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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

The next EAA Mile High Chapter 43 regular meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jeffco Airport terminal building. Go to the second floor and turn towards the conference rooms (left/northeast). Our meeting will be in conference rooms Alpha and Bravo. A "tech session" for all RVators, that is, anyone flying, building or dreaming of RV 3's, 4's or 6's, will be held at 6 p.m., same date, same location.

This month's meeting presentation will be a video tape produced by the EAA entitled "Building Your Own Airplane - How to Get Started." This presentation should be helpful not only for those contemplating a project, but also for those already underway.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Last month's meeting was held on July 9th. Guests included Keith Griffith from Longmont, John Beuther from Aurora, Dave Robertson from Louisville, Ed Maggard from Lafayette, and Randy Treadwell. The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Old Business

The EAA Regional Fly-In at Greeley was a big success. Bill Mitchell has now completed

five years as Chapter 43's representative to the fly-in. He is retiring from this job and asked for someone to step in and replace him. No immediate responses were received. Chapter 43 members received three awards at the fly-in: Best All Metal - Mas Yoshida; Best Wood - Pete Clinton; and Best Contemporary - Brad Davenport. Congratulations to all!

The Chapter previously approved an expense for providing Sport Aviation to high school libraries. Phil Hughes requested a check for \$220.00 to cover this expense. A debate followed regarding the advisability of incurring similar expenses at this time for middle and junior high school libraries. A motion was made by Bob Lee to drop the middle and junior high programs for 1994-95 until an evaluation can be made of our senior high efforts. The motion was seconded by Gene Horsman and approved by the members present.

Comments and discussion were held regarding Chapter 43's participation in the Young Eagles Program. Some felt that our representation at Tri-County Airport on Young Eagles Day, June 11th, was poor. It was noted that several members, including, but not limited to, Gene Horsman, Ron Denight, Doug Bloomberg and Bill Mitchell, have given numerous rides to youngsters. All in all, many members have participated in the program on an individual basis, but were

not necessarily available on June 11th.

Phil Hughes read a "Thank You" card from Bill Schneider for our contribution in memory of Marilyn.

Chapter rosters were, and will continue to be, available at the meeting for pickup by members. If you are a non-attending member who would like a roster, please call Bill Wright at 457-9809.

Progress Reports

Gaylon Overton reported that his Mustang II is undergoing taxi tests and is ready to fly. It has been checked and signed-off by the FAA for flight.

Gene Horsman reported that his Mercury fuselage is 65-70% complete.

Phil Hughes reported negative progress, that is, he sold his Fly Baby project to Don Coleman.

Bob Lee got his medical certificate back again after submitting an inch worth of documentation to the FAA!

Ron Denight received a disappointing rejection from EAA Headquarters regarding the Chapter's nomination of Brad Davenport for an Outstanding Service Award. Phil Hughes entertained a motion to make Brad an Honorary Life Member of the Chapter to recognize his achievements. The motion was made by Chuck Graf and seconded by several members. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the members present.

New Business

Doug Bloomberg reported on this year's Builder's Forum. The forum will be held on October 22-23 at Tri-County Airport. As done at last year's forum, sessions on aluminum, composites and welding will be held. In addition, wood and fabric sessions will be added if volunteers are found to

conduct these sessions. A restoration session and a Technical Councilor's session may be added if there is sufficient interest. Due to the increase in scope of this year's forum, tables and chairs will be rented, instead of being on loan from members.

EAA Headquarters is telling us to get on the telephone and/or write our congressmen regarding the further erosion of our airspace! Restrictions to overflights of our National Parks are increasing. We need to resist anymore encroachments on our airspace rights! Alternatives to the total banning of overflights include minimum altitude restrictions or allowing overflights only during selected hours of the day. Noise is, no doubt, one of the concerns of those trying to prohibit overflights.

Dean Kloeper announced an International EAA fly-in to be held in Mexico over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. He said it is a very family oriented fly-in and is lots of fun. Contact Dean if you would like more information.

Denver International Airport is sponsoring an antique/classic/experimental/unique aircraft fly-in on the "A" and "B" Concourses. The fly-in will be held in mid-August. Contact Norm Avery for more information.

Buddy Oswald recently purchased three portable buildings which have a round steel tube frame with vinyl fabric covering. He is using these buildings to house his aircraft projects. Buddy reports that the buildings are excellent for use as garages, storage buildings, etc. He became so enthused with this portable system, called "Cover It," that he has become a dealer. The buildings come in various sizes. Call Buddy at 422-9150 for more information.

Four new video tapes are available for member checkout. They are: 1) A Kinder and Gentler FAA, 2) Ramp Check, 3) Accidents - A Review of Part 830 of the NTSB Rules, and 4) Oshkosh Approach

Procedures. The Chapter will await feedback from members who have viewed these tapes prior to considering the ordering of any more new tapes. Doug Bloomberg volunteered to be the custodian of Chapter tapes. Please contact Doug if you have any of the Chapter's tapes.

The membership present was asked if anyone had space available for persons needing a ride to Oshkosh. No one responded. Ed Pruas, a member of the Antiquer's, is looking for a ride.

Keith Griffith announced that he is involved in a group called the "Hangar Gang." They have eight hangars available. Rent is \$570.00 per month plus utilities. The hangars are 50 feet X 42 feet and can house up to four aircraft of the RV or T-18 size.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Graf reported that we have a balance of \$304.00 in saving, and \$1,150.00 in checking. Three checks have recently been written; one for \$300.00 to Bill Schneider, and two for \$85.00 each to Gary Ludeke for the printing and distribution of the Newsletter. Chuck will investigate alternative banking institutions to determine what our best deal may be. We may not have to pay check handling fees since we are a not-for-profit institution.

Horsman's Corner

AOPA is still recommending that the FAA be reformed, in lieu of adopting the ATC privatization proposal. Gene expressed his feelings that we members should support the AOPA effort to stop the proposal. Although general aviation is supposedly exempt, the question is "for how long?"

The House Liability Reform has apparently not been voted on yet. As of June 9th, 135 Congressmen had signed the petition (218 signatures are required.) Sponsors included Schroeder, McInnis, Allard, Hefly and

Schaefer. Skaggs has not supported the bill.

The FAA is cutting Written Test Examiners in favor of computer testing. Examiners giving less than six tests per year will be cut.

General Aviation showed a slight drop in fatal accidents in 1993. The leading causes of fatal accidents are still pilot error and VFR flight into IMC conditions.

The FAA is adopting GPS over MLS for Category II and Category III approaches. They cancelled a \$59 Million contract to build new MLS equipment. A total of 29 MLS installations are committed and will be installed.

A new \$32 Million General Aviation airport is open near Palm Beach, Florida. Eight General Aviation airports were closed in 1993, and 1,500 since 1969, which represents a decrease of 22 %.

Safety Corner

Brad Davenport presented his monthly safety report. A Piper Cub crashed when it caught a wing tip on a tree. A cross-country flight to Lamar, Colorado ended in a fuel starvation accident just short of the airport due to unexpected headwinds. A recent test flight of a RANS aircraft revealed that the ailerons were hooked up wrong. The aircraft landed safely. Reports of ignition problems on Rotax engines are still coming in.

The Program

Mike Gabriel, a Stapleton tower controller, presented a detailed description of the planned flight operations, both VFR and IFR, in the new DIA Class B airspace. Thanks Mike!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

On vacation and gone to OSHKOSH. See you at the meeting and hope to swap stories and show pictures. Every one bring theirs.

New RANS Dealership

Until October 1, 1994, the Denver Area representatives of Grandby Airpark will sell any RANS aircraft kit at a five-percent discount. In addition, \$50.00 will be donated to the EAA chapter of the buyer's choice. For more information, contact Jim McLaughlin at 303-425-5037.

Attention Restorers, Builders & Repair Stations: KEN AERO (at Aurora Airpark) is a local source for AN/MS hardware. 344-9418.

COMING EVENTS:

For information on upcoming flying events, call the Flying Activities Line at 766-3596, or 766-FLYN. This service is sponsored by EAA Chapter 660 and financially supported by Chapter 43.

August 11-14, The Cardinal Club Fly-In will be held in Colorado Springs. For more information, contact 913-842-7016.

August 14, The Fly-In at Denver International Airport is apparently still on. Call 303-356-9141 for more information.

August 20, Platte Valley Summer Fly-In at Platte Valley Airport. For more information, contact Marilyn Taylor at 303-659-7265.

September 9-11, Mile-High Air Derby sponsored by the Colorado Chapter of the 99's. Contact 303-932-8712 for more information.

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