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THIS MONTH: This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10, 1986 at the Rocky Mountain Energy Center at 7:30 P.M. For the program, Chapter 43 member Fred Hart will show his copy of Duane Cole's new videotape that covers many aspects of VFR flying, not just aerobatics. Fred has seen it twice, and feels that it contains much valuable information for the recreation pilot, and that we would all be better pilots if we took heed to Duane's suggestions. The videotape was a year in the making, and was filmed in a number of different states, including Alaska.

LAST MONTH: With a very impressive 75 members and guests in attendance, the meeting of April 12, 1986 was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by President Kirby White at the Rocky Mountain Energy Center. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Guests: Guests present were Herb and Carol Johnson of Arvada -- who are rebuilding a 1946 Luscombe 8A, Tony Bernicchi of Wheat Ridge -- who is thinking about building a Fly Baby, Bill Jones of Aurora, Art Coltrin of Westminster -- who owns a 1946 Stinson 108-1, Gary Perdue of Englewood -- who will soon have a first flight in his Moni and was a guest of Bill Davis, and Pat Doyle of Boulder -- who was a guest of Bob Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: There was none given.

Old Business: Treasurer Cathy Sheeon reported that she had received confirmation of Chapter 43's contribution of \$100.00 to the Voyager Project. She was sent a thank you letter, a VIP patch, and a Voyager Newsletter. Chapter 43 will also have ten entries in the drawing for the Communication Specialist 720 channel handheld radios that will be given away.

New Business: Bill Amos talked about the Sun 'N Fun Fly-In that he attended in Lakeland, Florida. He called it a bust. He said that the weather was not very good, and that there were several aircraft accidents, both at the Fly-In and en route to it. Bill also had a number of angle drill adapters for sale for \$20.00 each. Kirby said that EAA Headquarters was no longer offering the Chapter Membership Cards for sale. Since Chapter 43 members had become accustomed to getting one every year, he and Treasurer Cathy Sheeon decided to order business cards that duplicated the cards from Headquarters. Cathy took care of the ordering, and had cards filled out for every member to pick up at the meeting. Herrill Davenport brought in a number of tool catalogs that he had been sent in the mail for anyone interested to look at or take.

New Business cont: Bob Green brought in two pieces from the Super Cuby that he is building to show what the Ceconite 7600 process looks like. One piece was covered but not finished, and the other piece was finished. Bob's workmanship was, of course, excellent. He thinks that it is an excellent process. Kirby said that he had received a call from a man in Wyoming who was interested in putting a Continental O-200 in his Sonerai II. He wanted to know if anyone in the Denver area had done it, so Kirby asked the membership for ideas to tell him. Guy Clark had a suggestion on where to look for information regarding the installation. Ray Lentz talked about an airplane wash that IAC Chapter 12 was going to have as a fund raiser on April 26 & 27, 1986 at the Boulder Airport. He said that singles would be \$15.00 and twins would be \$25.00. Several people mentioned that they had been at the Longmont Airport the previous Sunday and saw a Spencer Air Car that had flown in from the western slope. They said it was very interesting. Brad Davenport told us that he had been watching the progress of it for a few years. Brad related the story of an aircraft accident that he had seen at Tri County Airport earlier in the day. It involved a Skybolt that was pretty much destroyed when it ran into a ditch. The pilot was unhurt. Brad also told us about a Moni that had been flying at Tri County. He said it did quite well for the power it had. A poster was brought in about an upcoming airshow at the Wray, Colorado airport on Saturday, July 5, 1986. Several well known acts are scheduled to perform, and a free barbeque will follow the airshow. The subject of redesigning aircraft engine camshafts with the aid of a computer was discussed. At least one company is marketing STC'd kits for several different engines. They are claiming some pretty impressive increases in horsepower with the change. It was reported that the auction of Page Aircraft Salvage would be held on May 23-25, 1986. It was not known if there would be a time set aside for pre-inspection. Kirby had an invitation from EAA Chapter 800 of the western slope to join them on a trip to Bullfrog Marina on April 20, 1986. This would be for breakfast. Kirby had an information sheet for anyone interested in going.

Gene's Corner: Gene Horsman told us about a 10-point bill which has been introduced to the House of Representatives. It would establish federal rules for determining the liability of manufacturers and other persons for injuries arising out of general aviation aircraft accidents. It is called the General Aviation Tort Reform Act of 1986, and would give federal courts jurisdiction over all general aviation accident cases on the basis that the industry is federally regulated "from top to bottom." The article that Gene read said that it's a good bill, that it's justified, and that it would do a great deal to straighten out a product liability problem that is out of control. Gene reported that the AOPA is again repetitioning the FAA to extend the duration of the 3rd class airman medical certificate to 36 months for non-commercial operations requiring a private or student pilot certificate. They charged that the 36 month interval proposed before was never investigated by the FAA, and flawed data was used in the regulatory analysis that led to the withdrawal of the original petition. Gene said that an AOPA regional representative helped stop the building of a 1769 foot tall tower between Colorado Springs and Pueblo. Another site has been proposed for the same tower, and is equally unacceptable.

Gene's Corner cont: Gene told us that over the past 15 years, student pilot starts have dropped 30% and commercial pilot certificate issuances have dropped 58% and instrument rating issuances have dropped 49%. The pilot population, while shrinking in number, is also aging. ACPA is proposing a new National Pilot Training program to help people train into flying jobs. It would be funded from the U.S. Aviation Trust Fund, and would pay for training 1,000 pilots a year to fill the rapidly expanding airline and commercial aviation markets. Gene talked about the new ARSA's (Airport Radar Service Area) that the FAA is trying to jam down our throats all over the country. He said that things are messed up wherever they have been implemented already. A letter to the editor of ACPA Pilot tells the tale of woes at the Orange County Airport and surrounding area in California. It suggested a new bumper sticker for pilots saying "PAIN IN THE ARSA," and might get our point across. Gene reported on a half-scale flying model of the Pterodactyl that the Smithsonian has commissioned Paul MacCready to design and build. It is radio controlled, and has a computer that flaps the wings and moves the head to act as a rudder. It has already flown, and may be unveiled to the public on July 4, 1986.

Progress Reports: Bill Davis told us that he had recently purchased a partially completed Moni kit. He got a pretty good deal on it, and is anxious to get started on the work that needs to be done to finish it. It was reported that John Pakan is now flying his 1961 Cessna 175B. Guy Sheen has started the engine in his 1947 Piper Super Cruiser. He is having some ignition problems, but hopes to get them corrected soon. Roy Maneely has started the engine in his Bellanca 260. He feels that he will have it flying this year.

A&P: The business portion of the meeting adjourned for coffee at 8:35 P.M. After the break, Dean Cochran gave a slide show and talk on the "EAA Down Under Tour" that he and his wife took in the spring of 1983. He showed many pictures that he took in both Australia and New Zealand, most of which were of airplanes. Bob Green was on the same trip with Dean, and had a few comments on trip, too. It sounded like everyone had a very wonderful time, and many of us at the meeting wished that we could also take the tour some day. Many thanks to both Dean and Bob.

ROSTER UPDATE: Please welcome the following new members to Chapter 43: Tony Bernicchi, Art Coltrin, Herb & Carol Johnson, Gary Perdue, and Jim Warren

GLOSSARY: From "I'd Rather Be Flying" by Donna Vasco  
Quarry: unusually poor selection as emergency landing site.

ROSTER: The Newsletter this month is rather short due to the fact that the 1986 Roster is included. The officers have tried very hard to make sure that all of the information on the members is up to date. However, if something is not current, please let us know and we will publish it in the Newsletter so the other members can correct their Roster.

MARKETPLACE: For Sale: Propeller -- McCauley 1A90 CM71/44, 100 hours since overhaul, excellent condition, logs available. Gene Horsman 279-5782 or Mike Cochran 469-4853

MARKETPLACE: For Sale: 1948 Cessna 140 with C90-12F engine, 1147 SMCH, 347 STCH, Ceconite wings, Recent fuselage paint & gyro horizon & airspeed & tires & tubes & upholstery, Polished prop, \$6,250 with radio or \$5,950 without radio. Also for Tri Pacer -- boot cowl (modified for PA22-20) & 20 amp generator & regulator & auxiliary fuel tank. Dr. Paul Hoverter 505-542-8046 in New Mexico

For Sale: KR-2 plans, includes 50 issues of original Newsletter & tricycle gear conversion plans. Bill Landers 429-2284

Wanted: Desperately need engine for Tri Pacer -- either Lycoming C-290 135 HP complete and low time or cylinder & piston & rod for same. Mike Goodman 429-0421

AVIATION HAPPENINGS: May 23-25, 1986 Annual IAC Chapter 12 aerobatic contest, All 5 categories, Longmont Airport. Ray Lentz 666-8015  
June 8, 1986 Sunday, 3rd Annual EAA Chapter 515 Fly-In Breakfast, Loveland -- Fort Collins Airport, \$3.00 each, 7 A.M. to 11 A.M.

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