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Our Next Meeting:

- The next Chapter 43 meeting will take place at 7 PM on August 12th, at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building (our normal meeting time and place).

Minutes From the July Meeting:

- The meeting was held on July 8th at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building; the honorable Charles Graf presiding. Minutes from the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Old Business

- Annual Banquet - will be Sunday evening, January 14th, 1996
- Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in - See the attached Report.
- Am Weather - The AM weather program will be back on the air.

New Business

- EAA Oshkosh Arrival Procedures given out at the meeting.
- The evening's program was by Don Armstrong and Libba Gray. An excellent account of life as a test pilot.
- Proposed Ultralight Flying Club - Bob Johnson would like to consider such an organization. If your interested, see Bob. Bob is also considering purchasing a factory built N-3 Pup which is for sale at Tri-County Airport.

Brad's Safety Corner:

- Aircraft Accidents Due to Loss of Power - Know your Aircraft; practice forced landings!
- DAR Reports: Inadequate plates on a wooden propeller. A .060 plate failed in 11 hours.
- Brad displayed a Bore Scope from Edmund Scientific Co.; "it's a very nice unit."

Visitors:

- Ed Minter
- Bill Mullen
- Doug VanHorn
- Fred Yates
- Bill Yribia

Progress/Trip Reports:

- Fred Yates - Assembling a Challenger; Looking for a hangar.
- Gary Gibson - Fischer, Now doing the weight and balance.
- Rick Robbins - PA11, Building a new exhaust system.
- Dave Jenson - Hummelbird, Assembly in progress.
- Chuck Graf - RV-6, Flying now, 10 hours as of the meeting.
- Gene Horsman - Mercury Biplane, working on the tail group and wing attach fittings.
- Aaron Schomberg - RV-6, Horizontal tail in progress.
- CAFE 43, Saturday July 8 - Target Sidney Nebraska and Cabela's sporting goods store. Nine aircraft participated..... Finally a good flying day!
- John Evens (T-18) and Mas Yoshida (RV-6) returned from a successful trip to the Arlington, Washington Fly-in. They returned just in time to attend the evening's program.

Young Eagles:

- Bob Lee is proposing a Young Eagle Flying Club. The goal is to train young people ages 14 to 18 to fly. He is looking for an aircraft and CFIs to train the kids. If interested, call Bob.



- A B-29 named Kee Bird during an attempt to fly it off a frozen lake in Greenland. Pilot Daryl Greenamyre reported that a fuel leak in the aft fuselage caused the fire.

† The Presidents Corner: †

Last months meeting included a very enjoyable talk by Ex-Experimental Test Pilot, Don Armstrong. He Discussed his experiences , and was available to sign copies of his book "I Flew Them First." His description of the performance of the 'Super Corsair" as great! I think that a good time was had by all.

Speaking of that meeting, my thanks to Charlie Graf for taking over for me. Mas Yoshida and I arrived back at Jeffco from the Arlington, Washington EAA Fly-in just in time for the entertainment portion of the meeting. Talk about timing!

Arlington (just north of Seattle) was great. We traveled via Cody, Wyoming and Kalispell, Montana (where I dropped off my father), and flew over some beautiful country. I recommend this Fly-in. We had a great time!

I do feel guilty, but this month's meeting falls on the weekend my wife and I have planned to fly the T-18 to Montana. So, weather permitting, one of the other officers will do my job again. My apologies to members, but the pay just isn't good enough to keep me from flying my airplane. However, who knows - this year the weather is a particularly big question mark. Maybe I'll see you at the meeting!

John

Other Items:

- Scott Fling - Scott is building an RV-6 and would like to purchase some tools. If anybody has anything that Scott might need, call 451-7146

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FLY IN REPORT

To all Chapter Presidents: Enclosed is a report on the 17th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly In. Feel free to copy, reproduce, or otherwise use this report in your newsletters and reports to chapter members. **Please see that your newsletter editor gets this report, as I do not have all their addresses.**

Clear mornings and cloudy afternoons, together with some confusing magazine publicity about the fly-in's move to Longmont reduced the airplane attendance at the 17th annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly in to an estimated 180-200 airplanes at Vance Brand Airport over the weekend of June 24 and 25, including 20-plus early arrivals parked on the ramp on Friday evening *before* the fly in. Only 75 showplanes registered for judging, and because there were clearly a substantial number of planes that didn't register, including a scaled-down Jenny and Spad and a couple of O-2 style Cessnas, we estimate there were 150 showplanes (homebuilts, vintage antique/classic/contemporary aircraft, warbirds, and ultralights) and at least 40 newer production aircraft on hand over the weekend. Homebuilt types included Lancair, Glasair, Rans, Van's RV, and older designs such as a Fly Baby, Emeraude, and Pitts Special. Classics included Cubs, Taylorcrafts, and Luscombes. Antiques were scarce; we saw only a Fairchild 24, a 1939 Luscombe, and a 1930 Travel Air. The lone warbird registered was a Stearman, though two others were observed on the field. Nearly one-third of the airplanes were from 12 states besides Colorado, including 3 from Kansas, 4 from Texas, 3 from distant California and 3 each from distant Nebraska and Wyoming, making this a truly *interstate* regional fly-in! We also had over 1000 autos attending, most of whom actually paid the \$5 admission fee.

There were 18 vendors and manufacturers displaying their wares, including Kitfox, Van's, Neico and Rans Aircraft, and a two day Builder's Forum sponsored by Alexander Aeroplane Company. Total attendance was more than 3000 fliers, drivers, and riders.

Of the 75 aircraft registered for judging, award winners were as follows:

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| Grand Champion | Piper PA-20 | Frank Sperandeo III, Fayetteville ARK |
| Best Homebuilt | Christen Eagle | Louis Anich, Greeley CO |
| 2nd Homebuilt | Van's RV-6 | George Hanna, Buena Vista CO |
| Best Antique | Travel Air 4000 | Dan Murray, Santa Paula CA |
| 2nd Antique | Luscombe 8A | Gene Horsman, Golden CO |
| Best Classic | Piper Pacer PA-20 | Frank Sperandeo III, Fayetteville ARK |
| 2nd Classic | Cessna 195 | Jerry Hozempa, Longmont CO |

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| Best Contemporary | Beech B35 | Paul Steele, Colby KS |
| Best Warbird | Stearman PT-17 | Mike Baldwin, Evergreen CO |
| Best Ultralight | Rans S-12 | Adrian Bloomfield, Granby CO |
| Best Composite | Lancair IV | Mike DeHate, Redmond OR |
| Best Tube & Fabric | Christen Eagle II | Louis Anich, Greeley CO |
| Best All Metal | Van's RV-6 | George Hanna, Buena Vista CO |
| Oldest Aircraft | 1928 Travel Air 4000 | Dan Murray, Santa Paula CA |
| Longest Distance, Aircraft | Lancair IV | Mike DeHate, Redmond OR |
| Longest Distance, Ultralight | Rans S-12 | Adrian Bloomfield, Granby CO |
| Most Recent First Flight | Lancair IVP | Mary Senft, Longmont CO |
| Best Static Display | Rotorway Helicopter | Dick Chevalier, Parker CO |
| Women's Most Recent First Solo: | | (Not Awarded) |

Finally, surprise awards were given to outgoing fly in chairman Bill Marcy for his 17 years leading the Regional Fly In Committee, and to his wife, Sarah, who has participated with him in the Fly-In since 1981.

The highlight of Sunday's events was the first annual Rocky Mountain Aerobatic Cup competition, an invitational competition for advanced aerobatic performers sponsored by IAC Chapter 12. Of the seven competitors, the winner was Chad Graves, of Denver, flying an Extra 300. After the competition, Chad flew a very entertaining Unlimited Free Style routine.