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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:
George Hayes

JANUARY MEETING

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As you can see from the banner above, we have a new name in the "Left seat". It has been a pleasure working on the newsletter with Steve Beach the past two years. He has made this editor's task much easier with his contributions and I have to give him a great deal of the credit for making me look good! Steve has agreed to make future contributions to the newsletter as well, since he is still a board member, Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In Representative, and in close contact with EAA National.

As the century draws to a close, I am looking forward to working with the new crew of officers and volunteers, and I'm certain that 1999 will be **safe, successful** and **fun** if we all work to make it so.

Dave

1999:

It is hard to comprehend that the new millennium is only one year away. And that means that we are embarking on the last year of the twenty-century. All-in-all chapter 43 is in very good hands to take care of business in 1999 and keep us moving in the right direction for preparation for the year 2000. George Hayes and his staff will be taking over the reigns in January and they already have a great line-up of programs scheduled for most of the spring meetings starting in February.

JANUARY 9TH AT 2:00PM
BANQUET at COUNTRY BUFFET
8685 SHERIDAN BLVD.
WESTMINSTER CO

I want to personally thank and acknowledge the crew from 1998. Everyone did a superb job in keeping everything running smoothly, sparking enthusiasm and advancing Chapter 43 to where it is today. A few of the leaders and unsung chapter shakers were:

VP's: George Hayes &
Doug Bloomberg
Treasurer: Mas Yoshida
Secretary: Ron Cothorn
Refreshments: Herrill Davenport
Newsletter: Dave & Lyne Bieseimer
Government Corner: Gene Horsman
Safety Corner: Ron Denight

All of the members that participated in the board meetings. Their advice was priceless. This list should be much longer but I will wait until the luncheon to give out more accolades.

DUES:

Annual dues are \$15.00 and they are now overdue. To continue to receive the newsletter and be listed in the chapter directory please send your check by January 12th to:

Gene Milligan
2365 Country Club Loop
Westminster CO 80234

Remember to fill out the membership application that appeared in the last Mile High Flyer issue. Be sure to complete the bottom questions so the chapter will know which activities should be planned and who might participate.

CALENDARS ARE ALMOST GONE!!

Just 8 calendars left! They will be at the banquet if you haven't gotten yours yet. \$6.00

FAA'S TRAFFIC TICKET PROGRAM:

The FAA's "Traffic Ticket" program hasn't gone away yet. According to AVWeb a new and refined program is scheduled to go into effect in June 1999. Unfortunately the details have not been published, so we cannot evaluate what this may mean to GA pilots.

Keep your eyes open for any information that may come out in the publications that you read. Let us know if you see anything. EAA headquarters and the Washington watchdogs are monitoring the situation and so far have called it a "positive step" and commended the agency for "its commonsense approach to a new administrative enforcement process and its efforts to build trust between pilots and the federal agency."

CHAPTER 43 BADGES:

Chapter 43 Badges are always available. If you would like one you can order them from Herrill Davenport at any of our meetings.

SEATBELTS:

AVweb had a notice on the Monday December 14th NewsWire about a seat belt AD. It concerns belts manufactured by Aircraft Belts Inc. If you have that brand in your aircraft you should check the AD notices to see if your model number is affected. The AD requires a one-time inspection within the next 10 hours of time-in-service. The problem is some of the buckles are not engaging properly.

EAA WRIGHT SCHOOL:

The EAA Wright School of Building and Restoration will be hosting two weeklong programs in January and February. 'Basic aircraft construction and restoration skills' will be offered from Monday January 25th through Friday January 29th and 'In-depth approach to fabric covering' will be given from Monday February 1st through February 5th.

You can get additional information about the seminars at 1-800-322-3229 or email to education@eaa.org.

The cost of the weeklong schools is \$800. The fee includes six nights accommodations (double occupancy) at the EAA Air Academy Lodge, six breakfasts, five noon lunches, five evening meals, local transportation and all instruction, materials and supplies.

FUEL HANDLING:

In the December issue of *Sport Aviation*, on page 55, there is a very good article on how to handle refueling aircraft. Brian Seeley, Stephen Williams and the Cafe Board did some extensive research at the Reno air races concerning static electricity and its effect on fueling operations.

The article is full of interesting statistics and cautions that should be observed. If you haven't read it yet, it is worth glancing at.

MAINTAINENCE OF A PURCHASED HOMEBUILT:

The following two paragraphs appeared in an article 'buying a used homebuilt' that appeared in the January issue of *Plane & Pilot*.

"I was hangar flying with a friend one afternoon, admiring his beautiful, newly purchased homebuilt aircraft, when a guy from the FAA showed up." 'You fellas know what you can do to these airplanes when you aren't the builder?' he asked."

"Same rules apply now just as if it was a Piper or a Cessna," said my friend, with smug confidence in his knowledge of the FARs. "Nope," said Mr. FAA, as he proceeded to remove a set of regulations from his a briefcase. "You can do anything you want to, except the annual condition inspection [also referred to as compliance inspection], and that can be done by any A&P mechanic, any FAA-approved repair station or the original builder, provided he or she has maintained the restricted repairman's certificate. You don't even have to have an IA sign it off."

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I have always been led to believe that when a home-built was purchased it fell into the same reg's as production aircraft when it comes to maintenance. The paragraphs above indicate that my thinking has been wrong all these years. I have not been able to get through to the local GADO to verify this info so I thought I would ask all of you knowledgeable types. If anyone knows for sure where homebuilts fit into the maintenance and inspection regulations please let me know or send a little article to Dave for publication in the next newsletter.

If the statements are true that could be good news to prospective buyers. However, if the info is wrong then we should set the record straight.

Steve Beach

FAVORITE BUMPER STICKERS

BOLDLY GOING NOWHERE.
GRAVITY:NOT JUST A GOOD IDEA; IT'S THE LAW.
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USUSALLY BEATS
REAL STUPIDITY.
BE ALERT; THE WORLD NEEDS MORE LERTS.
SURE YOU CAN TRUST THE GOVERNMENT; JUST
ASK AN INDIAN!
EVER STOP TO THINK AND FORGET TO START
AGAIN?

FOR SALE:

Ron Denight has a disassembled *Lycoming 0-235* ready for re-assembly. It has yellow tagged crankshaft, crankcase, and cylinders, as well as many other new parts. The buyer can participate in the assembly of this engine and get a free education in the deal! Contact Ron at home: (303) 452-0458, or by cell phone at (303) 667-0759.

N3 PUP ULTRALIGHT - 'Cub Look Alike' - This one is flying! Mosler 2cylinder 4cycle engine 37 HP. \$10,500 Call **Gene Milligan (303) 466-0831**

SEARS TABLE SAW, with iron base and steel table. 7 1/4" blade. \$50 with motor, FREE without!
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NEW LYCOMING 0-320 ENGINE PARTS:
Superior pistons, 8.5:1 compression ratio, 4 ea. for \$120, Superior compression ring set for steel cylinders, \$100. Superior iron ring set for chrome cylinders, \$150. **Dave Biesemeier, (303) 384-3760.**



WHO'S THIS HAPPY GUY?

Bob Johnson, pictured just after his too exciting first flight in his newly completed *Kolb Firefly*.

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

THE meeting was called to order at 7:05 by out-going president Steve Beach. A **correction** to the November minutes was made: it should have read **Roger Standard** as newly elected VP rather than Ed Spengler.

Treasurer's Report: Mas reported a balance in the Chapter checking account of \$2579.05.

Gene's Corner:

- Las Cruces NM was trying to mandate the use of aircraft radio use in the pattern of their municipal airport. The Feds. set them straight on who sets the rules and regulations for aircraft.
- The **RV-8** wing has been successfully tested to 150% strength by an independent testing company. There had been concerns over the wing after a wing separation and fatal crash of the prototype RV-8.
- Good news for GA in '97: Piston engine aircraft deliveries were up 85% over '96, due mainly to Cessna's re-entry into the single engine market.
- Major General Marion Carl was remembered in a memorial at Oshkosh. He was the first American Ace of WWII, flew Gruman Wildcats in the Marines, and was murdered in his home last June.

A vote was taken on approval of the changes to the **Chapter By-laws** and passed. Copies of the new by-laws were passed around for all to read. Copies are also available from Chapter officers and directors if you would like one for a keepsake.

Our Chapter Incorporation expired (apparently unnoticed) back in 1977. This needs to be renewed with the State. Steve Beach will send in the renewal the week of December 15th.

Bob Lee, Young Eagles Coordinator, noted that there will be a Young Eagles ride day the third weekend in January (weather permitting). 16 students from Broomfield are lined up for rides, and Bob requested that if anyone is available to help out or give rides, please contact Bob.

Ron Denight's Safety Corner:

Ron demonstrated a degausser that he used to degauss the steel windshield frame on Ruby and Don's Ercoupe, to get the compass to working accurately again.

A transmission tower near Wiggins has been the subject of a proposed height increase from 975' AGL to 1450' AGL. Opposition comments may be sent to the FCC and FAA.

Ruby Lanich successfully soloed in the Ercoupe. Congratulations Ruby! Gene Horsman reported that he got a right seat ride in the Ercoupe and found the lack of rudder pedals disconcerting.

The Annual Banquet is scheduled for Jan. 9th at the Country Buffet at 88th and Sheridan in the back room, at 2:00PM.

Progress reports: **Lee Taylor** has purchased a Midget Mustang and it flies nicely after reworking the elevator skins. It has an 0-200, 21 gal. fuel and indicated 155 MPH at 2500 RPM.

Michael Charles reported on the visit of the Turbine Legend to Tri-County. The mid-time turbine engine package costs \$42K vs. \$45K for the V-8 piston engine package. Rate of climb is 5500 FPM.

Dean Cochran proclaimed **Steve Beach** as the best President in our chapter's history. Seconded!

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be our **BANQUET, JANUARY 9TH, 1999 at 2:00PM.** See inside for details.

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