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**EAA CHAPTER 43 50TH. ANNIVERSARY 1958-2008**

## Who Am I?

I was born and raised in Englewood, New Jersey, the youngest of six children. My father was a semi-professional football player and then turned into a tire salesman and later a partner in the business. My mother became a high school drama and English teacher. I used to watch the flight paths of planes at La Guardia and Newark. I persuaded the girls in the neighborhood to don their Brownie uniforms to play flight attendants as I captained my backyard airliner built by my dad and me. As I grew older, every cent of my first paychecks went to flying lessons.

I find flying extroverting—it puts your attention outside yourself. The sensation is thrilling and there's a beauty and an art form to it. I am now a certified pilot and own two planes myself. One plane is named Jett Clipper Ella in honor of my son and daughter. My wife and I live in Florida along with our two children.

I have had the privilege of flying many different planes in my life since I started in 1974. I am sure all of you know me once you see my name. I consider flying a honor and promote it every chance I get.

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## Minutes of Chapter 43 Meeting October 11, 2008

*Greg Hall*, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Guests: *Jerry* building a Mustang 11. (sorry, didn't get last name), *Robert and Diane Wuestenberg* of Johnstown, *Gerrit Vermeulen* of Westminster, *Ed Orsini* of Littleton, *Christopher Price* of Broomfield and *Thomas Shpakow* (our program speaker).

Amended minutes for September was accepted. *Bill Mitchell* bought a Quicksilver instead of another Acrosport.

**Treasurer Report:** *Lynn Miller* gave the report on the bank account. We still have a balance.

**Trip Reports:** *Roger Newman* went to California with a former student to purchase a Rans S60S. After a few mechanical problems, they made it back to Colorado with 22.1 flying hours. *John Evens* went to California for a thorp T-18 fly-in. John behaved himself and he will be invited back.

*Bob Wilson* traveled to Stans Switzerland to visit the Pilatus factory and the Swiss Air Museum. The LongEz stayed home.

**Progress Reports:** *Georg Grell* has the wings on his Skybolt straight and level. *Stephanie Wells* has 7-8 hours on the RV6 she purchased and needs some hanger space at Metro.

*Greg Hall* had his fuel tank pressure tested and a small pinhole leak was found.

**Old Business:** none reported

**New Business:** *Steve Beach* gave an updated report of the multi use building at Metro. Most of the planning is going ahead. A one-year extension is waiting for approval.

A request was made for any pictures to share for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniv. article.

*Greg* requested some help for *Roxie* to transport tables and chairs to the Builders Forum on Saturday.

*Lynn Miller* will check on location and costs for our annual banquet in January.

*Greg* covered the schedule and items that will be covered at the forum.

*Dean Cochran* motioned we adjourn and we did.

**TRY THE YAHOO GROUP**

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Ralph Narowetz is selling Instrument panel lights 10 individual posts, lamps and sockets, \$20. Snap-On DZUZ screwdriver, \$15.00 . Magneto timing light buzz box \$30. Small safety wire pliers, Call Ralph Day 303-876-3992 Evening 303-457-6815. e-mail [rnarowetz@yahoo.com](mailto:rnarowetz@yahoo.com)

### POLY-FIBER HAS NEW FABRICS

Heavy-3 and Medium-3 Dacron that now shrink the same in both directions are now available. Also, Ranthane, a high solids polyurethane finish paint is now usable under the Poly-Fiber STC as well as Aerothane and Polytone. These products are available through Colorado Classic Aircraft. Colorado Classic Aircraft in Longmont Colorado ([www.coloradoclassicaircraft.com](http://www.coloradoclassicaircraft.com)) has been a stocking distributor of Poly Fiber covering materials since 2002 and is now providing fabric covering and painting services. Owner Carol Leyner was Director of the Rocky Mtn. Fly-In for many years and has been a participant at the Montana Aviation Conference presenting Fabric Covering Seminars for the AI refresher courses. We have recently completed recovering a KCAB Citabria after replacing the wood spars with aluminum spars. [cca@hughes.net](mailto:cca@hughes.net) or toll free at 1-888-600-5222.

### The Banquet is Coming

The banquet is set for Saturday, the 10th of January, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Vista Ridge Golf Club in Erie. The meal will be a steak buffet with soft drinks, tea and water included. There will be a cash bar that the Chapter **will not** pay for. You guys will have to pay for your own beer. There will be a limit of 100 people total as that is all they will allow in the room. So, the first 100 people who register and pay me will be put on the guest list for that night. The cost will be the same as last

year, \$10 for a member. The member will be allowed to bring one guest for another \$10 or \$20 for the member and his/her guest. If a member wants to bring more than one guest, then they will have to pay \$28 for each additional guest. Also, when the checks are sent, please say if the check is for the banquet, for dues, or for both. I need to know how to record them accordingly. I would prefer a check so we have a paper trail as to who has paid.

### John Travolta Bio



## CHAPTER EVENTS

**First:** At our November meeting we will have an election of officers and board members. Campaign donations were down this year, so no advertising was done. Besides, we couldn't purchase any TV air time because of some other election.

**Second:** I don't like to use 4 letter words, but this one is necessary. **DUES** They become due in January. Let's not wait until the last minute to pay. Get them in before your taxes go up. If you pay early you can get a gold star next to your name in the rooster.

### Events To Get Your Aviation Fix

**November 6-8** AOPA Expo San Jose, CA

**November 8** Wings Over the Rockies Gala. Guests include: Astronaut Eileen Collins, Aerobatic pilot Patty Wagstaff, Airline pilot Emily Howell. Due to our involvement with the B-17, a chapter perk is a \$50 discount on individual tickets.

**November 8** Our monthly chapter meeting. A must attend event.

**November 14-16** The EAA B-17 and Showcase Veteran's Salute will be at Metro. Chapter member Bobby Baumgartner is the crew chief. Sponsored by Redstone College.

**December 5** 6PM Santa Visit by helicopter at Metro.

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## ***Rocky Mountain Aviation Center, Inc.***

### **Progress Report, by Dave Bieseemeier**

Raise your hand if you know what the Rocky Mountain Aviation Center is. Don't know or don't remember? It is probably the most important project our EAA chapter has ever undertaken! It is the endeavor to give Chapter 43, Jeffco Aviation Association, The Colorado Aviation Historical Society, The Colorado Ninety Nines, and The Antique Airplane Association a place to call home. It will be an **aviation education facility** to provide everyone with a passion for learning about all aspects of aviation a first class facility, and a pool of scholarship funds to be made available to worthy students. It will even house an Aviation History Museum. There are an additional 15 to 20 aviation oriented groups that have expressed an interest in utilizing the facility when it is finished.

The committee that has been working on making this a reality has made some real progress: The 501 (c) (3) non-profit status has been obtained and fund raising has begun in earnest. Jefferson County Commissioners; **Jim Congrove, Dave Auburn, and Kevin McCaskey** have worked to grant a **100 year lease to RMAC, Inc.** for a premium 25,000 square foot lot located just north of The Denver Air Center. It will have direct hangar taxi-way access and face the airport entrance road. This valuable asset is conditional on the committee raising sufficient funds to match a **\$33,000 grant** from the county **before the end of 2008**. This \$33,000 grant can be **"ours"** if we can prove that we are serious and viable. That makes \$66,000 in "seed money" that will go far toward making RMAC, Inc. a reality! Preliminary design work has begun on a 130 by 150 foot building that will include a very large hangar, workshop, classrooms, meeting rooms, office space, library, and commercial quality kitchen. It will even have a 50 by 130 foot basement for additional space.

I know that you are asked to donate for this and that at just about every chapter meeting, but this time it is for **us, our airport community, and most important, the future aviation education of everyone with an interest to learn more about flight**, aviation careers, and math, science and technology as it relates to aviation. The RMAC, Inc. committee is in immediate need of someone to design and implement a web site to aid our fund raising efforts. If you can help with this please contact me, **Dave Bieseemeier at 970-669-2286**, e-mail: [dbieseemeier@comcast.net](mailto:dbieseemeier@comcast.net), **Daril Cinquanta at 303-423-9846**, or **Steve Beach at 303-547-0100**. To show how serious I am about the importance of this project, I have written a check for the first \$1000 donation to the project. I hope you will follow suite and join me in your generous **tax-deductible** donation. I will also be meeting with JAA, the Ninety Nines, and the Colorado Antiquers to ask them for their donations at their upcoming meetings. If we can just get at least 33 members of the four groups to ante up for a grand each, we will reach our seed money goal. **Your donation of any size will help and be appreciated!** Thank you for your assistance, and, like Larry the Cable Guy, **let's git 'er done!**

Please mail your donation check to:

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