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**EAA MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43**  
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**MILE HIGH**



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This is a Bell UH-1F "Iroquois" Air Force Huey. It was used mostly in the 60's on S.A.C. bases supporting ICBM Minuteman Missiles. It was assigned to Whiteman AFB in central Missouri. (now home to our B-2 bombers) They replaced some very old UH-19B radial engine helicopters. When it arrived along with 5 others, it was met by several excited mechanics.

As time passed, one of those mechanics became the crew chief of one of the Hueys, 64-15495. Years passed and that mechanic left the Air Force and pursued different goals. Recently the excitement started again when he found out this very helicopter was on static display at the National Atomic Museum, Kirkland AFB in New Mexico. Soon they will reunite. If you haven't already guessed, that mechanic is your new newsletter editor, Bob Young

**MAY MEETING:** May 8th at Don Coleman's Hanger at 395 Baron Court. See pg. 2 for map. This will be our annual Chapter 43 picnic. Hwy. 7 to the Erie Airport and take the first rt. turn from airport road. (Baron Ct.) Don's place is at the end just short of RWY 33. Starts at 11:30. If you come a little early, you can help setup. So come early. Bring your favorite dish to share. Hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments and drinks will be provided. Short meeting. There will be a Young Eagles Rally at 8:00 the same morning.



Port-a-port hangar for rent at Jeffco. \$235/month. Contact Bruce Handley at 303-499-9537 or at [bruceh@ehandley.net](mailto:bruceh@ehandley.net) (Note: Bruce is just the contact)

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**YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK AVIATOR IF.....**

- a. Your stall warning plays Dixie.
- b. Your cross-country flight plan uses flea markets as checkpoints.
- c. You think sectional charts should show trailer parks.
- d.. You've ever used moonshine as avgas.
- e.. You have mud flaps on your plane's wheel pants.
- f.. Your toothpick keeps poking your microphone.
- g.. You've ever just taxied around the airport drinking beer.
- h.. You wouldn't be caught dead in a Grumman Yankee.
- i.. You use a Purina feed sack as a windsock.
- j.. The side of your plane has a sign advertising your stump grinding service.
- k.. You constantly confuse Beechcraft with Beechnut.
- l.. You think GPS stands for Going Perfectly Straight.
- m. You refer to formation flying as "We got us a convoy!"
- n. Your matched set of luggage is three grocery bags from Piggly Wiggly.
- o. You have a black airplane with a big number "3" on the side.
- p. You've ever fueled your airplane from a Mason jar.
- q. You've got a gun rack on the passenger window.
- r. You have more than one roll of duct tape holding your cowling together.
- s. Your preflight includes removing all the clover, grass, and wheat from your landing gear.
- t. You figure the weight of the mud and manure on your airplane into the CG calculations.
- u. You siphon gas from your tractor to put into your plane.
- v. You've never actually landed at a real airport, even though you've been flying for years.
- w. You've ground-looped after hitting a cow.
- x. You consider anything over 100 feet AGL high altitude flying.
- y. There are parts on your aircraft labeled John Deere.
- z. You've never actually seen a sectional chart, but have all the Texaco road maps for

Jim Loyd will display test models and his full size mockup of his lowaspect ratio flying wing project. He will be at his display during the picnic to answer questions, help members sample the cockpit environment and to collect advice & ideas about the project



**ALTERNATE AIRPORT:** The area directly beyond the active runway when the engine quits on take off

**BI-PLANE:** What you'll say to your bird if flying costs keep going up

**ENGINE FAILURE:** A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with air.

**GLIDING DISTANCE:** Half the distance from your present position to the nearest decent landing area at the time of complete power failure.

**WALKAROUND:** What you do when waiting for weather to clear.

**LANDING FLAP:** A 4000' roll out on a 3000' runway.

## April Meeting Minutes

The meeting of April 10th was called to order by President Patti. The March minutes were accepted as reported in the newsletter.

**Visitors:** David Shenk of Longmont, Deb Ings of Centennial, Lon Wardell of Erie, Stephen Rhode of Littleton and Gary Myers of Englewood. Also one new member, Mark Phipps of Broomfield.

**Roster:** Gene Horsman reported that the 2004 roster will be available at the May picnic.

**Rocky Mountain Reginal Fly-In:** This event is coming up quickly. Contact the chairman, Jim Cimiluca by phone (303-452-9457) or by e-mail ( jipegasus@msn.com ). If you can volunteer, contact Cheryle Sullivan at ( cheryles@rmrfi.org ).

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Wilson reported on the balance of the Chapter checkbook.

**Young Eagles:** Cliff reported the Chapter flew 30 kids on April 17th from the Clark Middle School aviation class. Same school, different kids for May 8th. Also flying at the Erie Air Fair on May 15th. Pilots and ground crew needed.

**Trips:** Ron Denight flew to Hutchinson Ks. to visit the Kansas CosmoSphere & Space Center. He recommends it to all. Visit it at ( www.cosmo.org ).

The blue Kitfox went to Texas. The plane owned by Cliff and Patti Begnaud was sold and moved to Texas. That opened up some hanger space. Interested hanger seekers ( shoeless@barefootpilot.com ).

**Assembly Hanger:** Steve Beach reported an assembly hanger at Jeffco. Contact Michael Zinna at 303-465-9000 or at ( mikeyz13@hotmail.com ).

**Chapter Events:**

- May - Annual picnic and Jim Loyd display.
- June - Greg Hall Fisher Horizon project on site. Details and map later.
- July - TBA
- August - Oshkosh Recap and potluck. Bring photos and stories. Begnaud hanger.

**Program:** Bill Mitchell presented excellent information on soaring and mountain flying. Topics discussed included air masses moving like water. When it is disturbed, it moves. Also covered was using AWOS, gradients on mountain runways, micro bursts and precautions in different areas of the mountains. Thanks Bill for the information.

### Upcoming Events

**Erie Town Fair and Fly-in:** May 15th 7:00 to 3:00. This will be the third annual SFTI Erie Air Fair & Fly-In, held in conjunction with the Erie Town Fair. Activities will include a Pancake Breakfast, Static Displays (warbirds, homebuilts, RC airplanes, gliders, antiques), Aviation Exhibits, Grilled Burgers & Hot Dogs, Airplane Rides, Young Eagles Flights, etc.

**SportAir Workshops:** June 11-13, 2004, Denver, CO Topics: RV Assembly

Sept. 25-26, 2004, Denver, CO Topics: Intro. to Acft Building, Sheet Metal Basics, Compo Const., Fabric Covering, Electrical Systems and Avionics, anWhat's Involved in Kitbuilding?

**Extras: July 17** Warbirds at Alamosa, CO. San Luis Valley Pilots' Assoc. Air Show and fly-in  
Info: Paul at 719-852-9860

**August 21** Vintage Aircraft Jeffco Airport, 8th Annual Jeffco Aviation Assoc. Fly-in  
Info: Daril at 303-423-9846

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