

MILE HIGH FLYER

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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:
Steve Beach

MARCH MEETING:

MARCH 14th, 1998

JEFFCO AIRPORT TERMINAL

RET. MAJOR GENERAL PAT

HALLORAN ON THE U-2 AND SR-71

SPY PLANES EXTRAORDINAIRE:

This month we are fortunate enough to have **Ret Major General Pat Halloran** visiting to give a program on the U-2 and SR-71. Pat was involved with the U-2's as a pilot and the SR-71's on the testing programs and then flying them once they were operational. Most of you probably would recognize his most recent achievement - Lovings Love. Pat rebuilt the original Lovings Love a couple of years ago and had it at Oshkosh this year. It was also pictured in Sport Aviation last month or the month before.

The last time I talked to Pat he was working on the Love but thought that he might be finished in time to fly it up for the meeting. If he is able to fly up I am planning on taking him to dinner before the meeting. If any of you would like to join us give me a call and I will fill you in with the details. If he does fly up I am sure that he will also join us at the after meeting Pizza Hut gathering. (Can't fly home at night - no lights)

HANGAR UPDATE:

As of this writing the hanger committee has not been able to get together either on its own or with Dave Gordon. A meeting is set for this week so we may have more information by our meeting on the 14th.

My personal thanks to the chapter 43 group that has volunteered to help.

Charlie Graf

Gene Horsman

Gene Milligan

Keith Vasey

Blue Grassfield

MEETING LOCATION:

If you haven't noticed yet, our meeting this month will again be at the Jeffco Terminal. This is due to the generosity of **Bill Wright** and his company **Wright Brothers Aviation** who are picking up the rental fee for the room in March. A big chapter '43' round of applause for Bill.

Blue Grassfield, a new member but very much behind the experimental cause, has indicated that we would be welcome to meet at his new facilities at Tri-County. This complex of hangers is very different from the standard 'T' hanger arraignment that most of us are familiar with. He has built a series of four(?) larger hangers that are placed in a row with a very large hanger at one end placed perpendicular.

It is in the largest hanger that he is building a meeting room that would be large enough to house our chapter for the monthly meeting. **Mark Yelich** originally made contact with Blue and showed me around the complex last month. I was very impressed with what he is

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LAST MONTHS - SURVIVAL!!!

Hopefully everyone at last months meeting got the message that prepared you can survive. Unprepared and you will probably suffer the consequences. Papa Bear Whitmore really seems to enjoy getting that point across and in no uncertain terms. Thanks to Papa Bear for the survival lecture and to **George Brady** for arrainging the program.

For those of you who do not know George, besides '43' he is active in two other local chapters and the Rocky Mountain Fly-In Board. We appreciate your strong support, George.

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developing and, if this works out, it could be the finest meeting place that '43 has ever had. I should point out that Blue has also volunteered to help with the hanger committee and with his recent building experience should be a real benefit

VOLUNTEERS!

The Rocky Mountain Regional EAA Fly-In is coming up on June 27th & 28th at the Longmont airport. The official sign-up sheet will be at our March meeting. I already have the volunteers from chapter 43 that have signed up on the list. This will be an opportunity to specify which times and days you can help out. As I have talked about in the past, this is a fun event and I encourage everyone to participate. If you can't help out by volunteering at least plan on stopping by.

This year we are going to try to have a Young Eagle Rally on the Friday before the fly-in and the RVators have already been invited to attend and help out. If this is going to be successful we will need lots of ground support and aircraft. **Glen Grove** and **Bob Lee** ('43' Young Eagle Coordinators) will be working with Earl Bolton from chapter 648 to make this as great an event as the fly-in itself. If you are available to help out on that Friday (June 26th) please let Glen or Bob know.

SAFETY ISSUE:

In a recent issue of the Avflash off the Internet they had a paragraph about the growing problem of miscommunications between taxiing aircraft and ground control. Mainly "runway incursions" are the culprit. You know, the old 'crossing a runway without clearance' routine.

In 1997 the problem increased by 19%, and this isn't just the big boys. 'General Aviation aircraft account for 59% of operations at towered airports, but 72% of incursions.' As the article pointed out this usually leads more to embarrassment than accidents. However it could really spoil your day if the runway happens to be active with an aircraft taking off or landing.

An advisory comm. has recommended: that a rule change requiring a specific clearance to cross each runway, wider and reflective "hold short" lines, enforcement of English proficiency, and pilot education.

Remember that if never hurts to respond to the tower "N123XRAY cleared to cross runway YY". Or if you are given instructions to taxi to the active or parking and that includes crossing a runway, ask if you cleared across the 'active' or 'runway YY' if that clearance was not specifically given. As Bill Mitchell always points out, everyone on the frequency does not need to know what color shirt you have on that day, but always communicate any time safety is a factor.

FINANCING:

Need help in getting your project financed? EAA has a program through Green Tree Financial Services that can assist you. Contact EAA Headquarters and ask about the 'EAA Aircraft Finance Plan'.

AirVenture '98 (Oshkosh):

You can get news about this years AirVenture ('Oshkosh' to most of us) at: www.fly-in.org Airline discounts are now available in the 5 - 10% range.

FLYING START:

Chapter 43's first involvement with the new EAA Flying Start program will take place on April 25th. The program will take place at Business Aircraft Sales at the Boulder airport. Will and Sarah Barclay (owners of BAS) will be hosting the event and they have done almost all of the leg work. They will be promoting the event in the local papers and with flyers.

We will be backing up their hard work by participating with a little hands on involvement. We need homebuilts, antiques, production aircraft and anything else that flies to be on the field for the event. We also need to be there in force to talk to would be pilots, answer the many questions that they will have, and encourage them to get involved with EAA. Talk to all of your friends that 'have always wanted to fly' and tell them to come to find out what being a pilot is all about. Flyers should be available at our next meeting to post wherever you can. (Places other than airports)

The local FBO's have been invited to be there along with local flying groups. I have talked with the Soaring Society of Boulder and they will be pulling a glider over. I also spoke with Nick Carter (from Channel 9 Weather) and he was very enthusiastic about coming out to participate. Congratulations to Nick on his recent CFI rating.

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He is already talking about a CFII. Weather may be a thing of the past for him in the future (at least televised).

If you can help out please let our Flying Start Coordinator know. Oh Yeah, we don't have a FS Coordinator yet! There must be someone out there that would consider taking on that responsibility. In the mean time, just let me know.

For not having much to write about this month I have droned on long enough. Have a great March flying month!

Let us know where you have been and write a small article on a fun place to visit. Dave can always use an article or two for the letter.

Blue Skies and Smooth Air

Steve

FOR SALE:

- ♦ **N3 PUP UTRALITE** - 'Cub Look Alike' - Not a kit, this one is flying! Mosler 2 cylinder, 4 cycle 37 HP engine. \$10,500.
Gene Milligan: (303) 466-0831. (Make him an offer!)
- ♦ **LYCOMING 0-235 C1B** with impulse mag, 1000 hours SMOH, 3177 TT, with starter, generator, carb and mags. \$4500 outright.
Ron Denight: (303) 452-0458.
- ♦ **PROP CARVING MACHINE** Complete with various blade master patterns and templates and new Porter Cable Router with carbide cutter, and practice blank. Sawdust allergy forces sale! \$300, ALSO:
- ♦ **NEW LYCOMING ENGINE PARTS:** 8.5:1 Superior pistons, 4 ea. @ \$35 ea., 8 ea. Superior compression rings, (steel cly.) \$100, 1 ea. iron ring set (for chrome cly.), \$150.
Dave Bieseemeier: (303) 384-3760.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES:

7:03 PM Called to order by Pres. Steve.

Guests: **Cole Hanscome:** Chapter 720 President and newsletter editor, **Ed Spengler:** interested in RV-4, **Jim Knepper:** interested in RV's, **Larry Campbell:** Long EZ builder, **Larry Burnet,** **Steve Robinson,** **Blue Grassfield.**

January minutes were read and approved.

Treasure's report: Mas reports a balance of \$1434.57.

Comments on the Battery Tender - make sure the battery is full of water. A 12V telephone transformer battery charger also works very well and is cheap.

Steve discussed the need to form a 501C non-profit corporation to take advantage of the Jeffco airport's offer of a new hangar on the southwest corner of the airport.

Gene Horsman reported that Dan Schaefer's reply to Gene's letter on user's fees was mostly "Weasel Wording". Scaled Composites is ready to move to Montrose to build Biz-jet parts, and will be hiring up to 135 employees.

Brad Davenport spoke on Rotax spark plug problems, Lancair fuel valve modification problems, and throttle arm rod ends that must be connected utilizing large area washers and castle nuts with cotter keys.

Ron Denight brought a Lycoming accessory case for show-and-tell that he has modified for the installation of fuel pumps. Ron has the tooling to make this modification if your case is need of one.

More discussion on the use of cell phones in Aircraft. Apparently the **FAA** doesn't care if you make cell phone calls from the air as long as you don't bust any FAR's while you do it. It's the **FCC** that gets uptight about the use of airborne cell phones because the blanketing effect caused by the phone reaching so many cells at once and shutting down the system. The moral here? Don't do it!

The program was by guest speaker and survival expert Papa Bear Whitmore.

"POST MEETINGS" ARE HELD AT THE PIZZA HUT AT 6445 WEST 120TH IN BROOMFIELD. EVERYONE WELCOME!!

1998 ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



FLY IN, DRIVE IN, WALK IN, OR COME BY HORSEBACK,
BUT PLAN TO ATTEND PAPA-BEAR'S

DOWNED AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL SEMINAR

Learn how to survive an emergency landing and keeping yourself and others alive until help arrives.

How would you cope with the panic and fear?

Would you know how to keep yourself and others alive until help arrives?

Learn what emergency supplies should be carried on each trip.

How can you make use of your aircraft parts to save your life.

What should be included in an aircraft survival kit - placement?

Make plans to attend this course and learn survival techniques including shelter and fire building, emergency signaling and treatment for hypothermia (*over exposure to the cold*).



Papa-Bear Whitmore, one of the nations foremost professors in survival education will be instructing. Assistant instructors, Don Davis - Mission coordinator for the Larimer County Search & Rescue, and Jim Freeman - W.I.S.E. instructor.



TOPICS

- Psychology of Survival
- Shelters
- Fire Craft
- Signaling
- Acquisition of food & water
- Hyperthermia
- Hypothermia
- Avalanche Satey Tips
- Frostbite & Snow Blindness
- Survival Kit
- Desert Survival
- Vehicle Survival
- Lightning Hazards

WHEN:

April 4th & 5th, 1998

TIME:

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

COST:

\$40 per person

LOCATION:

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department

(Park in lower parking lot. Check in at front desk. Officer will direct you to classroom.)

For more information call: (303) 231-0069

Seminar Registration

Pre-register by sending form and remittance to:

W.I.S.E.
P.O. Box 1235
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80034

Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Middle

Over 21: _____ Under: _____ Sex: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Training: _____

Late registration will be taken at the door.

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