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Our Next Meeting:

- The next Chapter 43 meeting will take place at 7 PM on April 8th, at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building (our normal meeting time and place).
- This months meeting is to be an auction! Please bring any items that you would like to unload, preferably aircraft related but not a must. The money from the sale can go to the chapter or to you, your choice. I will mark each item as received with the suppliers name, an item number, minimum bid (if any) and who is to keep the money. If we have any aspiring auctioneers out there, come prepared to do your thing, if not, I will take the honors. Lets dig deep in those piles of goodies you have laying around and make this thing a success! *Gene Milligan*

Minutes From the March Meeting:

- The meeting was held on March 11th at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building. Minutes from January and February meetings were approved as listed in the newsletters.
- Correction to the February Progress reports - It was Bill Hug's RV-4 that should have been reported completed, not Doug Wallis'.
- Gene Horsman wanted to recognize the improvements in the March Newsletter. A round of applause was received. (I'm not sure the newsletter warranted applause, but the thought is most appreciated, *Fred*)
- Chuck Graf (our Treasurer) prepared an envelope containing the 1993 financial accounting records. Chuck asked for an audit or a vote of acceptance of the records. The chapter voted to accept these records as is, without an audit. The records will be sealed and signed by Chuck Graf, Phil Hughes, and John Evens and kept for 3 years before disposal.

March minutes continued:

Visitors:

- Lew Maxon - retired military
- Gene Eggert - flying a Warner, has an RV-6 Kit
- Victor Hahn - interested in building
- George Way - working on a GP-4 (looking for a good welder)
- Joe Graham - flies out of Longmont
- James St. John - a visiting pilot
- David Swagler - his background is in avionics

Progress Reports:

- Bill Hug - Bill's RV-4 has flown 4-5 hours. He shared a video with us after the program.
- Chuck Grow - Taylor Titch, needs a Continental engine (85hp).
- John Evens - has completed the new wing tips for his T-18. The new tips increased lift noticeably. The tips feature a mounting surface for integral nav and strobe lights.

Treasurers Report:

Savings Account \$309.04 Checking Account \$1153.00

Old Business:

- John Evens announced that he plans to take no action at this time regarding the letter intended for EAA National Headquarters regarding professional builders. He feels that EAA has taken action to correct this problem.
- Ib Hansen's trailer and Cassutt have finally been found and are back in Ib's possession. The police in Moab, Utah apprehended a suspect, with the airplane in another stolen trailer. After more investigation Ib's trailer was discovered in the suspect's auto salvage yard, appropriately named "Moonlight Auto Salvage." Reportedly this Eagle, Colorado business has much more suspicious stock. Ib's trailer had a new V.I.N. number as the suspect was in the process of obtaining a "builders license." The trailer found with the airplane in Moab was also stolen from a Denver area resident. During transportation Ib's Cassutt was not loaded properly, nor secured in the trailer, but allowed to move about freely. This will no doubt require the engine to be "torn down" and the crankshaft inspected for damage. Many other items were haphazardly placed on or against the fuselage, wing and control surfaces, creating unknown damage. The leading edge of the wing was mishandled during loading and allowed to ride face down on the trailer bed. The overall result will require new fabric and some internal repair. Ib received assistance from Bill Mitchell and Ron Denight throughout this ordeal. (These guys are due a round of applause at our next meeting. *Chuck*)

Old Business continued:

- Calendars - were reduced in price to \$4.00 each. Chuck Graf reported 9 remaining.
- Name Tags - Bill Mitchell needs name tag requests from members needing them. Some name tags are in Bill's possession for those previously ordered.

New Business:

- Chapter 43 patches - John asked if anyone was aware of our chapter supply of patches. Bob Johnson has a few that he will bring in. Dean Cochran felt that we should redesign the patch if we opt to purchase more.
- EAA Dues - Should any members be interested in National Membership they should join through Chapter 43 (The chapter collects the dues, then submits them to national). This allows the chapter to receive \$10 for each new member from National Headquarters.
- Chapter 648 president is hosting the Stoddard Hamilton team for a session regarding construction of their kit. Longmont, April 3, 7:00pm, hangar 32.
- Chapter 23, Salt Lake City is hosting a June 1st Fly-in. They plan to park aircraft by individual chapters. Aerobatics and Fly-bys are planned. They have big expectations.
- Sun & Fun - TWA is offering a special airfare rate for the Fly-in this April. Contact Andy Black with TWA for the details.
- John Evens read a letter from an anonymous source re: Ultra-light regulation. The author is on a mission to increase the weight limits for ultra-lights. The issue concerns horsepower at high density altitudes. If any members are interested in more information concerning the letter, see John at the next meeting.
- Some RV News - Doug Bloomberg reported that a recent RV clinic was held concerning engine installation. The clinic was hosted by Larry Vetterman.
- Board of Directors - John Evens announced a Board of Directors meeting. The meeting will be held prior to the chapter meeting on Saturday, April 8th, at 5:30 PM, in the Jeffco Airport Terminal building.
 - Bud Aumann brought a extra Rotax engine care manual for any interested member.



Horsman's Corner

- **Medical Examination Requirements** - The deadline for letters regarding proposed changes has passed.
- **AOPA president testified at a congressional hearing on privatization and stands opposed.** It would jeopardize the safety ATC to privatize. Why would you change the most copied and emulated system in the world?
- **A Questair Venture has crashed, killing the head of the company and the primary kit component manufacturer.** The future of Questair is questionable at best.
- **Frank Ryder, WWI antique aircraft and replica leader, died in a crash while departing the Rochester Minnesota area.**
- **Bob Hoover's License Issue** - One opinion has it that two FAA officials were present during one of Bob's aerobatic exhibition flights and observed him during the arrival period before the flight. The "opinion" continues that Bob made no effort to conduct a preflight inspection of his aircraft. This could be one of the FAA's objections to Bob's continuation.

We should all be cognizant of this requirement. There could be a misunderstanding when a preflight is apparently omitted . Does this promote a cavalier impression? Is it careless or irresponsible? Could this omission attract the attention of an FAA Official (who then does a ramp check)?Some may think so.

- **AM Weather Program** - The program was canceled by the Maryland PBS due to economic considerations (they were about to lose another program who insisted on occupying the time slot of the weather program). The AOPA and Phillips 66 have gone on record supporting the continuation of the AM weather, and will continue to fund it if another station is located. We look forward to its return.

The Presidents Corner:



Last months meeting was a particularly good one with a large crowd, and a great talk by Bill Bowers, one of the remaining Doolittle Raiders. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Also, the video of Bill Hug's first flight was great! Brings back memories for many of us, I'm sure. Congratulations again, Bill!

The next meeting should be interesting, and a little different. Bring your unwanted aircraft related items for an informal auction. See details in this months newsletter.

I'd also like to remind the Board of Directors of Chapter 43 that we will have a meeting immediately prior to this months meeting starting at 5:30 at the same location. See you there! Bring a friend!

John

Other Items:

- Many good comments were heard concerning the talk given by Bill Bowers. Bill is one of the remaining Doolittle Raiders. Bill's presentation was "off the cuff", sincere, humorous and poignant. The talk was not only entertaining, it offered reminders of the realities of war. The people and their sacrifices should never be forgotten. Thanks Bill!
- The Colorado chapter of the Ninety-Nines is offering a Companion Flyer Class designed to train the non-pilot in the basics of flight, communications, and navigation. The class is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 8 AM to 5 PM, at the Jeffco Airport Terminal Building. The cost is \$50 and preregistration is requested before April 19th. For more information contact Jessica McMillan at (303)494-1312

For Sale:

- Pitts S-1, Experimental homebuilt, 25 hours since major on O-320 engine, pressure carb, inverted oil system, owner losing license. Call Bill Mitchel for information.
- RV-3, Marvin Wahl is advertising the RV for a friend. It comes with a 150hp, 0320 engine.



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