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IT'S DUES TIME!!!

Be certain to maintain your membership in good standing in order to continue receiving all of the benefits our fine Chapter has to offer. The membership form is included in this newsletter and is also available at our web site at www.eea43.com.

Dues are \$20 per year - sorry no credit cards - cash or checks only. Mail to our treasurer whose address appears on the bottom of the form.



JACK DYSART'S LANCAIR 360

This update photo of Jack's Lancair 360 was taken Dec. 29th at Front Range Airport during Dave Bieseimer's Tech Counselor visit. Jack and his assistant, Jeff, performed several landing gear retractions and extensions which went very well. Look for this aircraft to fly soon!

JANUARY BANQUET/MEETING - JANUARY 13, 2007, 6:00 PM

Our annual banquet will be at the Vista Ridge Golf Course Restaurant at 6:00 PM.

See page 3 for all the details and directions.

Minutes of EAA Chapter 43, December 9, 2006

Our president, *Roger Newman*, called the business meeting to order at 7:06PM.

The minutes of the November meeting as published in the newsletter were accepted and approved.

Safety Report: Our safety officer, *John Evens*, was absent. *Roger* mentioned that there would be plenty of safety concerns in the evening's program.

Guests: none

Progress Reports: Many tools and supplies belonging to *Tim Tracey* (now deceased) would be donated to Chapter 43. Any items not used by the chapter would be auctioned off in the spring.

Old Business: none

New Business: *Bill Mitchell* reported the 100LL price at Longmont was \$2.87 per gallon.

Gene Horsman extended an invitation to Chapter 43 to the annual banquet of the AAA of Colorado. It is being held on Jan. 27th at the Indian Tree Restaurant. The speaker will be *Ken Kellett* of Fantasy of Flight Aviation Attraction in Florida. Ken also was involved with the movie "Flyboys."

Steve Beach reported the EAA B-17 would be going back to Centennial the weekend before our Regional. It would again be sponsored by Wings Over the Rockies.

He also reported at the first board meeting for the aviation building at Jeffco the by-laws are finished and the application for 501(c)3 was completed.

Treasurer's Report: *Lynn Miller* reported the deposits, withdrawals and balance of the chapter's account.

Banquet: *Roger* announced the plans for the annual banquet. It will be held on Jan. 13th at the Vista Ridge Club House Restaurant at 6:PM. Cost will be \$10 per chapter member, \$10 for one guest and all others \$21. The chapter will subsidize some costs. Guest speaker will be *Gene Horsman*.

Mark Graf at this time came forward and read a poem for *Mark Yelich* and his Mark's mixture biplane-plane. The title was "Impressions of A Pilot."

Gene Horsman made a motion to buy a memorial brick at Oshkosh for Mark. It was seconded and approved by the members present.

Roger also recited a Christmas poem. He also wished the members a joyous Christmas and New Year's.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM.

After the break, *Bruce Handley* presented a program on "Winter Flying".

JANUARY BANQUET

President Roger Newman has arranged for our Annual Chapter Banquet to be held on January 13, 2007 at Vista Ridge Country Club (just east of the Erie Municipal Airport, where it was held two years ago) The price will be \$10.00 per each chapter member and \$10 each for one guest. Additional guests are welcome, but because of the expense to the chapter for subsidizing the banquet, additional tickets will be at the price of the meal: \$21.00. The time is 6:00 PM (If this changes you will be notified.) We will have the restaurant from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The Menu: "Master's Club House Steak Buffet"

Grilled 8 oz. sirloin steak served with steamed vegetables, salad, bread & butter, and the Vista Ridge Baked Potato Bar with all the "fixins." Chocolate chip cookies for desert. There will be a few chicken entrees available for those that desire other than beef.

Please contact our Treasurer, Lynn Miller at 303-666-8233 before that time if you have been procrastinating on going. We must have a head count to Vista Ridge Country Club by Wednesday afternoon. Please call and let Lynn know you are going by the deadline and you can then pay Lynn by mail before the 13th. Make checks out to EAA Chapter 43.

Take CO Highway 7 between Lafayette and I-25 to the Vista Ridge Country Club Restaurant. It is located a couple of miles east of the Erie Municipal Airport, and is the same place we had our banquet two years ago.

SKYRAIDER AVIATION

Light Sport Aircraft Rental is now available at the Erie Municipal Airport at Skyraider Aviation. Quoting from their web site: "We're building our rental fleet of light sport aircraft. Our first airplane arrived on November 11, 2006. Our fleet will grow as demand increases."

"Our aircraft of choice is the Evektor SportStar. We are offering this brand new, well-equipped, and very capable sport plane to our club members for **\$85 per hour**. You must be a member of the club to rent from us."

The SportStar is the first aircraft to receive FAA certification as a Special Light Sport Aircraft (S-LSA). I has achieved global success in almost 40 countries. With its unbeatable flight characteristics and uncompromising quality, it is an ideal training aircraft."

Contact Skyraider Aviation, Inc. at www.skyraideraviaion.com, or stop in at the Erie Airport and visit with company president Christopher Dillis to learn more about the club and the Sportstar aircraft.

Greetings from Antarctica!

As we say down here, "Never has time passed so slowly nor so fast." Here it is the first of January and we are already planning our redeployment times--seems like I just arrived here a few days ago! Now for some aviation-related events. The skier aircraft have been using a new ice ski-way called Williams ("Willy") Field that is on the permanent ice shelf. The sea ice became too thin around the first of December, causing the move. The C-17's now use a field called "Pegasus" (named after a Constellation that crashed there years ago), which is a snow runway, also on the permanent ice shelf. They are both about 10,00 feet long. Just before Christmas, a C-17 made a practice airdrop of 70,000 pounds at the South Pole, consisting mainly of food. It was a successful exercise to prove it can be done in case of an emergency. By the time the last flight leaves here February 24th, we will have had 52 C-17 flights into McMurdo Station and about 380 HC-130 flights, not to mention numerous Twin Otter and Basler turbine DC-3 lights out to field camps. All for now. Happy 2007 to you and yours,

Stan Specht

McMurdo Station , Antarctica



CHAPTER HISTORY

OK, here's the deal. Somehow, somewhere, by someone, (probably the editor) the chapter's origins got a little mixed up. Fortunately, we have a founding father - Dean Cochran, to help keep tabs on such things. Dean discovered documentation that our chapter is younger than we thought. It was founded in May of 1958 and not in 1957 as we have been misleading everyone on our masthead for the last several years. At least being younger is better than being older, right? The masthead has been changed and the editor regrets the error (among many others!).

JACKSONVILLE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING HOMEBUILDING AT HOME

I'm sending this to officers of the EAA chapters of which I am now or have been a member in the past, as well as to a whole bunch of other pilots who are in my email list.

You may have just received the **EAA Hotline** email newsletter which opens with an article about this guy, Brian Kraut, EAA 692635, in Jacksonville, **who has been prohibited from building his airplane in his enclosed garage**. If you haven't read this yet, be ready to get really angry! Brian has been fighting a losing battle against the city fathers (and mothers?) and it's costing him a lot of money. He has set up a website <http://www.jaxairplane.com/where/>

where he explains everything that has happened regarding this ordinance and his actions to defend himself. He's even posted pictures of other houses in the neighborhood which show conclusively that what he is doing on his property is no different than what many other of his neighbors are doing. The difference is the ordinance is **specifically directed at Airplanes** (and airboats) and ignores boats, race cars, motorhomes, etc. I encourage you to go to the website and take a look for yourself.

Brian is also requesting contributions through the Web site to help him with his legal expenses.

This is exactly the sort of thing that I was fighting in Tucson when I was not permitted to keep my boat in an enclosed carport next to my house, even after I had gone to great effort and expense to make sure it wasn't visible from the street. It's one (of many) reasons we decided to get the hell out of there and move to Colorado.

I think it would be useful **if this issue were publicized in our various newsletters** and perhaps the **chapters would consider making a contribution** from the treasury to Brian's cause. I intend to do so on my own, and I would encourage others to do so as well. Remember, if it can happen in Jacksonville, it could happen in your neighborhood as well.

Note: if you are not a current officer of your chapter and you don't see them in my list of addressees, please forward this to your president. Thanks!

Herb Berkman, EAA 256934, Member of Ch 43 & Ch 648, Past member of Ch 40 & Ch 81
Member, Antique Airplane Assoc of CO

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MARK'S MIXTURE

Most of you will recognize the plane in the photo. It is a modified EAA Biplane and was built by the late Mark Yelich in the early 80's and has been modified over the years to increase the top speed. It is based at the Fort Collins - Loveland Airport (FNL). Joanne Yelich would like to sell the plane and a more detailed ad will appear in the *Flyer* next month or you can call Bill Mitchell, 303-427-4025, or Dave Bieseemeier, 720-480-5825, for more information.

100LL AVGAS PRICES WITHIN 40 MILES OF KBJC

Source: Airlines.com as of January 5, 2007.

KBJC - Jeffco Airport, Stevens Aviation: \$3.66, Denver Air Center: \$4.13

KEIK - Erie Municipal Airport, Erie CO: \$3.10

1V5 - Boulder Municipal Airport, Boulder CO: \$3.35, Aviation Services: \$3.85

KLMO - Vance Brand Airport, Longmont CO, Twin Peaks Av. SS: **\$2.87**, Air West SS: **\$2.90**

KDEN - Denver International Airport, Denver CO, Signature Flight Support: \$5.23

18V - Platte Valley Airpark, Hudson CO, Platte Valley Fuel SS: **\$2.85**

KAPA - Centennial Airport, Denver CO, TACAir SS: \$3.32, Denver Jet Center: \$4.28

KFTG - Front Range Airport, Denver CO, Front Range Airport SS: \$2.99

KFNL - Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, Loveland Jet Center: \$4.10

11V - Easton (Valley View) Airport, Greeley CO, Easton Aviation: \$4.00

KGNB - Granby-Grand County Airport, Granby CO SS: \$4.20

KGXY - Greeley-Weld County Airport, Greeley CO, Peak Flight Support SS: \$2.99

2007 Membership Information

(Needed for 2007 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.)

DATE: _____

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street: _____

National EAA Membership #: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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**E-Mail Address: _____

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If you prefer to receive the newsletter by Snail Mail, check here. _____

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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING 2007 ?

Would you?

- Run for a Chapter Officer Post For 2007? -----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-In
 Planning Committee? -----Yes ___ No ___
- Volunteer For The 29th (2007) Annual Rocky Mountain EAA
 Regional fly-In?----- Yes ___ No ___
- Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as pilot
 or volunteer?----- Pilot Yes ___ No ___
 Volunteer Yes ___ No ___

Annual Dues for 2007 are \$20.00. Please make check payable to EAA Chapter 43, C/O Lynn Miller, 3015 Piper Drive South, Erie, CO 80516 (Phone 303-666-8233) E-Mail: miller967@aol.com