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PIREPS

▶ **Aviation Day 2012 a Big Success**

On Saturday March 17, 2012 Chapter 99 teamed up with Vero Beach Municipal Airport and hosted the tenth annual Aviation Day.

The weather couldn't have been better: Blue skies, warm sun and light breezes. Our decision to push back the event into March again paid off. About 3300 visitors came to take a close look at the approx. 50 airplanes including a B-25 and T-6 that were brought in by History Flight. Some of the new additions to this year's event included the Grumman OV-1D Mohawk and the Douglas A-4C Skyhawk.

Our members Bill, Landis and Lars were interviewed by George Maher of local radio station WTTB. If you missed it, there is a recording of the interview on George's web site: www.georgemahershow.com.



Our newspapers have written several articles, announcing the event and reporting afterwards. This definitely helps with our marketing. In general we notice that the number of postings about Aviation Days on the web is increasing. If you just google Aviation Day Vero Beach you will be surprised how many photos, articles and videos show up.

Stay tuned: More details, a bunch of photos and links will be posted on our web site soon!



OUTLOOK

▶ **EAA Ford Trimotor in KVRB April 16-18**

EAA's Ford Trimotor is touring the country raising awareness for EAA, local EAA Chapters, and giving people a chance to relive history and get a feel for what air travel in 1929 was like. Rides are \$80 for a 15 minute flight. Reserve your seat toady!

Visit www.FlytheFord.com for more information and to book your flight or call 1-877-952-5395.

We need help to pull this event together! Everyone is invited to attend our planning meeting on April 3, 2012 - 7:00 PM at our meeting room off 2703 Flight Safety Drive.

For more information about the Ford Trimotor and this event read Bernie G.'s article on page 2.

▶ **Aviation Day Wrap Up on April 10, 2012**

As our friend Gary E. said: "Aviation Day is a great service to our community and your concentrated efforts go a long way in helping people understand and appreciate that. Everybody did a great job. It was a lot of work to put this event together and pull it off." We agree. Now it's time to celebrate! We are planning for:

"Aviation, Fun and Friends"

And food! The idea is hot dogs, German sauerkraut, baked beans and of course desert.



To relive a successful Aviation Day our friend Scott B. will prepare a presentation featuring the highlights of Aviation Day 2012. He is a very talented photographer who has been shooting since the early seventies. He shot freelance for different news agencies along with the standard array of portraits and weddings. He's a local since 18 years and is planning to stay. Look at his work on <http://fineart.smugmug.com>.

Plan to attend on April 10, 2012 - 7:00 PM and bring your significant other!

Location: Our meeting room off 2703 Flight Safety Drive.



MINUTES LAST MEETING

*Minutes Membership Meeting held on March 13, 2012.
Submitted by Alex W.*

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 24 members and 5 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sylvia P. encouraged everyone to put out Aviation Day flyers everywhere they can to help get the word out. She has additional flyers if anyone needs them. She noted that Ed C. is flying around to airports all over the state and putting out flyers at the FBO's. So far he has put out 14 flyers. She said that the Aviation Day website has been updated two or three times since we met last and she will update it again with the list of confirmed participants to provide most current details to visitors.

Mike D. noted that Jim D. was running 240 radio spots before Aviation Day and reminded everyone to thank Jim for his efforts. He then recognized our guests and after they were introduced, welcomed them to Chapter 99.

Vice President Keith G. reported that as of tonight the proper insurance coverage required for Aviation Day is in place.

The Secretary's report was given by Alex W. He reported that the minutes for the February Membership Meeting were published in the Chapter 99 newsletter and a copy of the newsletter is posted on the Chapter bulletin board at the rear of the meeting room. He also has a copy with him if there are any questions about the minutes.

Mike D. then called for builder's reports. John H. reported on the engine work for his Kitfox. Ed C. noted that Rotax is coming out with a new engine that will be an alternative for the light sport market. Dan C. reports that the wings and tail section for his Zenith 750 are done and he is working on the fuselage. He also has built a Corvair engine for it. Bill Z. had no new progress to report on his projects. Tom W. announced that for those finishing their projects by August; he will halve his DAR fee for them as an incentive for them to increase their efforts.

Todd S. reviewed the planning for Aviation Day planned for March 17, 2012. He reported that we have 45 confirmed aircraft as of now and he expects that we will end up with our usual 50 to 53 aircraft on the ramp. Keith G. and Eric M. have done a radio interview and he will also be doing a radio interview helping to get the word out about Aviation Day. Some recent commitments include a Cessna 190 being brought over by Joel S.'s friend Rick, and a Coast Guard HC-144A. Mike D. added that Velocity was not sure but if they do make it, there will be only one aircraft. Richard C. said that there is a possibility that the CAP will have an aircraft here as well. Todd said that he would meet with the heads of the flight line crews at the break to iron out a few things and finalize the flight line layout. Todd then reviewed the safety precautions to be taken on Aviation Day and asked that all members be on the lookout for any unsafe actions and that they take immediate actions to correct them if they occur.

There was then a short general discussion of areas where volunteers were still needed, food preparations and traffic concerns. It was pointed out that the Sheriffs explorers will be directing traffic and parking. Setup will be Friday afternoon at 4 PM and all who can are urged to come and assist with getting materials and equipment moved into place and setup. Also promotional flights will be conducted all day Friday.

Mike D. then reminded everyone that the EAA Ford Tri-motor will be coming for three days in April and volunteers will be needed while they are here giving rides. After Aviation Day we will circulate a signup sheet for those who will be able to help out.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned and everyone took a 15 minute break for refreshments.

After the break Richard C. gave an interesting and informative slide show and talk about his recent visit to see the Nazca Lines in a desert in the south of Peru. Everyone was amazed by his photographs and the mystery surrounding the origin of these huge inscriptions, most of which can only be seen from the air.

He was thanked for his presentation and the meeting was adjourned by Mike D. at 8:45 PM.

"TIN GOOSE" IN FLORIDA

➤ **EAA Ford Tri-Motor in KVRB April 16-18**

Submitted by Bernie G.

The EAA is sending its restored Ford Trimotor on a tour of Florida for the first time. This unique 1929 airplane will be in Vero Beach on April 16th, 17th & 18th, and will be giving rides to the public during those three days.



*Restored 1929 Ford
4-AT-E Trimotor,
painted in the colors of
Eastern Air Transport.*

Chapter 99 is providing volunteers for this event at the Municipal Airport. This visit could be a source of revenue for the Chapter, providing that we exceed the amount needed to meet all expenses incurred by Oshkosh.

Any publicity that you can give to this event could help our Chapter make a "nice piece of change". All information is available on www.eaa99.org.

Your officers are preparing a flyer that will be emailed to everybody on our mailing list. Please help spread the word and distribute it to your aviation minded friends.

The Ford Trimotor is quite a historic plane. It used all-metal construction, even on the wings and control surfaces, and greatly resembled the Fokker F. VII. The impact of the Trimotor on commercial aviation was immediate, as the design represented a "quantum leap over other airliners".



Within a few months of its introduction, Transcontinental Air Transport announced "coast-to-coast" comfortable passenger service. While advertised as a transcontinental service, the airliner had to rely on rail connections with a deluxe Pullman train that would be based in New York being the first part of the journey. Passengers then met up with a Trimotor in Port Columbus, Ohio, that would begin a hop across the continent ending at Waynoka, Oklahoma where another train would take the passengers to Clovis, New Mexico, where the final journey would begin, again on a Trimotor - to end up at the Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, a few miles north-east of Los Angeles. That led Ford to claim that the Trimotor was "the safest



airliner around". Ford built 199 planes from 1926 to 1933, and over 100 airlines around the world flew the Trimotor. In the late 1920's the Ford Aircraft Division was "reputedly" the largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft in the world.

LAST NOTES

▶ **Flying the Pacific on 93 Gallons of Fuel**

Submitted by Keith G.

Remember the story we featured last month about a pilot to circumnavigate the world in a Pipistrel motor glider? Here is an update:

The Slovenian Pipistrel Virus LSA landed safely in Antarctica and made it to New Zealand and Australia. Approaching Ayers Rock in the geographical center of Australia it developed a tailplane flutter. It was grounded for over a week while parts and engineers flew in from Slovenia. The route north to Indonesia was then blocked by a passing cyclone (i.e. a hurricane spinning clockwise in the southern hemisphere), further delaying departure. It set out from Broome, in northwest Australia, March 20 on the way to Djakarta in Indonesia. No further reports are posted on the internet.

DUES ARE DUE!

Most of you have renewed by now - thank you!! However, there is still a handful of 2011 members whose memberships are in danger of expiring.



Remember, after April 1st we will clean up our membership database. This means, if Ernie hasn't received your renewal by then, we need to assume that you want to discontinue your membership with EAA Chapter 99. Giving out Free Bees is just not fair to anyone else who pays.

AVIATION HUMOR



▶ **No Respect**

Submitted by Roger C.

The flight attendant listened patiently to the man's complaints:

"You bring me cold coffee. You serve me lousy food. I can't see the movie. Not that it matters because you didn't bring me any headphones. And my window doesn't even have a shade, so I can't sleep."

When he'd finally stopped whining, she said:

"Just shut up and fly the plane!"

AVIATION RUMOR



▶ **Elections?**

Is it April already? Isn't this the month where batons are passed on to the next round of Chapter 99 members? At the time of printing, the editor was still unable to find out the status of chapter elections. I definitely see a resemblance to MOAs: they are either hot or cold. You only find out in the air by calling Center or when flanked by VERY official looking flying objects.

My suggestion: Come to our April meeting. Or you just might get elected because you cannot defend yourself.

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CALENDAR - EAA CHAPTER 99

▶ **Planning Meeting**

1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM (officers and all interested invited):

- April 3, 2012
- May 1, 2012
- June 5, 2012

▶ **Members Meeting**

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM (bring a guest):

- April 10, 2012
- May 8, 2012
- June 12, 2012

▶ **Upcoming Events:**

April 16-18, 2012
EAA Ford Trimotor at
Vero Beach Airport

▶ **Meeting Location:**

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

IF YOU ENJOY READING OUR NEWSLETTER AND ARE NOT A MEMBER OF EAA CHAPTER 99, please consider joining. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, use this form to renew.



JOIN EAA AND EAA CHAPTER 99!

STEP 1: JOIN THE NATIONAL EAA:

National Membership is required in order to belong to a local chapter. Dues vary on what membership option you choose and do NOT include dues of a local chapter. Log on to EAA.org for most current details. You can join online.

CONNECT with aviation minded people and participate in chapter happenings. Your benefits add up: In addition to your benefits as a member of the national EAA (details at EAA.org), by joining Chapter 99 you will receive our monthly newsletter and e-mail notices of chapter meetings, socials and aviation events. A local chapter supplies helpful information and offers valuable resources. Did we mention the fun and camaraderie that comes with sharing the love of flying, building, or restoring an aircraft?

Chapter 99
Dues per Year:
\$20.00

STEP 2: JOIN EAA CHAPTER 99:

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