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OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the October '99 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by President George Hayes, at Hansen's Precision Machining and National Aeronautics.

Visitors: Jim Sellon.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report: our checking account balance stands at \$1071.72.

New business: nomination of Chapter officers for 2000 - Roger Standard was nominated for president, co-vice presidents nominees are George Hayes and Bill Mitchell, Dave Bieseimeier for secretary and newsletter editor, and Bob Wilson for treasurer. Additional nominees are welcome at the Nov. meeting.

Dues: It has come to the attention of several members of the chapter that our operating margins are at times a little thin. Steve Beach proposed to the membership that the dues should be raised from the current \$15 per year to \$20. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the general membership (after a count to ensure that a quorum was present) to raise the dues to \$20 per year.

Steve Beach passed out a membership information form to be submitted along with the dues. Please fill yours out, and if you didn't get one, they will be available at the next meeting.

There was some discussion on publication of an electronic version of the newsletter for those who wish to receive theirs by e-mail. The savings in printing and postage could be substantial if enough people signed up. The newsletter editor will have to smarten up.

Progress reports: Chris Platt ordered his RV-6 empagage kit. George Hayes found that he needs to replace the landing gear bungees on his Piet.

Trip reports: Al Manley and George Hayes flew to Sidney NE to visit Cabella's. Dave Bieseimeier flew to Reno NV for the National Air Races.

Gene Horsman reported that air show pilot Wayne Handley was injured in the crash of his Turbine Raven during an air show.

NOVEMBER MEETING:

SATURDAY, the 13th, 7:00P.M.

*Blue Grassfield's Hangar at
Tri-County Airport. Take CO Hwy 7
to Road 1 on the west side of the airport.
Go north about 1/2 mi. bear right onto
the gravel road that leads to the
"John Deere Green" hangar.*

*The program will be our annual auction.
Bring your parts, gear, stuff and treasures
tagged with your name and minimum bid.*

*Also this month is our annual election of
chapter officers. Nominees will be accepted
and or railroaded at the meeting. Be there or
be square!*

The NTSB has released their report on the crash of the factory demo RV-8.

The FAA has determined that cash gifts to pilots of Young Eagles flights constitutes reimbursement, which is not allowed. Discounts on fuel by participating FBO's to YE pilots is allowed and does not constitute compensation. Gene read a letter addressed to Sen. Wayne Allard regarding Gene's displeasure with the Senator's support of the bill to limit overflights of our National Parks. Gene also noted that his Luscombe 8A won Best in Class at Blakesburg. Congratulations Gene!

Harrell Davenport is the name badge man, and if you have a badge on order, it is probably ready for you to pick up at the next meeting. See the man.

Bill Mitchell asked that interested parties meet at Tri-County Airport on October 23rd at 9:00am to help fly Young Eagles.

Don Coleman noted that there was to be a Tri-County Airport Master Plan Meeting on October 16th.

Congress voted 419 to zero to defeat HR3085, a bill that would have enacted \$1.5 billion in aviation "user fees", a sound defeat of the Clinton White House's annual attempt to enact them. Read their lips, Bill!

STEVE'S CORNER

OCTOBER WAS A GOOD MONTH!

October was definitely a good aviation month. It started off with a terrific meeting hosted by Ib Hansen. Ib opened up his machine shop and showed his latest design ideas for the Cassett Racer. I have known Ib for the last few years but had no idea of the adventurous lifestyle that he has led. He entertained us for over an hour with stories of aviation antics from Norway to South Africa to the US.

Ib also had his new composite Cassett assembled for everyone to admire. He is predicting some good numbers for the new design and construction. It should be flying in 2000. Chapter 43 sends Ib its thanks for the good meeting and his entertaining talk. Now if we could just talk Ib's family into letting him out of the house on an occasional Saturday evening we may see more of him at our meetings.

JEFFCO:

On October 19th Jeff Price, Jeffco's new manager, held a tenant meeting to talk about where Jeffco is now and where it is heading in the coming year. He covered a few of the issues that the tenants and JAA have been trying to get resolved. Common sense seems to be playing a bigger role now than it was a year ago and some of the complaints that the tenants had are being resolved.

Jeff announced that the security system, fencing, gates, etc. (being mandated by the FAA) will be complete by May 1st and a card system for the tenants will probably be the method of access. The unfortunate part of this is those of us who enjoy just going over to the airport to see who is around and do a little hanger flying. With the limited access we will have to plan ahead in order to gain access to the hanger area. We can always hope that this will not be a standard for all airports to follow.

An automated weather station has been applied for and they are almost certain that Jeffco will be one of the airports that get one sometime in the next two years. They really feel that it could be installed next year if a site survey is favorable and the crews are available for installation.

Hard wiring for the hangers is scheduled for 2000 and that should mean that the tenants would again be allowed to have a coffee maker and possibly even a small refrigerator. I asked if the issue of building an aircraft in a county owned hanger will be relaxed

and Jeff indicated that it should not be a problem as long as local codes are not broken.

The key issue that might concern chapter 43 was the announcement that the Airport Master Plan is again being established for presentation to the county commissioners. During the JAA Fly-In Jeff told me that the hanger project that was started over a year and half ago is on his list to work into the plan. This could mean that the group that formed in 1998 to develop a non-profit aviation center may have renewed life and a meeting place for 43, the Antiquers, 99's and other aviation groups may get a place to meet at Jeffco without the high costs of the terminal space.

The Jeffco tower manager finished up the meeting with a short talk on 'tower tips' for the Jeffco Air Traffic Control Tower. He had an informational video from AOPA on proper radio communications that covered some very good points. If someone can get a hold of this tape it would be worth sharing at one of our meetings. He also had a handout on tower tips and a few copies will be available at the November meeting.

2000 DUES:

During the October meeting I brought up the nasty subject of dues and actually made a motion that the dues be increased from the \$15.00 / year to \$20.00 / year. The motion was seconded and passed with just one dissenting vote. I personally believe that the increase is needed to maintain the stability of the chapter and ensure that debt does not become a problem. (The newsletter alone is coming very close to a \$1.00 a month per member and the labor is free.)

However, the motion did go through very quickly and some members may feel that they did not get a fair chance at addressing the increase. If anyone feels that this issue needs to be re-visited, please let **George know at the November meeting so he can include it in the agenda.**

ONE LAST FLY-IN:

Celebrate Veteran's Day, Saturday November 13th at Platte Valley Airport with a fly-in Pancake Breakfast and Welcome the new addition to the World War One Aviation Museum a Fokker Dr1 Tri-plane. Fly in or drive in, food will be good and plenty. It will start at 8 am until 11 am. Should be a good time. Remember: 100LL is 1.65/gal. if you need gas. Foul weather date will be Saturday November 20. Any questions call 303-536-0380.

ELECTIONS:

November is Officer election month for next year's officers. At the October meeting nominations for the officer positions came in as follows. Roger Standard – President, George Hayes and Bill Mitchell – VP's, Dave Bieseimeier – Secretary/Newsletter Editor, and Bob Wilson – Treasurer.

If anyone would like to run for office for 2000 please let any of the current officers know before the elections in November. There are plenty of volunteer jobs to go around, so don't hesitate to let one of next years officers know that you would like to help out.

ONE MORE FOR THE YOUTH:

On October 23rd Bob Lee arraigned for one more Young Eagle Rally before the weather turns bad. It was held at Tri-County with Chapter 43 pilots and volunteers helping out. A total of 18 young people were given rides and at least two of them were repeats from last year. One or both of these kids may be good candidates for the Air Academy in a couple of years. We just need to keep their interest going.

Thanks to the following pilots and volunteers for contributing their time and aircraft for a worthy cause.

Dean Cochran, Bill and May Mitchell, Don Coleman, Pete Kelly, Daril Cinquanta, Ron Denight, Jerry Schuttlauffel, Ruby Lanich, Bill Meine, Maynard Shigley, and Gary Henderson.

Bob said that he thought this would be the last organized Young Eagle Rally for this year. However he got a call from Bud Auman, who is now in Fort Morgan, and Bud has a group up there that would be interested in a rally. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

Thanks again to everyone that helped out on the 23rd.

FOR SALE:

For Sale: Award winning 1996 RV-6A, TTAF 187 hrs, TTE 1770 hrs. Lyc O-320 E2D, first run, 150 HP. Sensenich metal prop. All ADs complied with. VFR panel with gyros shock mounted, Terra Comm, Xponder w/mode C, Trimble GPS. Van's nose gear leg AD complied with (new leg). Cruise at 170 MPH at 2400 RPM burning 7 GPH. Imron paint blue over white. Always hangared, no damage history. \$58,000. Contact **Art Scharz** - 303/412-6913, or AJSRV6A@JUNO.COM.

EVENTS:

OTHER REGIONAL EVENTS: (Bold print indicates an EAA sponsored activity)

Nov 9th **AOPA Pilot Town Meeting**
with Pres Phil Boyer 7:30pm
Sheraton Denver
Tech Center 7007 Clinton,
Englewood

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to add my two cents worth (again) concerning the issue of raising the price on our dues from \$15 to \$20 per year. At least one member who was out of town at the last meeting expressed some misgivings over whether the increase was really necessary.

Having a fat balance in our checking account is a nice thing to have - it gives the chapter the flexibility to purchase "wants" and "needs". "Wants" being things like tools to share and sending students to the Air Academy. Some items that come under the heading of "needs" are the newsletter and legal expenses to maintain us as a chapter.

We can certainly cut some costs in the area of the newsletter. Perhaps it is time to discuss alternate method for printing such as purchasing or leasing our own copy equipment. Not much we can do about postage - it is the same for one page or ten pages. Another thing we can do is keep the size of the newsletter to one sheet and only pay for the printing of two pages. I personally don't feel that a postcard meeting notice is the way to go. It de-personalizes the chapter, and doesn't even provide the minimum information on officers and volunteers.

Chapter activities such as sending kids to Air Academy could be funded through fund raisers, but if that's how you want to handle them, YOU will have to become involved as a fund raiser. Maybe it is time to form a 503c non-profit scholarship fund just for that purpose.

Either way, it is your dues money and you have a right to say how it is spent, and it is a subject that needs to be discussed by the general membership.

BILL BARNES

Bill Barnes, treasurer and long time member of EAA Chapter 301, died October 31st, in the crash of EgyptAir Flt. 990, along with his wife and daughter. They were part of a travel group scheduled to tour parts of the Middle East. Our condolences to Bill's family and friends.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 1999 at 7:00PM. See inside for details.

