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## PIREPS

Airventure 2008 - what a great year; portrayed by the slide show given by Ken M. and Richard C. at the August meeting.

## OUTLOOK

### Chapter Activities in the Works

Another lazy summer is almost over. In time for the beginning of school our president has returned and is ready to start another ToDoList. At the next officers' meeting several issues will be discussed: among them are the ethanol issue, the proposed Learn-To-Fly Saturday, results of the member's questionnaire, a new schedule of educational programs for the coming season, the benefits of enhancing our flight simulator, and - believe it or not, it's that time already - Aviation Day 2009!



If you are interested in what's going on behind the scenes, you are welcome to join our officer's meeting on Tuesday Sept. 2, 2008. Your officers appreciate your help, support and input.

### Member's Meeting on September 9, 2008

The member's meeting on Sept. 9 will be your last chance for socializing without being rushed by a scheduled program. However, if you have an interesting video to share, you may bring it along for the September meeting. Please call Landis at 772-567-2506 to make arrangements. Also along those lines, anybody who has something to contribute to this newsletter is encouraged to send it to [info@eaa99.org](mailto:info@eaa99.org).

### Sport Pilots & LSA Seminar, Oct. 14, 2008

We are going to start off a new series of aviation oriented programs with a presentation by Donato Martino: "Safe Flying with Sport Pilots & Light Sport Aircraft", covering

the Sport Pilot and LSA Rule in all aspects and answering questions. That should be of interest to all Chapter 99 members and any guest interested in learning to fly. If

you want to get a head start and find out more about Donato and his company, you may log on to [www.ussportaircraft.com](http://www.ussportaircraft.com).



## MINUTES LAST MEETING

The meeting was opened at 7:04 by Keith G. The minutes of the July meeting which appeared on the bulletin board and in the newsletter were approved as printed. The treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$16406.49 was also approved.

Keith G. reported on his efforts to replace the chapter sign on airport property. Placing it inside the fence is unacceptable.

Builder reports: John M. has his PA12 on its wheels. Ken M. reported no progress on his Velocity XL this month but did fabricate some speed fairings for a Harmon Rocket owned by a builder in Sebastian, FL. Jim D. is flying again after his episode with ethanol in his fuel which required him to clean out his fuel system and reseal his fuel tanks. Richard C. who also belongs to the St. Lucie Chapter participated in the annual inspection of their flying clubs 1965 Piper Cherokee. He also reported that he attended several KR-2 and VW seminars at Airventure 2008.

Keith G. reported that the chapter would participate with other chapters in Florida in an effort to have premium auto fuel exempted from the ethanol mandate recently signed into law.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed Learn to Fly Saturday. Marty M. reported on a motion simulator he saw demonstrated at Airventure 2008. More information will be available from the October program which will be by Donato Martino of U.S. Sport Aircraft in Ft. Pierce, FL.

After some coffee and cake those present enjoyed a slide show presented by Ken M. and Richard C. consisting of pictures they took while at Airventure 2008.



## SATURDAY SOCIAL

Saturday August 23, saw the return of Pres. Gerd and Sylvia. They were back from their vacation in Germany and attended the Chapter 99 Social. The event centered around instructing three young boys who were brought by their mother to learn what they could about airplanes and how to fly them.



To start off, Marty did his usual bit with the simulator showing each one how to take off, turn around and land an airplane. After consuming some pancakes, they were given a tour by John M. of his hangar and Piper PA12 rebuild project. Next they were shown the two Velocities and the RANS Courier in the EAA box hangar by Landis K., and finally the new Cessna 400 by Roger D. The boys left with each one carrying several copies of Sport Aviation and just a little more knowledge than when they arrived.



*John explaining his PA12 project.*

*Landis giving a tour of the planes in the chapter hangar.*



### Chapter 99 Taking the Lead

There have been several discussions among the officers and interested Chapter 99 members about changing the theme of the Saturday sessions to a "Learn To Fly" Saturday aimed at interested persons of all ages. As of now there is really no place a person can go to learn about what is required for a license to fly an airplane, especially in the Light Sport category. By taking the lead here the chapter should be able to increase the membership of potential and active pilots. We will know more about what we can do after the officers' meeting on Sept. 2nd.

## AVIATION FORUMS

### FAA Safety Seminar on Sept. 18, 2008

On September 18th, 7:00 PM a professional from St. Petersburg Flight Service Station will make a presentation on services available from FSS such as weather briefings, NOTAMS and filing flight plans. He will let you know how you as a pilot can make sure you get all the information you need from FSS. He will also talk about TFRs, plus weather related topics. Location: Flight Safety Hangar at 3530 Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach.

### LoPresti First Saturday in September

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 the airport. Check [www.SpeedMods.com](http://www.SpeedMods.com).

### Elsa Course, Sept. 26-28

An Experimental Light Sport Aircraft Repairman/Inspection Course will be held at Lantana on September 26-28. Successful completion of this course will allow the attendee to do their own annual condition inspection on their own Experimental Light Sport Aircraft. For more information check [www.sportair.com](http://www.sportair.com).

### FIT Aviation Day, Oct. 18

Aircraft displays, aviation products, aviation information booths, food, demonstration flights. Fuel discounts for all participants!

\* October 18, 2008, 8 AM – 4 PM at KMLB

\* 640 Harry Sutton Road - Melbourne, FL 32901

For more information or notification of your intent to participate, please contact the flight school at 321-674-6521 or e-mail: [Martianwings@aol.com](mailto:Martianwings@aol.com)

## KITFOX PROJECT

A disposition needs to be determined for the KITFOX kit that has been donated to the chapter. Ideally it would be given to a small group to take over and build it with the help of chapter volunteers in the chapter hangar. There has been one response from the chapter survey to do just that but more help will be needed. However all suggestions or offers will be considered. Contact Gerd or any other chapter officer.

## ETHANOL FUEL DRAMA

At the last meeting Chapter 99 members learned of the problems encountered by Jim Davis when he unknowingly refueled his airplane with autofuel containing ethanol. EAA Chapter 193 in Jacksonville, FL has encountered similar problems and is doing something about it. They are starting a movement to win some relief from the ethanol



mandate on auto gas that was recently signed into law. They are asking local chapters to assist them with the goal to have premium auto fuel exempted from ethanol so that pilots who fly with an STC would be able to safely keep fueling their aircraft. Chapter 99 needs a volunteer to coordinate this activity. In the meantime, ethanol free fuel can be bought at most marinas or COMO Oil Co. at 1731 Commerce Avenue in Vero Beach.



*We don't know what your doctor recommends, but please be careful about possible complications and/or side effects of your medication!!*

## LAST NOTES

### ➤ **Memorial Wall at Oshkosh includes Don K.**

Submitted by Keith

We got news from Lesley Poberezny: "The Memorial wall page for each inductee is online. Please go to the following site (<http://www.eaa.org/support/memorial.asp>) and click on 2008 Memorial Wall inductees (you will find it on the right hand side of the page). There you will have to do a search for the person you are looking for. You are more than welcome to look at the others as well. You will be following in the same process for each person then." Thanks Keith for all your work and making this possible.

### ➤ **Jim Interviewed on Flighttime Radio Show**

Jim D. was interviewed on Aug. 16, 2008 by Flighttime Radio about the ethanol issue which was very interesting explaining some background facts. If you would like to listen to the show, go to [www.flighttimeradio.com](http://www.flighttimeradio.com), then to the archive page. They are actually right now updating all of their archives and should have that show available very shortly. If we can make it work, we'll have the MP3 on our website [www.eaa99.org](http://www.eaa99.org)

## PILOT HUMOR



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## CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

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

### ➤ **Planning Meeting**

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

- Sept. 2, 2008
- Oct. 7, 2008
- Nov. 4, 2008

### ➤ **Members Meeting**

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

- Sept. 9, 2008
- Oct. 14, 2008
- Nov. 11, 2008

### ➤ **Saturday Social & Pancake Breakfast**

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

- Sept. 27, 2008
- Oct. 25, 2008
- Nov. 22, 2008

### ➤ **Upcoming Events:**

Oct. 14, 2008 - 7 PM:  
Sport Pilot & LSA Seminar by Donato Martino

Aviation Day 2009 - TBD

➤ **Contact EAA Chapter 99**

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➤ **On The Web**

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➤ **Meeting Location**

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