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President's Corner.... By Chapter 43 President Roxie Juul

Hello everyone!

February is here, January is gone. January was a cold and snowy month, congratulations to those that got some flying time on and/or got to travel in other ways.

The event at FlyteCo Tower was on a cold and windy night, but we still had 52 people enjoy the event. We had a great turn out for going up to the top of the old Stapleton Tower.

Col. Lindsey kept us all interested in his presentation.

More things to come in the future of 2025.

Next Gathering - Saturday, February 8, 2025, 6-8:30 PM

@ the Flatirons Room in the Terminal Building at RMMA (BJC)

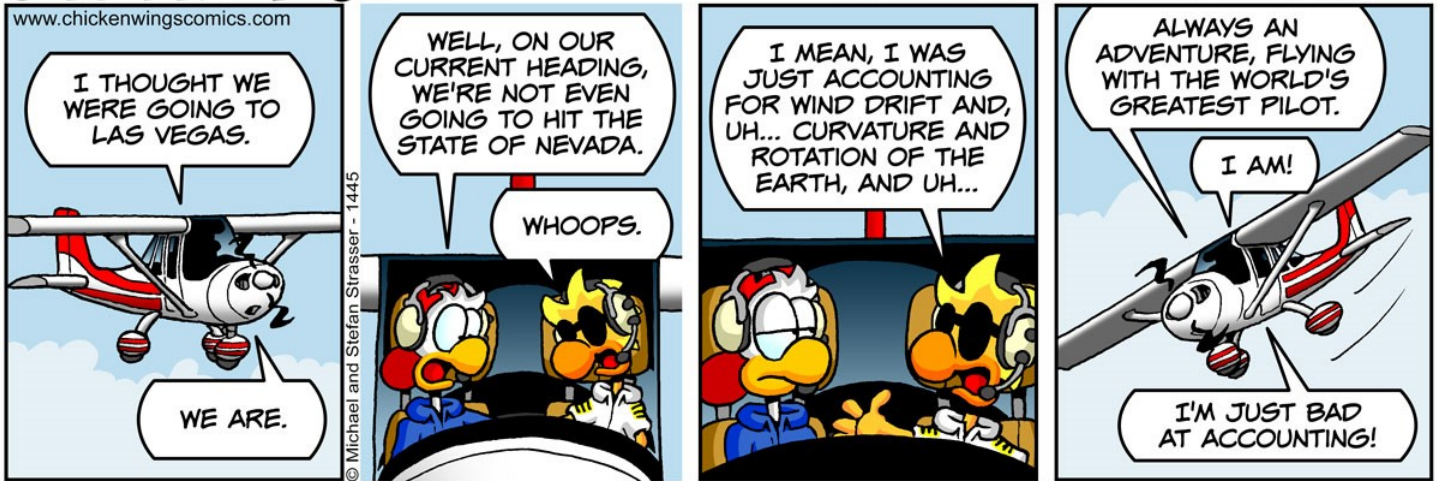
Program will be Michael Savino, discussing flight testing which he recently completed for his RV-14 build.

In this issue:

- Title pic - Happy Valentine's Day!
- Chicken Wings - This one's for our Chapter Treasurer, Dixon, who's been SO PATIENT with those of us working the banquet! Thanks for all you do, Dixon!
- Got an excellent fly-out opportunity coming up on April 26th, check it out on page 2.
- Check the March Area Events on the Calendar on page 3 - the EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp is hosted by Chapter 43 but is open to all EAA Chapters - if you currently hold a Chapter office or have an interest in doing so, this is your chance to find out more AND have a good time with fellow EAA members. Class size is limited to 50 students and there are quite a few chapters in our area, so sign up soon at the link provided in the Calendar.
- Have you paid your Chapter dues for 2025? If you're not sure, see page 4 for online instructions or see page 13 for IRL ("in real life" for the acronym-weary) application and payment instructions.
- No meeting minutes from January, but there's a writeup of the presentation Col. Steve Lindsey gave at the FlyteCo Tower Event on page 11.
- Since I don't have a second set of eyes to review the newsletter, help find my boo-boos for cookies! Let me know at newsletter@eaa43.org and come to the next regular chapter meeting for your cookies! If you'd like to contribute a calendar event, a newsletter article on a trip, a tool, component, or aircraft review, a how-to for build or test, historical or ANYTHING airplane or chapter related, don't be shy. You can email newsletter@eaa43.org with anything ya got in electronic format, or hand me a hardcopy. Gmail limits attachments to 25MB, so if it's bigger than that, try multiple emails, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.

CHICKEN WINGS®

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



Coming in April -

From past Chapter 43 VP Ayden Edgar:

The Aviation Club at Colorado State University in Fort Collins is hosting a Pancake Fly-in on the 26th of April.

The club would love to spread the word of this fly-in as far as possible, and considering the relative ease of a flight from BJC to the Fort Collins area, I figured getting it in the newsletter or to the chapter at a meeting would be great for our attendance.

We have not nailed down many of the details, including exact times, which I am happy to continue to update you with. Here is what I do know...

The fly-in will be hosted at Christman Airfield, CO55, in Fort Collins.

CSU has ownership of this private airstrip to the north west of campus. Previously serving as the Larimer County airport in the WWI era, later relieved from service by the Fort Collins Regional Airport, and then by FNL, Christman Airfield sits at 5,160 feet with one paved runway, 16-34. This runway is surprisingly long at 4,000 feet, and 60ft of width.

Christman has FAA Identifier CO55, but that is not listed on the sectional, so find it on the sectional at 40° 36'N 105° 9'W. For purposes of GPS or Google Maps, 40.591379, -105.143871

P.S. What a great way to get to land on a private airstrip!

Upcoming Events Calendar

2025 CHAPTER EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Sat 8 Chapter Meeting at the Flatirons room at BJC, 6PM.
 Tue 11 Chapter 43 VMC Club, 6PM, live and virtual, contact andresmith76@outlook.com
 Tue 25 Chapter 43 Builder's Club, 6PM, live only, contact andy@andymcrae.com
 Thu 27 Chapter 43 IMC Club, 6:30PM, live and virtual, contact llearnsh@gmail.com

MARCH

- Sat 8 Chapter Meeting at the Flatirons room at BJC, 6PM.
 Tue 11 Chapter 43 VMC Club, 6PM, live and virtual, contact andresmith76@outlook.com
 Sat 15 EAA Chapter 43 Young Eagles Rally EIK, 7:45 AM
 Tue 25 Chapter 43 Builder's Club, 6PM, live only, contact andy@andymcrae.com
 Thu 27 Chapter 43 IMC Club 6:30PM, live and virtual, contact llearnsh@gmail.com

2025 AREA EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Wed 5 VAA Chapter 42 Meeting, KBDU, 6-8PM,
<https://eaavintage.org/about-us-chapters-vintage-chapter-42/>
 Sat 8 Breakfast Fly-In*, Exploration of Flight, 9:30AM-12:30PM,
<https://wingsmuseum.org/events/breakfast-fly-in-feb/>
 Sat 8 Chapter 648 Meeting, 10AM. Details at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea648>
 Wed 12 Chapter 1627 & VAA 42 Movie Night, KBDU, 6-9PM,
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>
 14-16 AOPA Fly-In at the Buckeye Air Fair, Buckeye, AZ (KBXK),
<https://aopa.org/community/buckeye-air-fair>
 Sat 15 Chapter 301 Young Eagles Rally, KAPA, 7AM, <https://www.eaa301.org/young-eagles>
 Wed 19 Chapter 1627 Meeting, KBDU, 6-8PM,
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>
 Fri 21 Chapter 301 Meeting, 7PM, <https://www.eaa301.org/membership>
 Sat 22 Drone Showcase*, Exploration of Flight, 10AM-2PM,
<https://wingsmuseum.org/events/drone-showcase/>
 Thu 27 SCFD Free Day, WOTR Air & Space Museum, registration required,
<https://wingsmuseum.org/events/scfd-free-day/>

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<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>
 Sat 8 Chapter 648 Meeting, KLMO, 10AM, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea648/event-calendar>
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 Wed 19 Chapter 1627 Meeting, KBDU, 6-8PM,
<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>
 21-22 EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp, group dinner Friday, 6:30PM at Beau Jo's Arvada and
 Boot Camp Saturday, 8AM-5PM at the Flatirons room at BJC. Registration required, see
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/9b5a0b56671f435cb5ba9e6d6d576986>
 Fri 21 Chapter 301 Meeting, 7PM, see <https://www.eaa301.org/membership>
 27-29 Women in Aviation International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Denver, 8AM-5PM
 Register at <https://www.wai.org/2025-conference>

* Most events at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum and Exploration of Flight require museum ticket pre-purchase. That's not a bad thing, it keeps the museums running!



The Young Eagles day website will redirect to the eaachapters.org website on February 10th. Your login should be the same as your Young Eagles Day login. I urge you to log into the new website and review your profile information. Correct as needed. Remember the information from your account prints onto the Young Eagles certificates we print out at the rallies. I have the registration opening on February 23rd at 7 pm for the kids. I will send out a call for volunteers around the same time. Look in your spam folder if you haven't seen it in your inbox. More volunteers are always welcome, so come out and enjoy a morning at the Erie airport.

Clifford Hasenbalg
EAA Chapter 43 Young Eagles Coordinator
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Chapter Name Tags

Want an official chapter name tag? See Herrill Davenport. Payment to Herrill is requested before the tags are ordered - \$9.75 for a pin fastener or \$10.75 for a magnetic fastener. He'll have your name tag at the next meeting!



Social Media Co-Coordinators John Kellogg & ???

Currently looking for a new Co-Coordinator! John administers Chapter 43 accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, but he needs help! And content! Send Chapter announcements and project/flight/event pictures and stories to johnkelloggflies@gmail.com. Links to the Chapter Facebook and Twitter accounts have been added just under "Welcome to Chapter 43" on the Chapter's homepage at www.eaa43.org. If you select the Instagram logo in the same area, it will take you to [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/eaachapter43/) where you can type in the handle @eaachapter43! If you use Facebook you can find the Chapter 43 accounts by searching for EAA Chapter 43 or @EAA43. If you use Twitter, search for @eaachapter43.

PLEASE contact John at his address above, and Chapter Secretary Val Gregory at newsletter@eaa43.org if you can help as a Co-Coordinator!

From Membership Coordinator Mike Savino

IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING CHAPTER EMAILS email me at ea43membership@eaa43.org! And to help prevent those emails from ending up in your spam folder, please add ea43membership@eaa43.org to your email contact list. We can't control how e-mail is marked as spam. What we can do is add the contact and this will help.

If you're not sure of your membership status, see me at the monthly gathering or email me at ea43membership@eaa43.org. You can renew at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea43/join-or-renew> or bring a check made out to EAA Chapter 43 to the next meeting. Periodically the chapter sends out emails from ea43membership@eaa43.org to all members. SPEAKING OF DUES, 2025 dues are DUE NOW - \$25 for one year, \$100 for 5 years.

You can also check your membership status in the online roster which you can access at <https://roster.eaachapters.org/main> and log in with the login FirstnameLastnameEAA43 (that's YOUR first name and last name) and your EAA National password. Don't have a National password? Go to <https://www.eaa.org/ea43/>, click on "SIGN IN" in the upper right corner of the webpage, and click on "Create an EAA.org Account" in the popup window to get access! If you STILL don't have access, contact me at ea43membership@eaa43.org

Scholarship

We have selected nine candidates to interview in early February out of a total of 17 candidates. We look forward to meeting these nine talented candidates.

The committee this year includes:

Mike Sutton, Jenny Sutton, Scott Serani, Eric Serani, Trice McEwen, Mitchell Johnson, John Kellogg, and Ricky Domenico.

The Scholarship Committee
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Cliff's Notes

January turned out to be a pretty good flying month with mild winds, and great super cold weather making our 79% horsepower jump an extra 5 or so horses, with density altitude as low as 2500 feet...yeeha!

Michael Savino and I have continued to fly together as he continues to learn his new machine. I had an opportunity to try out some of the new stuff I'd learned from Jeff Jones on how to operate the GTN650 navigator with Michael flying. WOW I didn't know it did that. We had one especially perfect day to go out and practice X-wind landings with the breeze 70 to 90 degrees to the runway at a gentle 10 knots. I had the pattern to myself, which is getting rare, and enjoyed tuning up an important skill, as well as some work talking to ATC.

Michael decided he wanted to finally take his 14 into the mountains. I hadn't flown to Salida in at least 6 or 8 weeks, and we headed that way.

It was cold and performance was great. There are a couple of ways to get there but the trick is to not have to clobber the eardrums of your passengers on the descent by choosing a slightly different more scenic path in. Michael chose a tour of Colorado Springs through the canyon to return allowing for discussions with Springs Approach, flying directly over the Springs airport and by the Academy, and approval through the Bravo airspace with a smooth descent through the Delta and finally into Erie. What fun.

To be honest, I've struggled a bit with writing this month but I ask you read all the way to the bottom.

The Soaring Society was looking for a "Ship Manager" for one of the gliders. Like an idiot I said sure, no motor, piece of cake. NOT. Any way the glider needed to have the gel coat sanded and polished and when you're sanding and polishing 55 feet of wing on a Discus, that's a lot of wing. There was a repair to be made which is where this story starts. The Canopy for this little guy costs about 12K and a hinge was cracked and needed to be replaced.

One option was to drive the glider to Moriarty, New Mexico. I thought it was just a hinge so I took the project on, but that's not what any of this is about.

I had to get the glider to my hanger so someone with a trailer hitch had to drive the "box" which contains the glider to my house/hanger to work on it in the warmth.

Here's the rest of the story:

Soaring Society has a google channel which allows us to send emails to the chapter. At times it's a little annoying to get so many emails but it seems to keep the group pretty cohesive. Anyway, I sent an email to the group and within 10 minutes 4 members responded with various times that could help to get it to my place, followed by members wanting to help in the repair and continued polishing of the fuselage, as the wings were done. I was blown away by the response, literally minutes later. Charlie picked up the glider that afternoon, and the fuselage was now in my hanger waiting for me and Paul, our mechanic to start working on it. WOW that was crazy fast.

Soaring is not a solo event if you need a tow, and having helpers around the field makes getting going and landing a joy. It's a great place to hang out, like an active FBO.

We had our fall banquet and I just couldn't pass up my first social event. It was just crazy but within 2 or 3 weeks of the banquet, the restaurant closed its doors. 2 days later, we were all set with a new venue because members got on the phone and started calling around for a new place. All of a sudden we were going to Carelli's with 80 members. Bobbi and I knew just a couple of members, but by the end of the evening we had made many new friends. The Banquet was lively with a slide show, where the SSB was going, and of course the many awards for members who had achieved new levels of soaring. It was hard to say good night.

In a previous "Cliff's Notes" I wrote about the youth and enthusiasm that Michael Savino and I received in a Saturday morning meeting with Greeley Chapter 1117.

EAA Chapter 43 is my FIRST home. Bobbi and I have met so many wonderful people and with the help of the members, we have learned the necessary skills to build and care for a beautiful airplane.

Our chapter has many Auxiliary groups such as Builders, IMC, VMC, and Young Eagles. These groups have been incredibly successful, but what about the core of our organization. I "feel" our group is beginning to die. I could cite reasons but I think it'd be more helpful to take time during our chapter meeting next Saturday to enter into an open discussion and explore what our chapter needs to revitalize itself.

So what caused this call to action.

I've heard members choosing to go to other chapter meetings.

Members just dropping out of our chapter.


And as lame as this may seem, Bobbi and I bought tickets to our banquet to support the chapter with no intention of going. I guess you'd call that half in, half out.

I'd like to ask our chapter leaders to engage in discussions with members as to what our organization needs to revitalize Chapter 43 to the strength and participation we used to have. We all have other organizations we're engaged with which we measure the pleasure and education we receive by being involved. I selfishly would like our Chapter to be the yardstick we use to gauge excellence. I look forward to our February chapter meeting to begin these discussions.

Thanks for listening.

Cliff

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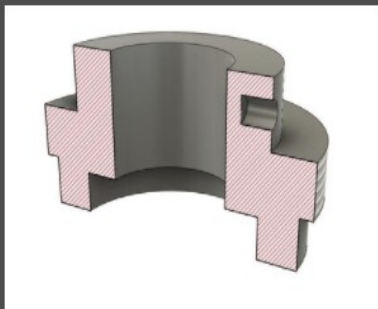
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John was recommended to do some work on Herrill Davenport's 182 fairing, and wants to do more airplane work.



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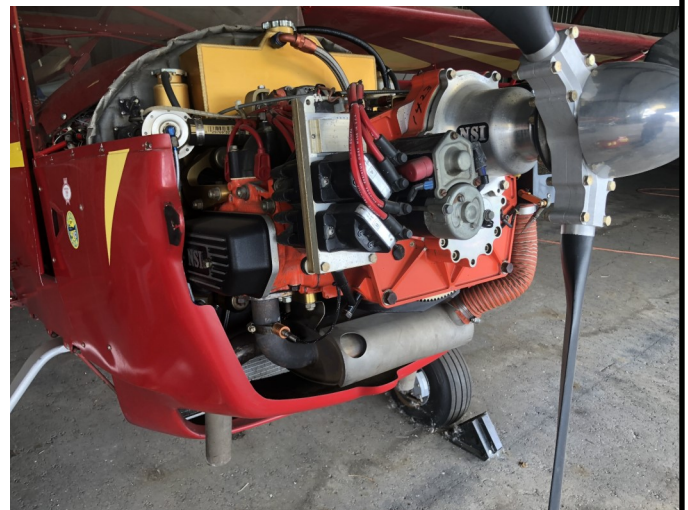
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Presentation by Col. Steve Lindsey, USAF/NASA/Sierra Space Retired

From the FlyteCo Tower Event, January 26th

Chuck Kubin thanked the FlyteCo staff and Chapter members who helped set the event up - President Roxie Juul, Treasurer Dixon Herboldsheimer, Secretary Val Gregory, and Membership Coordinator Mike Savino. Then he introduced Col. Steve Lindsey - after a career as an Air Force pilot, Steve went to NASA and was a 5 time shuttle crew member. After retiring from NASA, he went to work for Sierra Space and led the Dream Chaser program, in addition to other leadership roles there. Dream Chaser is being integrated with its United Launch Alliance Vulcan Centaur rocket for launch later this year (currently scheduled for no earlier than May 2025). Steve retired from Sierra Space about a year ago. Steve will talk about the final Discovery Shuttle mission, STS-133.

Steve's background - he grew up in California, always wanted to fly and be an engineer. As a sophomore in high school, he was part of a class trip to the Air Force Academy, and a teacher said he should apply. After graduation from the Academy, he spent a year in pilot training flying F-4s and then teaching, but he wanted more engineering. So he went to test pilot training and flew F-16s. (Steve noted that 2025 is the 50th anniversary of the F-16. Editor - that's the production rollout anniversary; activation occurred 1978-79. Wings Over the Rockies will be getting an F-16 this year.) Steve flew as a test pilot at Eglin, then applied to NASA and was accepted!

Steve's first Shuttle Mission (as pilot) was a 16 day microgravity experiment; his second was STS-95, with John Glenn. The Shuttle is a glider (subsonic glide ratio of 4.5:1). The F-4 is 9:1. Like Buzz Lightyear, the shuttle doesn't fly, it falls with style. Challenges to landing as Commander or Pilot - fully manual operation. Fluid loading to prep for gravity is 48oz of water with salt in 15 minutes but still dehydrated. Neuro vestibular issues affect reaction times. Sleep deprivation due to busy mission timelines, work schedules, and gravity adaptation. All this results in about 60% of normal flying capability. Then add crew equipment - bulky suit and gloves, parachutes, O₂ tanks, and ground egress equipment. Then there's the Shuttle flying qualities - Low Lift/Drag of 4.2 and goofy stick dynamics. Control System Pitch Rate Commands - have to fly open loop and the landing speed is difficult to achieve. Vehicle Aerodynamics and finally, weather!

So how does one learn to fly the Shuttle? Training, training, training! Landing simulations at the rate of 10 landings per hour for many (many) hours.

The Shuttle flew 5 computers, each with 128K RAM. But they were VERY reliable, certified for nuclear exposure.

Shuttle Systems - Navigation on orbit - 2 star trackers, single/triple GPS, 4 IMUs (Inertial Measurement Units).

Navigation on atmospheric entry - single/triple GPS, propagated State Vector.

At this point the Secretary got too far behind; next time I'll get photos of the slides!

Steve showed a video of STS-133's final landing starting at Mach 2.5 and 77K altitude. The mission purpose was to complete the Space Station with a PMM (Pressurized Mission Module) and external stairs. Steve introduced the STS-133 crew, then showed a video of the mission activities (intro by William Shatner!) The mission also included a Japanese experiment "Message in a Bottle" (accompanied by Sting).

Space Shuttle Discovery stats - 39 missions for a total of 365 days on orbit over 30 years. Longest mission was 18 days; 16 days is the usual maximum but this mission had its landing waived for 2 days due to weather.

Commander and Pilot both fly; the Commander is equivalent to an airline Captain and the Pilot is the First Officer.

On orbit flying has 6 degrees of freedom - roll, pitch, yaw and translation in 3 directions \pm . Docking with the Space Station is interesting with very tight parameters, but Steve could teach any of us to do it in about 8 hours.

There was a question about the pertinence of Eagle Scout skills - in Steve's NASA interview he mentioned being a Scout and John Young asked if he'd made Eagle - he had. It makes a difference!

Respectfully Submitted,

Val Gregory

EAA Chapter 43 Secretary



Parting Shot!

While searching for the title picture, I noted how many featured jet airliner contrail “skywriting”. Wouldn’t want to be a passenger while THAT was going on!



How is this possible, you ask? Two engines at the tail in a rotating module perhaps?



Membership Enrollment Information

(Needed for Current Roster & Chapter Correspondence)



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Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as pilot or volunteer?	Pilot	Yes ___ No ___
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Arrange, Or Be, The Program For One Of Our Meetings? -----		Yes ___ No ___
Host A Chapter Meeting At Your Project? -----		Yes ___ No ___
Run for a Chapter Officer Post? -----		Yes ___ No ___
Interested in attending hands-on workshops (under consideration)		Yes ___ No ___

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First Class



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