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President's Corner.... By Chapter 43 President Jim Wood

Hi Friends,

We sure have been on a “wonderful weather” streak lately. It’s hard to argue that this isn’t the best time of year to fly in Colorado. Judging by the amount of traffic up there, it’s not a particularly well-kept secret.

I was out of town most of September, experiencing a “once-in-a-lifetime” expedition – exploring remote locations in the Inner Passage of southeastern Alaska and British Columbia. We were on a small Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic ship holding only 48 passengers. We spent most days on zodiacs, kayaks, and hiking remote wilderness trails in places that were just indescribably gorgeous.

Equally as wonderful was the fact that we were “off-the-grid” through the vast majority of the 17-day journey - with just very sporadic, very weak internet connectivity. A great opportunity for deep-thinking...

As is common with these Lindblad/National Geographic expeditions, we had several world-class photography and naturalist expert staff members closely guiding us along the way. With only 48-passengers on-board, we got to know each expert very well. Included in that team was a full-time “National Geographic Explorer” – a very prestigious title. This man is considered to be the world’s best “first ascent” rock climbers. A full-time, professional rock-climber. This fella searches the globe for enormous vertical cliffs that have never been climbed, treks himself to the middle of nowhere, and risks his life climbing them – all the while taking world-class photographs, writing articles, and filming documentaries for National Geographic.

So...what self-respecting aviator cares about some dude that climbs rocks for a living?

Well...I spoke with this man, one-on-one - for a good bit of time - trying to figure out what drives this 51-year-old man to seriously and consistently risk his life for a living. Turns out he has an amazing mindset that he loves to summarize with extraordinary “sayings” – most of which were taught to him by his grandmother. Some would argue that they are hackneyed, or trite, or maybe even hokey. But when speaking to this man, one can just feel that these thoughts and words encompassed him and they inspire the people around him. They did me. I thought – hey, this guy is the best in the world at what he does — he might be worth listening to. Here a few examples...

“Death and/or old age is coming – we must live sweet.”

“Dream big and climb those dreams.”

“It’s not only life, but the quality of this life.”

“The time is now.”

“Why ration your passion?”

Those conversations, those ideas, those perspectives, those hokey, trite sayings catapulted me into even deeper introspection. How could they not?

That said - I intend to follow Mike’s advice.

I have known for many months that a faction of our Chapter has not been happy with the work I've been doing as your Chapter President. (Like it or not, aviation is a tight-knit group with a very active and lively grapevine.) As you well know, our Chapter has been in existence for over 66 years. While I'm extremely proud that we achieved EAA "Gold" status in 2023 I am, however, extremely worried that a divided Chapter can quickly drive a healthy Chapter into extinction. I'm also keenly aware that the single most consistent indicator of the health of a Chapter, and the predictor of its success, is the Chapter Leadership.

To that end, I have notified our Chapter 43 Officers and Board of Directors that I will not run for re-election as Chapter President in our upcoming November elections.

I know that our Chapter is awash with extremely talented individuals that would do a fantastic job as Chapter President. Please contact a Chapter Officer or Board of Director to nominate candidates – absolutely including yourself!

And don't forget....

"Death and/or old age is coming – we must live sweet."

"Dream big and climb those dreams."

"It's not only life, but the quality of this life."

"The time is now."

"Why ration your passion?"

Go write G-L-O-R-Y in the sky!

Jim

Next Gathering - Saturday, October 12, 2024, 6-8:30 PM

@ the Mount Evans Room in the Terminal Building at RMMA (BJC)

Light snacks and social time 6-6:30, no potluck.

Program still in work!

In this issue:

- Title pic - how does an awkward box kite (it's a jet!) tie in to the month of October, you ask? That's a PZL M-15 Belphegor, named for one of the seven princes of Hell and hence evocative of Halloween. Intended by Soviet Poland to be a "better" crop duster than the Antonov AN-2, it was noisier, too expensive to produce and operate on a large scale, AND harder to fly! Not to mention, at a top speed of 120mph, it holds the record as the world's slowest jet aircraft. Its one saving grace was that it did do a decent job of crop dusting. See <https://hushkit.net/2020/10/28/halloween-warplanes/>, #3 for more!
- Chicken Wings - Pro Seal comics never fail to make the Editor laugh!
- PLEASE note the announcement on page 3 - we need to celebrate things like first flights more! "Pour encourager les autres."
- This month's Board meeting will be held virtually on Monday, October 7 at 7PM. See the Calendar on page 4 for Zoom information.
- And finally, no Meeting Minutes from the September Pizza Party - the Secretary was unable to attend, and the event was primarily social.
- 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.

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BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



FIRST FLIGHT!

N144MS took its first flight on Thursday Morning September 19, 2024.

Michael Savino started building his RV-14A 5 years ago. It was recently inspected by a local DAR.

The RV-14A is a kit manufactured by Vans Aircraft. It's a 2 seat, low wing, do everything aircraft flying 165 knots with a 1000 mile range. The 14 with +6/-3.5 G is comfortable with gentleman aerobatics. Michael chose an all-Garmin electronic suite with dual screens and a full IFR panel utilizing Garmin's autopilot, making cross country extremely comfortable.

Michael also chose a Lycoming IO390-119 Thunderbolt engine, but went off the reservation and installed Protec EFI with full Electronic Ignition and Electronic Fuel injection allowing for a 220/225 HP engine. Prior to first flight, Michael completed transition training in an RV-14, making transition into his new aircraft less stressful due to the familiarization he'd received in the training.

First Flight did not go without a hitch; he had some heating issues and was only airborne for 20 minutes on Thursday. With some checks on the oil cooler verified he flew again on Friday for another 20 minutes.

Saturday provided for a very cool morning and with a bit more fuel, he flew Saturday morning for about 1.5 hours with oil temperatures well under control, Michael had the RV GRIN!!

The airframe flew flawlessly allowing Michael to now enter the actual test phases of his new aircraft.

Congratulations Michael on completing your beautiful RV-14...

Great JOB!!!!

Cliff Goldstein

Upcoming Events Calendar

2024 CHAPTER EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Mon 7 Chapter Board Meeting, virtual only, 7PM.
<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83475164595?pwd=T08OaZISXGKyxqDU5OBXqzZ8DQk2gTZ.1>
 Meeting ID: 834 7516 4595, Passcode: Wtz9EA
- Tue 8 Chapter 43 VMC Club CANCELLED due to a scheduling conflict for the Coordinator.
- Sat 12 (NOTE THE EARLY DATE!) EAA Chapter 43 Young Eagles Rally EIK, 7:45 AM (Last Rally of 2024!)
- Sat 12 Chapter Meeting at the Mt. Evans room at BJC, 6PM
- Tue 22 Chapter 43 Builder's Club, 6PM, live only, contact andy@andymcrae.com
- Thu 24 Chapter 43 IMC Club, 6:30PM, live and virtual, contact llearnsh@gmail.com
- Sat 26 Artful Flyout to Oshkosh, NE (KOKS). Watch for a signup link in a membership email.

NOVEMBER

- Sat 9 Chapter Meeting at the Mt. Evans room at BJC, 6PM
- Tue 12 Chapter 43 VMC Club, 6PM, live and virtual, contact andresmith76@outlook.com
- Tue 26 Chapter 43 Builder's Club CANCELLED due to its proximity to Thanksgiving.
- Thu 28 Chapter 43 IMC Club CANCELLED because the 28th IS Thanksgiving!

2024 AREA EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Sat 12 Colorado Pilots Association Scholarship Fund Poker Run, 7AM-noon, registration required and limited to 20 planes - see page 8 for signup link.
- Sat 12 Chapter 1627 Young Eagles Rally, Pancake Breakfast, and Burger Burn, KBDU, 8AM-1:30PM, https://coloradopilots.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612720&item_id=2279033&event_date_id=281548
- Sat 12 Radial Engine Roundup Showcase, Exploration of Flight*, 10AM-2PM
<https://wingsmuseum.org/events/radial-engine-roundup-showcase/>
- Sat 12 Chapter 1627 \$100 Hamburger (for \$10), KBDU, 11:30AM-12:30PM,
https://coloradopilots.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=612720&item_id=2405545&event_date_id=308765
- Sat 12 Chapter 648 Meeting, KLMO, 10AM, see <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea648/event-calendar>
- Wed 16 Chapter 1627 Meeting, KBDU, 6-8PM, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>
- 17-28 KEIK (Erie Municipal Airport) runway and taxiway closed for repairs, 24 hrs/day
- Fri 18 Chapter 301 Meeting, 7PM, see <https://www.eaa301.org/membership>
- Sat 19 Chapter 301 Young Eagles Rally, KAPA, 7AM, <https://www.eaa301.org/young-eagles>
- Sat 26 2024 Gallup (NM) Fly-In, KGUP, 9AM-1PM, see flyer on page 9.

NOVEMBER

- Sat 2 Breakfast Fly-In, Exploration of Flight*, 9:30AM-12:30PM. Includes a presentation by local air show Air Boss Scott McMillan at 11AM! <https://wingsmuseum.org/events/breakfast-fly-in-nov/>
- Sat 9 Taildraggers Showcase, Exploration of Flight*, 10AM-2PM, see <https://wingsmuseum.org/events/taildraggers-showcase/>
- Sat 9 Chapter 648 Annual Meeting, KLMO, 10AM, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea648/event-calendar>
- Fri 15 Chapter 301 Meeting, 7PM, see <https://www.eaa301.org/membership>
- Sat 16 Chapter 301 Young Eagles Rally, KCFO, 7AM, <https://www.eaa301.org/young-eagles>
- Sat 20 Chapter 1627 Meeting, KBDU, 6-8PM, <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1627/event-calendar>

*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!



This month's Young Eagles rally has been a challenge, with maintenance work at Erie and the closure of the airport October 17 to the 28th. I moved the rally up a week to October 12. Then found out they've started working on the south end of Taxiway Alpha. I made the decision to downsize the rally to 20 flights. Now hoping for the best.

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 - \$8.50 for a pin fastener or \$9.50 for a magnetic fastener. He'll have your name tag at the next meeting!



Social Media Co-Coordinators John Kellogg & Jim Wood

John and Jim administer Chapter 43 accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, but they need content! Send Chapter announcements and project/flight/event pictures and stories to johnkelloggflys@gmail.com and president@EAA43.org. 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) where you can type in the handle @eachapter43! 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 @eachapter43.

From Membership Coordinator Mike Savino

IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING CHAPTER EMAILS email me at ea43membership@ea43.org! And to help prevent those emails from ending up in your spam folder, please add ea43membership@ea43.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@ea43.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@ea43.org to all members.

Miss the old roster? You can access it online at <https://roster.ea43chapters.org/main> and log in with your EAA National credentials. Don't have those? 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!

Scholarship

If you know of someone who could use a scholarship for aviation education or a young person who'd like to go to EAA Oshkosh Summer Camp, information and a link to apply online can be found at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea43/scholarships>. The application window closes November 30!

The Scholarship Committee

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VMC Canceled in October...

Due to schedule conflict for Coordinator Andre' Smith. The next VMC meeting will be Tuesday November 12 at 6PM.

Cliff's Notes

Maybe a bit too obvious to everyone else but thanks to Stan Specht, the NO NAME COLUMN now has the obvious choice for its name. Thank you Stan.

September was an incredible flying month. To begin with I was privileged to take a first flight in a beautiful RV-14 with Michael Savino. Michael had been working on his aircraft for 5 years. For those who have done it, to feel your aircraft break ground after so long knowing where all the parts came from is an incredible experience, one that can not be duplicated a second time in the same aircraft. Michael handled the takeoff as we climbed up and flew in the pattern for 20 minutes verifying all systems functional.

I'm a bit envious of John Evens who built a Kitfox with a standard 6 pack. So easy to resolve issues, instead of the thousands of lines of code making our aircraft so sophisticated and giving us tons of data, which most generally has little to do with keeping the wings flying. We now spend hours resolving the simplest of issues, but that is also the joy of building something from boxes of parts. I know on a long cross country, I find I appreciated those lines of code helping to keep Bobbi and I safe. A coin with two sides.

Over 7 years ago Bill Mitchell sat down with me on my first flight. I passed that wisdom on to Michael. It's important we continue to pass our wisdom forward.

It's taken me 7 years to get the ignition noise out of my Radios. I know Scott Serani thought I was nuts as I began to build my 4th set of ignition wires. Sorta like John Evens and tail wheels. I didn't feel like pulling the bottom cowling off, so I just replaced the wires on the top ignition coil. My cross country rides are finally allowing quiet radios. For IFR pilots copying clearances on noisy radios, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Bobbi and I flew to S. California today (10/3). It was a pleasure today, just 25 miles from my final approach course, to switch airports due to weather and clearly hear the controller.

One of the goals I had was to reach the continental divide in the glider. In a high performance glider, it's a lot easier than in a trainer, but with the performance of the ASK 21 at 33:1, I went up with my friend Jeff on a pretty good soaring day.

We got off tow over Eldorado Springs at 9700 feet. Worked the lift up to just under 17K feet making it back to the divide by Arapahoe Peak and Rollins Pass. We made it over to Longs Peak, and just south of Estes. Worked our way over to Eldora and Nederland. We thought the day was over 'til we found fresh lift over Bear Mountain. After 3 hours we were ready to call it a day. It's almost a crime to waste lift but we were over Boulder at 12K. When it's time to come home and you're ready, I pulled the spoilers and took another 20 minutes to finally touch down from whence we came. A great day of Soaring, and so many more challenges in front of me.

The fall colors have been fantastic both in the glider and in Lil. Great flying weather is in front of us. Get out and fly.

It's time to elect a new president for our beloved chapter. As a past president with the support of a strong board, the opportunity to serve you was a real pleasure. Please consider this very valuable experience making our chapter the best that it can be.

Cliff Goldstein

Road Trips in the Works - Chuck Kubin

One of the coolest aspects of doing the coolest thing you can do, flying, is going to cool places and doing cool stuff.

Just call me Captain Roadtrip. If flying in is an option, I'll check into it and provide details. Here's some ideas I'm working on:

*Visit to Wings Over the Rockies — I have an "in" as a docent, so I'll try to get us a more detailed and longer tour than usual, plus a "behind the curtain" look at the restorations area. Hoping for some discussion about acquisitions and the actual work to meet museum vs. airworthy standards. Recent highlights: the second stage of a ULA rocket, the "Baby BOOM" 2/3 mockup of the next-generation supersonic transport, and a 1926 Eaglerock. A long shot, but since Harrison Ford is a huge backer, maybe we could do a Facebook interview with him from the museum theater. And Lowry Beer Garden and an ice cream stand in a rocket is right next door.

*Visit BOOM — One of about 158 aerospace companies associated with KAPA, this is the company developing aircraft capable of traveling over land without blowing out your picture windows as we will hear a thump instead of a sonic BOOM. Planes are built in Alabama, so we'll be talking to developers about concepts and production.

*Visit the towers at KAPA and/or KBJC — Over years I did both, and back then they toured small handfuls of visitors or a still relatively small group divided into shifts.

*Flight for Life — All the details are pending what we can get, but the concept is to see the birds up close and talk to the pilots, planners and responders.

*National Museum of WWII Aviation/Westpac Restoration — Smallish, intimate museum has 28 FLYING aircraft on display and 10 more in restoration, including B-25 "In the Mood," the only flying P-47, Dauntless dive bomber, one of six remaining F7-F Tigercats, P-38... Westpac, right next door, gets you right into the thick of the work. Located on the northern tip of KCOS.

*Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum — WOW! Where to start! Nationally famous, dedicated to the B-24, but it doesn't have a B-24 (12 B-17s and -24s are rumored to be buried near Pueblo). It does have a small museum, two huge hangars and a big outdoors display with the B-29 "Peaches," a B-47, B-17, A-26, C-45, MiG 15 and -17, F-80, T-33, F-80, F-104, F-86, and even the Sikorsky Seabat 'copter that fished Alan Shepherd and Friendship 7 out of the drink in 1961. Located on KPUB.

*Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZDV), Longmont. See what it takes to coordinate a region's worth of air traffic.

*Oshkosh, Neb. — sweet roll/donut humanitarian rescue mission. Repeating a favorite.

*Space Command satellite operations — My aviation merit badge wingman was recently promoted from satellite driver to satellite driver supervisor at a Space Command detachment at Peterson AFB. He briefly mentioned a control room visit once, so I'll look into it. No, you don't get to see the classified stuff...even if you could tell what it is.

*USAF Academy — Visitor center is free and the famous chapel (NOT built from spare airplane parts, as rumored) is open daily. The trip can continue into CS to get either the best barbecue or German food in Colorado. Or maybe one of three distilleries or several breweries.

*Back to FlyteCo — In the wake of our 5-star rated 2023 banquet, several members are interested in going back as a group for some social time.

So that should keep us busy for awhile. Hit me at dreamwoodck@yahoo.com with your ideas, and if you want to register high interest in any of what's here. I'll turn up the heat on what seems the most popular and from here I'll get with Jim and the VPs to target some dates.



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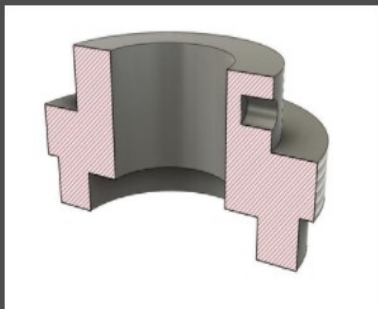
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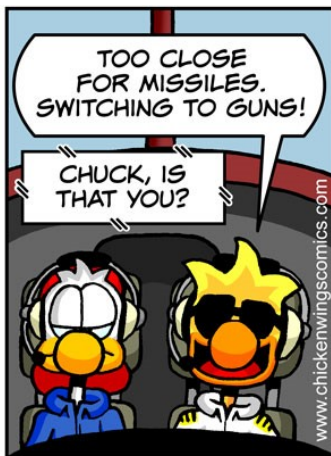
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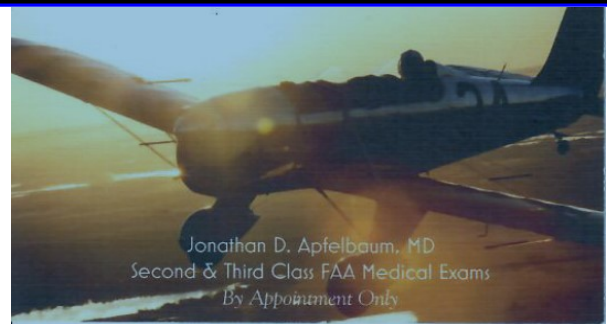
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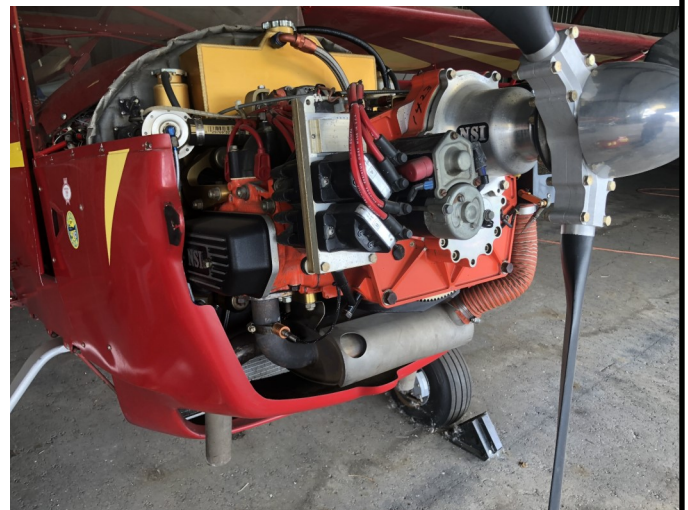
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Parting Shot!

The airline pilot dressed for Halloween...





Membership Enrollment Information

(Needed for Current Roster & Chapter Correspondence)



MANDATORY INFORMATION: *If nothing has changed from last year, this is all the information required. We need EAA Membership # and EAA Renewal date to comply with EAA Charter and Chapter 43 by-laws.*

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Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as pilot or volunteer?	Pilot	Yes ___ No ___
	Ground Crew	Yes ___ No ___
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 ___

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION:

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