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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES:

PRESIDENT George Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m., Saturday, August 14, 1999.

Guests included **Mark Glasteter**, who is the proud new owner of a Kitfox kit, and **Bruce and Bobby Miles**, who recently completed a Three week trip to Oshkosh and parts Mid-West in their Luscombe 8F. Also on hand was **Ron Holsom**, who owns and flies an Acro Sport.

The July minutes were approved by vote as written in the August newsletter.

The treasurer's report by **Bob Wilson** shows a balance in the chapter checkbook of \$1141.77.

Some of our members are actually making some progress on their projects: **Jim Kniper** of Longmont has his RV6A empennage and wing spars built and is working on the fuel tanks. **Jim Loyd** brought a model of his Short Aspect Ratio R&D project. **Gene Horsman** noted that the control system on the Mercury is nearing completion, and the throttle quadrants and rods are next on the agenda.

George Hayes reported a little un-progress with the Ultra Piet when the tail wheel spring broke after getting stuck in the mud at Longmont. A replacement spring has been installed.

Trip reports included **Bob Johnson's** first *cross country* in his Firefly, from *Tri-county to Longmont and back!*

Bob Wilson made it over to Van Aire for the Colorado Pilot's Association Fly-in, said it was very nice.

Brent Haugen flew his T-18 to Mankato Minnesota in 5 hours.

Jan Hensen gave a nice report on his Chapter 43 sponsored trip to Oshkosh to attend the Air Academy. He noted that it was a great educational and interesting experience. He got a ride in the Young Eagles RV6A and the workshops included welding and building a sheet metal wing section. Jan has decided to make Aeronautical Engineering his career choice.

Blue Grassfield flew his Birddog to Bangor Maine to have amphibian floats installed.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

SATURDAY, the 11th, 7:00P.M.
Jeron Smith of RAVEN REDRIVES will make a presentation on their Geo conversions and redrive units for aircraft.

Minutes, continued.

Gene Horsman spoke about the FAA's plans to further restrict flights over the Grand Canyon to restore "natural quiet" to the Park. Last year 36 people out of 30 million visitors complained about aircraft noise. Talk about your squeaky wheels! Look for restrictions at other National Parks to follow suit, including our own Rocky Mountain National Park. Speak out now or forever chart your course around these parks. The FAA's "ticket program" just won't go away, and a new version of it has surfaced, much to the chagrin of the EAA and AOPA.

New business: we need a banquet coordinator ('s) for the January Banquet. This is your chance to provide a valuable service to the chapter by helping locate and arrange our winter shindig. Come on people - it's not that tough! *You can do it!*

Gene Milligan needs correct information for the chapter database. If you note that yours is wrong, please contact Gene at 303/466-0831 with your corrections. Also, a chapter member e-mail list is being compiled. Contact Gene with yours.

Roger Standard would like to set up a chapter resource database containing information on aviation books and other literature chapter member would be willing to loan.

Ron Denight says it's high time we retrieved the chapter library from Kirby White. Gene & Steve were nominated to contact Kirby to arrange a pick-up.

New members are reminded to join national EAA for the first time through Chapter 43, as the chapter gets compensation (\$10 per member, was it?) from national.

Nominations for chapter officers is fast approaching! Get ready to raise your hand and loudly proclaim: "I WILL!!" Please volunteer to be a chapter nominee. It's great fun and the pay is fantastic! Well... rewarding, anyway.

Congratulations to Rich Clements for winning a Bronze Lindy Champion award for his Falco at Oshkosh!!

STEVE'S CORNER

By Steve Beach

WHAT IF YOU GAVE A Y.E.R. AND NOBODY CAME?

That is almost what happened at the annual Jeffco Fly-In this year. JAA President Daril Cinquanta had lined up everything that was needed for a successful fly-in. The pancake breakfast was scheduled, the awards for the aircraft judging were on the table, a small group of silent auction prizes had been donated, and Bob Lee had agreed to host a Young Eagles Rally.

Bob and a number of other Chapter 43 members had called all of the pilots that we knew of, to arrange for rides for the young aviators. All of the students at Columbine (roughly 2000) had been invited and the fear was how could they possibly all get a ride? Even if only 1/5 of the student body showed up that would have been 100 rides, one of the largest rallies in Colorado to date.

A little early morning fog threatened the turnout, but by 7:00 it was lifting and pilots from Centennial, Tri-County, and Greeley began to show-up. Two young people were ready for their ride by 8:00 and we thought that the event was set for a real page in the history books. What happened after that defies all logic. By the time the tents were taken down only sixteen students had shown up for a Young Eagle experience. And out of that group few if any were from Columbine. Daril had received a couple of calls from teachers at the school who reported that the parents were very uneasy about having to sign any kind of waiver for their children to do anything.

As it turned those of us who did show up to help enjoyed a very quiet day of hanger flying and aircraft viewing. Some of the special interest planes that showed up were a P-51, N3N, Stearman, Beech-18 (absolutely beautiful!), and a couple of the jets from the Page museum collection.

Chapter 43 was well represented at the fly-in and a few went home with trophies. Below is a list of local aircraft that were recognized with awards.

Homebuilt – Plans: John Evens – Grand Champion
 Rich Clements – 1st
 Dean Cochran – 2nd
 Homebuilt – Kit: Mas Yoshida – Grand Champion
 Classic – Tube & Fabric:
 Daril Cinquanta – Grand Champion
 Original Design: Gil Geisz – 1st Place

FALL FLY-INS:

Two fly-ins in September have an interest value to Chapter 43 members. The first is September 18th at Parkland. The annual Parkland Estates Airpark Fly-In & Chili Cook-Off will take place from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Chapter 43 has at least two members that live at Parkland and chapter 43 has met at the airport once or maybe twice. According to the people that attended the Cook-Off last year this is a tasty fly-in to visit.

The second fly-in is the annual RV fly-in at Burlington on September 25th. Chapter 43 is a co-sponsor of this fly-in and it is always a hit for the people that go. This may be an RV event but it is open for all aircraft. I can think of a couple of T-18's that have made there way over there. If you are going to make the trip and have an empty seat please call around to see if you can share some gas with another member.

"FULL MOON HANGAR PARTY":

Sarah and Will Barclay, owners of **Business Aircraft Sales** in Boulder, asked me to invite everyone in Chapter 43 to come to their third annual Full Moon Hanger Party. It will take place on September 25th starting about 6:30pm at their big blue hanger on the Southeast side of the Boulder Airport. Take the main road into the airport and turn right when it dead-ends. Continue east until you come to Business Aircraft Sales.

This party is always a 40's theme and this year there will be door prizes for 40's dress. Doug Bushnell and the Dean Bushnell Orchestra will provide music for dancing and entertainment. This is probably the premiere hanger party of the year for this part of the country.

If you would like to attend please give Sarah or Will a call so they will have a good idea of how many to plan for. 303-444-5560

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

Newsletter articles are easy; just think about it. On the 25th of September you can fly to Telluride for a fly-in breakfast, jump over to Burlington for lunch and dash home for the Full Moon Hanger Party.

If you survive and live to tell about it, write an article for the Mile-Hi Flyer. Of course if you have any other aviation experiences they are probably worth sharing as well. The bottom line is Dave can use some good articles to help make this publication fun.

STEVE

EVENTS:

CHAPTER 43 MEETINGS:

- September: Presentation by Raven Industries – Engines for powered parachutes
 October: Ib Hansen – Cassutt Racer Owner and Developer
 November: Auction – Start collecting your junk & treasures that you would like to sell.
 December: Ron Denight – Air Racer

OTHER REGIONAL EVENTS: (Bold print indicates an EAA sponsored activity)

- Sep 10-12th **EAA Golden West Fly-In – At water CA – 530-677-4503**
 Sep 11-12th **EAA MERFI Fly-In - Marion OH - 937-849-9455**
 Sep 16-19th Reno Air Races – Reno NV
 Sep 25th **Chapter 43 and RV Fly-In - Burlington CO**
 Sep 25th “Full Moon Hanger Dance” – Business Aircraft Sales – Boulder CO 6:30pm
 Sep 25th Telluride Breakfast Fly-In
 Sep 28th Aspen Air Show – Aspen – featuring the Canadian Snobirds
 Oct 2nd 2nd Annual Mountain Pilot Flying Competition - Buena Vista – Dan Bremmer 719-395-2496
 Oct 7-10th **EAA Copperstate Fly-In - Mesa AZ - 520-298-3522**
 Oct 8-10th **EAA Southeast Fly-In - Evergreen AL - 334-743-3916**
 Oct 8-10th **EAA East Coast Fly-In - Wilmington DE - 302-738-3077**
 Oct 14-17th **EAA Southwest Fly-In - Abilene TX - 830-997-8802**

BILL SCHNEIDER:

This sad note was received from Gene Horsman:

Long time Chapter 43 member, **Bill Schneider**, died on Wednesday, August 25, at Kalispell, Montana. Bill and his wife, Marilyn, who preceded him in death, were regulars at our meetings (and activities) for many years.

Bill also helped start Chapter 660, the composite chapter in Denver, and was president of it for a time. Always ready to help and just an all around nice guy, Bill had moved to Montana about a year ago.

He will be missed.

CHAPTER 43 BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

THE BOARD of directors for Chapter 43 met prior to the regular membership meeting on August 14, 1999. The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by President George Hayes.

Bob Wilson reported that the chapter still owed \$50 to the RM-RFI committee for our booth at the Air Fair, and that he would send them a check.

Future chapter meeting programs were discussed and several ideas kicked around. See the “Events” column for results of those discussions.

The Board nominated **Dean Cochran** to receive the first *Lifetime Achievement Award*. The nomination was seconded and approved unanimously. The award was announced during the regular membership meeting. A plaque for Dean will be forthcoming. Dean and all future recipients will also have their chapter dues paid for life, and receive a special name tag noting their award. Congratulations, Dean!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

CONGRESSMAN TOM TANCREDO:

On August 24th, Gene Horsman and I met with **Congressman Tom Tancredo** at his office in Littleton to discuss aviation related issues. Thanks to **Lynn Miller**, Vari-EZ builder, chapter visitor and good friend of Tom's for arranging the meeting.

Congressman Tancredo has already shown an inclination to vote in favor of aviation on issues such as the so-called Air - 21 Bill, to free up funds from the Aviation Trust Fund for airport construction and improvements by taking the Fund “off budget”. By fiscal 2001, the Trust Fund is expected to have a “cash balance” of \$19.5 billion

Lynn, Gene and I tried to encourage Tom to continue to vote in this direction. (The bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, and continues on to the Senate.)

We also tried to familiarize Tom with the EAA and AOPA, and briefly discussed their stand on other aviation issues. Our thirty minute allotment passed all too quickly. He's a very busy man.

FOR SALE:

INDUSTRIAL STEEL SHELVING - seven heavy duty units in three sizes: 84 x 48 x 12, 84 x 36 x 24, & 84 x 36 x 18. \$40 per unit or make an offer for the lot.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1999 at 7:00PM .TRI-COUNTY. See inside for details.

