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FIRST ENGINE RUN N9339N

THIS photo shows Chapter 43 member Richard (Dick) Neeley with his pride and joy - N9339N, a Van's RV-9A. Dick had just completed the first engine run prior to this shot on August 31, 2006. The engine is a new Lycoming O-320 fitted with a Harzell constant speed prop, and it started easily and ran smoothly. The aircraft is Dick's first aircraft project, but the workmanship is excellent, a testament to the high quality of the Van's kits and the terrific support of the Van's Network and Chapter 43 members. The kit has the "slow build" wings with "fast build" fuselage, slider canopy, and a custom instrument panel by Kit Panel. It has been under construction for over three years and 2000 man-hours of labor. Dick is currently chasing a few glitches and getting ready for his Airworthiness inspection. We'll be watching for that momentous first flight coming soon!

OCTOBER MEETING - OCT. 14, 2006, 7:00 PM.

Bring your Bi-annual Flight Review questions to this month's meeting. Bill Mitchell will be our program speaker covering the ins-n-outs (and ups-n-downs) of what the flight review is all about. We'll be meeting at our usual place in the terminal building, Jeffco Airport, Mount Evans room (upstairs).

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Our president, *Roger Newman*, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

The August minutes as published in the newsletter ^{were} approved and seconded.

Visitors: *David B. Zoeller* of Broomfield

David Gonyea of Wheatridge

Charles Mulhern of Denver (former member)

Treasurer's Report: *Lynn Miller* reported that another CD was purchased for \$2500 at 5.3% interest. The chapter will get a check from the EAA B-17 tour for \$486. It was based on 9 volunteers putting in 117 hours. At our next meeting, suggestions will be taken on what the chapter can spend money on to comply with the 501(3)C status. After a trip to the bank, a new business account was set up and eliminated the \$15 per month analysis charge.

Safety Report: *John Evens* brought up a new procedure for approach to non-towered airports. The FAA decided to eliminate the radio procedure of "Any traffic, please advise." Some thoughts that came up were,

- ? Pilots are flying straight in instead of flying the pattern
- ? Too much chatter on the frequency, lost focus for what that frequency is for
- ? If you do not get a radio response, do not assume no one is there
- ? Position announcements have been helpful

John also had praises for an autopilot now installed in his T-18.

Young Eagles Report: *Brian Cabebe* reported the speaker for the Wings Over the Rockies annual banquet would be *Chuck Yaeger*. The group also wanted to hold a large Young Eagles Rally on that day, (Nov. 11) at Centennial Airport. There will be a raffle for all volunteers for a ride in a P-51.

Young Eagles Rally on Oct. 21 for the aviation class at Legacy High School. Volunteers needed. Following weekend for backup due to weather.

Trip Reports: Postponed till later that evening when the trips to Oshkosh were presented.

Progress Reports: On Aug. 20 the first flight of *Scott Serani's* RV-10 was made with *Art Schwarz* as the pilot.

Greg Hall got the roof on his Fisher Horizon.

Old Business: *Gene Horsman* reported that a DVD of the memorial service at Oshkosh would be available for \$15.

Michael Maya Charles asked for ideas or suggestions about a Skybolt with an IO-360 running hot problem.

New Business: *Roger* mentioned that a board meeting was held earlier that day and the contents discussed would be covered in the next few meetings.

Dean Cochran moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30PM.

After the break, pizza was served and *Joseph Graham, Steve Beach, Cliff Goldstein, Stan Specht* and *John Evens* presented their Oshkosh trips. Slide shows were also presented.

Flying Truths:

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline baggage.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins?

Real planes use only a single stick to fly. This is why bulldozers & helicopters -- in that order -- "need two."

There are only three things the copilot should ever say:

1. Nice landing, Sir.
2. I'll buy the first round.
3. I'll take the ugly one.

There are Rules and there are Laws. The Rules are made by men who think that they know better how to fly your airplane than you. Laws of Physics were made by the Great One. You can, and sometimes should, suspend the Rules but you can never suspend the Laws.

About Rules:

- a. The rules are a good place to hide if you don't have a better idea and the talent to execute it.
- b. If you deviate from a rule, it must be a flawless performance. (e.g., If you fly under a bridge, don't hit the bridge.)

The ideal pilot is the perfect blend of discipline and aggressiveness.

The medical profession is the natural enemy of the aviation profession.

Ever notice that the only experts who decree that the age of the pilot is over are people who have never flown anything? Also, in spite of the intensity of their feelings that the pilot's day is over-- I know of no expert who has volunteered to be a passenger in a non-piloted aircraft.

There are certain aircraft sounds that can only be heard at night.

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COSMOSPHERE

HERE's an interesting sounding place to fly to: The **Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center** in Hutchinson Kansas. There is a museum divided into numerous sections - The German Gallery that includes rare V-1 and V-2 rockets, the Cold War Gallery houses a replica Bell X-1 rocket plane, Sonic Wind II rocket sled, among other exhibits. The Early Space Flight Gallery displays an actual 109 foot tall Titan Rocket, the Gemini X spacecraft, an unmanned Russian VostoK spacecraft, and the center piece Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule.

The Apollo Gallery boasts the actual ill-fated Apollo 13 Command Module *Odyssey*, a lunar module and replica lunar rover, a 1/10 scale model of the Saturn V rocket, and an actual Moon rock from the Apollo 11 mission.

In addition to the museum, there is an IMAX theater, camps and elderhostel, Cargo Bay Gift Store, and educational opportunities for the kids. There is a Level 1 and Level 2 Aviation Camp Experience each summer. Level 1 kids get to fly a Cessna 172 and Level 2 participants fly from Salina to Wichita KS. The camp includes ground school, stress testing, F-16 simulator training, IMAX films on flight, helipad tour at the Medical Center, flight planning, engineering lessons, and more. (The 2007 dates are: May 29-June 2; June 5-9; June 19-23; July 10-14; and July 17-21.) For more information on the camps, contact Brian Youngers, aviation instructor at 620-662-2305, ext. 333, or Laurie Givan at 620-662-2305. You can also check out their web site at www.cosmo.org.

Hutchinson Kansas Municipal Airport (HUT) is 3 miles east of the city, and the museum is located

Hours are Mon.-Thur. 9:00 AM to 6:00PM, and 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Fri. and Sat. Ticket prices for the all day Mission Pass are \$13 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+, and 10.50 for kids and includes one IMAX film, one Planetarium show, Dr. Goddard's Lab, and The Hall of Space Museum. The Lunar Outpost is a food court and offers a wide variety of lunch and snack options.

Hutchinson (HUT) is 356 nautical miles from Jeffco (BJC). 100LL at HUT is \$4.43/gal.

FOR SALE: KITFOX SERIES 5 TAILDRAGGER KIT, FIREWALL BACK

Kit is in excellent condition, as very little work was done by the first owner (estimate less than 35 hours, so not messed up) and I have not touched it. Kit is complete, other than flaparons, but they're now easily obtained from the Kitfox Aircraft factory, or I can locate you some used ones. The wings are factory-built (quickbuild) and **kit includes many options**. Gross wt. is **1550 lbs.**, but it certainly could be built as a Light Sport Aircraft at **1320 lbs**. Either way, it would have great useful load and be heaps of FUN! Just ask me how I know! Asking **\$13,000**. Contact: **Stan Specht, 303-232-8474, sourdostan@aol.com**.

FOR SALE: ZENITH ZENAIR CH250

- ◆ Two place, low wing. Empty wt. 1000 lb., max gross wt. 1800 lb.
- ◆ Engine: Continental O-300, 145 HP, 100 hrs. SMOH.
- ◆ Day and night VFR.
- ◆ 38 gal. fuel capacity.
- ◆ Price: \$25,000 (need to get into four place aircraft).
- ◆ Contact Doug Dahl, 303-915-5011, dougincol@msn.com

FOR SALE: F1 TEAM ROCKET PROJECT FOR SALE

Aircraft completely assembled except for cowling. Engine 0-SMOH Lycoming IO-540 C4B5 partially assembled with yellow tagged parts. New Hartzell 2 blade propeller. "Glass" panel with Dynon D-100 EFIS, AF2500 engine monitor, Garmin GPS 296, King KY97A comm. radio, King KT76 transponder, intercom. Wife retired - plan to travel instead of build airplanes, asking \$90K. ALL offers seriously considered! ?

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- ◆ Lycoming O-320, 160 HP
- ◆ Sensenich Fixed Pitch Prop
- ◆ 1000 Hrs TTAF (built by A.J. Schwarz, EAA Capter 43 member)
- ◆ 320 Hrs SMOH
- ◆ Based at Erie/Tri-County Airport, Colorado
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