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July Meeting Photos:





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August Program: Doug Sykes will make a presentation on VFR Flight Following, a service provided by Air Traffic Controllers. He will also relate a few experiences remembered from his 25 years as an ATC specialist. These guys and gals have my respect and appreciation for a job well done. It will be interesting to hear Doug's perspective on ATC. All are advised to bring their questions on anything related to ATC.

Several months ago, members volunteered to organize meeting programs for 2015. Our August 2015 meeting program will be presented by Doug Sykes. As a reminder, the schedule for subsequent months is as follows:

September Chapter Picnic

October Bill and Mary Mitchell

November (Need Volunteer)

December Chapter Christmas Party

If you aren't on the list already, please step up and take the month needing a volunteer to arrange the program.

As always, everyone is invited to bring a guest to our meetings. There is almost always an interesting program and fun for all.

A Message from the President

Most are familiar with the Noise Lawsuit recently decided in Longmont. These are never happy events and there's often arguments for both sides. Constant plane noise is not a pleasant way to spend a day outdoors and of course there are people who perhaps unfairly complain about the behavior of others. A recent notification from the manager at Boulder's airport reported noise complaints are up significantly over last year's count. Legitimate complaints can include loud noise, overflights that are too low, and overflights in an area that's to be avoided except for emergencies. We all need to be good neighbors and good ambassadors for aviation. A steeper approach on entering a pattern, a lower power setting, and avoiding overflying houses when an option is available are all to be considered. It might be good to hear from people with legitimate complaints to get their side of the story. Think about it! *Dick Socash, President, EAA Chapter 648*

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NEWSLETTER QUIZ

Each month, we will ask a "question" in the newsletter. Answers are given at the meeting referenced in the newsletter. At the end of the year, there will be a prize to the person who has the most correct answers. Some will be easy and some difficult.

July Question: Assuming a constant power setting, what is the result of reducing the propeller RPM setting?

July Answer: Reducing propeller RPM is done by increasing the angle of attack of the propeller. A larger "bite" of the air is being taken and there's increased stress on the propeller. Think of stirring a can of thick paint. When the stir stick is held edge-on, it's easy to move it through the liquid. The stress on the stick is significantly greater when the wide surface is perpendicular to the direction of motion. Abrupt RPM reduction at high power settings can introduce damaging stresses to propeller blades and linkages.

August Question: What is the minimum voltage required to energize the field in an alternator?

July Program: Rick Hall presented a program on "Working with Fiberglass." We met in Rick's hangar instead of our regular meeting site and got to see progress on his plane project and a demonstration and discussion on a number of considerations and aspects of working with fiberglass, foam, and epoxies. Well done and a good learning experience for several of us in attendance. Thanks Rick!

Other Items of Interest

AIRPLANE PICTURE(s) OF THE MONTH (#19)

(Holding at 19)

Send in those pictures

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September Picnic:

Plan on attending our annual picnic at the Bolton's home in Eldora on a Saturday in September. At our next meeting we will pick a date. Talked to Earl and we should be able to get together on a Saturday of our choice. For those that haven't attended a 648 picnic, please come this year. This is a chance to informally get together, enjoy good food, and meet members, in a beautiful setting.

Good News:

One of our special members (all are special!) and our Chapter Vice President, Ted Keryluk, is back in Longmont and appears to be doing well. Ted sent out an email saying he's in assisted living in Longmont and feeling much better. We're all looking forward to seeing him at our meetings once more.

Trip Report – Pancake Breakfast Fly-In to Granby:

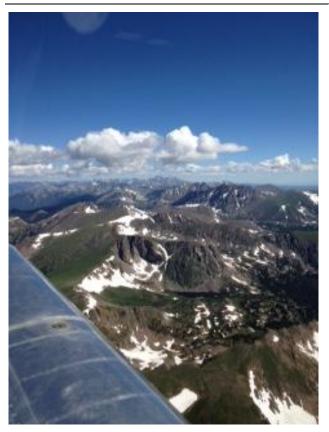


Flew up to the Granby EAA
Chapter's Pancake Breakfast a few
weeks ago. Weather was
cooperative and the scenery over
Rollins Pass was quite nice. The
snow fields are getting smaller but
still sufficient to add a nice
highlight to the mountains.

A "Pilot Dual Selfie" of Connie and me taken on the way.

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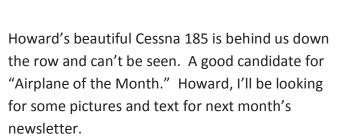
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Coming back over Rollins Pass.

A small cloud layer is just starting to form over the divide. There's a real advantage to living in Colorado as evidenced by a picture like this.

Connie, Howard Morgan, and I at Granby.







This time we've added Dan Berry to the picture.

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All in all, a nice flight, a good breakfast at a reasonable price and a chance to see some nice airplanes and get to know other chapter EAA'ers.

Didn't meet up with anyone else from the Chapter, and oh by the way, they hand out Two-Dollar bills to all pilots who fly in and register. A nice touch.

Dick Socash

Bill Hannahan has an interesting addition to this newsletter:

I'm planning to take the motor home to the Pawnee Prairie Grasslands to watch the meteor shower. For info on this event, go to the following link:

http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroidwatch/meteor.php

Bring a lounge chair, your favorite food, beverage, camping gear, etc. Kitchen and bathroom facilities will be available.

DIRECTIONS:

Go to BRIGGSDALE CO

NORTH ON 77 TO 114, 12 MI

WEST, LEFT, ON 114 TO THE END, 4MI

SOUTH, LEFT, ACROSS CATTLE GUARD, 200 FT

WEST, RIGHT, TO CAMPSITE 300 FT

https://www.google.com/maps/@40.8126958,-104.4134131,1020m/data=!3m1!1e3

The location is flat and far from city lights. I plan to go up aug 11 and spend two or three nights. Best viewing is on the evening of the 12th.

Regards,

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To members, friends and aspiring authors. Get published! Send in Your

Newsletter Items! DON'T FORGET!!! We need to get submissions from the members to include in future newsletters. I'm starting to run out of *ideas and lies*!! Let's hear from you!! Need "Plane of the Month", trip reports, technical tips, hangar tales, "beautiful planes," and aviation slanted "fish stories".

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