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DICK NEELEY'S RV-9A

These two photos are of Dick's RV-9A shortly after it emerged from the paint shop. He has accumulated 65 hours at last report. Scott Serani, Dick, and Jean-Pierre Verdier all had their aircraft painted by Dan Mauer and his traveling paint operation. Jean-Pierre's RV-7A is pictured on page 5.

MAY: MEETING AND PICNIC- MAY 13, 2007, 11:00 AM

LONGMONT AIRPORT 2V2 HANGAR #70 Bob Wilson's hangar, same place as last year. See page 5 for details and directions.

EAA Minutes of Meeting April 14, 2007

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

The minutes of the March meeting were moved to be accepted, seconded and approved by the members present.

Visitors: *Hal Johnson* of Denver, *Mike Coon* of Thornton, *Dan and Linda Mauer* of Reo Bluff, CA, *Jerry Steele* of Erie and *Dick Brown* of Westminster. Welcome all.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of our Treasurer, *Lynn Miller*, *Gene Horsman* presented the balance of the chapter checking account.

New Business: *Gene Horsman* brought up the chapter board meeting on April 1st. Tables and chairs for the unit was discussed. The chairs that we originally received from *Marvin Wall* were still upstairs at the Erie FBO. *Lynn Miller* has reacquired 37 of them and transported them for storage at *Roxy's* hanger. After the balance of them are picked up, some of the chairs will be left for the pilots to sit on for any future Young Eagle events.

Gene also asked the membership if they would be willing to display their aircraft for Erie Town Fair on May 19th. There will be a Young Eagles event that day.

We have a meeting place and program set at Rocky Mountain Propeller at the Erie Airport. No date confirmed on that yet.

Lynn Miller wanted *Gene* to ask *Bill Mitchell* if he could set up about 15-20 hot rods for the fair.

The B-17 is coming in 2 weeks before our Regional Fly-in. EAA Headquarters is giving our chapter one flight (7 seats) to do with whatever we decide. The board decided to offer each seat for \$200. Anyone can get a ride for that price. If more than 7 names, there will be a drawing out of a hat.

Safety Report: Our Safety Officer, *John Evens*, was absent for the meeting. *Roger* read a letter reporting that while Front Range Tower is in operation, their airspace is Class D. When the tower is not in operation, the airspace is Class E

Trip Reports: *Georg Grell* went to Alaska on a business trip and got invited to fly in a Piper Super Cub. *Stan Specht* gave a nutshell version on his time in the Antarctic. Stan agreed to do one of our programs one Saturday night. *Bill Mitchell* shared about going to Idaho and test fly, adjust and bring back a builders assist airplane. When he arrived, the aircraft was in pieces and in different hangers. It was then decided to load all the parts onto a trailer and bring it back that way. *Bob Young* shared about his flying a United A320 Airbus simulator out to San Francisco and then to Washington D.C.

Progress Reports: *Scott Serani* reported that his RV-10 is now painted and will start sharing trip reports. *Georg Grell* reported that he got the wings on his Skybolt. *Dave Corder* is building a RV-7 and recommended a book he read titled, "Capt. Jepp and the Little Black Book."

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Minutes, continued.

It's about the aviation pioneer *Elrey B. Jeppensen* making the skies safer for everyone. *Chris Dillis* of Sky Raider Aviation reported that his business at Erie Airport is doing well and that he ordered a second aircraft for training. He will bring an aircraft to the May picnic. *Carl Harris* made his first flight in his RV-7.

New Business cont.: *Bob Wilson* shared about the upcoming May picnic. Notes: Need 10 tables – 4-5 people to set up – cook at 11:30 and eat at noon – need four cookers for the grills – the front gate will be closed, arrival instructions will be in newsletter – this is a potluck picnic, hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, plates, cups, tools, and drinks furnished. Bring chips, deserts, fruit, vegetables and what is not used, take it home. – Be careful of all items in hanger – If there are kids with bikes, they must be careful around aircraft – plenty of smooth surface for tie downs, bring planes - when going through food line, only take one grilled item until everyone served, ran low last year.

Old Business: *Gene Horsman* reported the memorial for *Mark Yelich* is completed for Oshkosh and pictures were passed around

Young Eagles Report: *Brian Cabebe* received his official nametag. He reported the arrival of *Barrington Irving* from his world flight would be delayed until the 1st or 2nd week in May. He will put out an e-mail. Erie Town Fair on May 19th and the Regional will need pilots and ground support.

April 1 Board Meeting: *Roger* presented more detail on the B-17 flight. Motion made, seconded and approved by membership to spend up to \$1500 on 10 tables for the chapter and be stored at *Roxy's* hanger. Another motion, seconded and approved to donate the refrigerator at the FBO to *Chris* of Sky Raider Aviation.

Regional Report: *Steve Beach* gave updates for the regional. There will be some fabulous prizes for the raffle, tickets \$10. Go to the Web-site to volunteer, and this year the coordinators are getting their own volunteers. Friday and Saturday will be good days to be there and Sunday will be mostly general public day and we are trying to get in some military aircraft for that day. Business meeting adjourned.

After the break, *George Sammeth*, air traffic controller at Metro Tower presented the program "Tower Tips". He covered communications and procedures when at towered airports - a lively, entertaining, and informative program. Thanks, *George!*

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EUGENE "GENE" HORSMAN

Born, June 26, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio. Attended Wood County, Ohio schools, grades 1 through 12. Graduated from Perrysburg, Ohio High School in May, 1948. Attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio for 1 year, 1948, '49, then went to work for Doehler Jarvis Corporation in Toledo as an Apprentice Machinist from 1948 until Uncle Sam beckoned in January of 1952. Was in Korea when the truce was signed in July 1953. Spent 2 years Active Duty in U.S. Army and then 23 years of Active Army Reserve and retired in February 1977 as CWO-4. While a Reservist, I attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan on the Korean G.I. Bill. Graduated in January 1960 with a Bachelors Degree in Aero-nautical Engineering. I also started my flying lessons while attending U of M, but gave it up due to lack of money after 40 hours.

First employment was with Cessna Aircraft Co. in Wichita, Kansas from April 1960 to end of March 1963. Worked on a number of models. Then came to Denver for the wonderful world of Aerospace at the Glenn L. Martin Co. Was laid off in June of 1974 and went to work for J.B. Systems, Co. in Longmont, CO doing general aviation air conditioning from 1974 to February 1979. Then went with Aero Engineering Co. doing the same type air-conditioning work until returning to Martin Marietta in December of 1979. Retired from Martin on January 1, 1993.

I built model airplanes from about the age of 6. Got interested in flying through a high school buddy who came back from W.W.II and took G.I. Bill to get Private and Commercial. My dad started taking flying lessons in 1944 and I usually tagged along to the airport. The 1940 biplane I'm currently restoring, was the airplane my dad was learning to fly in, in 1944. Had my first open cockpit biplane ride in that airplane in the summer of 1944.

Naturally, being of that age bracket I have favored old airplanes from the beginning. Brad Davenport convinced me to go to Blakesburg with a gang from our Antique chapter in 1982 and I have been a member of the Chapter and National ever since. I have about 1400 hours flying time, 1062 hours of tail-dragger time of which almost 1000 of that being in my Luscombe 8A. I have about 180 hours of tri-gear time including 163 hours in retractables.

I was newsletter editor of Chapter 43 for about 5 years. I have been a Board member for a number of years also.

Things I would like to see Chapter 43 really work at: Bringing younger blood into the Chapter; consider fly-outs (the old CAFE 43) at least within time and range of the slower airplanes in the group, (us 75 to 100 mph guys, you know!) Consider a display of our aircraft at gatherings like Jeffco open house on June 9 and the Erie Town Fair coming up on May 19.

Gene Horsman

POT LUCK PICNIC - bring your favorite entrée, salad, or desert! Don't forget serving spoons & spatulas. Burgers & hot dogs furnished. If you want steak, chicken, etc., bring your own. You might want to bring along these directions so you don't get lost!

**DIRECTIONS TO THE CHAPTER 43 PICNIC,
LONGMONT AIRPORT 2V2 SAT. MAY 12**

The airport is on the far WEST side of Longmont. Picnic site is HANGAR # 70, last row to the WEST, NORTH side of runway. CAR parking is west, around behind the hangar row.

AIRPLANE parking is on both sides of taxiway, smoothest is on the west. East side has one to two inch drop-off. We will have helpers for parking, bring tie-downs if you want. Overflow parking is on the ramp to the east.

DRIVING? From I-25-exit 240, HWY 119 West to Longmont. There is a new by-pass that puts you on Ken Pratt Blvd at HWY 287, the other route in, continue West on Ken Pratt Blvd for 7/10 mile, at the Railroad tracks, jog right onto NELSON ROAD, continue West 1.7 miles to AIRPORT ROAD, turn right at the light onto Airport Road. The airport is 6/10 mile on the left, lots of construction - be careful, DON'T go in the main entrance, go past a little ways to ST. VRAIN ROAD.

Big sign says, CITY OF LONGMONT, Public Works. Go West 2/10 mile, where road jogs to the right, **you jog to the left** into the Airport and follow the blacktop around to the last row of hangars and go around behind.

If coming from the NORTH, 17th Ave is a good through street west to Airport Rd.

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YOUNG EAGLES

Please note Y.E. Coordinator Brian Cabebe's phone number on the back page. It has been corrected to 303-748-5570. The Barrington Irving Young Eagles Rally has been postponed to Monday, May 14th due to weather delays on Barrington's trip around the world. Due to the complications involved in a trip of this scope, delays are inevitable and there will probably be more.

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JEAN-PIERRE VERDIER'S RV-7A

Jean-Pierre is very pleased with his patriotic red, white and blue paint job on his RV-7A.

ROOMS AVAILABLE AT OSHKOSH

I have one room available at the Oshkosh dorms (Taylor Hall) and also one room to share. Taylor Hall is air conditioned. Available July 22 - 26. Please call Dave Biesemeier at 720-480-5825 or send an e-mail to: dbiesemeier@comcast.net.

ERIE TOWN FAIR

Erie Town Fair Day is coming up on Saturday, May 19th. Erie Municipal Airport is an important part of that celebration with an open house. There will be a hot air balloon launch at 6:30 A.M. from the golf course next door. They are expecting 58 balloons.

Then the action shifts to the airport. There will be a pancake breakfast starting about 7:30 A.M. and running to 11:00 A.M. Then there will be a lunch menu with ribs this year instead of the usual hamburgers.

EAA Chapter 43 will be flying Young Eagles from about 8:00 to Noon if the weather is good. Seven to seventeen age kids can get a free airplane ride. If you can fly or be a ground volunteer, Brian Cabebe could use your help.

The Friends of Erie Airport pilot group would like as many display airplanes as possible to be put on the ramp. Factory, homebuilt, war-bird, etc. are all welcome. They will be in an area roped off (no taxiing through the immediate area) but not individually. So you might want to stay in sight of your airplane to answer questions if you would like. We may have some fly-overs of the CJ trainer group, as they did last year as well at T-6s.

Things usually start winding down about noon. Airplanes from the west T-hangars are especially welcome.

**JEFFCO AVIATION ASSOCIATION
(Rocky Mountain Metro Airport)**

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SATURDAY JUNE 09, 2007

12TH ANNUAL J A A

FLY IN



**A drawing will be held for a one hour (stick time) flight in
a 1948 Piper Cub.**

Drawing Open to Fly In Pilots only*

SATURDAY JUNE 09, 2007

6:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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(Warbirds/Trainers)

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NEXT MEETING - PICNIC, MAY 13, 2007, 11:00AM, LONGMONT AIRPORT

Come early if you can to help set up!