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William E. Boeing
1881 - 1956

William E. Boeing was a private person, a visionary, a perfectionist and a stickler for the facts. He was a fast and avid reader and remembered everything he read. Born to Wilhelm Boeing in 1881. William was sent to school in Vevey, Switzerland after his father died in 1890. After a year, he left to finish his schooling in the U.S. He studied at the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale but didn't graduate. At 22, he went west to learn the logging business with land he inherited. In 1910, he bought the Heath Shipyard to build a yacht, the Taconite. By 1915, Boeing had real desire to learn to fly. After his instruction, he ordered his first plane from the Martin factory, a Model TA.

He became interested in the construction as well as the flying of aircraft. He enlisted some technical assistants and work was begun on designing the first Boeing plane, the Bluebill, B&W Model 1 seaplane/biplane. The largest aerospace company in the world was born.

His company built Navy trainers during WW1. After the war ended, he pursued peacetime machines. When hard times came, the company made furniture, phonograph cases, and fixtures for a corset company. The company started showing a profit by repairing military aircraft and building biplane fighters designed by others. Boeing continued to run his timber business and was able to absorb details of both lumber and airplane enterprises.

His decision to use air-cooled engines in his Model 40A mail plane, allowed him to win a bid for 26 planes to be used for the Chicago to San Francisco airmail route. In 1928, within 12 years, an infant company of less than a dozen men grew to be the largest plant in America. The plant was solely devoted to the manufacture of aircraft and employed about 1000 men.

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Boeing Bio cont.

In 1934, the Government enacted antitrust laws and the company was split into different enterprises. Boeing resigned as chairman and sold his stock. He continued with his timber business and started to invest in other interests. He began to breed racehorses and accumulated 40 thoroughbred horses. He became an expert in fishing and helped originate the polar-bear fly used for salmon fishing. He added animal husbandry to his activities, raising purebred Herefords, Black Angus cattle and sheep.

On May 15, 1954, he and his wife Bertha returned to the Boeing Company for the Model 367-80 rollout and the birth of the jet era. It would emerge as the 707, the first of the famous Boeing family of jetliners. William E. Boeing died September 28, 1956 aboard his yacht the Taconite.

The Boeing legacy lives on.



Charlie Graf receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from Greg Hall (Chapter 43 President) during our annual banquet in January



Join this group of pilots, aircraft builders and controllers at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport for Wednesday Lunch. The **Blue Sky Bistro** serves sandwiches, soups and a lunch special. The owner Krista Raymond is in the back round. Starts at 11:30.



Minutes of Chapter 43 February, 14, 2009

Meeting was held at the home/hanger of *Mike Gugeler* in Erie.

Our President, *Greg Hall* called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The previous month's minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Guests: *Neil Hutton* of Golden CO, student pilot. Kenneth Frahm
 Mike Powell of Erie. Henk Meewis
 Bryan Raley of Littleton

Treasurer Report: Our Treasurer, *Lynn Miller*, gave the balance of the checkbook, scholarship fund and our CD info.

Safety Report: Our Safety Officer, *Bill Mitchell*, reported about an incident with a Lancair Legacy that had a canopy open because of being unlatched. Back East about a month ago, a Stearman totaled. Just out of maintenance, the rudder cables were rigged backwards.

Bill encouraged everyone to check any TFR,s before flying because of all the politicians coming to CO. Stan Specht mentioned that a plane landed in a field in Aurora. The plane originated at Erie and was towing a banner for a clients girlfriend for valentines day.

Trip Reports: *Mike Gugeler* was going to East Iowa to pick up his dad and head down to New Orleans, Houston and back to Iowa.

Lothar Klingmuller shared about a couple trips in his RV-6A. The first trip was to Goodland Ks. For lunch. The intercom stopped working. A fuse has fallen out and after replacement, all was well. On the second trip to Greeley, communication was lost to the tower. A handheld transceiver was used. The problem turned out to be a loose antenna.

Progress Reports: *Scott Serani* reported finishing the restoration of his Aeronca Champ. After breaking a spar in a gully at Erie, the complete overhaul with many upgrades was performed. A slide presentation on the progress through completion was shown. The work was done by *Scott*, his son *Eric* and *Art Schwarz*. *Bill Mitchell* did the test flight and all turned out well.

Bob Wilson shared that his hanger mate had his RV completed and we might have to relocate our annual picnic.

Gene Horsman said that *Dan Murray* finished building a custom exhaust for his Mercury project.

John-Pierre Verdier shared about his experience with the Cross Wind Simulator at Western Air Flight Academy. A pilot can experience landing in a crosswind.

Old Business: *Brian Cabebe* brought up the Yahoo Group for our chapter. It is a simple process to create an ID and join. It represents an easy medium to contact other members, share pictures, events, fly-outs and meeting locations. *Brian* also mentioned he is having 500 chapter business cards printed. One last issue was following up on a discussion of EAA Sport Pilot magazines for the local schools. Introducing young people to aviation is a worthy course. EAA will furnish the magazines at \$22 per year per subscription. A request was made for a coordinator to check on the schools as to the interest level. The members present approved the project for ten schools.

Michael Maya Charles shared about a group started about six years ago where some airline pilots share their aviation experiences with younger adults. He stressed targeting younger potential aviators to replace some aging members. The chapter has ample funds to provide young people with an introduction to aviation through various EAA programs.

New Business: *Brian Cabebe* said he was contacted by a middle school and wanted to schedule a Young Eagle Event for 16-20 kids. The only issue to be worked out is they needed it to be during the week. Also there is a Jewish group that has a camp in late July that would like a Y.E. event. They also needed it during the week or on a Sunday. Notices will be sent out.

A few details have been worked out for the SnowBusters fly-in in April. The Erie airport is set for the venue for the 4/18 and 4/25 rain date.

The topic of the Colorado Sport Airshow & Rocky Mountain Regional came up for discussion. They want to have a Y.E. event. Past experience with Metro airport brought up some concerns. The airport will have normal traffic. Much discussion about traffic patterns, waiting on the ramp, specific flying times, tower personal and safety came up. One suggestion would be to use the event as a recruiting time and fly the Y.E. the following weekend.

Greg Hall asked for someone to take the position of "fly-out coordinator".

Roxie Juul is going to fly the 99's Air Race Classic this summer. She would like to get some sectionals for the flight. It will originate at Centennial Airport and finish at Atlantic Iowa.

There is a need for some inspectors to check out the planes.

Dean Cochran moved that we adjourn. And we did.

After the break, *Mike Gugeler* had demonstrations of various methods of fabric covering.

Board Meeting on February 7, 2009

Final plans were made on the SnowBusters fly-in for April 18.

Discussion on flyers and information on them and where they will go.

Rain date set for April 25.

Will be looking for a fly-out coordinator to decide on destinations and send notices out to pilots.

Chapter Leaders Academy: Discussed about sending one or two people to a session after the first of the year. There are only two sessions left this spring. Possible to send them in the fall.

Will be looking for enthusiastic candidates.

Will be talking to EAA about insurance for our events

Builders Forum will be set for the third Saturday in September. (19)

Thanks to Lynn and Pat Miller for hosting the meeting.

FOR SALE

David Clark H10-20 headset (non-ANR). Used very little and in very good condition. New list price is \$288 in A/C Spruce catalog. Will sell for \$175.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter 43 Denver Meetings:

March meeting (3/14) will be Michael Bond with a presentation on Idaho bush flying.
Metro Terminal

April meeting (4/11) will be Georg Grell on Alaska flying. Metro Terminal

April 18 EAA 43 SnowBuster Fly-In with a Pancake breakfast. \$5.00

MAY 9 EAA 43 Denver annual picnic.

Taylorcraft restoration project 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Check website.
<http://www.dekle.net/AAA/schedule.htm>

Watch the International Space Station in Orbit:
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/index.html>

Lafayette Foundation annual spring fly-in May 16 & 17. 100LL @ Platte Valley \$2.60 gal. as
of 1/21/09. Spaghetti Lunch at noon on 3/28, 4/25, 6/27.
RSVP on Wed. prior 303-502-5347 <http://www.lafayettefoundation.org>

March 6 & 7 Cactus Fly-In at Casa Grande

March 8 Daylight savings time begins.



March 17 St. Patrick's Day Drink something green.



March 20 Spring Begins



March 21 EAA 43 Fly-Out. Airport TBA.

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| April 12 | Easter |
| April 21—26 | Sun-N-Fun at Lakeland FL. |
| May 10 | Mother's Day |
| May 14-16 | Parade of Planes at (KIXD) Olathe KS. |
| May 16 | Armed Forces Day / Erie CO Days |
| May 23 | EAA 43 Denver Fly-Out. Airport TBA |
| Thunderbirds Academy | Local Schedule: May 27 - USAF Academy, July 22 -Cheyenne, Nov 27 USAF Academy |
| June 20 | Boulder Airport Day (9-3) |
| June 21 | Father's Day |
| June 15-21 | Paris Air Show Note: Carry extra fuel to get there. |
| July 27-Aug 2 | AirVenture Oshkosh |
| Aug 22-23 | Colorado Sport Airshow & Rocky Mountain Regional |
| Front Range Airport (FTG) will have their 5th Annual Classic Aircraft and Car Show on Aug. 29 and the Blue Angels on June 13 & 14. | |
| Sept 12 | National Radial Engine Exhibition & Airshow Akron, CO |
| Sept 16-20 | Reno Air Races |
| Sept 18-19 | Broomfield Days |

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

George Bernard Shaw

Flying an aeroplane with only a single propeller to keep you in the air. Can you imagine that?

— Captain Picard, from 'Star Trek:

Every time I fly and am forced to remove my shoes, I'm grateful Richard Reid is not known as the Underwear Bomber.— *Douglas Manuel, aerospace executive regards airport security. Reported in USA Today, 13 March 2003*

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