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This is How I got into Flying---by Bob Wilson

During WWII I was in country school in southwest Iowa, and by the 4th or 5th grade, I really liked airplanes. For a certain number of cereal box tops, you could get airplane spotter cards to identify planes—German, Japanese, American, or whatever.

Nebraska had 11 training bases, and when the crews were trained, they headed east in their airplanes to go to Europe. Many happened to go over my school, capturing my attention. My teacher finally said “Just go out and look, then maybe you can come back and study.” I remember seeing 40 or 50 planes in loose formation headed east—B-17s, B-24s, P-51s, P-38s—It was great!

As the years went by, I got a couple of rides in planes and loved it, but we didn't have the money for flying and were a long way from an airport. I went to college for a couple of years, but didn't know what I wanted to do, so I talked to an Air Force recruiter. He told me that even though I had 20/30 vision, I could get in the Flying Cadet Program. I signed up and he was WRONG—No flying.

I spent 4 years in the Air Force and some time after as a civilian at Lowry AFB. With some extra money from a part time job, I joined the Lowry Flying Club.

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DECEMBER MEETING: Dec. 8, 2007, 7:00 PM. Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, BJC (the airport formerly known as Jeffco), upstairs to the Mount Evans Room. *The Program is to be determined*

Minutes of EAA Chapter 43 November 10, 2007

Our President, *Roger Newman*, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The minutes of the October meeting as published in the newsletter was accepted, seconded and approved by the members present.

Visitors: *John Ewing from FT. Collins, Hank Bailey, and Don Smith.*

Treasurer Report: Our Treasurer, *Lynn Miller*, reported the income, \$200 from our pancake breakfast, and payouts for the newsletter and postage and gave our checking account balance. He also announced he would start collecting the yearly dues for 2008.

Safety Report: Our Safety Officer, *John Evens*, gave a report on a pending Service Bulletin on Mooneys or anyone having a plane using Slick mags. Check the torque on the two mounting nuts because they can loosen.

John also related a story about a T-18 in Kentucky that suffered an electrical failure at night and when landing on a grass strip, flipped the airplane over, trapping 2 people inside. The locals called 911 and the police showed up. They wouldn't flip the plane over and prevented anyone else from helping until paramedics showed up. The paramedics used the "Jaws of Life" and pretty much destroyed a good airplane. The lesson learned was to always carry a canopy-breaking tool in case of an accident.

John also related a story about a Wheeler Express with a Chevy. 400 cu. in. engine with steel braided rubber fuel lines. The lines had about 600 hours on them and one started leaking, causing a fire. The plane was close to the ground and the fire got extinguished quickly. The lesson learned is to check your fuel lines at a regular basis and change them at the proper intervals.

Trip Reports: *Chris Dillis* of Skyraider Aviation flew a new Vector Sport from Ker-ville, TX back to Erie.

Roger Newman is going to Tucson to visit his parents. He also announced that he is now the newest sport pilot instructor.

Progress Reports: None noted.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business: *Roger* announced that the annual dinner and awards presentation would be the same place as last year. It will be held at Vista Ridge ClubHouse in Erie and the cost will be \$10 for each member and the same for one guest. Date is Jan. 12th from 7-9PM.

Steve Beach gave the report on the EAA B-17. In June, Wings Over the Rockies will host it again. The plane will do a Southern Tour in the fall and Chapter 43 will host it at Metro. Date TBA.

Gene Horsman announced the *Mark Yelich* tool sale on Nov. 17.

Roger Standard brought up the topic of other uses of chapter money besides our annual banquet.

Discussion followed on various topics including: social functions, kids to camp, a chapter building, land, utilities, use of building, appearance of building, Jefferson County bureaucracy, tax status and pros and cons of a building. The idea of a building was tabled and a committee comprised of 3 members was established. The members are *Lynn Miller, Roger Standard* and *Dave Johnson*. They will research the dream of a chapter building and report back to the chapter.

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Joe Jones launched his new line of aviation greeting cards.

Roger passed on the information that EAA has a new student membership for \$10. This was something that the chapter could buy into for students that would like to become active members.

Dean Cochran motioned we adjourn at 8:01.

Program: *Greg Hall* provided the program for the evening on building an airplane out of wood. It was very informative on the basis of selecting wood, cutting and gluing.

Bob Wilson, continued from page 1.

My instructor saw that I loved it and said "You like this so much you should do this for a living." I thought you had to have 20/20 vision for the airlines, but he told me that they were now accepting vision corrected to 20/20. I was 29 years old and no one hired you after age 31, so I went to United to check, and they said to come back with my ratings and 1,500 hours. I told my instructor, and he said "Let's get going."

In the next 11 months I had my Private, Commercial, Instrument, Commercial Instructor, Instrument Instructor and Ground Instructor ratings and got the 1500 hours. I went back to United and told the guy that I had what they wanted and he said, "Who told you we would hire you?" I said, "You did." He didn't—end of story.

I then instructed at Clinton Aviation which was on Stapleton. Frontier would bring their prospective new hires over for a Link Trainer check and I often ran the Link. I said, "Hire me." Finally, I think to quit hearing that, they hired me, at age 32 in June 1967.

I flew Twin Otters, Beech 99s, Convair 580s, Boeing 727s and Boeing 737s, flying with Frontier until they went bankrupt in August, 1986 due to greedy management.

I then flew Boeings at Continental until retiring in 1995. The last 3 years were spent commuting to Cleveland to fly—what fun.

For the most part, the airline flying was a lot of fun. Frontier was the greatest. We were one big happy family, and many still get together monthly and yearly.

About 10 years before I retired, I started building a Long EZ. Back in the mid-80s there weren't a lot of kitplanes, and who had heard of an RV? Anyway, as soon as I retired I worked 6 or 7 days a week and finished 82BJ in June of '95. You guys know the rest—it's weird, flies backwards and can't keep up with a T-18 or an RV, but I will keep trying and loving it!

Bob Wilson

PS If you are building or thinking of building, get with it, because that first flight is awesome.



COOL MONEY

AT the risk of being arrested by the Peruvian Secret Service, pictured above is the Peruvian Diez Nuevos Soles note. Probably the only negotiable bills in the world that pictures a pilot (Capt. Jose Abelardo Quinones Gonzales) on the front and an inverted biplane on the back. Capt. Gonzales fought in the war against Ecuador to retain Peru's territory. He died in 1941 while attacking an Ecuadorian artillery battery, and was such an inspiration to his countrymen that they honored him on their money. At current exchange rates, the ten Soles note is worth about \$3.50 US.

Other notable monetary notes are the Series 1914 Federal Reserve Note \$20 bill featuring a ship, a car, a train, and in the distance, a small airplane that might be a wright Flyer 3. The German Republic struck a 3 mark coin and a 5 mark coin that featured the Graf Zeppelin after it's around the world flight. In 1941, the Chinese Bank put a plane similar to Lindburg's on the back of a 25 yuan note.

January Anniversary/Holiday Banquet

January 12, 2008

Holiday Greetings Fellow Chapter Members! Now is the time to make your plans for the annual dinner. The details are pretty much the same as last year. **You pay \$10.00 each for yourself and one guest. Any additional guests will be at the full price of \$21.95.**

As last year, the times are 6:00 PM til 9:00 PM at the Vista Ridge Golf Club.

Cash Bar.

PLEASE, pay at the December meeting or as soon thereafter as possible as we need to get a number to Vista Ridge ASAP. They need to have the number to know how much food to order.

Thanks and Happy Holidays,

Roger Newman

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Ho! Ho! Ho! Holiday Wishes For All

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the airport
 Pilots did scurry, for time it grew short
 It's been a tough month, it had been a tough year;
 But within a few hours the halls would ring with cheer
 Cessnas, Pipers, and Lancairs soon would fly in
 The pilots would gather, the celebration begin
 They would greet their old friends and make new ones too
 There were Luscombes and Ercoupes and 152s
 There were Kitfoxes, Bonanzas and Glasairs galore
 Flybabies, Tri-pacers, RVs – five six and four
 As they stood in line to taste holiday dishes
 Each pilot paused to express holiday wishes
 A wish for government that likes aviation
 A wish for peace on earth and goodwill for all nations
 A wish for a designee who was understanding
 A wish for a schedule not so demanding
 A wish for an airplane of ones very own
 A wish for a hangar with the comforts of home
 A wish for more students, more business and planes
 A wish for an annual that didn't cause pain
 A wish for good health, good friends and good cheer
 A merry Christmas to all and a happy new year!

2008 Membership Information

(Needed for 2008 Roster Chapter documents, mailing info at bottom)

Even if nothing has changed from last year, please fill out, and we particularly need EAA # and Renewal date.

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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING 2008 ?

Would you?

- Run for a Chapter Officer Post For 2008? -----Yes ___ No ___
 - Arrange, Or Be, The Program For One Of Our Meetings? ----- Yes ___ No ___
 - Host A Chapter Meeting At Your Project?----- Yes ___ No ___
 - Volunteer To Serve On the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-InPlanning Committee? -----Yes ___ No ___
 - Volunteer For The 30th (2008) Annual Rocky Mountain EAA Regional fly-In?-----Yes ___ No ___
 - Participate in Young Eagles functions, either pilot or volunteer?-----Yes ___ No ___
- Pilot _____ Volunteer _____

Annual Dues for 2008 are \$20.00. Please make check payable to EAA Chapter 43, and mail to : Lynn Miller, 3015 Piper Drive South, Erie CO 80516

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NEXT MEETING - DECEMBER 8, 2007, 7:00 PM, "METRO" AIRPORT