

# MILE HIGH FLYER

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**FROM THE LEFT SEAT:**  
*Steve Beach*

## APRIL PROGRAM

I think that everyone would agree that Bill Mitchell gave out some very good information on first flights last month. He covered many of the items that many people would probably not think about. The small, seemingly insignificant, details are often the ones that can bite a first flight. If you are anywhere near a first flight contact Bill. He is one of our Flight Advisors and well worth a call.

Thanks Bill for a program full of good information. Bill is also a good one to hit-up for a ride. His T-18 is a flight experience worth checking into.

## SCHOLARSHIP

We were not able to vote on a youth to send to "Grassroots AirCamp '98" at the April meeting. We will be taking a vote on who to send at the May Picnic. Currently we have two applications and possibly a third still coming in. If you have a candidate please give me call ASAP.

This scholarship is being given in Brad's name and partially supported by a gift from Brad's family. Our thanks go out to the Davenport family for the gift to Chapter 43. We have plans to put it to good use.

## PICNIC

Our annual picnic will get under way on May 9th at 10:00am. The place will again be Don Coleman's residence at the Tri-County airport. Directions to Don's are fairly straight forward. Take the Tri-County airport road north from highway 7. It will make a turn to the right (east) and another back north again. Just as it turns north you will see a long drive that you can

## MAY MEETING:

*MAY 9th, 1998*

*PICNIC at DON COLEMAN'S's Hangar  
10:00am Tri-county Airport  
See directions on page 3,*

continue straight east on and that is Don's street. Follow it to the end.

We can use a few bodies beginning about 8:00 to help with the set-up. Also remember to bring your main course and a salad, desert, or etc. to share. The grills will be stoked up and the drinks will be provided by the chapter.

Don, we really appreciate your hospitality. Thanks for providing such a great spot for the picnic.

## VOLUNTEERS

The Rocky Mountain Regional EAA Fly-In is just one month away. The support that everyone is giving to this years Fly-In continues to build. You can sign-up to help at either of the next two meetings. I should remind everyone that the volunteers still need to pay to get in, however there are some great door prizes being collected to give away at the end of the event.

Believe it or not the Fly-In is just one newsletter away.

## FLYING START

The first Flying Start Program in the Denver area took place on April 25th at Business Aircraft Sales on the Boulder Airport. We had a nice turn-out and hopefully inspired a few to get started. A special thanks to Mas Yoshida, Mark & Charlie Graf, Bill Mitchell and John Evens for bringing their aircraft out for the participants to view. We also had a couple of RV4's from Platte Valley, a T-6 and Stearman from Centennial, Dave Ebershoff's Steen Skybolt, and at least three Super Cubs. It was nice to see the energy that they created.

See you at the May Picnic.

Blue Skies and Smooth Air *STEVE*

# APRIL MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by president Steve Beach at 7:07PM at Blue Grassfield's hangar at the Tri-county Airport.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in was passed around.

#### Visitors:

Al Manley is building a Skyraider.  
Rich Winnick has purchased an RV-3 that was built in 1982.  
Worthy Cummings  
Don Kinnison.  
Bob Bromwich, a sailplane pilot from England.

The March minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: Mas Yoshida reports a balance of \$1539.72 in the checking account.

Steve reminded the members about the Flying Start seminar at Business Aircraft Sales in Boulder on April 25th.

Dues: if you haven't already done so, please pay your dues.

Picnic: the picnic is coming up Saturday, May 9th, at Don Coleman's place at the Tri-County Airport at 10:00am, with set-up beginning between 8:00 and 9:00am. Please come early if you can help out. Members are requested to bring their own entree' to barbeque and salad and/or dessert.. Everything else will be furnished.

Air Camp: The upcoming Air Camp for 14 - 17 year old kids was discussed and Steve pointed out that the Air Camp needs the names and fees by May 15th.

Project reports: George Hayes is in the process of covering his 3/4 scale Pietenpol; George Meshco is replacing the engine in his Zenaire with a larger unit; and Jim Ernst is back to work on his T-18 project. Good for you, Jim!

Gene Horsman discussed a memorioal for Brad Davenport. the Davenport family would like to donate a trophy for the annual Fly-in, possibly for best Bi-plane, or similar.

Bill Wright reported that the Tri-County pilots Assn. has a fly-out the second Saturday of each month, although the May fly-out will be on the 3rd Saturday, May 16th, to Saratoga, WY. Chapter members are welcome to fly along.

Young Eagles: Mark Graf noted that Friday, June 26th is designated Young Eagles day, at Longmont's Vance Brand Airport.

Minutes, continued

Gene Horsman gave an update on plans for the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in. Friday the 26th will be set-up day, and many volunteers will be needed.

Steve requested that the membership consider that a volunteer is needed to head up the Safety Corner previously held by Brad Davenport. It is important to remind the membership of safety concerns during each meeting.

*Technical Counselor News* tips from Ron Denight: Ron stated that FAA test on T-88 epoxy revealed that it began to degrade in strenght at 119 degrees F. and higher. Resorsinal wood glue maintains it's strength up to 159 degrees F. MAC AN-3 bolts from Cessna are being recalled due to flaws. A GlassAir with 80 hours lost pitch control when the elevator push rod ends unscrewed. Amazingly, the pilot managed to maintain enough pitch control by power management to belly land the plane into a field with no casualties. The rod end jam nuts were not locked. And, another admonition to use the proper type and length bolts on propellers. Propeller bolts are not to be modified!

Marvin Wahl told the membership about a Baby Lakes for sale. Details follow.

The Lake County commisioners want to close the Airport at Leadville CO. Members are asked to provide whatever support they can to keep the airport open.

## FOR SALE

OLDFIELD "BABY GREAT LAKES":  
Continental A65. \$6500.

**James E. Davis: (303) 838-5325.**

NEW LYCOMING ENGINE PARTS:

8.5:1 Superior pistons, 4 ea. @ \$30 ea., 8 ea.  
Superior compression rings, for steel cly., \$100. one  
iron ring set for chrome cly., \$150.

**Dave Bieseimeier: (303) 384-3760.**

N3 PUP ULTRALITE:

'Cub Look Alike' - Not a kit, this one is flying!  
Mosler 2 clyinder, 4 cycle 37 HP engine. \$10,500.

**Gene Milligan: (303) 466-0813. (Make an offer!)**

LYCOMING 0-235 C1B:

With mags (one impulse), starter generator, and  
carb. \$4500 outright.

**Ron Denight: (303) 452-0458.**

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

A number of members have contributed some miscellaneous odds and ends for the newsletter and these items have been stacking up on my desk, so I thought this might be a good time to drop a few in.

From Steve Beach:

A photographer from a well know national magazine was assigned to cover the fires at Yellowstone National Park. The magazine wanted to show some of the heroic work of the fire fighters as they battled the blaze.

When the photographer arrived, he realized that the smoke was so thick that it would seriously impede or make it impossible for him to photograph anything from ground level. He requested permission to rent a plane and take photos from the air. His request was approved and arrangements were made. He was told to report to a nearby airport where a plane would be waiting for him.

He arrived at the airport and saw a plane warming up near the gate. He jumped in with his bag and shouted, "Let's go!" the pilot swung the little plane into the wind, and within minutes they were in the air.

The photographer said, "Fly over the park and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures."

"Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I am a photographer," he responded, "and photographers take photographs."

The pilot was silent for a moment; finally he stammered, "You mean you're not the flight instructor?"

From Gene Horsman and *THE ANTIQUE FLYER*:

### AVIATION AS EXPLAINED BY KIDS

"The first female aviator was Kitty Hawk."

"The history of aviation is getting longer harder all the time."

"Lindbergh was the first to fly to Paris. He did it by the airplane method."

"Lift in an airplane is the same as thrust only just the opposite."

"The navigator figures out the latitude and longitude. Latitude tells him where he is and the longitude tells him how long he can stay there."

"Only two problems yet remain in our conquest of Mars. They are getting there and getting back."

## DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC

The **pot luck picnic** will be held at **Don Coleman's hangar** at the Tri-County Airport, Saturday, May 9th. Take Colo. highway 7 west from I-25 or from Lafayette east to the airport. Take Airport Road north to Baron Ct. and turn right. It's the last house on the left (395 Baron CT.). Barbeque grills will be provided as will soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and condiments. There will be tie down space for up to 8 aircraft. Aircraft parking is also available on the south end of the new concret ramp. *A big thank you to Don again this year!*

## IN YOUR FUTURE

### MAY 1998

**2 Moab, Utah** Air Affair '98 airshow & Fly-in. Retail Aviation. (435) 259-7421.

**9 Englewood, CO.** Just Plane fun at Centennial Airport Annual Open House. Matt grow: (303) 790-0598.

**23 - 24 Williams' Ranch:** Williams ranch competition. Located five miles NE of Greeley VOR, 2800ft. grass strip. Bud Auman: (303) 420-6071.

**30 Fort Collins, CO.** Mountain flying Ground school by Colorado Pilots Association. Brian Lewis: (303) 665-5252.

### JUNE 1998

**13 - 14 St. Francis, KS. (SYF)** 16th Annual Streamman Fly-In. All aircraft welcome. Grace Flying service. (785) 332-2251.

**26 - 28 Longmont, CO.** 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In. Vance Brand Airport. Carol Layner. (303) 442-5002.

### JULY 1998

**4 Salida CO.** Fly-In/Open House from 7:00am until... (719) 539-3720.

**9 - 12 Scottsbluff, NE.** The Trail Pilots Association Fly-In on The Oregon Trail. (435) 755-0330.

**18 Greeley, CO.** 2nd Annual Open House and Fly-In. (970) 356-9141.

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be OUR ANNUAL PICNIC at DON COLEMAN'S HANGAR at TRI COUNTY MAY 9, 1998, at 10:00AM . See inside