa.org/founderswing for more info.

Aviation Radio Show

Did you know that there is a radio show dealing only with aviation issues? For example, the last show dealt with the Ethanol issue. The show included Todd Peterson of Peterson Aviation (he sells STCs and the FAA recognizes him as an expert in auto fuel for aircraft) and FAA's Peter Rouse (He wrote a SAIB about the consequences of ethanol in aircraft fuel system and he flies experimental airplanes). Pilots were calling in with some of the problems already being experienced due to ethanol. If you would like to check this out, see their web site www.flighttim-radio.com.

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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):

- July 1, 2008
- Aug. 5, 2008
- Sept. 2, 2008

Members Meeting

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

- July 8, 2008
- Aug. 12, 2008
- Sept. 9, 2008

Pancake Breakfast & Social

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

- July 26, 2008
- Aug. 23, 2008
- Sept. 27, 2008

Upcoming Events:

Have a safe summer!

Contact EAA Chapter 99:

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Meeting Location:

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