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This is an actual fly-by during deployment of the Nuclear Aircraft Carrier USS Stennis. The pilot was grounded for 30 days, but he likes the picture and thinks it was worth it. Yikes!

JANUARY MEETING: Sunday, January 14th, 4:00 PM

This month's meeting is our Holiday Dinner at The Runway Grill, Denver Air Center at Jeffco Airport.

December Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Roger Standard, at the Mad Eagle Aero hangar at Tri-County Airport.

Chapter 43 has an opportunity to host **The B17 Aluminum Overcast Tour at Jeffco** with an approximate date the end of June or first of July. Volunteers will be needed for the B-17 tours, crowd control, and publicity. To fly in the B17 there is a donation of \$350.00 for non-EAA members and \$300.00 for EAA'ers with some promotional rides available.

There will be EAA 2001 calendars available at the January 2001 meeting.

The vacancies on the Board of Directors were filled: 1 year terms - Bill Mitchell and Gene Horsman; 2 year terms - Mark Yelich and Pat Claar.

VISITORS: Brian Cox - Westminster (C310K & maybe Bearhawk plans), Bob Comyn - Breckinridge (C182S & building Lanceair IV-P), Derrick Streeter - Louisville (building RV9-A).

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES: M-S-P'd (Moved, Seconded and Passed by vote) as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Wilson reported that we had \$2428.42 in the chapter account. Thanks to Roger Standard for donating the \$45.00 from the sale of miscellaneous items at November's meeting.

Chapter 43 Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Marvin Wahl by Tom Young. Congratulations Marv!!

PROGRESS REPORTS: George Hayes stated that he has acquired a Bridgeport mill, and is ready to assist members with their machining needs. There is a 1/3 share available in an RV6A - contact Ruby Lanich 970-330-7531 for details. Gene Horsman has a Mercury wing dismantled and is preparing for the rebuild of all 4 wings. Marv Wahl had a Skybolt landing gear on display that he made - what beautiful welds!

TRIP REPORTS: Kelly Koop toured the Confederate Air Force museum in Mesa, Arizona and was amazed at what one can see for \$5.00.

GENE'S CORNER: Gene Horsman spoke on the privatization of ATC in the UK, the sale of Superior Air Parts falling through, the C172 and F-16 accident in Florida, and the need to exercise extreme caution when travelling near IR / VR military routes.

YOUNG EAGLES: Kelly Koop organized a Young Eagles rally on Saturday, December 9th at Tri-County Airport, for Cub Scout pack 73 from Louisville. There were 22 Young Eagles flown by Gene Horsman - Luscombe, Bill Mitchell - T18, Claff & Patti Begnaud - Kitfox, Brent Hagan - T18, and Don Coleman - Ercoupe. The pilots and ground crew had almost as much fun as the kids!

STEVE BEACH: The February 10th chapter 43 meeting will be held at **The Wings Over The Rockies Museum** at Lowry. The time has not been confirmed - watch for more details.

GENERAL: There is a plan to install three 500 foot communication towers 5 miles west of runway 29 (1/2 mile south of Marshall Lake) at Jeffco. Also a possible relocation and consolidation of the towers on Lookout Mountain to this area could also happen. Contact the Denver FSDO for information.

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PROGRAM:

George Hayes gave an informative presentation on the selection of wood for aviation use. There were several good examples of what is and is not acceptable for aircraft use.

The following articles were contributed by Steve Beach:

2001 Is Looking Like a Great Year For EAA Front Range Aviation:

Planning activities are rapidly coming together for a number of aviation events that will happen this year. Below are just three of the events in the works for 2001.

FIRST and foremost for the Front Range EAA Chapters and chapter 43 in particular, is The 23rd annual Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In. This years dates are on the calendar for June 22-24 (disregard the dates listed in the January Sport Aviation Calendar). Included this year for the first time at a regional fly-in will be a Science, Math and Technology seminar for teachers through-out Colorado and the surrounding area. This is an introduction of the resources available through EAA for every teacher around the world that would like to tie aviation into their curriculums. The seminar will take place on Friday June 22nd. Please promote this worthwhile endeavor with any teachers or educational people that you have contact with.

Saturday will be EAA activity day with aircraft judging, seminars, workshops and evening banquet & awards. Sunday will again be devoted to educating the general public and getting youth interested in flight. This format was very popular last year and we gained a lot of territory with the local public that is not always in tune with airports and aircraft.

Volunteer help is always needed and if you would like to get more involved than just helping out during the event please contact Roger Standard, Steve Beach or George Hayes. In particular we need people to help with the publicity, the program (advertising & articles) and setup / teardown. The regional cannot offer a lot of perks for getting more involved (there are a few), but the satisfaction of helping a worthy cause is extremely rewarding in itself.

SECOND on the list is the possibility that the B-17 could pay Denver a visit in late June. This is almost a 'for sure' event, but the official list of cities has not been published yet. This is an event that chapter 43 can get very involved with and perhaps reap a few rewards for the treasury. (No Bob W., you cannot use the proceeds for a new GPS!!)

THIRD is the official announcement that SportAir in conjunction with EAA will bring their popular Sportair Workshops to our own backyard in September. Below is a description of the workshops that they will be offering.

EAA SPORTAIR WORKSHOPS

- **SEPT 15-16, 2001, DENVER, CO -**
Westwood Aviation School – Jeffco Airport

TOPICS: Sheet Metal Basics, Composite Construction, Fabric Covering, Introduction to

- **Aircraft Building, and "What's involved in kit building?"**

The sheet metal basics workshop (cost: \$279.00 EAA Members / \$299.00 Non-Members) is presented by EAA. This course is 2 days in duration and is designed to help you discover that you really can build or restore your own airplane. Our goal is to present the basics of sheet metal applications and to give you a solid understanding of this method of construction.

The Composite Construction Course (cost: \$249.00 EAA Members / \$274.00 Non-Members) will present basic composite building techniques. This two day course is an intensive "hands-on" workshop discussing tools needed, safety aspects of composites, moldless construction to include "hot-wiring", bonding methods for composite kitplanes, etc.

The Fabric Covering Workshop (cost: \$249.00 EAA Members / \$274.00 Non-Members) is just one of a family of workshops presented by EAA. It is an intensive 2 day course on general fabric covering techniques using the Poly Fiber covering process. Other covering processes are covered in general form.

The course begins promptly at 8:30 with a discussion of safety issues and general fabric covering. The course is designed to present the methods of covering in discussion form followed immediately by practical hands on experience for each step. The students actually cover a DC 3 aileron from the preparation stage all the way through the completion of spraying on colors.

The Introduction to Aircraft Building Course (cost: \$199.00 EAA Members \$219.00 Non-Members) is one of our most popular. The course is designed to help you better understand what you may already know, and to introduce new information. You will learn, through "hands on" experience, the various construction methodologies and how various aircraft building materials fit into your personal capabilities.

What's Involved In Kit Building (cost: \$30.00) On Saturday evening during a scheduled workshop, an overview of the **airplane** building process is conducted. This is a discussion course, which will be of interest to persons desiring to build an airplane, either kit or plans-built.

If you would like to get a jump-start on registration you can get more information at www.sportair.com or call 1-800-967-5746.

Noteworthy: The one annual activity that will probably not take place this year is the spring AirFair that has traditionally been held at the Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum. The museum has grown it's exhibits to the point that Walt Barbo no longer feels that the event can be handled in the space that remains. However this should only be a one-year layoff until the museum is able to take possession of the second USAF hanger at Lowry. Walt and the museum board is hopeful that the new building will allow the AirFair to return in 2002. Daryl Cincuenta and the Jeffco Aviation Association have had discussions about hosting the event at Jeffco in 2001 but so far nothing has been agreed to and time is rapidly running out for getting vendors signed up.

Be sure to let Al Manley (the new Mile High editor) know of any aviation events, fly-ins, breakfasts, etc. so they can be included in the calendar of events column.

2001 AVIATION EVENTS:

2001 CHAPTER 43 MEETINGS:

Jan 14th: Annual Banquet & Awards Meeting - Jan 14th 4:00pm – Runway Grill – Jeffco Air Center
Feb 10th: Monthly Meeting – Tentively set for a tour of the Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum – Denver
(Check the February Mile High newsletter for time and place to meet.)
Mar 10th:
April 14th:
May 12th: Annual Picnic – Tri-County Airport – Don Coleman's residence
Jun 9th:

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

Apr 8-14 Sun-n-Fun EAA Fly-In - Lakeland FL www.sun-n-fun.org
Jun 9-10 Virginia State EAA Fly-In www.vaeaa.org
Jun 22-24 **23rd Annual Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In** – www.greeleynet.com
Jul 11-14 Northwest EAA Fly-In - Arlington WA www.nweaa.org
Jul 24 – Jul 30 EAA AirVenture Fly-In - Oshkosh WI (note Day Change!) www.airventure.org
Sep 7-9 Goldenwest EAA Fly-In - CA www.gwfly-in.org
Sep 7-9 Mid-Eastern EAA Fly-In - Marion OH
Oct 5-7 Southeast EAA Fly-In – Evergreen AL www.geocities.com/~serfi/
Oct 6-7 East Coast EAA Fly-In - Toughkenamon PA www.eastcoastflyin.org
Oct 11-14 Copperstate EAA Fly-In - Mesa AZ www.copperstate.org
Oct 19-20 Southwest EAA Fly-In - Abilene TX www.swrfi.com

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2001 at 4:00 PM. See inside for details.